

## Grilled Peaches with Whipped Cream and Sweet Pita Chips

Sweet peaches are the perfect match for vanilla-infused whipped cream and powdered sugar-dusted fried pita chips.

- 6 large ripe peaches (about 4 lb.), pitted and quartered

Vegetable cooking spray

1 vanilla bean, halved lengthwise

1 cup heavy cream

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus 2 tsp. powdered sugar, divided

Canola oil

2 ( $\frac{6}{8}$ -inch) pita rounds, each cut into 8 wedges

Garnish: fresh mint leaves

1. Preheat grill to 350° to 400° (medium-high) heat. Coat peach quarters with cooking spray, and place on grill rack. Grill, covered with grill lid, 4 minutes on each side. Transfer to a bowl; cover and let stand 15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, scrape seeds from vanilla bean into a bowl; discard vanilla bean pod or reserve for another use. Add cream and 2 tsp. of the powdered sugar. Beat at high speed with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Cover and chill.
3. Pour oil to depth of 1 inch in a large skillet; heat to 350°. Separate each pita wedge into 2 halves. Fry pita wedges, in 3 batches, in hot oil 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp, turning halfway through. Drain on paper towels.
4. Place remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup powdered sugar in a large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Add pita wedges, a few at a time, to bag. Seal bag, and gently shake until wedges are coated.
5. Carefully remove skins from peach quarters; cut quarters into slices, and divide evenly among 8 dessert bowls. Spoon whipped cream on top of peaches. Serve with pita wedges. **Makes: 8 servings**



### Alabama bucket list

things to see and do (besides eat) here

1 Purchase a piece for your house at **Southern Accents Architectural Antiques** in Cullman, where you can peruse through mantels, door-knobs, and thousands of old and interesting home accessories.

2 Catch a movie or concert and listen to "The Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ at Birmingham's historic **Alabama Theatre**, one of the most elaborate movie palaces in the country.

3 Stroll through **Bellingrath Gardens** (pictured) in Theodore just south of Mobile, which covers approximately 500 acres along the Fowl River.

4 Groove at the **Hangout Music Festival**, one of the largest three-day music events in the nation—which takes place every May on the beach in Gulf Shores.

5 You can catch an **IndyCar** race, check out more than 1,000 vintage and modern motorcycles (and race cars), or attend the **Porsche Sport Driving School** at the **Barber Motorsports Park** near Leeds.

