Pee Dee Country... the place to stay and play in northeast South Carolina!

This seven-county region, named for the Pee Dee Indians who inhabited it long ago and subsequently the Pee Dee Rivers, still offers the natural wonders that attracted the Native Americans and early settlers.

A sparkling gem of nature’s best, Pee Dee Country has a unique combination of scenic areas as well as a history spanning both Revolutionary and Civil War times, reflected in its wonderfully preserved historic homes, plantations, and buildings.
The Pee Dee is the ideal place to experience the heritage of the old South agrarian lifestyle and its relaxed way of life. Both cotton and tobacco played an important role in the region’s early growth. The South Carolina Cotton Museum in Bishopville has preserved the legacy of the cotton culture and a way of life long gone but still reflected in the present. The South Carolina Tobacco Museum in the historic train depot in Mullins depicts farm life and the growing of the “golden leaf” prior to 1950. Many other Pee Dee towns host fascinating museums displaying local artifacts.

Pee Dee Country offers three beautiful state parks and natural areas, many local parks and four scenic rivers, including the SC Revolutionary Rivers National Water Trail. The area also has 11 challenging and affordable golf courses. It’s no wonder that outdoor activities are popular here. Come chip, cycle, fish, hike, paddle, putt, and just have fun!
While you’re here, enjoy the entertainment of one of our many local festivals. Good food, good times, and a glimpse of our history are found in the SC Tobacco Festival, Golden Leaf Festival, and in festivals celebrating traditions involving pecans, sweet potato, shag dancing, Greek cuisine, and catfish. Sankofa and Arts International Festival are truly unique.

NASCAR fans, catch a race at the famous Darlington Raceway. Take in the history of the world’s greatest spectator sport at the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame and the Darlington Raceway Stock Car Museum while you learn about the racing pioneers and the historic cars that carried them to greatness.
TRAVEL PLANNING CHECKLIST

☑️ **Lively entertainment**
Check the calendar for concerts and musicals at Center Theater, Florence Center, Marion Opera House, Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, and nightclubs that have live music “on tap.”

☑️ **Family-friendly activities**
Make great memories riding horses at Deer Creek Ranch, kayaking down the Little Pee Dee River, and picking strawberries at Dargan Farms.

☑️ **Delectable local foods**
Map out your stops along the BBQ Trail, hitting restaurants serving a variety of sauce flavors: mustard, vinegar, light tomato, and heavy tomato.

☑️ **Hands-on experiences**
Learn a new skill in a comfortable setting: make wheel-thrown pottery at Olio Studio, take a cooking class at Abingdon Manor, and paint rustic signage at The DIY Place.

☑️ **Treasure hunting**
Find something that makes you smile. Pick through our nearly 50 antique and resale shops, or place the highest bid at So-Lina Auction.

☑️ **Relaxing evenings**
Wind down at Mantissa’s rooftop bar, star gaze during a moonlight paddle on the Black River, or simply enjoy the fresh air while dining outdoors.
Darlington County is best known as the home of the Darlington Raceway, NASCAR’s oldest superspeedway, which opened in 1950 and remains a major stop on the NASCAR circuit.

Racing spills over into related attractions such as the Darlington Raceway Stock Car Museum and National Motorsports Press Association (NMPA) Hall of Fame, as well as a beautiful outdoor area called the Liberty Lane Walk of Fame, with handprints honoring NASCAR drivers who have won at Darlington Raceway.

Darlington County is also a showcase for historical attractions such as the Jacob Kelley House in Hartsville that briefly served as a headquarters for General Sherman’s army during the Civil War. There’s also West Broad Historic District in Darlington that offers a collection of intact residences that were constructed between 1890 and 1928, most of which are Victorian or Queen Anne style with decorative woodwork. These were built by architect and master carpenter, Lawrence Reese, an African American who moved from Marlboro County to Darlington in the 1880s.

There is plenty of natural beauty to see in the county as well. Hit the walking trails at Kalmia Gardens in Hartsville for a descent of 60 ft. to explore a true blackwater swamp along the banks of Black Creek. Discover over 300 types of plant and animal species at Williamson Park in Darlington, a 70-acre cypress swampland woodland preserve.

Looking for family fun? Head to Hartsville to spend the day at Neptune Island, a seasonal waterpark offering activities from mild to wild! At the EdVenture Children’s Museum, ride the carousel then hop on the stage for a one-of-a-kind performance.
Housed in the restored 1930s Community Market Building, the Black Creek Arts Council preserves and cultivates the arts. The center features changing visual art exhibits in the gallery. Open Tuesday - Thursday 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm; Friday 10am-2pm; and every 2nd Saturday 10am-1pm.

The Center Theater of Hartsville
212 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-332-5721
thecentertheater.com  fb.com/thecentertheater
Built in 1936, the Center Theater operated for decades as a movie house. It features a wide array of theatrical productions, musicals, comedies, and entertaining children’s theater performances.

Coker Farms National Historic Landmark
1257 S. 4th St., Hartsville
843-383-3005
hartsvillesc.gov/coker-farms-national-historic-landmark
Housed in a replica of the original dairy barn, this center depicts Coker Pedigreed Seed Company’s impact on southern agriculture. The company was an experimental farm founded by David R. Coker in 1914 and had the first cotton breeding program in the US. It is open daily 9am-6pm for self-guided tours. Group tours are available by appointment.

Coker University/DeLoach Center
300 E. College Ave., Hartsville
843-383-8000
coker.edu  fb.com/cokeruniversity
Coker University was founded in 1908 as a liberal arts college for women and is today a co-ed institution. The campus is home to the Cecelia Coker Bell Art Gallery and the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center, which includes theaters and the Stein Gallery of pre-Columbian and oriental artifacts. The 70,000 sq. ft. DeLoach athletic facility opened in 2014.

Darlington County Historical Commission Museum
204 Hewitt St., Darlington
843-398-4710
dchcblog.net
The Darlington County Historical Commission holds records from the late 1700s in the building that originally served as the county jail when it was built in 1937. Currently, the Historical Commission is expanding to include a nearly 9,000 sq. ft. interactive history museum. It is scheduled to open in 2023.

Darlington Raceway
1301 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington
Tickets: 843-395-8920
darlingtonraceway.com  fb.com/darlingtonraceway
The track “Too Tough to Tame,” NASCAR’s oldest superspeedway, has been the site of many legendary races. Mother’s Day and Labor Day weekends are packed with fans for the Cup races.

Society Hill has always been known for its “attention” to driving speeds. Had someone mentioned that to Tom Cruise, he may have been a bit more careful while he was at the Darlington International Speedway filming Days of Thunder in 1989.
EdVenture Children’s Museum
146 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-309-9149
edventure.org/hartsville
fb.com/edventureharts ville
Explore this exciting children’s museum! Engage in hands-on exhibits, events, and programs. You will have so much fun that you won’t realize you are learning.

Grand Old Post Office
201 Pearl St., Darlington
843-944-0157
thegrandoldpostoffice.com
Once serving as the Darlington post office, this historic building features 6500 sq. ft. of event space. Events range from Mardi Gras Fish Fry Nights to Southeastern Bluegrass Association concerts on the first Saturday of every month.

Hartsville Museum
222 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-383-3005
hartsvillemuseum.org  fb.com/hartsvillemuseum
This museum is housed in a restored 1930 post office which provides a glimpse of the area’s past. It features the Lawhon History Gallery, a unique silver collection, and other interesting displays of local history, including the first car, the locomobile, in the state. The Sculpture Courtyard is adjacent. Open Monday - Friday. Senior Citizens: 10:00am-12:00pm, General Public: 12:00pm- 4:00pm. Admission is free.

Jacob Kelley House Museum
2585 Kellytown Rd., Hartsville
843-398-4710
dchcblog.net/jacob-kelley-house
The c. 1820 Jacob Kelley House, restored and furnished in 19th-century style, served briefly as a headquarters for General Sherman’s army. Call to schedule a visit.

John Lide Hart Cottage
106 E. Home Ave., Hartsville
843-332-8017
The town was named after John Hart’s father, Thomas Edwards Hart. John Hart started the first church, a carriage factory, a grist mill, and other businesses. The cottage is restored with period furnishings.

Kalmia Gardens of Coker College
1624 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-8145
kalmiagardens.org  fb.com/kalmia.gardens
The walking trails at Kalmia lead you down a 60-foot descent to the banks of Black Creek, and the boardwalks allow you to explore a blackwater swamp, laurel thickets and pine, oak, and holly upland. Open daily during daylight hours.

The Key, Hartsville’s Visitors Center
106 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-0602
visithartsvillesc.com
Be sure to visit The Key, Hartsville’s visitors center and gift shop in downtown Hartsville. It has local merchandise highlighting Hartsville’s schools and attractions. Here you will find souvenirs, brochures, pamphlets, and more information on fun things to do during your stay.
Lawton Park/Lake Prestwood
716 Prestwood Dr., Hartsville
visithartsvillesc.com
Lawton Park is located on the shore of Lake Prestwood. Amenities include a playground area, picnic area, kayak dock, two tennis courts, and a pavilion for event rental. A new boat dock is perfect for paddlers to begin their excursion into the cypress areas of Black Creek and on to Kalmia Gardens.

Liberty Lane Walk of Fame
Pearl St. one-half block from the Public Square, Darlington
843-398-4000
This beautiful outdoor area houses the Winston Walk of Fame, honoring NASCAR stock car drivers who have won at Darlington Raceway. Compare handprints of Southern 500 winners. Open daylight hours.

Neptune Island Waterpark
1109 14th St., Hartsville
843-951-9400
neptuneisland.com fb.com/neptuneislandwaterpark
This seasonal (May - September) waterpark offers fun from mild to wild. The pirate-themed attraction features four water slides including Trident Racers – a triple racing slide, Piratesville Splash Pad, Castaway Bay Wave Pool, and the quarter mile-long Endless Abyss Lazy River! Kids enjoy the action-packed activities while adults tend to relax in the lazy river or on the beach chairs facing the volcano. The park is owned and operated by the City of Hartsville. It is adjacent to the Byerly Park Recreation Complex, a sports venue for soccer, softball, basketball, tennis, track, and field. The park includes a playground with adaptive equipment and a dog park.

Welsh Neck-Long Bluff-Society Hill Historic District
US Hwy. 15/US Hwy. 52/US Hwy. 401, Society Hill
843-378-4681
schistorytrail.com
This charming village features antebellum buildings of the Welsh Baptists who settled the town, and grew indigo as the earliest cash crop. Notable structures include the Old Society Hill Library, Trinity Church, the Coker Rogers Store, and the c. 1869 railroad depot. Self-guided tour maps are available at Society Hill Town Hall at 280 S. Main Street.
ACCOMMODATIONS

Fairfield Inn
200 S. 4th St., Hartsville
843-332-9898, marriott.com

Hampton Inn & Suites
203 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-332-2128, hilton.com

Landmark Inn
1301 S. 4th St., Hartsville
843-332-2611, landmarkinhartsville.us

The Mantissa Hotel
130 E. College Ave., Hartsville
843-917-0669, themantissahotel.com

Oak Manor Inn
314 E. Home Ave., Hartsville
843-917-4090, oakmanorinn.com

Quality Inn
903 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-383-0110, choicehotels.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

Alexander’s
148 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-9791
alexandershartsville.com

Oak Manor Inn
314 E. Home Ave., Hartsville
843-917-4090, oakmanorinn.com

Quality Inn
903 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-383-0110, choicehotels.com

SHOPPING

COAST on Carolina
124 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
coastoncarolina.com

B & B Variety & Antiques
703 Pearl St., Darlington
843-398-9863

The Barn of All Trades
865 Lee State Park Rd., Lamar
843-326-1554
barnofalltrades.com

Belles and Beaus Boutique
115 N. 5th St., Ste. 101, Hartsville
843-309-9410
bbboutiquesc.com

The Collectors Box
114 Cashua St., Darlington
843-968-8384
fb.com/ronniescollectorsbox

Down South Sugar
205 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-951-0000
fb.com/DownSouthSugarCo.LLC

Fleur De Lis
813 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville
843-383-4438
fb.com/fleurdeliscollectibles

Frame Moxie Fine Art & Custom Framing
116 W. College Ave., Hartsville
843-307-7883
fb.com/framemoxie

Carolina Fretworks
138 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-4422
carolinafretworks.com
Hartsville Army-Navy Store  
122 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-3993  
armynyavnow.com

Home Team Axe Throwing  
912 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-309-9921  
fb.com/hometeamhartsville

Indigo Salon and Medical Spa  
208 W. Home Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-3505  editigosalondayspa.com

Madison Avenue  
117 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-3505  
fb.com/madisonavenuejewelry

Main Street Jewelers  
30 Public Square, Darlington  
843-398-0040  
fb.com/mainstreetjewelersstore

Merle Norman  
4 Public Square, Darlington  
843-395-2252  
115 N. 5th St., Hartsville  
843-383-8966  
merlenorman.com

Minnie’s Giftique  
142 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-383-6380  
shopminnies.com

MOGS  
203 S. 5th St., Hartsville  
843-309-9412  
mogsboutique.com

The Nook  
108 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-2511  
fb.com/thenookhartsville

Palmetto Furniture Company  
319 N. Main St., Society Hill  
843-378-4541  
palmettofurniturecompany.com

Peace of Heaven  
120 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-309-9442  
fb.com/peaceofheavensc

Pee Dee Treasures  
117 E. Broad St., Darlington  
843-968-8180

Raised Down South  
154 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-858-0657  
fb.com/raiseddownsouth2

ReTail Therapy  
149 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-917-4197

Scarlett’s Antiques  
500 E. Broad St., Darlington  
843-393-4952  
scarlettsantiques.com

Second Wind Furniture Shoppe  
153 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
516-473-6474  
fb.com/secondwindfurnitureshoppe

Seersuckergypsy  
211 N. 5th St., Hartsville  
843-951-0048  
seersuckergypsy.com

So-Lina Auction  
2085 Lamar Hwy., Darlington  
843-393-7631  
fb.com/stengelauction

Timm’s Attic  
126 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-383-3803

Ugly Sista  
2037 S. Main St., Darlington  
843-206-4883  
fb.com/Ugly-Sista

Warren’s Antiques & Vacuum  
586 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-1232

Wild Child Boutique  
120 N. 5th St., Hartsville  
843-697-7443  
wildchildboutiqueclothing.com

Wooden Pineapple Boutique  
148 Mantissa Row, Hartsville  
843-307-7618

Zella Gray’s  
104 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville  
843-858-1160

Chain Stores in Darlington:  
Citi Trends, CVS, Dollar General,  
Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Roses,  
Tractor Supply Co., Walgreens,  
Walmart

Chain Stores in Hartsville:  
Athletic Action, Belk, Cato, CVS,  
Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Family  
Dollar, Harbor Freight Tools, Hibbett  
Sports, It’s Fashion Metro, Pet Lovers,  
Roses, Walgreens, Walmart
### Applebee’s
203 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-339-2611
applebees.com

### B & B Restaurant
1536 S. Main St., Darlington
843-393-9534

### Black Creek Bistro
110 W. Pinewood Ave., Hartsville
843-332-3898
fb.com/blackcreekbistro

### The Blind Pig
137 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-4029
theblindpigpub.net

### Bow Thai Cuisine
150 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-4026
fb.com/bowthaicuisine

### Carolina Lunch (Breakfast only)
155 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-332-9511
fb.com/carolinalunch

### Carolina Lunch/Dairy Bar
318 Pearl St., Darlington
843-393-4531

### Chianti’s Wings and Things
124 Cashua St., Darlington
843-944-0880
fb.com/chiantiswings

### Crema Coffee Bar
136 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-309-9606
cremacoffeebar.com

### D & S Sub Shop
348 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-332-2339

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348 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-332-2339

### The Den
Nutrition
122 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-309-9632

### Fahrenheit 225
26 Public Square, Darlington
843-944-0321
fb.com/fahrenheit225

### Fuji Express
902 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-332-7200

### Golden Dragon II
111 S. 4th St., Hartsville
843-332-3668
fb.com/goldendragoni

### Groucho’s Deli
146 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-1917
grouchos.com/hartsville

### Holt Bros BBQ
1503 S. Main St., Darlington
843-944-0158
fb.com/holtbrosbbq2

### Hoof and Hound
113 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-0239
hoofandhoundkitchen.com

### J Michaels Grill
636 Poole St., Hartsville
843-383-4272
fb.com/jmichaels.grill

### Jewel’s Deluxe Restaurant
32 Public Square, Darlington
843-393-5511

### Jin Jin Chinese Restaurant
115 Pearl St., Darlington
843-393-2355

### Joe’s Grill
306 Russell St., Darlington
843-994-0626
fb.com/joesgrill
darlington

### La Victoria Restaurant
1511 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-857-0910

### Maryland Fried Chicken/The Shrimper
823 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-309-9150

### Mamma Mia’s
114 Ward St., Darlington
843-968-9285
The Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
1765 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington
843-393-9181
mayflowerdarlington.com

Maxyne’s
119 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-0093
fb.com/maxyneshartsville

Pam’s Restaurant
1009 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville
843-332-5145
pamsbuffet.com

Pizza Hut
251 Hartsville Crossing Blvd., Hartsville
843-332-4118
1502 S. Main St., Darlington
843-393-5201
pizzahut.com

Purple Fish Coffee Co.
110 W. Hampton St., Darlington
843-944-0315
saintmatthews.us/purple-fish-coffee-company

Race House Diner
135 Pearl St., Darlington
843-944-5129
fb.com/racehousediner135pearl

Raceway Grill
1207 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington
843-393-9212
fb.com/tbusmc2111

Rooftop Bar at Mantissa
130 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-917-0669
themantissahotel.com

The Rooster One Thirty Six
136 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-0800
theroosteronethirtysix.com

Ruth’s Drive-In
659 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-332-6771
fb.com/ruthsdrivein

Sam Kendall’s
134 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-339-2005
samkendalls.com

Sara’s Porch
804 N. Governor Williams Hwy., Darlington
843-944-0428
sarasporch.com

SC House of Wings
500 Pearl St., Darlington
843-944-0605
fb.com/schouseofwings

South of Pearl
117 Edwards Ave., Darlington
843-944-0398
southofpearl.com

Southern Charm
1022 Pearl St., Darlington
843-944-5088

Shoney’s
905 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-332-5315
shoneys.com

Shug’s Steakhouse
2404 Keltytown Rd., Hartsville
843-383-3747
shugsteakhouse.com

Sophia’s Pizzeria
128 E. College Ave., Hartsville
843-332-4858
fb.com/sophiaspizzeria

Spiro’s Wingz & Ale
500 S. 5th St., Hartsville
843-309-9895

SugaRush
907A W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-309-9178
fb.com/sugarushsc
Sweet Shoppe of Hartsville  
108 E. College Ave., Hartsville  
843-917-4088  
sweetshoppe.net

Westwood BBQ  
604 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville  
843-332-7142

Wild Heart Brewing Company  
317 Railroad Ave., Hartsville  
843-332-9601  
wildheartbrewing.com

Winn Buffet  
1423 Retail Row, Hartsville  
843-383-8858

Yogi Bear Honey Fried Chicken  
514 S. 5th St., Hartsville  
843-332-7031  
yogifriedchicken.com

Zapata’s Grill of Hartsville SC  
1217 Retail Row, Hartsville  
843-332-2937

Fast Food - Darlington  
Bojangles, Burger King, Domino’s Pizza, Great China, KFC, Little Caesar’s, McDonald’s, Palmetto Subs, Sonic, Subway, Taco Bell, Waffle House, Wendy’s

Fast Food - Hartsville  
Baskin-Robbins, Bojangles’, Burger King, Cook Out, Dominoes, Dunkin’, Hardee’s, Huddle House, KFC, Little Caesars, McDonald’s, Papa John’s, Pita Pit, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy’s, Zaxby’s

Treats - Hartsville  
CJ’s Cakes & Catering, Griggs Circle Bakery, Sweet Shoppe

Takis Diner  
609 Pearl St., Darlington  
843-393-8979

Tenampa Mexican Restaurant  
40 Public Square, Darlington  
843-944-5052  
fb.com/tenampaindarlington

Vintage Craft Beer and Wine Boutique  
109 E. College Ave., Hartsville  
843-858-0766  
hartsvillecraftbeverages.com
Have you ever ridden a glass elevator up 200 feet to reach a giant sombrero? Dillon County is home to one of the most famous travel stops on I-95—South of the Border! This unique Mexican motif recreation area is marked by its distinct sombrero-shaped observation tower, and it features numerous attractions plus restaurants, shopping, and lodging.

For thousands, the Dillon area is synonymous with the word “marriage.” The well-known Dillon Marriage Chapel performs over 7,000 ceremonies a year. People have been flocking to Dillon to get hitched since 1911.

If you’re looking for lavish accommodations or a six-course prix-fixe dinner, look no further than Abingdon Manor - a 10,000 square foot, seven-room inn offering tranquility and opulence.

Dillon County has preserved its past with a number of unique museums and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. See an example of Beaux-Arts style at the Dillon County Courthouse, and Spanish Colonial architecture at the Dillon County Theatre.

Watch grassroots racing under the lights at Dillon Motor Speedway, explore 835 acres of the South Carolina Sandhills Region at Little Pee Dee State Park, and don’t skip the delicious pulled pork at Shuler’s Barbecue.
**Dillon County Courthouse**
301 W. Main St., Dillon  
843-774-1425  
dilloncounty.sc.gov/points-interest/courthouse

Completed in 1911, the building is one of the few remaining examples of Beaux-Arts style in SC and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The top floor hallway has an interesting display of more than 40 pictures depicting the county’s history. Open Monday - Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, except holidays.

**Dillon County Museum**
101 S. Marion St., Latta  
843-752-7342  
dilloncounty.sc.gov

The c. 1915 Dillon County Museum was once a medical office of Dr. Henry Edwards and later the dental office of his son Luther. See their medical practices as they were set up in the early 1900s. In addition, explore all of Latta’s Historic District with the original Latta Post Office, general store, Carnegie Library, Veterans Park, and more. Please call ahead for tours.

**Dillon County Theatre**
114 N. MacArthur Ave., Dillon  
843-774-8746  
fb.com/thedilloncountytheatre

The Dillon County Theater is one of the few remaining examples of Spanish Colonial architecture in the state and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The McArthur Ave. Players perform a variety of plays annually, and the theater hosts musicals and concerts throughout the year. Call ahead for tickets and tours.

**Hamer SC Welcome Center**
Mile 195 on I-95 South, Hamer  
843-774-4711  
discoversouthcarolina.com

This SC interstate Welcome Center is just a few miles south of the NC/SC border on I-95.

**J.W. Dillon House Museum**
1108 W. Main St., Dillon  
843-774-6122  
dillonmuseum.com/dillonhouse.htm

This museum was once the home of James W. Dillon, recognized as the founder of Dillon County. Built in 1890, the house was renovated and restored to depict the early 1900s. The Dillon House is on the National Register of Historic Places. Please call ahead for tours.

**Dillon Motor Speedway**
1436 Old Track Rd., Dillon  
843-496-4792  
dillonmotorspeedway.com

Experience high velocity, action-packed nights at Dillon Motor Speedway, with exciting competition between stock car drivers racing from the touring series, the Allison Legacy Series, and the Mid Atlantic Street Stock Series.

Blenheim Ginger Ale was originally bottled in Blenheim, a small town in Marlboro County. Alan Shafer, owner of South of the Border, loved it so much that he bought the company and began producing the ginger ale on the grounds of South of the Border in the 1970s. Blenheim Ginger Ale’s recipe incorporating blazing Jamaican ginger heat hasn’t changed in over 100 years.
South of the Border/EV Charging
3346 US Hwy. 301 N., Dillon
843-774-2411
sobpedro.com
Dubbed America’s favorite highway oasis, South of the Border is a massive recreation area featuring attractions, restaurants, and shopping. Pedroland Park boasts an assortment of lifesize animal statues plus the Sombrero Observation Tower. Stay the night, or stop by for a visit! South of the Border is open daily.

Wedding Chapel of Dillon
1501 MLK Jr Blvd., Dillon
843-774-2671
dillonmarriagechapel.com
Don’t wait another minute to get hitched! The Dillon Wedding Chapel is open for services seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Abingdon Manor Inn and Restaurant
307 Church St., Latta
843-752-5090
abingdonmanor.com

Best Western Executive Inn
1534 SC Hwy. 38 W, Latta
843-752-5060
bestwestern.com

The Columns Bed & Breakfast
601 E. Main St., Dillon
843-774-3456
thecolumnsbb.com

Days Inn
823 Radford Blvd., Dillon
843-627-0032
wyndhamhotels.com

Badcock Home Furniture & More
216 Radford Blvd., Dillon
843-841-0900
badcock.com

Bristol’s on Main
102 US Hwy. 301, Dillon
843-632-0133
fb.com/bristolsonmain

Farmers Home Furniture
1305 US Hwy. 301 S., Dillon
843-841-1812
farmershomefurniture.com

Feed & Farm Store
55 W. Main St., Dillon
843-774-8191
fb.com/dillonfeedandfarm

Gigi’s and Doc’s
221 E. Main St., Dillon
843-774-6761
fb.com/gigisanddocs

Harbor Freight Tools
117 Caldwell Dr., Dillon
843-774-0804
harborfreight.com

Herald Office Supply
110 E. Roosevelt St., Dillon
843-774-5155
hosnet.net

Pariisi Boutique
910 Hwy. 301 N., Dillon
843-506-7881
fb.com/theparisiboutique

Peacock’s Vintage Picks
3005 US Hwy. 301, Latta
843-506-3623
fb.com/peacocksvintagepicks
Pope Furniture, Inc.
315 E. Main St., Dillon
843-774-8255
www.fb.com/popefurnitureinc

The Shabby Shop
106 W. Main St., Latta
843-496-6230
fb.com/theshabbyshop

Thomas Florist & Gifts
1114 MLK Jr Blvd., Dillon
843-774-0868
thomasfloristandgifts.com

Treasures from the Attic:
Clocks and Gifts
101 E. Main St., Latta
843-752-5625
fb.com/treasureslatta

Chain Stores
CVS, Dollar General,
Family Dollar,
Walgreens, and
Walmart

Dillon County Chamber of Commerce
100 N. MacArthur Ave.
Dillon, SC 29536
843-774-8551
cityofdillonsc.us

A & B Country Kitchen
1517 707, SC Hwy. 917, Latta
843-752-6470

B & C Steak and Bar-B-Que
829 Radford Blvd., Dillon
843-774-5818
fb.com/bcsteakhouse

China Buffet
208 US Hwy. 301, Dillon
843-841-3188
eatchinabuffet.com

China King
300 US Hwy. 301 N., Dillon
843-774-2333

Del Sol Mexican Restaurant
904 US Hwy. 301 N., Dillon
843-774-8882

King’s Pizza
241 Richardson St., Latta
843-752-4370
fb.com/KingsPizzaofLatta

Papa Tom’s Drive In Restaurant
809 MLK Jr Blvd., Dillon
843-774-8722

The Peddler Steakhouse
at South of the Border
3346 US Hwy. 301 N., Hamer
843-774-3141
peddlersteakhouse.com

Shuler’s BBQ
419 SC Hwy. 38, Latta
843-752-4700
shulersbbq.com

Southern Fried Restaurant and Catering
107 N. 1st Ave., Dillon
843-774-0128
fb.com/southernfriedrestaurant

Tokyo Japanese Restaurant
517 Radford Blvd., Dillon
843-774-1918

Fast Food - Dillon
Arby’s, Bojangles, Burger King, Cook Out, Hardee’s, Huddle House, KFC, McDonald’s, Popeye’s, Subway, Taco Bell, Waffle House, Wendy’s, Zaxby’s

Fast Food - Latta
Dairy Queen, McDonald’s, Subway, Wendy’s
Conveniently located at the intersection of interstates 95 and 20, Florence offers a wide range of dining, the latest in entertainment, an array of outdoor recreational activities, a lively downtown with boutique shopping and more than 4,000 quality hotel rooms.

Florence is home to the SC Revolutionary Rivers paddling trail, a 66-mile National Water Trail highlighting the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. This trail offers paddlers a captivating experience of floating through swampland that was once traversed by Patriots engaged in guerrilla warfare against the Loyalists and British, and also features a unique platform campsite accessible only by water.

Get nutty in Florence and Lake City by hopping on the SC Pecan Trail, a culinary and retail trail featuring 20+ local restaurants putting pecans in the spotlight in everything from pecan pie martinis to pecan encrusted grouper to White Russian pecan pie. Visit participating businesses, collect stamps with each purchase, and turn in your stamped passport to snag some cool pecan swag!

Florence Center, the largest convention, meeting and exhibition facility in northeast South Carolina, is the place for a variety of live entertainment shows and conventions, as well as social gatherings. The FMU Performing Arts Center and Florence Little Theatre, both in Downtown Florence, offer a variety of high-caliber performances year-round.

Surrounded by scenic farmland vistas, Florence offers an abundance of beautiful parks and natural areas. Walk among the trees on the canopy walk at Lynches River County Park, spy alligators from the boardwalk at Woods Bay State Park, take in the beautiful sculptures by Alex Palkovich and pay homage to local veterans at the Florence Veterans Park. Also, discover “Paradise Found” in Lake City at Moore Farms Botanical Garden, a dynamic yet informal 65-acre garden featuring plant displays, natural landscapes, and focal art pieces.
**ATTRACTIONS**

Addie’s Baby Paint & Sip Studio
290 W. Evans St., Florence
843-229-5862
addiesbabystudio.com
This Paint & Wine studio is a great option for family activities or for a date night.

Alex Palkovich Sculpture Trail
Florence Veterans Park
842 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence
visitflo.com/alex-palkovich-sculpture-trail
The Florence Veterans Park, with four major pieces by sculptor Alex Palkovich, is an excellent place to start your self-guided tour of his work. A web app has been created for this art trail, accessible through visitflo.com/Alex-Palkovich.

ArtFields Gallery
118 Sauls St., Lake City
843-374-0180
artfieldssc.org fb.com/artfieldssc
The ArtFields Gallery hosts changing art exhibits. It includes the Crossroads Gallery, Jones-Carter Gallery, and TRAX Visual Art Center. Each space is open Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm.

The Bean Market
111 Henry St., Lake City
843-374-1500
thebeanmarket.com fb.com/thebeanmarketlc
The Bean Market was the world’s largest truck auction of green beans during Lake City’s agricultural prime. Built in 1936 by the Public Works Administration (PWA) as part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s “New Deal,” the building has been completely restored to serve as an attractive and modern venue for conferences, meetings, weddings, receptions, and other events.

The Columns
5001 Rankin Plantation Rd., Mars Bluff
843-662-6350
south-carolina-plantations.com
The Columns was built in 1857 and is an outstanding example of the Greek Revival style. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is the last working plantation in the area and is the site of the annual “Skirmish at Gamble’s Hotel,” a Civil War battle reenactment held in March. The Columns is a private residence. Tours of the home are scheduled two weeks in advance for groups of 10 or more people.

Defy Extreme Air Sports
500 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-942-1404
defy.com
Defy Extreme Air Sports brings a new meaning to a trampoline park experience. Open Sunday - Friday 9:00am-9:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm.
The D.I.Y. Place
157 W. Evans St., Florence
843-799-1226
diyplaceflorence.com
Find your inner craftiness at The D.I.Y. Place. All the supplies are on hand to paint wall art and decorative signage. Open Tuesday - Friday 3:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm.

Dooley Planetarium at Francis Marion University
4822 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-661-1355
fmarion.edu  fb.com/dooleyplanetarium
The Planetarium offers visitors views of the heavens through a fully digital system. The dome spans 33 feet in diameter and is suspended 24 ft. above the floor. Call for tours.

Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Complex
1300 Jennie O’Bryan Ave., Florence
843-665-3106
cityofflorence.com
One of South Carolina’s premier tennis facilities, Florence Tennis Center, has 24 asphalt courts, 6 Har-Tru clay courts, and a 5,000 square foot activity center. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30am-9:30pm, Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-8:00pm.

Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library
509 S. Dargan St., Florence
843-662-8424
florencelibrary.org
The South Carolina History Room in the main library holds rare maps of the Pee Dee such as Herman Moll’s 1715 Map. The room houses a large genealogical collection and cemetery surveys for most of the state. Open Monday - Thursday 9:00am-7:00pm, Friday 9:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

The Florence Center
3300 W. Radio Dr., Florence
843-679-9417
florencecenter.com
tb.com/florencecentersc
The Prime Site award-winning Florence Center, opened in 1993, is the largest entertainment and convention center in northeastern South Carolina. The facility plays an active role in the area’s cultural, civic, and entertainment life. It hosts a variety of events and shows throughout the year, including concerts, ice shows, sports, conferences, and more. Visit florencecenter.com to see what is going on while you are in town.

Florence County Museum
111 W. Cheves St., Florence
843-676-1200
flocomuseum.org  fb.com/flocomuseum
The Florence County Museum informs visitors of the history of Florence. It contains a changing gallery and a permanent collection featuring artwork by Florence native William H. Johnson. Additionally, you’ll find Civil War history and Pueblo pottery. Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00am-5:00pm; Thursday 10:00am-7:00pm; Friday & Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm; Sunday 2:00pm-5:00pm; closed on Monday.
Florence Little Theatre
417 S. Dargan St, Florence
843-662-3731
florencelittletheatre.org
The Florence Little Theatre is anything but little! FLT brings a season of professional-level plays and Broadway musicals performed by a local theater group.

Florence National Cemetery & Florence Stockade
803 E. National Cemetery Rd., Florence
843-669-8783
cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/florence.asp
This cemetery was established in 1865 as a burial place for Union soldiers who died while being held at the Florence Stockade. The first woman to be buried in a National Cemetery, Florena Budwin, is interred at the Florence National Cemetery, which contains the remains of veterans from all major US conflicts. Just south of the cemetery is the site of the stockade. Interpretive panels and self-guided tour brochures may be found at the stockade gazebo. The cemetery and stockade are open daily during daylight hours.

Florence Rotary Beauty Trail
The Florence Rotary Club maintains a 13-mile Beauty Trail through one of the oldest neighborhoods in Florence, featuring camellias, yellow jessamine, wisteria, and dogwoods in the spring, and holiday decorations in December. The trail begins at the intersection of Edisto Dr. and Hillside Ave. A map and driving directions may be found at visitflo.com/RBT-map, and a podcast is available at rotarybeautytrail.podbean.com.

Florence Soccer Complex
3701 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-665-3253
flosoccer.org
An 80-acre complex with 10 regulation size soccer fields (two lighted), the Florence Soccer Complex accommodates large tournaments for various sports.

Florence Veterans Park
842 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence
843-665-3253
cityofflorence.com
fb.com/Florence-veterans-park
The Florence Veterans Park pays homage to those serving or who have served in our Armed Services, with a “Wall of Honor” and several monuments for the wars of the 20th century. The park’s memorial, a 30-ft. tall three-pillar center obelisk featuring an American Bald Eagle, incorporates a meditation chamber, evident when a person stands in the center. New monuments are frequently unveiled on Veterans Day. Many are featured on the Alex Palkovich Sculpture Trail.

Francis Marion University (FMU)
4822 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-661-1362
fmarion.edu fb.com/francismarionu
This state-supported university is located on 832 acres and serves 4,000 students. It was established in 1970 with a liberal arts curriculum and awards bachelor’s and master’s level degrees. The university competes at the NCAA Division I and II levels and sponsors seven sports for men and women.

FMU Performing Arts Center (PAC)
201 S. Dargan St., Florence
843-661-1720
fmupac.org
The PAC includes an 849 seat proscenium theater, 100 seat black box space, an amphitheatre, and an academic wing. In addition to regular programming, the PAC is home to the Florence Symphony Orchestra, Masterworks Choir, and SC Dance Theatre.
Freedom Florence Recreation Complex
1515 Freedom Blvd., Florence
843-669-4597
cityofflorence.com
This complex is one of the premier recreation facilities in the area and hosts state, regional and national tournaments. The complex has 9 baseball/softball fields.

Henry Timrod Schoolhouse
400 Timrod Park Dr., Florence
843-676-1200
Visit Timrod Park and you will imagine yourself attending class in the one-room schoolhouse which was built for Henry Timrod, a teacher at a plantation and the Poet Laureate of the Confederacy. He also wrote the State Song.

Jones-Carter Gallery
105 Henry St., Lake City
843-374-1505
jonescartergallery.com  fb.com/jonescartergallery
The Jones-Carter Gallery hosts changing exhibits featuring local and national artists. The gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm during exhibitions.

Locked Inn - Escape Rooms
214A Dozier Blvd., Florence
843-621-8942
lockedinnsc.com
This is great family fun, and adult groups love it, also. Choose from four different experiences at Locked Inn, and work as a team to solve the mystery within an hour.

Lynches River County Park
5094 County Park Rd., Coward
843-389-0550
lynesriverpark.com  fb.com/lrcpedc
This popular park located on Lynches River has 676 acres which include towering cypress trees, a wide range of vegetation, and many popular activities: river fishing, canoeing, nature trails, picnicking, a splash pad, and the Environmental Discovery Center, to name a few. Campsites and cabins are available for rent. Open year round from 9:00am until sunset.

Mars Bluff African American Sites
Francis Marion University
Wallace Woods Rd., Florence
843-661-1300
visitflo.com/african-american-sites-at-mars-bluff
East of Florence is Mars Bluff, an area that provides a unique perspective of African American Heritage in the Pee Dee. At FMU, you can visit the hewn-timber cabins and the cemetery marker. Tours of the cabins are available by appointment. A map and brochure of the area can be found at the website listed above.
Olio Studio
104 W. Main St., Lake City
843-374-6546
olio-studio.com
Olio Studio offers workshops and group painting parties. Also offered are wheel thrown pottery workshops and paint your own pottery sessions. Please call to book an appointment.

Pee Dee State Farmers Market/EV Charging
2513 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-665-5154
agriculture.sc.gov
fb.com/peedeefarmersmarket
The Pee Dee State Farmers Market offers fresh local fruits, produce, and plants. It’s a friendly, affordable, leisurely experience of southern hospitality with quality produce at reasonable prices. One visit and you’ll see the difference! The market is available to drive through and park inside. Open Monday - Saturday 8:00am–6:00pm.

Ronald E. McNair Memorial and Life History Center
231 E. Main St., Lake City
843-374-0046
lakecitysc.gov/239/ronald-e-mcnair-life-history-center
Opened in 2011, the Ronald E. McNair Life History Center is a museum that pays tribute to the life of Dr. McNair, a Lake City-born astronaut and physicist who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle explosion. His memorial and the Life History Center chronicle his life as a research scientist, pioneer in the field of lasers, astronaut, jazz musician, and karate expert. The memorial is always open. Please call the Life History Center for hours.

SC Revolutionary Rivers Trail
66 miles of Lynches and Great Pee Dee Rivers
visitflo.com/rev-rivers
Paddle this National Water Trail to discover firsthand the hideouts of Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion (the “Swamp Fox”). The water trail begins at Lynches River County Park and flows to the confluence with the Great Pee Dee River. Visit the website to view maps, book a platform campsite, or arrange for an outfitter to guide you.

SC Pecan Trail
Across Florence County
visitflo.com/sc-pecan-trail
This culinary trail highlights local restaurants and retail shops featuring pecans in their products. You’ll find flavored pecans, bowls made from pecan wood, pecan pie scented candles, and White Russian pecan pie. Visit the sites to have your pecan passport stamped, and return to the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau to pick up some cool memorabilia as your reward.

Tilt Studio
Magnolia Mall
2701 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-954-6500
tiltstudio.com
Tilt Studio is full of fun with laser tag, bumper cars, black light mini golf, mini bowling, and arcade games. Open during mall hours, call to confirm.

Timrod Park
400 Timrod Park Dr., Florence
843-665-3253
cityofflorence.com
Timrod Park features 18 beautiful acres of gardens and interpretive nature trails. There are also 14 lighted tennis courts, hitting wall, playground, picnic area, amphitheater, fitness area, and gazebo.
War Between the States Museum
107 S. Guerry St., Florence
843-669-1266
This museum showcases life in the area during the 1860s. Exhibits include artifacts from various battles, camp sites, and photos. It also houses artifacts from the CSS Pee Dee, the only commissioned naval vessel built in the area. The museum also features an ancestor wall for genealogical purposes. The museum is open Wednesdays & Saturdays 10:00am-5:00pm. Admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

Woods Bay State Park
11020 Woods Bay Rd., Olanta
843-659-4445
southcarolinaparks.com/woods-bay
This 1,590-acre park features a geologic formation known as a Carolina Bay and offers a variety of natural habitats in which many species of wildlife can be found. Guests can enjoy canoeing, hiking, fishing, photography, and bird watching. The park has 1,150-feet of boardwalk, and the canoeing trail offers a closer view of this rare resource. The Park is open daily from 9:00am-6:00pm. Mosquito repellent is recommended.

Young’s Premium Foods
2005 Babar Lane, Florence
800-729-6003
youngspremiumfoods.com
fb.com/youngspremiumfoods
If it’s with pecans, you’ll find it at Young’s… from candies, gift baskets, pecans of various flavors, jams, jellies, and more. Samples are available as well as shipping for your purchase. This is a favorite stop on the SC Pecan Trail! Hours are Monday - Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm.
Hilton Garden Inn
2671 Hospitality Blvd., Florence
843-432-3001
hilton.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites/Florence Center
3440 W. Radio Rd., Florence
843-432-1500
ihg.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites/Hwy 327
2101 Florence Harllee Blvd., Florence
843-629-9779
ihg.com

Home2 Suites
900 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence
843-664-9008
hilton.com

Homewood Suites
3450 W. Radio Rd., Florence
843-407-1600
hilton.com

Hotel Florence
126 W. Evans St., Florence
843-629-0100
hilton.com

Howard Johnson
2038 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-669-4241
wyndhamhotels.com

Hyatt Place
100 E. Evans St., Florence
843-519-9900
hyatt.com

The Inn at the Crossroads
128 W. Main St., Lake City
843-394-2100
theinnatthecrossroads.com

Knights Inn
1834 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-292-9107
redlion.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites
2123 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-536-1895
wyndhamhotels.com

Microtel Inn & Suites
1912 Enterprise Dr., Florence
843-629-9522
wyndhamhotels.com

Motel 6
2004 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-656-8700
motel6.com

Olive’s Bed & Breakfast
1316 Dennis Rd., Lake City
843-598-1020
olivesbedandbreakfast.com

Quality Inn & Suites - Florence Center
150 Dunbarton Dr., Florence
843-664-2400
choicehotels.com

Quality Inn & Suites - Lake City
202 N. Ron McNair Blvd., Lake City
843-956-5445
choicehotels.com

Red Roof Inn
2690 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-678-9000
redroof.com

Residence Inn
2660 Hospitality Blvd., Florence
843-468-2800
marriott.com

Sleep Inn
1833 Florence Park Dr., Florence
843-662-8558
choicehotels.com

Springhill Suites
2670 Hospitality Blvd., Florence
843-317-9050
marriott.com

Staybridge Suites
150 Westpark Dr., Florence
843-519-5200
ihg.com

Suburban Extended Stay
1914 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-665-2575
choicehotels.com

Super 8
1832 1/2 Lucas St., Florence
843-773-2646
wyndhamhotels.com

Towneplace Suites
2650 Hospitality Blvd., Florence
843-407-9400
marriott.com

Travelodge
3783A W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-536-1687
wyndhamhotels.com

Tru by Hilton
2140 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-629-7050
marriott.com
SHOPPING

a’bloom florals & events
127 Sauls St., Lake City
843-374-9425
abloomsc.com

B. Nance Fine Gifts
1939 Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence
843-799-2440
bnance.com

Bold & Sassy Boutique
109 N. Acline St., Lake City
843-374-7889
bmboutique.com

Bubble by Bridget
130 S. Irby St., Florence
843-858-1402
bubblebybridget.com

Butler’s Fine Mens Clothing
2533 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-677-4449
butlersfinesclothing.com

Carolina Collectables
1224A S. Irby St., Florence
843-679-0901
carolinacollectables.com

Carraway’s Treasures & Collectibles
2495 W. US Hwy. 378, Pamplico
843-493-1626
fb.com/carraways.treasures

Chehaw River Woodworks
111 Cash Ave., Lake City
843-394-9573
chehawriverwoodworks.com

Commons at Magnolia
2853 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
812-774-2324
Bed Bath & Beyond, Biblestore Outlet, Catherine’s, CosmoProf, David’s Bridal, Kirkland’s, Lane Bryant, Men’s Wearhouse, Petsmart, Plato’s Closet, Rack Room Shoes, Scrubs & Beyond, Target

Consider the Lilies
184 W. Evans St., Florence
843-472-5202
considerthelilies.co

Downtown Fashions
120 E. Main St., Lake City
843-394-5505

Driggers House
260 E. Myrtle Beach Hwy., Scranton
843-699-9530
fb.com/giftsandsalon

Edible Arrangements
130 N. Dargan St., Florence
843-679-2007
ediblearrangements.com

The Elegant Bee Antiques and Interiors
112A Sauls St., Lake City
843-687-4757

Ella’s Boutique Etcetera
169 W. Evans St., Florence
843-669-8241
shopellasdowntown.com

Fairview Framers & Antiques
102 E. Main St., Lake City
843-373-1155

Fisher Jewelers and Silversmiths
1615 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-665-6410
fb.com/fisherjewelers1

Florence Mall
1945 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-664-8144
fb.com/florencemallsc

GameStop, Golden Nails & Spa, Great Clips, Jo-Ann Fabrics, The Little Gym, Petco, Piggly Wiggly, Rainbow, Ross Dress for Less, Shoe Carnival, Sportclips Haircuts, Talbots, TJ Maxx, ULTA, UPS Store

Forest Lake Greenhouses
3108 Alligator Rd., Florence
843-662-5666
forestlakegreenhouses.com

Funky Finds
3592 Cherrywood Rd., Florence
843-664-1198
Open by appointment and Facebook announcement
fb.com/funkyfindsofflorence

Galloway and Moseley Jewelers
2001E Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence
843-292-0150
gallowayandmoseley.com

Glam Kouture Boutique
181 N. Dargan St., Florence
803-406-1038
glamkoutureboutique.com

Goosie Ganders
2533 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-669-2231
homdecorandmenswear.com

Growing Up Green
115 W. Main St., Lake City
843-373-9637
fb.com/growingupgreenlakecity

Hamilton House Antiques
320 S. Dargan St., Florence
843-665-7161
hamiltonhouseantiques.com

Heyward and Hanna
2001 Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence
843-656-0399
heywardandhanna.com

Hoffman and Hoffman
2618 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-669-9009

Jaycie’s Closet
3424 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-629-8488
fb.com/jayciecloset

L’Flamme Studios
1001 S. Cashua Dr. Ste. 1, Florence
843-621-0162
lflammestudios.com

Lady Kids
121 W. Evans St., Florence
843-662-1084
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<td>So-Lace A Salon-Spa Boutique</td>
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<td>Stitch It &amp; More</td>
<td>812 S. Cashua Dr., Florence</td>
<td>843-665-6755</td>
<td>fb.com/stitchitandmore</td>
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<td>Taylor Garden &amp; Gift Shop</td>
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<td>843-662-2568</td>
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<td>843-407-4505</td>
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Chain Stores
Agri Supply, Ashley Home Furniture, Big Lots, Buc-ee’s, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Hamrick’s, Harbor Freight Tools, Hobby Lobby, Home Depot, Kohl’s, Lowe’s Hardware, Office Depot, Ollie’s, Rooms to Go, Roses, Rugged Wearhouse, Walgreens, Walmart, Wild Birds Unlimited

1720 Burger Bar
850 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence
843-662-3416
wooferspetstuff.com

Wukela’s House of Clocks
403 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-665-8866
wukelashouseofclocks.com

Apple Annie’s Deli & Pub
1720 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-669-6247
fb.com/appleannieswholesale

Baker’s Sweets Bistro & Bakery
129 E. Main St., Lake City
843-374-1800
bakerssweets.com

Bazen’s Family Restaurant
704 S. Irby St., Florence
843-629-9818

BirdsNest Eats & Ales
166 S. Dargan St., Florence
843-799-1757
fb.com/birdsnestflorencesc

BP Raider Station
848 N. Pamplico Hwy., Pamplico
843-493-2500

Buffalo Wild Wings
2599 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-292-8995
buffalowildwings.com

Cain’s Bar-B-Que
1502 Pamplico Hwy., Florence
843-662-8991
cainsbbq.com

Ciao
5248 E. Old Marion Hwy., Florence
843-493-2500

Clean Eatz
1988C W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-407-1114
cleaneatz.com

China King Chinese Restaurant
246 Kelley St., Lake City
843-374-8888
chinakinglakecity.com

Chris’s Diner
1513 Pamplico Hwy., Florence
843-702-0009
fb.com/thelamplighterinflorence

Chuck E. Cheese
2701 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-679-9436
chuckecheese.com

Cibos
1270 Celebration Blvd., Florence
843-799-0500
cibos.com

CiCis
1945 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-413-0600
cicis.com

City Grill
260 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-407-1519
fb.com/843citygrill

Clean Eatz
1988C W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-407-1114
cleaneatz.com

The Clubhouse Grill
160 Club Circle, Lake City
843-374-2582
fb.com/clubhousegrill2

Outdoor dining at BirdsNest
FLORENCE COUNTY

Don Jose Mexican Restaurant
2737 Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence
843-673-6988
fb.com/donjosemexicanrestaurant

The Drive In
135 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-669-5141
thebestdrivein.com

Eggs Up Grill
250 N. Beltline Dr., Florence
843-480-0816
eggsupgrill.com

El Agave Mexican Restaurant
147 W. Evans St., Florence
843-472-5268
elagavemexicanrestaurant.org

El San Jose
275 W. Main St., Lake City
843-394-5522

Eliza’s Vegan Cafe/Food Truck Eats on the Creek
2402 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-229-0595
elizasvegan.com

Fatz Café
2007 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-413-9186
fatz.com

Flavors of India
137 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-472-5222
flavorsofindiasc.com

Garden Grille and Bar at Hilton Garden Inn
2671 Hospitality Blvd., Florence
843-432-3001

George’s Family Restaurant
406 E. Smith St., Timmonsville
843-346-2381
fb.com/georgestimmonsville

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
2510 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-661-1021
goldencorral.com

Golden Dragon
1938 W. Evans St., Florence
843-662-8899

Goody Chinese Restaurant
902 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-413-9555

Green Frog Social House
118 E. Main St., Lake City
843-374-3764
fb.com/greenfrogsocialhouse

Ham’s Seafood
2215 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-662-0111

Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet
2600 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-667-8228

Holt Bros. BBQ
2087 W. Evans St., Florence
843-407-4575
fb.com/holtbrosbbq

Hwy 55
104 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence
843-667-9860
hwy55.com

IHOP
2699 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence
843-407-6902
ihop.com

Iron Skillet
3001 TV Rd., Florence
843-669-5736
ta-petro.com

Jack’s Place
1520 American Dr., Florence
843-669-2320
fb.com/jacksplacessc

Jarrito’s #2 Family Mexican Restaurant
114 W. Main St., Lake City
843-374-0084
fb.com/jarritoslakecity

Jazmin’s Mexican Restaurant
114 S. Ron McNair Blvd., Lake City
843-374-7032
fb.com/jazminsmexicanrest

Jazz on Dargan
137 N. Dargan St., Florence
843-407-6311
fb.com/theofficialjazzondargan

Jin Jin Chinese
3208B E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-667-5177

Julia Belle’s
2016-50 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-407-4686
julialbellesrestaurant.com

Jumpin J’s
898 S. Irby St., Florence
843-665-8440
jumpin-js.com

King Jefe
134 S. Irby St., Florence
843-407-7695
kingjefe.com

Lake City Bistro
128 W. Main St., Lake City
843-374-2103
fb.com/lakecitybistrolc

Lake City Shrimper
340 W. Main St., Lake City
843-374-2063
lakecityshrimper.com

Lavell’s Diner
259 S. Ron McNair Blvd., Lake City
843-374-3186

Lil D’s Dugout American Grill
3051 S. Irby St., Florence
843-629-0645

Little China Restaurant
1307 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-678-9812

Lizard’s Thicket
1712 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-519-1083
lizardsthicket.com

Locals Grill
434 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-407-1199
fb.com/localsgrillflorence
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Ruby Tuesday  
1550 American Dr., Florence  
843-317-6348  
1812 W. Lucas St., Florence  
843-629-1947  
rubytuesday.com

Sakura Fusion  
159 S. Ron McNair Blvd., Lake City  
843-374-8388  
fb.com/sakurafusionlakecity

Sakura Japanese Restaurant  
1316 S. Irby St., Florence  
843-669-9116

San Jose’s Tacos & Tequila  
3410 W. Radio Dr., Florence  
843-407-4771  
sanjoserestaurantsc.com

Schoolhouse Bar-B-Que  
2252 US Hwy. 52, Scranton  
843-389-2020  
schoolhousebbq.com

Seminar Brewing/Blade & Bull Axe Throwing  
551 W. Lucas St., Florence  
843-665-9200  
seminarbrewing.com

Shady Rest  
477 S. Georgetown Hwy., Johnsonville  
843-386-3667

Shoney’s  
2101 W. Lucas St., Florence  
843-679-5935  
shoneys.com

Sip Co. Wine & Beer  
116 N. Church St., Lake City  
843-374-7771  
fb.com/sipcowineandbeer

Slabs  
438 W. Main St., Lake City  
843-598-0496  
fb.com/slabslakecity

Snax Gourmet Ice Cream & Hot Dogs  
115 N. Acline St., Lake City  
843-374-7629  
fb.com/snaxbythetrax

Southern Hops Brewing Co.  
911 S. Sunset Acres Lane, Florence  
843-667-1900  
southernhops.com

Starfire Grill  
2130 W. Palmetto St., Florence  
843-661-7827  
starfiregrillrestaurant.com

Stefano’s  
2600 S. Irby St., Florence  
843-664-9191  
steefanosflorence.com

Sunrise Drive-In  
3624 E. Palmetto St., Florence  
843-662-7771  
fb.com/sunrisedriveinrestaurant

The Swamp Sports Bar & Grill  
1563 W. Palmetto St., Florence  
843-676-9997  
fb.com/theswampsportsbarandgrill

Sweet T  
629 S. Walnut St., Pamplico  
843-493-0038

Taqueria Amber  
334 W. Main St., Lake City  
843-374-0079

Texas Roadhouse  
2681 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence  
843-536-4507  
texasroadhouse.com

Thai House and Sushi Bar  
168 S. Dargan St., Florence  
843-662-5777

Thunderbird Country Buffet  
2004 W. Lucas St., Florence  
843-664-0082  
fb.com/thunderbirdcountrysteakhouse

Tijuana’s Grill Mexican Restaurant  
143 E. Broadway St., Johnsonville  
843-386-3242

Top Hat Special Teas  
234 W. Evans St., Florence  
843-629-8326  
tophatspecialteas.com

Town Hall  
101 W. Evans St., Florence  
843-472-5203  
townhallflorence.com

Townhouse Restaurant  
317 S. Irby St., Florence  
843-669-5083

Truluck’s Seafood  
201 E. Smith St., Timmonsville  
843-346-3838

Tubb’s Shrimp & Fish Co.  
1500 2nd Loop Rd., Florence  
843-799-5579  
tubbsseafood.com

Vallarta Bar & Grill  
944 S. Irby St., Florence  
843-407-4832  
fb.com/vallartagrillandbar

Venus Restaurant & Catering  
471 W. Palmetto St., Florence  
843-669-9977  
venusrestaurantandcatering.com

Victors (Fine Dining)  
126 W. Evans St., Florence  
843-665-0846  
victorsflorence.com

Western Sizzlin Steakhouse & Buffet  
2688 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence  
843-665-5965  
florencewesternsizzlin.com

Wholly Smokin’ Downtown  
150 S. Dargan St., Florence  
843-407-7545  
whollysmokinbbq.com

WJ’s Hot Chicken & Fish  
201 W. Broadway St., Johnsonville  
843-483-4006  
fb.com/wjshotchicken
Woodstone BBQ and Seafood
1247 S. Irby St., Florence
843-629-1290
woodstonebbq.com

Young’s Premium Foods
2005 Babar Lane, Florence
800-729-6003
youngspremiumfoods.com

Zapatas Mexican Grill
904 Pamplico Hwy., Florence
843-292-8980
fb.com/zapatasgrill843

Fast Food - Florence
Arby’s, Bean Bar, Bojangles’, Burger King, Captain D’s, Checkers, Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Cook Out, Dairy Queen, Domino’s, Dunkin’, Firehouse Subs, Five Guys, Groucho’s Deli, Hardee’s, Honey Baked Ham Café, Huddle House, Jimmy John’s, Kaleen’s Homemade Favorites, KFC, Kyoto Express, Little Caesars, Lulu’s Coffee Co., McAlister’s Deli, McDonald’s, Miyabi Jr. Japanese Express, Moe’s Southwest Grill, New Tokyo Express, Palmetto Subs, Papa John’s Pizza, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Popeyes, Shilotsky’s Deli, Shane’s Rib Shack, Shogun Japanese Express, Sonic, Starbucks’, Subway, Subs Plus, Sundae House, Taco Bell, Tropical Smoothie Café, Waffle House, Wendy’s, Zaxby’s

Treats - Florence
Bruster’s Real Ice Cream, Chocobella, Cold Stone Creamery, Dunkin’, Freeman’s Bakery, Icing Ink, Krispy Kreme, Rita’s Italian Ice, Sweet Café & Bakery, SweetFrog Frozen Yogurt, Sweet Tooth Cafe

Fast Food - Lake City
ATL Buffalo Wings, Bojangles’, Burger King, Captain D’s, Hardee’s, Huddle House, McDonald’s, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy’s

Melvin Purvis, an agent of the newly formed FBI, brought down criminals John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and Pretty Boy Floyd in the 1930s.

As Purvis became a household name, he gained a cult following. Post Toasties cereal packed comic strips in the boxes, urging children to join the Junior G-Man Corps to earn prizes, including a badge and secret decoder ring.

Purvis was born in Timmonsville, SC (Florence County), and he was junior partner at Willcox Law Firm in Florence (now Willcox, Buyck, and Williams, P.A.) before joining the FBI in 1927. After retiring, he returned to Florence to live, operating a radio station.
In Lee County, “cotton is king”, and has been for over two centuries. In the fall as you ride through the beautiful county, you will see acres of white cotton fields, ready to be picked. Aside from the budding agriculture, Lee County offers its visitors beautiful gardens, parks, stunning architecture, museums, and statues honoring local heroes, veterans, and the military.

At the Bishopville Memorial Park, you can view the Gratitude *Merci* Train, as well as the statue of James D. Heriot, Lee County’s only Medal of Honor recipient. At the South Carolina Cotton Museum in downtown Bishopville, you can take in the early years of cotton as well as see what we’ve dubbed the world’s largest boll weevil. Historical buildings that feature unique architecture (and friendly folks), such as the Lee County Court House (c. 1908) and Opera House (c. 1890), can be seen in Bishopville’s historic downtown as well.

Lee County is also home to:
- 2,800 acres of pristine wetlands with Lee State Park
- the internationally recognized Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden
- a unique, roadside artesian well that produces crystal clear drinking water
- the one-of-a-kind Button Museum filled to the brim with button-covered items
- and the legend of the SC Lizard Man.
ATTRACTIONS

Artesian Well
487 Loop Rd. (located in Lee State Park), Bishopville
People drive from miles around to partake in its crystal-clear water. After having a drink, enjoy a meal at the lovely picnic area.

Bishopville City Hall
135 E. Church St., Bishopville
803-484-5948
Open Monday - Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Bishopville Flag Park
Corner of Main St. and W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville
The park displays eleven flags. Six flags honor our men and women in uniform, four flags represent governments, and the POW/MIA flag. The statues in the park are a tribute to Felix “Doc” Blanchard, South Carolina’s only Heisman Trophy recipient.

Button Museum
53 Joe Dority Rd., Bishopville
803-428-3841
fb.com/thebuttonmuseum
The Button Museum remains a memorial to Dalton Stevens, a one-of-a-kind character who stayed up late to sew and glue buttons on everything he owned. See his collection, including a button-covered Chevrolet Chevette and an outhouse. There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted. Please call to schedule a visit.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Park
1175 Mary McLeod Bethune Rd., Mayesville
803-428-3621
This 9-acre park is being maintained by The National Council of Negro Women, Lee County Section, as a memorial and the birthplace of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. She was a noted educator who founded Bethune-Cookman College in Florida and an activist serving as president of the National Council of Negro Women. Call ahead for guided tours.

Historic Downtown Bishopville
Enjoy shops, unique architecture, and friendly folks! Most of the buildings were constructed between 1890 and 1920. The buildings are used for commercial purposes, such as stores, restaurants, offices, and banks.

Lake Ashwood
9 miles off I-20 on US Hwy. 15 S.
Lake Ashwood is a 75-acre lake for fishing and boating. The area also offers a picnic area, and it is handicapped-accessible.

Lee County Veterans Museum
121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville
803-484-4497
sccotton.org
The Lee County Veterans Museum features exhibits that trace conflicts from the American Revolutionary War to present conflicts. Every branch of service history is represented. The “Elvin Price Collection, Aerial War in the Pacific” includes a Japanese flag captured on Guadalcanal, Doolittle’s Raiders memorabilia, and a piece of the Enola Gay. Visitors enter the museum through the SC Cotton Museum. Open Monday - Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Adults: $6.00, Seniors 60+: $4.00, Students: $3.00, Age 5 and younger, and Active Military: free.

Lee State Park
487 Loop Rd., Bishopville
803-428-5307
southcarolinaparks.com/lee
Lee State Park was built in 1935 to provide residents of Lee County with riverside recreational opportunities. Bottomland hardwood forest wetlands make up most of the park’s 2,839 acres. This popular park features equestrian facilities, boat access to Lynches River, artesian wells, and fishponds. Popular activities include fishing, hiking, picnicking, and birdwatching. Open 9:00am to sunset, daily. Admission is free.
The Merci Train
209 Main St., Bishopville
803-484-4497
mercitrain.org/southcarolina
South Carolina’s “Merci Train” World War II boxcar is located in Bishopville’s Memorial Park in the downtown. This boxcar, along with 48 more, was filled with gifts by French and Italian citizens in appreciation for US support after WWII. See our state’s boxcar as well as a statue of Medal of Honor recipient James D. Heriot in Bishopville’s Memorial Park.

The Opera House
109 N. Main St., Bishopville
803-484-5030
The restored (c. 1890) Opera House is a center for the arts, theater, and concerts, and it contains a gallery of changing exhibits. The Opera House is open Monday - Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm. Call ahead for tours.

The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden
145 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville
803-484-5581
fb.com/pearlfryar
gardenconservancy.org/preservation/pearl-fryar
The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden is beautiful, whimsical, educational, and inspiring. The garden contains over 300 individual plants and many of Pearl’s “junk art” sculptures. The garden is open year-round Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm. There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated.

South Carolina Cotton Museum
121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville
843-484-4497
sccotton.org
At the SC Cotton Museum, the history of the “Land of Cotton” and lean sharecropping days unfolds before you through exhibits of tools, equipment, maps, and photographs. The museum is open Monday - Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm. Adults: $6.00, Seniors: $4.00, Students: $3.00, Age 5 and under: free. Call ahead for groups.

The Swamp Log Artisans Gallery
229 N. Main St., Bishopville
803-483-2424
swamplogartisans.com
fb.com/swamplogartisansgallery
The Swamp Log Artisans Gallery features handcrafted products made from lumber sawn from old logs recovered from the dark and muddy bottoms of South Carolina rivers and swamps. Shop hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. Call ahead for large group visits.

William Apollos James House
208 N. Dennis St., Bishopville
The Lee County Historical Society is in this historic home. The James House was built in 1903, and a second story was added in 1911. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at 803-483-2800 or the Cotton Museum at 803-484-4497 to schedule tours. House is open by appointment only.

Bishopville is home to the SC Lizard Man, first sighted near Scape Ore Swamp in 1988. Soon after, a local radio station offered $1 million to anyone who could capture him alive.

The Lizard man was featured in SC Educational Lottery commercials in 2005.

The plaster cast of his footprint can be seen at Harry & Harry Too Restaurant.
**ACCOMMODATIONS**

America’s Best Value Inn  
27 Charlenes Lane, Bishopville  
803-428-5001  
redlion.com

Red Roof Inn  
1135 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-428-3200  
redroof.com

**SHOPPING**

Grady & Son Furniture, Antiques & Collectibles  
420 S. Main St., Bishopville  
803-605-6272

Jared’s Ace Hardware  
576 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-484-5716

Jared’s Ace Hardware  
576 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-484-5716  
jaredsace.com

The Little Florist  
123 N. Main St., Bishopville  
803-484-6115  
fb.com/littlefloristbishopville

Smith’s Concrete Products  
2613 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-428-6066  
smithsconcrete.com

Sparrow & Kennedy Tractor Company  
462 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-484-5442  
sparrowkennedy.com

Sunitha’s Graceful Creations  
302 Harris St., Bishopville  
803-486-4373

Well Stitched Studio  
817 N. Main St., Bishopville  
803-483-9696  
wellstitchedstudio.com

Chain Stores  
CVS, Dollar General, Family Dollar

**LEE COUNTY**

Smith’s Concrete Products  
2613 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-428-6066  
smithsconcrete.com

The Swamp Log Artisans Gallery  
229 N. Main St., Bishopville  
803-483-2424  
swamplogartisans.com

Sparrow & Kennedy Tractor Company  
462 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville  
803-484-5442  
sparrowkennedy.com

Turner & Scoot  
208 N. Main St., Bishopville  
803-483-4022

Well Stitched Studio  
817 N. Main St., Bishopville  
803-483-9696  
wellstitchedstudio.com

Swamp Log Artisans pulling sinker logs from the river.
A MAN NAMED PEARL

The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden in Bishopville is artistic, inspirational, and to many horticulturalists, innovative. It is the culmination of 40 years of Pearl Fryar’s dedication and willingness to experiment with his hedge trimmer. Many of the plants were salvaged from a local nursery, destined to become remarkable pieces of living art.

In 1984, Pearl began his topiary garden on three acres of farmland at his home. After 12-hour shifts, he’d returned home, working sometimes through the night, creating intricately shaped topiaries.

As a self-taught topiary artist, he has been featured in a documentary, A Man Named Pearl. In 2008, he appeared in a John Deere commercial. Two years later, Martha Stewart filmed his garden. In 2015, Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden was listed as one of the top 50 gardens in the US by The Garden Conservancy.

Recently, the McKissick Museum at USC partnered with Atlanta Botanical Garden, the WeGOJA Foundation, and the Garden Conservancy to provide assistance to maintain Pearl’s garden. Landscape artist Mike Gibson has picked up the trusty hedge trimmers and is returning Pearl’s garden to its former splendor.
Marion County, named for Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion, proudly preserves its past with many historic buildings and museums.

The Marion Historic District offers about 1,150 acres and some 90 buildings that are representative of the various styles of classically derived nineteenth century architecture. Within its borders you’ll discover styles ranging from Romanesque Revival, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne and Colonial Revival to the raised cottage style typical of the Pee Dee Region.

The Amazing Grace Park is a relaxing area with a tribute to State Senator and the Reverend Clementa Pinckney and the eight church members killed in 2015 at the A.M.E. Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston.

The South Carolina Tobacco Museum features exhibits of local farm life before 1950 and celebrates the important role tobacco farming played in the local economy and life. Be sure to stick around for the 15-minute video offering interviews with warehousemen and farmers recounting the days when tobacco was king.

Become one with nature on the Marion Hike and Bike Trail, a two-mile track that traces a portion of an abandoned railroad line that originally extended from Mullins in the east to Sumter in the west.

Shop ‘til you drop at the Golden Leaf Antique Market, housed in a virtually unaltered tobacco warehouse c. 1926, and check out the Marion Emporium for a variety of gifts and estate items.
Amazing Grace Park
307 W. Dozier St., Marion
843-289-5031
amazinggracepark.org  fb.com/agpmarionsc
Located on 3.2-acres behind the Marion County Museum, this park honors the late State Senator and the Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney. The park features a walking trail, picnic structure, dog park, playground with sensory interaction, and a custom art installation.

Historic Downtown Mullins
City Hall
151 E. Front St., Mullins
843-464-9583
The old train depot serves as a focal point for the city. It now houses the Greater Mullins Chamber of Commerce and the award-winning South Carolina Tobacco Museum. Mullins is also home to the beautifully restored Anderson Center, which features 22 loft-style apartments and four storefronts. Florence-Darlington Technical College Mullins Technology Center is also in the downtown.

Marion County Archives Center
101 N. Main St., Marion
843-431-5024
Home to the Pee Dee Genealogical Society, it is a resource for genealogical research. Staff is available to assist.

Marion County Museum
101 Wilcox Ave., Marion
843-423-8299
fb.com/marioncountymuseum
Located in the first public school building in the county c. 1886, this museum features a turn-of-the-century classroom, a farm room, an oral history exhibit, and Native American artifact exhibit. Open Tuesday - Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Marion Depot/Marion Chamber of Commerce
209 Bobby Gerald Parkway, Marion
843-423-5220
marionsc.gov
This one-story brick passenger station was built in 1908. It has been renovated and restored and serves as the home of the Marion Chamber of Commerce. Call for tours.

Marion Historic District
843-432-5220
The City of Marion has preserved a large historic district of some 90 buildings. The area includes the early frame structures of the 1800s, antebellum houses with Greek Revival porticoes, and the Victorian homes of the turn of the century.

Marion Opera House
100 W. Court St., Marion
843-423-3561
This Historic building was constructed in 1892. The Opera House is home to several theatrical productions each year. Call for tours. 1-3 people: $10 per person, 4 or more: $7 per person.

South Carolina Tobacco Museum
104 NE. Front St., Mullins
843-464-8194
mullinssc.us  fb.com/thesouthcarolinatobaccomuseum
Located in the historic train depot, the SC Tobacco Museum focuses on the growing of tobacco and rural farm life prior to 1950. Various exhibits include models of tobacco plants at each growth stage, a blacksmith shop, a log tobacco barn filled with cured tobacco, a farm kitchen filled with vintage equipment, and a photo gallery featuring current tobacco practices. Open Monday - Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Donations are accepted in lieu of an admission fee.

THE PARK INCORPORATES A FOUNTAIN WITH 9 SPOUTS, ONE FOR EACH OF THE VICTIMS. THE ART INSTALLATION, ASCENSION, BY JIM WEITZEL IS MADE UP OF NINE SETS OF ANGEL WINGS.
Marion and Mullins are great towns to start your antiquing spree. In Marion, check out Backyard Treasures, Marion Emporium, and Treasure Outlet. In Mullins, don’t miss 210 Vintage Market, The Barn, Golden Leaf Antique Market, and Keith’s Collectibles.

A full list of places to plunder can be found on pages 110-113.

Please note that new antique shops open on a regular basis, and hours may vary. Call ahead to confirm the doors are open!
**DINING**

**Bennye’s Sandwich Shoppe**  
615 N. Main St., Marion  
843-423-4233  
fb.com/bennyessandwichshoppe

**Bravo’s Pizza**  
221 W. McIntyre St., Mullins  
843-464-0045

**City Food & Spirits**  
1106 E. Godbold St., Marion  
843-423-0300  
fb.com/cityfoodspirits

**Dry Dock Seafood Restaurant**  
3137 E. US Hwy. 76, Mullins  
843-464-7865

**Fred’s Restaurant**  
302 E. McIntyre St., Mullins  
843-464-6821

**Garden Alley Restaurant**  
313 S. Main St., Mullins  
843-561-0602  
fb.com/gardenalley

**The Groundout Coffee Bar**  
109 Arch St., Marion  
843-430-9891  
fb.com/thegroundout

**Jimmy B’s**  
1963 E. US Hwy. 76, Marion  
843-423-5900

**Jin Jin**  
150 S. Main St., Mullins  
843-464-1166

**Margaret’s Restaurant & Lounge**  
1106 N. Main St., Mullins  
843-464-6151  
fb.com/greatfood17

**Marion Chinese Restaurant**  
2522 E. US Hwy. 76, Marion  
843-423-4885

**Ming Wah Restaurant**  
1930 E. US Hwy. 76, Marion  
843-423-9531

**Onyx Moon Canteen & Catering**  
104 W. Dozier St., Marion  
843-424-8678  
fb.com/OnyxMoonofMarion

**Sly Fox Eatery at Magnolia**  
105 Harlee St., Marion  
843-702-7836  
fb.com/theslyfoxatmagnolia

**T-Roys**  
113 Palmetto Pointe Rd., Marion  
843-431-9845

**Tony’s Grill**  
221 SW. Front St., Mullins  
843-464-7022  
tonyssgrill.co

**Fast Food**  
Bojangles’, Burger King, KFC, Pizza Hut, Subway, Wendy’s, Zaxby’s

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**Rosewood Manor in the Marion Historic District**  
photo courtesy of ChuckTown Homes

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**Marion County Chamber of Commerce**  
209 E. Bobby Gerald Parkway  
Marion, SC 29571  
843-423-3561  
marionscchamber.com

**Mullins Chamber of Commerce**  
100 N. Main St.  
Mullins, SC 29574  
843-464-6651  
mullinschamber.com
Marlboro County has always been one of the richest agricultural counties in South Carolina. Cotton made this area one of the wealthiest in the state prior to the American Civil War and up to the early 1900s. Legend has it that the land is so rich it was once sold by the pound instead of the acre!

The lifestyle and affluence of those bygone years are captured and preserved in the stately Victorian, Queen Anne and Greek Revival style homes and public buildings throughout the county.

Step back in time at the Bennettsville Visitors Center to see original marbleized slate mantels, heart pine floors, gas light fixtures, chandeliers, and more dating back to the 1800s. Visit one of the oldest theaters in the state, the Marlboro Civic Center. Built in 1917, this former historic opera house was once a major stop for vaudeville and musical shows on the New York to Miami circuit.

Stop in Blenheim and take a drink from the Blenheim Mineral Springs. Discovered in 1781 by a soldier during the Revolutionary War, the water from this spring was once used in the manufacturing of Blenheim Ginger Ale.

Stroll Downtown Bennettsville for delightful, locally owned shops and eateries. Check out Breeden’s – they’ve been offering quality meats since 1926. Stop by McArthur Farms for delicious Certified SC Grown produce. Walk the picturesque trail that encircles beautiful Lake Paul A. Wallace. Get a taste of real-deal southern cuisine at Stanton’s Barbecue & Fish Camp, a unique fly-in restaurant that’s been serving up delicious food for over 30 years.
**Bennettsville Walking Tour**
304 W. Main St., Bennettsville 843-479-3941
visitbennettsville.com
The Bennettsville Walking Tour features late 19th-century historic homes, churches, and businesses that range in style from an upcountry farmhouse, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, and *Beaux-Arts*. Maps are available at the Visitors Center.

**Blenheim Mineral Springs**
Spring Rd. (just off SC Hwy. 381), Blenheim marlborocounty.sc.gov/history/town-blenheim
This mineral spring was discovered in 1781 by a Revolutionary War soldier. Over the years, water from this spring was used in the manufacturing of Blenheim Ginger Ale, the earliest and smallest independent soda bottling company still operating in the United States.

**Breeden’s Quality Meats**
133 Broad St., Bennettsville 843-479-3481
Step back in time to a grocer and butcher that has been serving its customers since 1926. It’s a great place to pull together a locally made gift basket with spicy Carolina Reaper hot pepper salsa, marinated mushrooms, and other traditional foods.

**Clio Historic District**
Clio, SC 29525 nationalregister.sc.gov
The Clio Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers late 19th and early 20th century homes and commercial structures showcasing the Queen Anne, Victorian, Classical Revival and Colonial Revival styles. Notable homes include the Bennett-Sistare House, Henry Bennett-Cheras House and the Sternberger-Welch-Hamer House.

**D.D. McColl House/Visitors Center**
304 W. Main St., Bennettsville 843-479-3941
visitbennettsville.com
This two-story Queen Anne-style brick house was completed in 1884 and is now home to the Bennettsville Visitors Center. Interior features include marbleized slate mantels, natural paneled wainscoting, heart pine floors, original silver and brass hardware, and original gas light fixtures and chandeliers. Open Monday - Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

**The Gulf**
Market St. between Liberty and Cheraw Streets
While in Bennettsville, look for the Gulf sign that marked the center of the African American business district, at Everybody’s Service Station.

**Lake Paul A. Wallace**
SC Hwy. 385 N., Bennettsville 803-734-3808 dnr.sc.gov
Spend an afternoon at Lake Paul A. Wallace which is divided into three parts: a skiing channel with white sandy beaches, a fishing and sailing area, and a reservoir that is a waterfowl refuge.

**Marian Wright Edelman Public Library**
203 Fayetteville Ave., Bennettsville 843-479-5630 edelmanpubliclibrary.org
At the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library, there is a permanent display case telling the history of the Marlboro County public library (c. 1901) and the story of Marlboro County native Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children’s Defense Fund. Open Monday - Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm.
Marlboro Civic Center
106 Clyde St., Bennettsville
843-454-9496
marlborociviccenter.com
One of the oldest theaters in the state, the Marlboro Civic Center (c. 1917), is the stunning architectural restoration of the historic Opera House—once a major stop for vaudeville and musical shows on the New York to Miami circuit. Please call ahead for tours.

Marlboro County Museum Complex
123 S. Marlboro St., Bennettsville
843-479-5624
marloromuseum.com
Marlboro County’s Museum Complex features five properties to visit and tour in downtown Bennettsville: The Historical Museum, Jennings-Brown House, Bennettsville Female Academy, Medical Museum, and Printing Museum. The Historical Museum, headquarters for the complex, is open Monday - Friday 10:00am-4:00pm.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Breeden Inn Bed & Breakfast
404 E. Main St., Bennettsville
843-479-3665
breedeninn.com

Quality Inn
213 US Hwy. 15-401 Bypass E., Bennettsville
843-479-1700
choicehotels.com

Williams Motel
537 US Hwy. 15-401 Bypass W., Bennettsville
843-479-6841

SHOPPING

Badcock Home Furniture & More
206 Broad St., Bennettsville
843-479-7979
badcock.com

Bargains on Broad
207 Broad St., Bennettsville
843-544-0054

Davis Furniture Store, Antiques & Collectibles
690 US Hwy. 15-401 Bypass E., Bennettsville
843-479-2531
fb.com/bestfurnitureintown

Farmers Home Furniture
306 E. Main St., Bennettsville
843-479-7787
farmershomefurniture.com

Floyd’s Jewelers
201 W. Main St., Bennettsville
843-479-5255

Fowlers Pharmacy
301 E. Market St., Bennettsville
843-479-3831
fb.com/fowlerpharmacy

Gifts and More
209 E. Main St., Bennettsville
843-479-6111

Ivy Shop
219 E. Main St., Bennettsville
843-479-7041
fb.com/theivyshop

Marlboro Drug Co.
113 N. Marlboro St., Bennettsville
843-479-4248
marlborodrugco.com

McArthur Farms
1708 SC Hwy. 38, Bennettsville
843-479-3839
mcarthurfarms.com

Med Care Pharmacy
1114 N. Cottingham Blvd., Bennettsville
843-479-7101

The Oyster
141 Broad St., Bennettsville
954-632-5059
fb.com/oysterwhiteinteriors
Aziz Ansari, stand up comedian and actor, grew up in Bennettsville, attended Marlboro Academy, and graduated from the SC Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville.

Ansari played Tom Haverford in the NBC series Parks and Recreation, and he co-created and co-starred in the Netflix series Master of None. He was the first person of Indian origin to host Saturday Night Live.

In 2016, he was listed in the Time 100 list of most influential people.

Photo credit Peabody Awards
McArthur Farms is a delightful place to pick up produce and seasonal flowers. Just south of Bennettsville on Hwy. 38, it also holds a strawberry festival in the spring and sets up a corn maze in the fall. The Pumpkin Smashing Festival in November is truly a mess of fun!

Bennettsville self-guided walking tour brochures are available at the D.D. McColl House/Visitors Center, pictured above.

The tour leads visitors to see key historical sites:

- Shiloh Baptist Church (121 Cheraw St.) is the oldest black congregation in Bennettsville. The adjacent parsonage was the childhood home of Marian Wright Edelman.
- Shiness (100 Fayetteville Ave.) is a Georgian Revival brick house built in 1903, named after the first owner's family home in Scotland.
- The Jennings-Brown house (121 S. Marlboro St.), c. 1826, served as the headquarters for the Union army which occupied Bennettsville in 1865.
- Marlboro Civic Center (106 Clyde St.) was once on the vaudeville circuit.
- Magnolia (508 E. Main St.), c. 1853, was built by Chancellor Johnson, a signer of the SC Ordinance of Secession.
- Breeden Inn and Breakfast (404 E. Main St.), c. 1886, is a Beaux-Arts style house with a two-story semicircular porch.
- The Marlboro County Courthouse (Main and Broad Streets) is pictured below.
Williamsburg County is situated at the southern tip of the Pee Dee and holds treasures of historical interests dating back to the 1700s. Kingstree was settled in 1732 when Calvinists from Ireland built clay shelters on the banks of the Black River at “the King’s Tree,” a tall white pine used as the mast for royal ships.

The towns that make up Williamsburg County offer some of the state’s most beautiful and historic buildings, including the Williamsburg County Courthouse, built by Robert Mills in 1823, and Thorntree House c. 1749, which is believed to be the oldest house in the area.

The history of the county spans both Revolutionary and Civil War times and is reflected in preserved buildings and in the Williamsburgh Historical Museum, originally constructed as a Carnegie Library.

The area’s natural beauty compliments remnants of history with its proximity to Black River. This free-flowing river offers dark, inky black waters from tannins in the surrounding swamps. White sandbars glisten at low levels. Shouldered by a ribbon of dense, undisturbed forest, Black River provides a home for many endangered species.

The county also offers some of the most delicious BBQ and country cooking around. Scott’s Bar-B-Que in Hemingway serves up a vinegar-based sauce with a little kick. Pick up a BBQ sandwich, some hot boiled peanuts and a smoked ham at Cooper’s in Salters, a 20th-century two-story country store. Belly up to the buffet at Brown’s Bar-B-Que in Kingstree for their signature spicy barbecue.
C. Williams Rush Museum of African American Arts & Culture
200 Hampton Ave., Kingstree
803-397-1859
cwrushafricanamericanmuseum.org
The C. Williams Rush Museum of African American Arts & Culture features rotating exhibitions that emphasize the history and contributions of African Americans. Call ahead for entry. Admission is by donation to the museum.

Cooper’s Country Store
6945 US Hwy. 521, Salters
843-387-5772
Built as a store with living quarters on the second floor, Cooper’s Country Store (originally named Burrow’s Service Station) has served the rural Salters area as a convenience store, BBQ hotspot, and fuel station since 1937. There is a screened-in closet with country hams hanging from the ceiling, nearby the building supplies section. It's truly a memorable shopping experience.

Fulton’s Sports Entertainment / Paintball
2833 S. Williamsburg County Hwy., Greeleyville
843-426-5710
fb.com/FultonSportsEnt

Gilland Memorial Park
698 Singleton Ave., Kingstree
843-355-7789
kingstree.org
Gilland Memorial Park is located along the banks of the Black River, a free-flowing river shouldered by a ribbon of dense, undisturbed swamp forest. The park is open daily, dawn to dusk, and features a boat ramp, picnic shelter, playground, and paved parking for vehicle/trailers.

McCutchen Training Center
1351 Central Rd., Kingstree
843-687-5545
williamsburgsc.org
The McCutchen Training Center trains racehorses and welcomes jockeys, thoroughbreds, and quarter horses for the annual King’s Tree Trials, held the first Saturday in November. Call before visiting.

Thorntree House
301 Nelson Blvd., Kingstree
843-355-3306
williamsburgsc.org
Thorntree House was built in Williamsburg Township in 1749. In August 1780, the house and grounds served as an encampment for 100 British soldiers and many loyalists led by the infamous Col. Banastre Tarleton. The home was moved into the town limits of Kingstree in the early 1970s and has since been beautifully restored. The house is open to the public by appointment with the Williamsburg Historical Society.
Williamsburg County Courthouse and Kingstree Historic District
201 Main St., Kingstree
843-355-9321
williamsburgcounty.sc.gov
The c. 1823 Williamsburg County Courthouse is built on the site of the parade and muster grounds for the militia during the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods. Designed by Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument in DC, the building is an example of Roman Neo-Classical design with a raised first floor, a pediment with Lunette and Doric columns. The Kingstree Historic District, situated along Main, Academy, and Hampton Streets, contains 48 properties that offer late nineteenth-century vernacular commercial architecture including a public library, county courthouse, and railroad station.

Williamsburgh Historical Museum
135 Hampton Ave., Kingstree
843-355-3306
williamsburgsc.org/museum
The building housing the Williamsburgh Historical Museum was constructed in 1916 on the site of the first public school in Kingstree. The building originally served as a Carnegie library. Exhibits include a c. 1880 canoe hewn from a single 20’ cypress log, vintage photographs and newspaper clippings dating back to 1897, and local antiques and artifacts. Open Tuesday - Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Heller House Inn
405 N. Academy St., Kingstree
843-355-6198
hellerhousebandb.com
The Heller House Bed and Breakfast carries the name of previous owners who bought the house in 1890, Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Heller. After purchasing the house, they renovated, adding a second floor, pressed tin ceilings, and gas overhead lighting, the first in Kingstree. Present owners Pam and Darren Tisdale welcome guests to Kingstree to enjoy the peace of a small town. Three guest rooms are available.

Quality Inn
1610 N. Longstreet St., Kingstree
843-355-5888
choicehotels.com
Williamsburg County Courthouse and Kingstree Historic District
201 Main St., Kingstree
843-355-9321
williamsburgcounty.sc.gov
SHOPPING

Big G Hardware
129 Society St., Greeleyville
843-426-2259

Byrd’s Nest Children’s Boutique
110 N. Academy St., Kingstree
843-355-2236
fb.com/thebyrdsnestchild

Country Gardens Florist
112 N. Main St., Hemingway
843-558-5591

The Farmers Daughter Co
100 S. Main St., Hemingway
843-625-1654
fb.com/thefarmersdaughter2118

Kings Tree Merchants Market
134 Hampton St., Kingstree
843-401-4256
fb.com/thekingstreemarchantsmarket

Marshall’s Furniture & Appliances
780 Williams Hill Rd., Hemingway
843-558-3867
marshallsestore.com

Mia & Beau’s
137 N. Academy St., Kingstree
843-401-4268
miaandbeaus.com

Miles & Company
133 N. Academy St., Kingstree
843-496-4337
shopmilesandcompany.com

The Paisley Pearl
136 N. Academy St., Kingstree
843-355-2030
thepaisleypearl.com

PollyAnns Florist and Gifts
101 W. Main St., Kingstree
843-355-3637
fb.com

Railroad Auction
415 Kelly St., Kingstree
843-354-6791
fb.com/railroadauctionhouse

Wilder Brothers Williamsburg House
483 Society St., Greeleyville
843-426-2456
williamsburghouse.com

Williamsburg Feed and Tack
2153 Thurgood Marshall Hwy., Kingstree
843-355-2215
fb.com/wmsb.tack

Chain Stores
CVS, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Walgreens

Stuckey Furniture
3785 Hemingway Hwy., Hemingway
843-558-2591
stuckeyfurniture.com
Scott’s Bar-B-Que has been serving up whole hog, pit-cooked BBQ since the 1970s when Rosie and Ella Scott opened a carryout restaurant in Hemingway. It was here that Rosie and Ella’s son Rodney learned the art of cooking whole hogs over a wood-burning pit.

As Scott’s BBQ with its vinegar-pepper-based sauce gained in notoriety, Rodney Scott expanded to Charleston, Birmingham, and Atlanta. He was named Best Chef: Southeast by the James Beard Foundation in 2018.
Chubby Checker grew up in Spring Gully, a small community between Kingstree and Georgetown, SC. His hit song, “The Twist,” was named the biggest chart hit of all time by *Billboard* magazine in 2008. Other hits included “Limbo Rock” and “Let’s Twist Again.”

As “The Twist” was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018, Chubby Checker noted that the twist dance style brought couples to face each other without touching, and gave them a real workout. It was this craze that brought about exercising to music.

*Chubby Checker singing at his wedding reception in 1964.*
*Photo by Jack T. Franklin*

Sylvia Woods, the “Queen of Soul Food” was born in Hemingway. Her restaurant Sylvia’s Soul Food in Harlem is a favorite of celebrities. Sylvia died in 2012 at the age of 86. Among the speakers at her memorial service was President Bill Clinton.

*photo by Mac Stone*

The Black River from Kingstree to Georgetown remains relatively untouched. SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism is establishing a state trail and state park to give the public the opportunity to enjoy its beauty.

*WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY*

Biochemist and Nobel Prize winner Joseph L. Goldstein of Kingstree and colleague Michael Brown discovered LDL cholesterol in the body. Their work led to the development of statin drugs.

*Williamsburg Hometown Chamber*
131 N. Academy St.
Kingstree, SC 29556
843-355-6431
williamsburgsc.org
SATISFY YOUR THIRST

The South Carolina Satisfy Your Thirst Tour highlights homegrown spirits, ciders, brews, and beverages. In the Pee Dee region, you’ll enjoy the Southern flavors our brewmasters pour into the locally crafted beer. Our famously sweet wine is made from muscadine grapes that grow in our warm and humid climate with plenty of sunshine. Other beverages featured on the Satisfy Your Thirst Tour are ciders, artisanal sodas, farm-fresh milk, and sweet tea.

Black River Distillery
1705 Black Street Rd., Pamplico
843-286-5022
blackriverdistilling.com
Family owned spirits distillery following 1850s recipes of great grandfather

Blenheim Ginger Ale
3346 US Hwy. 301 N., Hamer
843-774-0322, 800-270-9344
blenheimgingerale.com
Now produced at South of the Border, it has been bottled since 1903 in SC. Blenheim is the oldest continuous independent soda bottler in the world

Cartersville Country Winery
571 Lamar Hwy., Timmonsville
843-992-8555, 843-616-1578
cartersvillecountrywinery.com
18-acre vineyard with wine tastings and tours Monday - Saturday

Hyman Vineyards
at Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-397-2100
hymanvineyards.com
Retail location offering muscadine wines and juice, plus other specialty products

Check discoversouthcarolina.com/satisfy-your-thirst for up to date information.

Local Motive
2519C W. Palmetto St., Florence
lomobrewing.com
Open Thursday - Saturday
Small batch brewing company with a variety of beers

Middle Sparrow Ranch
400 W. Ralph Lane Rd., Timmonsville
Naturally healthy grass-fed beef, milk, and farmstead cheese

Seminar Brewing
551 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-665-9200
seminarbrewing.com
Wide range of beers crafted on site, restaurant, and Blade & Bull Axe Throwing

Southern Hops
911 S. Sunset Acres Lane, Florence
843-667-1900
southernhops.com
Brewpub specializing in craft brewed beer and food, growlers to go

Straw Hat Distillery
1301 N. Douglas St., Florence
843-453-1349
strawhatdistillery.com
Rum, bourbon, and moonshine tastings and tours on Saturday

Wild Heart Brewing Company
317 Railroad Ave., Hartsville
843-332-9601
wildheartbrewing.com
Craft brewery and pizza joint

SC BARBECUE TRAIL

The birthplace of BBQ: It all started about 500 years ago, along the SC coast, when the Native Americans who were cooking meat over a pit filled with burning wood met up with some Spaniards who were raising hogs...

Most likely, the favored sauce back then was made from vinegar and pepper. South Carolina now boasts four types of sauce: mustard, vinegar, light tomato, and heavy tomato. The Pee Dee region has BBQ joints that serve all types.

Big D’s Bar-B-Que
793 Davis Rd., Hemingway
843-558-2661
bigdsbarbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

Brown’s Bar-B-Que
809 N. Williamsburg County Hwy., Kingstree
843-382-2753
Sauce: vinegar

Cain’s Bar-B-Que
1502 Pamplico Hwy., Florence
843-662-8991
cainsbbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

Cooper’s Country Store
6945 US Hwy. 521, Salters
843-387-5772
cooperscountrystore.com
Sauce: vinegar

Country Cousins BBQ
202 N. Jones Rd., Olanta
843-370-9696
countrycousinsbbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

D’Z Pit BBQ
5248 E. Old Marion Hwy., Florence
843-230-0953
dzpitbbq.com
Sauces: mustard, vinegar

Dickey’s Barbecue Pit
2003 W. Lucas St., Florence
843-407-6129
dickey’s.com
Sauce: heavy tomato

Fahrenheit 225
26 Public Square, Darlington
843-944-0321
fb.com/fahrenheit225
Sauce: heavy tomato

Holt Bros BBQ (3 locations)
116 Olanta Hwy., Effingham
843-407-5311
2087 W. Evans St., Florence
843-407-4575
fb.com/holtbrosbbq
1503 S. Main St., Darlington
843-944-0158
fb.com/holtbrosbbq2
Sauces: mustard, vinegar

Kenny’s BBQ
308 N. Main St., Hemingway
843-558-5369
kennysbbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

Nick’s BBQ & Drive-In
310 S. Main St., Darlington
843-393-6684
Sauce: vinegar
Piggybacks BBQ & Catfish
116 Sauls St., Lake City
843-374-7700
piggybacksbbq.com
Sauces: mustard, heavy tomato, vinegar

Roger’s BBQ House
2004 2nd Loop Rd., Florence
843-667-9291
rogersbbqhouse.com
Sauce: vinegar

Schoolhouse Bar-B-Que
2252 US Hwy. 52, Scranton
843-389-2020
schoolhousebbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

Scott’s Bar-B-Que
2734 Hemingway Hwy., Hemingway
843-558-0134
Sauce: vinegar
open Wednesday - Saturday

Shane’s Rib Shack
1940B Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence
843-679-3503
shanesribshack.com
Sauces: mustard, light tomato, heavy tomato, vinegar

Shuler’s BBQ
419 SC Hwy. 38, Latta
843-752-4700
shulersbbq.com
Sauce: vinegar

Slabs
438 W. Main St., Lake City
843-598-0496
fb.com/slabslakecity
Sauces: light tomato, heavy tomato

Stanton’s Barbeque & Fish Camp
2828 Stanton’s Rd., Bennettsville
843-265-4855
stantonsbbq.com
Sauces: vinegar

Westwood BBQ
604 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville
843-332-7142
Sauce: vinegar

Wholly Smokin’ Downtown
150 S. Dargan St., Florence
843-407-7545
whollysmokinbbq.com
Sauces: mustard, heavy tomato, vinegar

Woodstone BBQ and Seafood
1247 S. Irby St., Florence
843-629-1290
woodstonebbq.com
Sauces: mustard, vinegar

Stanton’s Barbeque in Bennettsville is a fly-in restaurant with its own 2300’ grass runway. Starting in the 1970s, owner Charles Lindbergh (Lynn) Stanton listened for low flying aircraft and radioed to invite the pilots to dine at Stanton’s. A bulletin board in the dining area holds photos of planes that came in too fast, only to skid off the runway.
ANTIQUES

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DARLINGTON COUNTY

151 Auction (grocery auction)
2057 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington
843-393-1961
fb.com/151auction

B & B Variety & Antiques
703 Pearl St., Darlington
843-398-9863

The Barn of All Trades
865 Lee State Park Rd., Lamar
843-326-1554
barnofalltrades.com

The Collectors Box
114 Cashua St., Darlington
843-968-8384
fb.com/ronniescollectorsbox

Fleur De Lis
813 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville
843-968-8180

Pee Dee Treasures
117 E. Broad St., Darlington
843-968-8180

Sassy Girl Vintage
212 Pearl St., Darlington
843-944-0799

Scarlett’s Antiques
500 E. Broad St., Darlington
843-393-4952
scarlettantiques.com

Second Wind Furniture Shoppe
153 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
516-473-6474
fb.com/secondwindfurnitureshoppe

Seersucker Gypsy
211 N. 5th St., Hartsville
843-951-0048
seersuckergypsy.com

So-Lina Auction
2085 Lamar Hwy., Darlington
843-393-7631
fb.com/stengelauction

Timm’s Attic
126 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-3803

DILLON COUNTY

APC Liquidators
300 E. Main St., Dillon
843-774-0443
fb.com/apcliquidators

Peacock’s Vintage Picks
3005 US Hwy. 301, Latta
843-506-3623
fb.com/peacocksvintagepicks

Treasures from the Attic:
Clocks and Gifts
101 E. Main St., Latta
843-752-5625
fb.com/treasureslatta

FLORENCE COUNTY

Carolina Collectables
1224A S. Irby St., Florence
843-679-0901
carolinacollectables.com

Carraway’s Treasures & Collectibles
2495 W. US Hwy. 378, Pamplico
843-493-1626
fb.com/carraways.treasures

Chehaw River Woodworks
111 Cash Ave., Lake City
843-394-9573
chehawriverwoodworks.com

Consider the Lilies
184 W. Evans St., Florence
843-472-5202
considerthelilies.co

The Elegant Bee Antiques and Interiors
112A Sauls St., Lake City
843-687-4757
Open by appointment

Fairview Framers & Antiques
102 E. Main St., Lake City
843-373-1155

Florence Flea Market
4001 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843-667-9585
fb.com/florencefleamarket

Funky Finds
3592 Cherrywood Rd., Florence
843-664-1198
Open by appointment and Facebook announcement
fb.com/funkyfindsofflenton

Ugly Sista
2037 S. Main St., Darlington
843-206-4883
fb.com/Ugly-Sista

Warren’s Antiques & Vacuum
586 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-332-1232

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We suggest that you contact the shop directly for additional information and to confirm current hours of operation.
### FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

#### January
- Kids Jamboree - Florence

#### February
- The American Heritage Festival - Lake City
- Chocolate Crawl - Florence
- SC Chamber Music Festival - Florence
- Track Laps for Charity - Darlington

#### March
- Barbeque & Shag Festival - Hemingway
- Joe’s Grill Annual Chili Cookoff - Darlington
- Lucky Shamrock Festival - Florence
- Shamrock Shenanigans - Hartsville
- Skirmish at Gamble’s Hotel - Civil War Reenactment - Florence
- Swamp Fox Chili Cookoff & Cornhole Tournament - Marion

#### April
- Artfields - Lake City
- Arts International - Florence
- Florence Wine & Food Festival - Florence
- Moore Farms Botanical Garden Open - Lake City
- Pee Dee Plant & Flower Festival - Florence
- South Carolina Barbeque & Shag Festival - Hemingway
- Taste of Darlington - Darlington

#### May
- Carolina Food Truck Rodeo - Florence
- Cinco de Mayo - Florence
- Darlington Car Hauler Parade - Florence and Darlington
- Flag Day Festival - Greeleyville
- Fox Trot Festival - Marion
- NASCAR Throwback Weekend - Darlington
- South Carolina Senior Sports Classic - Florence
- Touch a Truck - Darlington

#### June
- Greek Festival - Florence
- Lizard Man Festival - Bishopville
- McArthur Farms Summer Concert Series - Bennettsville
- Moore Farms Films at the Farm - Lake City

#### July
- Family Fireworks Festival - Hartsville
- Freedom Fest - Darlington
- Independence Day Fireworks - Bennettsville
- McArthur Farms Summer Concert Series - Bennettsville
- Sankofa Festival - Florence
- Williamsburg County Music Festival - Kingstree

#### August
- Summer Beach Blast - Bennettsville
- Grateful Dog Festival - Florence
- McArthur Farms Summer Concert Series - Bennettsville
- Track Laps for Charity - Darlington

#### September
- Carolina Food Truck Rodeo - Florence
- Golden Leaf Festival - Mullins
- Moore Farms Beer Fest - Lake City
- Shag Festival - Lane
- South Carolina Tobacco Festival - Lake City
- Southern 500 Weekend - Darlington
- Tap into Downtown - Florence

#### October
- Moore Farms BOOtanical Garden - Lake City
- Cypress Festival - Pamplico
- Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair - Florence
- Fall Plant & Flower Show - Florence
- Kickin’ Chicken Wing & Chili Festival - Florence
- McArthur Farms Corn Maze - Bennettsville
- Oktoberfest - Florence
- Pee Dee Back Country Days - Lake City
- Pig Pickin’ Festival - Kingstree
- Scare on the Square - Darlington
- South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival - Darlington
November
Catfish Festival - Society Hill
Jingle Bell Market - Florence
Kings Tree Trials - Kingstree
Music Feastival - Marion
SC Pecan, Music and Food Festival - Florence
Turkey Trot - Florence and Hartsville

December
Holiday Tour of Homes - Florence
Hometown Holidays Festival - Lake City
Ice Skating - Florence
Christmas Magic - Florence
Tree Lightings, Christmas Parades - Darlington, Florence, Hartsville, and Marion

Weekly
Dillon Motor Speedway - Dillon
Florence Flamingos, Coastal Plain Baseball (May-July) - Florence
Florence Motor Speedway - Florence

Monthly
Southeastern Bluegrass Association - Darlington
Florence After Five (May-Sept) - Florence
Downtown Block Party (May, June, Aug, Sept) - Hartsville
Screen on the Green (May-October) - Hartsville
Saturdays on the Square (May-Sept) - Darlington
Sundown Concert Series/Summer Tunes (June-October) - Marion

The Florence Center offers concerts, shows, exhibitions, and sports events throughout the year. Check florencecenter.com for a list of events during your visit.

All events and activities are subject to change without notice. Please call Pee Dee Tourism at 843-669-0950 to confirm information before making your plans. Due to space limitations, this is a partial listing.

KID-FRIENDLY

Some ideas for out-of-the-ordinary, definitely memorable experiences:

- The Accidental Artist - Bishopville
- Addie’s Baby Sip & Paint - Florence
- Amazing Grace Park - Marion
- Defy Extreme Air Sports - Florence
- The D.I.Y. Place - Florence
- Dillon Motorspeedway - Dillon
- Edventure - Hartsville
- Florence Motor Speedway - Florence
- Griffin Plaza Splash Fountain - Florence
- Harry & Harry Too - Bishopville
- L’Flamme Studios - Florence
- Lake Paul A. Wallace - Bennettsville
- Little Pee Dee State Park - Dillon
- Locked Inn - Florence
- Lynches River County Park - Coward/Florence
- McArthur Farms - Bennettsville
- Neptune Island Water Park - Hartsville
- Olio Studio - Lake City
- Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden - Bishopville
- Pim Farms - Darlington
- The Play Zone - Hartsville
- Seersucker Gypsy - Hartsville
- South of the Border - Dillon
- Sweet Shoppe - Hartsville
- Tilt - Florence
WILDLIFE PRESERVES, NATURE TRAILS, AND PARKS

Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve
Off North Charleston Rd., Darlington
843-661-4768
dnr.sc.gov
This 2,725-acre preserve includes more than seven miles of river frontage and provides habitat for four state threatened species, such as the painted turtle. It is home to the Johannes Kolb Archaeology site, which has yielded early 18th century artifacts from local settlements. Open daylight hours.

Lake Paul A. Wallace
SC Hwy. 385 N., Bennettsville
803-734-3808
dnr.sc.gov
This man-made lake offers areas for swimming, fishing, sailing, and boating. It is also a waterfowl refuge. A lighted walking trail across the dam and picnic sites on “Jack’s Island” round out a great recreational area. Open daylight hours, year-round. Admission is free.

Lee State Park
487 Loop Rd., Bishopville
803-428-5307
southcarolinaparks.com/lee
Enjoy 2,839-acres of pristine wetlands with camping year-round. The area includes serene woods, trails (no ATVs permitted), campsites, fishing, and picnic areas. With 12 miles of equestrian trails and 23 equestrian campsites, horses are welcome Open daily. Admission is free. There is a camping fee.

Little Pee Dee State Park
1298 State Park Rd., Dillon
843-774-8872
southcarolinaparks.com/little-pee-dee
The backwaters of the Little Pee Dee River provide a tranquil setting to this 835-acre park which includes a campground, nature trail, and picnic area. It also features 54-acre Lake Norton for fishing. Boats, canoes, and kayaks can be rented. In addition, the park includes a scenic river swamp and a tract of a Heritage Trust Site with a Carolina bay. Open daily, 9:00am-6:00pm (extended to 9:00pm during Daylight Savings Time). Admission is free.

Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve
1624 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
843-383-8145
sctrails.net/trails/trail/kalmia-gardens-segars-mckinnon-heritage-preserve
Accessible from Kalmia Gardens of Coker College, this 30-acre preserve is home to rare plants, such as the Venus flytrap, and unusual natural communities. This preserve has a series of trails and boardwalks where you can view Black Creek and the swamp. Open dawn to dusk, year-round.

Lynches River County Park
5094 County Park Rd., Coward
843-389-0550
lynchesriverpark.com
Situated on Lynches River, this popular 676-acre park features a river swamp with towering cypress trees as well as sandhills offering a wide variety of vegetation. Activities include river fishing, canoeing, nature trails and picnicking. The park also offers a colorful splash pad, Environmental Discovery Center and an 11,000 square foot community building. Canoes, cabins, RV sites and primitive campsites may be rented. Open daily 9:00am to sunset. Admission is free. There is a fee for the Splash Pad.

River Neck Acres
4459 River Neck Rd., Florence
843-333-4607
riverneckacresatv.com
River Neck Acres is 1,200 acres of pure camping and ATV riding pleasure. Located between the Great Pee Dee River and Jeffries Creek. It has trails for ATVs, four wheelers, UTVs, side by side, and golf carts. There are cabins and campsites available for rental. Open year-round.
SC Revolutionary Rivers Trail
66 miles of Lynches River in Florence County
visitflo.com/rev-rivers

The SC Revolutionary Rivers Trail is a National Water Trail following the Lynches Scenic River from Lynches River County Park to the cypress and tupelo laden stomping grounds of Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion. The fact Marion and his band of militia could simply disappear into the cypress swamplands earned him the name of the Swamp Fox. Coordinated through Florence CVB, the 66-mile trail offers paddlers a unique experience of floating through swampland that was once traversed by Patriots engaged in guerrilla warfare against the Loyalists. The trail also features a series of short excursions and overnight rustic camping opportunities provided by local outfitters.

Williamson Park
400 Williamson Park Dr., Darlington
843-398-4000
sctrails.net/trails/trail/williamson-park

In 1928, Bright and Margaret Williamson gave more than 50 acres of land to the people of Darlington to create Williamson Park. The park now includes approximately 70 acres of cypress forest. Boardwalks, bridges, and footpaths provide ample opportunity for visitors to see more than 300 plant and animal species that flourish here. Open from dawn to dusk.

Woods Bay State Park
11020 Woods Bay Rd., Olanta
843-659-4445
southcarolinaparks.com/woods-bay

This park offers a close-up look at one of the last remaining large spring-fed Carolina Bays on the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain. This 1,590-acre park features a wide range of habitats, including marsh, sandhills, oak-hickory forest, and shrub bog. It has a 1,150-foot boardwalk extending into the bay, canoe rentals, nature trails/programs, and a picnic area. As this is a stopping point for migratory fowl, no commercial spraying is performed. Bug spray is recommended during mosquito season. Open daily 9:00am-6:00pm. Admission is free.

CAMPGROUNDS

Bass Lake Campground
1149 Bass Lake Place, Dillon
843-774-9100
basslakecampgroundrv.com

Crossroads Coach Resort at the ROB
243 S. Church St., Lake City
843-374-2131
lakecityrv.com

Easterling Landing
1540 Easterling Landing Rd., Hartsville
843-992-1849
visithartsvillesc.com

Florence RV Park
1115 E. Campground Rd., Florence
843-665-7007
frvpark.com

Fluffy’s Family Campground
1251 Tabernacle Church Rd., McBee
843-997-3123
fluffysfamilycampground.com

FORevr Platform Campsite
Scranton
843-601-1795
forevr.us

Johnson’s Landing
1648 New Market Rd., Hartsville
843-332-7189
visithartsvillesc.com

Moree’s Preserve Lodging
1217 Moree Rd., Society Hill
843-378-4831
moreespreserve.com

Swamp Fox Campground
1600 Gateway Rd., Florence
843-665-9430
fb.com/swampfox-campground

HUNTING AND FISHING

Carolina Whitetail Deer Hunts
2536 Centerville Rd., Latta
843-845-4979
fb.com/rctrophybucks

Lake H. B. Robinson
Near SC Hwy. 151, Hartsville
843-383-1239
discoversouthcarolina.com

OUTFITTERS AND RIVER EXPEDITIONS

Deer Creek Ranch and Horse Rescue
3047 Patrick Hwy.
843-332-0895
fb.com/deercreekranch

Naturally Outdoors Outfitters
2519 W. Palmetto St., Florence
843-665-1551
naturallyoutdoors.com

River Rats Canoe and Kayak Rentals
2740 Indigo Landing Rd., Scranton
843-687-4236
riverratsc.com

STATE PARKS

Lee State Park
487 Loop Rd., Bishopville
803-482-5307
southcarolinaparks.com/lee

Little Pee Dee State Park
1298 State Park Rd., Dillon
843-774-8872
southcarolinaparks.com/little-pee-dee
While you’re driving in the Pee Dee, you’re bound to see specialty crops growing. These photos may help you identify them as you delve into the area’s agricultural heritage.

Peanuts are typically planted in May and harvested three months later, when the leaves start to turn yellow and the peanuts fill the pods.

Quick facts: Peanuts are legumes, meaning they are not actually nuts, but peas. The tastiest boiled peanuts are those made from freshly picked green peanuts.

Soybeans are planted from May to early July and harvested in late October through December.

Quick facts: The majority of soybean meal is used to feed poultry and livestock. Only 3% is consumed by humans. Soybean oil is used as a vegetable oil for cooking, as a biofuel, and may be added to tire rubber for better traction.
Cotton is typically planted in May. Three months later, the flowers bloom.

The flowers drop, leaving a pod/cotton boll.

As the cotton matures, it splits the boll.

The plants are defoliated, and cotton pickers remove the cotton from the bolls.

Pickers transfer the cotton to be packed into modules equalling 13-15 bales. It is stored in the field until a cotton gin can process it.

Cotton gins remove seeds, preparing cotton for mills and seeds for oil production.

You may spot round bales, also. These are packed by modern pickers that drop them in the field when the bale is full. This process is more efficient than using the large modules, as the round bales can be moved more easily, and the module packer is not necessary.

Cotton isn’t always white. Naturally colored cotton may be in shades of red, green, and brown.

This cotton press in Latta is thought to be the oldest in existence. It was built in 1798 and was rotated by mules to tighten the press on bales of cotton. It is on the site of Bicentennial Farm. The historical marker is on SC Hwy. 38 near I-95 exit 181A.

Quick facts: Until the 1950s, farmers used Cotton Patch Geese to pull the weeds from around the newly planted cotton. Around here, they were called cotton-pickin’ geese.

Coker Farms in Hartsville developed the first cotton breeding program in the US, creating a strain of cotton that would not be affected by boll weevils. Coker Pedigreed Seed Company still plants experimental crops in Hartsville. More seed information can be found at the Coker Farms National Historic Landmark.

The SC Cotton Museum in Bishopville covers the cotton industry from early times to present day.
Tobacco seeds are grown in greenhouses during the winter months.

Tobacco setters are used to plant tobacco in the spring.

Tobacco prefers sandy or clay loam. It is harvested when the leaves begin to turn yellow, about 100 days from planting.

In SC, the leaves are harvested from the bottom as they mature.

Quick facts: The lowest leaves on the stalk are called “sand lugs” because of the amount of dirt that collects on them. In the past, the harvested leaves were strung onto tobacco sticks and hung in barns to dry. You may still see remnants of the barns as you drive through the rural areas.

Quick facts about corn:
Sweet corn is planted in late March or April, and is harvested 90 days later. If you see dried corn on stalks, it is most likely field corn, grown for corn meal, ethanol, and to feed deer and livestock. This crop is also a favorite of raccoons.

Quick facts about peaches:
South Carolina produces more peaches than Georgia, known as The Peach State. Cling peaches ripen in early summer. Free stone peaches, which break away easily from the pits, are ripe in June and July.
The Pee Dee is truly a land of the past, present, and future.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE PEE DEE!