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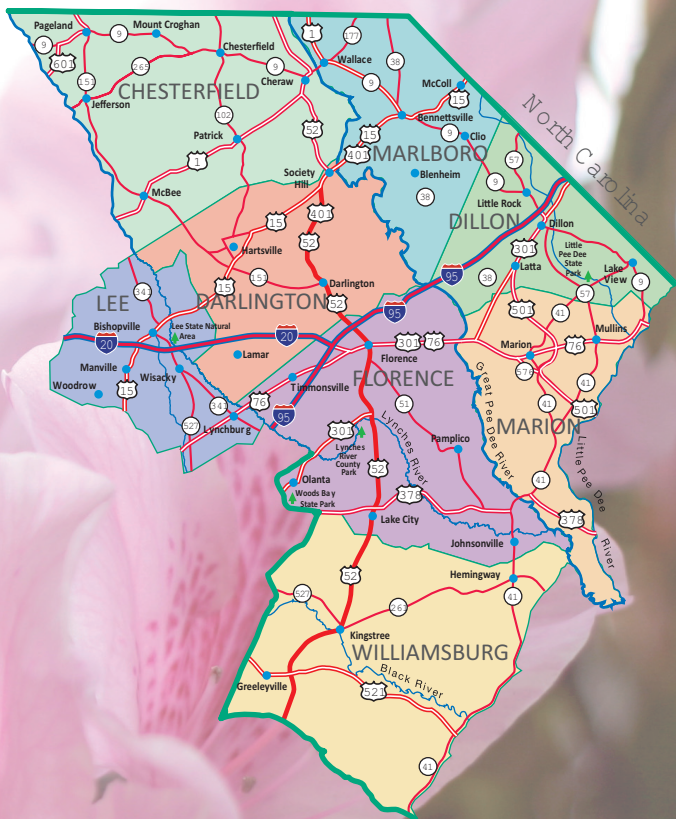
What we're made of...

- Sweet tea & hospitality
- Rocking chairs & conversation
- Roadside stands & boiled peanuts
- Dizzy Gillespie & topiaries
- Scenic rivers & magnolias
- Golf carts & NASCAR



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The Pee Dee Welcomes You!



Welcome to the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina! Inside, you'll find many exciting places to visit, experience and share. Check out what our 8-county region has to offer you!

You'll find over 15 barbecue joints to dig into, and 10 Certified SC Roadside Stands to discover. You'll get Ag-Cited™ when you see all the farm-related sites we have to offer, and you'll be begging to get your feet wet when you see the beautiful Great Pee Dee River. You'll move and groove on our walking trails and in our downtown areas, and get creative in our art galleries and studios. And you'll have just enough time to unwind and relax at a beautiful bed & breakfast.

You just wait and see - the Pee Dee is the place to be!

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Flavors of the Pee Dee

When you visit the Pee Dee Region, you'll get a Taste of the Real South!

From specialty pork barbecue to Southern buffets, with freshly baked cornbread and mouth watering mac & cheese, to shrimp and grits topped with bacon and cheese, you're in for a real treat!

We've listed just a few of our finest locally-owned eateries, known around these parts for scrumptious down-home cookin'. Mixed in the list are a few fine dining establishments where you'll enjoy a delectable meal with excellent service.



Enjoy.

Chesterfield County

Big's Meats and More, 843.335.6474
29241 Hwy. 151, McBee, SC 29101

Fresh hamburgers made to order! While you're there, check out the fresh and canned produce at the McLeod Farms Store. Big's is open for lunch each day, and for dinner on Friday nights in the summertime. Look for the outdoor band for entertainment during dinner!

Brady's Restaurant, 843.537.4846
80 Powe St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Cabin Creek Restaurant, 843.537.4195
US 1 South, Cheraw, SC 29520

The Country Kitchen, 843.537.3662
908 Chesterfield Hwy., Cheraw, SC 29520

Regionally renowned Southern Country Buffet - all you can eat - fried chicken, fish and pork chops, greens, fresh vegetables, mac and cheese and homemade desserts.

El-Sherif's House of Pizza, 843.921.0066
217 Second St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Greek, Italian and American dishes, cocktails. Great Stromboli and Souvlaki dinners.

Oskar's Restaurant and Bar, 843.537.6000
130 Second St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Authentic German Restaurant and Bar - along with regional dishes - try their famous German potato salad and schnitzel sandwich!
www.oskarsofcheraw.com

The Oyster Bar, 843.537.5281
155 Second St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Oysters and tapas, cocktails and seafood. Try the grilled hoop cheese sandwich and oyster stew!

Palmetto Room, 843.921.1050
129 Market St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Located in the historic business district of downtown Cheraw, the Palmetto Room offers lighter fare lunches and home cooked selections, but our favorite is the collard and cornbread sandwich!

River's Edge, 843.537.1109
162 Second St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Serving up hearty Mennonite-inspired daily specials, traditional dishes and unbelievable desserts and specialty baked goods. Traditional quilts decorate walls, and the service staff are dressed in Mennonite apparel.

The Shed Restaurant, 843.253.5282
116 Second St., Cheraw, SC 29520

Darlington County

Bizzell's Food and Spirits, 843.857.9080
137 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

Bizzell's offers a full-service menu for lunch and dinner, casual dining on the outdoor patio, full bar service and a varied menu of local and regional dishes. Save room for the chocolate cobbler for dessert – it's delightful! www.bizzells.com

Bow Thai Kitchen, 843.917.4026
150 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

From pad thai noodles to spring rolls, this place is tasty! Located in downtown Hartsville, it's a great place to relax to live music and watch people stroll by.

Carolina Lunch, 843.332.9511
155 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, 29550

Don't let the name fool you - you can only eat breakfast at Carolina Lunch! But wow, it's a great breakfast with down-home charm.

Hannibal's Seafood Market, 843.332.7000
127 Laurens Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

Jewel's Deluxe Restaurant, 843.393.5511
32 Public Sq., Darlington, SC 29532

Joe's Grill, 843.393.9140
360 Russell St., Darlington, SC 29532

Louchi's, 843.857.4441
111 N. Fourth St., Hartsville, SC 29550

Delicious Italian dishes, fine dining, open for lunch and dinner.

Midnight Rooster Coffee Shop and Eatery, 843.857.0640
136 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

This eclectic spot offers healthy meals from hummus to free range chicken. Your earth-minded soul will be refreshed at the Rooster. The coffee shop offers organic coffees and a wide range of homemade desserts. www.midnightrooster.com

Pam's Restaurant, 843.332.5145
1009 W. Bobo Newsome Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550

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Darlington County

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Raceway Grill, 843.393.9212

1207 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington, SC 29532

Where the NASCAR drivers eat! Enjoy seeing their photos on the wall while you down a hamburger or fried bologna sandwich and fries.

Ruth's Drive-In, 843.332.6771

659 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

Saffron, 843.857.1978

110 E. Pinewood Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

Yet another hip place in Hartsville! Relax with live jazz music, and try their ever-changing menu.

Shirley's Restaurant, 843.383.3999

712 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550

Down-home cooking with a great smile!

Fresh
on the Menu
CERTIFIED

Shug's Smokehouse Grill and Tavern,
843.383.3747

2404 Kelletown Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550

With the interior constructed using antique wood from an old cotton mill, and the booths made of wood and tin, Shug's has a very warm environment. There is also seating in the Pole Barn, a screened-in porch area with a fireplace. The beach music sets the tone for a fun time and great meal.

www.shugssmokehouse.com

Stray Dog Diner, 843.917.4830

1227 N. Fifth St., Hartsville, SC 29550

Home of the Pit Bull Burger – 10 ounces of hamburger stuffed with meats and cheeses (oh, my goodness!). It's a great place to relax and get some French poodle fries!
www.straydogdiner.com

Yogi Bear Honey Fried Chicken, 843.332.7031

514 S. Fifth St., Hartsville, SC 29550

The last remaining Yogi Bear Restaurant in the nation! Stop in for honey fried chicken and wings.

Dillon County

Abingdon Manor, 843.752.5090
307 Church St., Latta, SC 29565

Abingdon Manner is one of a select few AAA Four Diamond Inns and Restaurants in South Carolina. Richly textured with herbs and vegetables from the Inn's gardens, the dinner service includes amuse gueule, soup, salad, bread, sorbet, entree with accompaniments and dessert. Please call for reservations. www.abingdonmanor.com

After 5:00, 843.418.3208
108 W. Main St., Latta, SC 29536

Serving lunch, pastries and coffee Tuesday through Saturday, and dinner Thursday through Saturday.

Hodges Restaurant, 843.774.9368
1800 Hwy. 301, Dillon, SC 29536

Helmi's Japanese, 843.841.9850
813 A Radford Blvd., Dillon, SC 29536
www.helmisjapanese.com

Kintyre House Grille and Tavern, 843.841.1484
200 W. Main St, Dillon, SC 29536

Voted best overall restaurant in Dillon County! Enjoy classic American, steaks, seafood and generously portioned salads.
www.kintyrehouse.com

King's Famous Pizza, 843.774.5515
100 Hwy. 301 South, Dillon, SC 29536

King's Famous Pizza, 843.752.4370
241 S. Richard St., Latta, SC 29565

Mandy's Flour Shoppe - Café and Bakery, 843.627.3481
301 N. First Ave., Dillon, SC 29536

Handcrafted designer cakes, fresh pastries, muffins, breakfast and lunch made from scratch every day. www.mandysflourshoppe.com



South of the Border, 843.774.2411
3346 Hwy. 301 N., Hamer, SC 29547

Have it all at South of the Border! Try Pedro's Diner for breakfast anytime, or Pedro's Hot Tamale for yummy tacos and enchiladas. www.thesouthoftheborder.com

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Florence County

Ann's Kitchen and Taste of Thai, 843.679.9678
914 S. Cashua Dr., Florence, SC 29501

Athen's Restaurant, 843.673.9480
1270 Celebration Blvd., Florence, SC 29501

Bazen's Restaurant, 843.629.9818
704 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Crazy Dutchman Café, 843.665.1737
2123 W. Evans St., Florence, SC 29501

Creek Ratz, 843.661.5100
2001 S. Cashua Dr., Florence, SC 29501
www.creekratz.com

Dr. Fishbone, 843.673.2705
400 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, SC 29505

The Drive-In, 843.669.5141
135 E. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29501

 Fatz Cafe, 843.413.9186
2007 W. Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501

 Food Scapes, 843.374.9866
244 Clifton Rd., Lake City, SC 29560
Located at the Lake City airport, all of the dishes are prepared using fresh, seasonal, local ingredients and, boy, do they know how to do it right! Along with a wonderful selection of entrees, they have some of the best desserts around. Food Scapes also offers “tween” pricing and a children’s menu.

Ham's Seafood Market & Restaurant, 843.662.0111
2215 W. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29501

J. Michael's, 843.661.7040
2015 W. Evans St., Florence, SC 29501

Jack's Place, 843.669.2320
1520 American Dr., Florence, SC 29505

Jack's Place, 843.493.0503
622 S. Walnut St., Pamplico, SC 29583

Jack's Place, 843.662.3416
850 Woody Jones Blvd., Florence, SC 29501

JP's Seafood and Steakhouse, 843.407.7918
705 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29501

Jumpin' J's, 843.665.8440
898 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Lui's Chinese Bistro, 843.667.8877
1545 American Dr., Florence, SC 29505

Magnolia's at Young's Plantation, 843.669.4174
3311 Meadors Rd., Florence, SC 29501

Miguel's Grill, 843.661.2990
1228 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Miyami Japanese Steakhouse, 843.629.9989
2007 W. Evans St., Florence, SC 29501

Nik's Café Home Cooking, 843.413.0460
3027 E. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29505

Orangeland Fish & Seafood, 843.669.1535
711 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Percy & Willie's Food & Spirits, 843.669.1620
2401 David H. McLeod Blvd., Florence, SC 29501

PPrime Time Sports Cafe, 843.667.3888
3410 W. Radio Dr., Florence, SC 29501
Tons of TV screens, and even a TV with speakers on
your table!

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Florence County



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Railway Charcoal Grill and Club Car Pub,
843.374.8422

144 S. Acline St., Lake City, SC 29560

Menu chock full of unique dishes such as fried alligator as well as handcut Choice Certified Angus Beef and locally-raised quail prepared over an open flamed charcoal grill. For those who want a light dinner, there's a salad bar complete with fresh fruit and an assortment of veggies. The appetizer menu features many different creations from bruschetta, and brie with raspberry sauce, to fried calamari in a sweet thai-chili sauce. The dessert menu also features several selections including cheesecake egg rolls and the Railway's special caramel-filled donuts complete with a coffee dipping sauce.

RedBone Alley, 843.673.0035

1903 W. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29501

Every day starts early by gathering the day's ingredients -- produce bought directly from local farmers -- honey gathered by South Carolinian beekeepers, Darlington County rice, freshly caught Atlantic seafood and the highest quality aged Western beef flown in daily. Try the shrimp and grits, and follow it up with the pound cake Panini.

www.redbonealley.com & www.redbonefoods.com

Sakura Japanese Seafood & Sushi Bar, 843.669.9116

1316 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29501

Scranton Cafe, 843.389.7300

1909 US Hwy 52, Scranton, SC 29591

Stop by this remarkable meat-and-three restaurant (choose one meat and three sides). You really need to try their fantastic potato salad and macaroni and cheese!

Shady Rest Family Restaurant, 843.386.3667

477 S. Georgetown Hwy, Johnsonville, SC 29555

A traditional meat-and-three menu with amazing desserts. 12 layer cakes baked on site.

Shuckers Raw Bar & Restaurant, 843.629.1980
1115 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29501

Starfire Grill & Spirits, 843.661.7827
2130 W. Palmetto St., Florence SC 29501

Stefano's Pizza Restaurant, 843.664.9191
2600 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Steve & Donna's Place, 843.669.2222
1719 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Sunrise Drive-In, 843.662.7771
3624 E. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29505

Thai House 2 & Sushi Bar, 843.662.5777
168 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506

Thunderbird Country Buffet, 843.664.0082
2004 W. Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501

Top Hat Special-Teas, 843.629.8326
234 W. Evans St., Florence, SC 29501

A quaint restaurant in downtown Florence, the owner follows special family recipes, and provides pots of specialty tea for the table. Mon 11-3, Tues – Sat 11-5

Town House Restaurant, 843.669.5083
317 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29505

Voted best Greek restaurant in town. Try the lamb gyro, or for a southern touch, the calabash jumbo shrimp.
www.townhouse-restaurant.com

Venus Pancake House, 843.669.9977
471 W. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29501

Voted best breakfast in the Pee Dee!
www.venuspancakehouse.com

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SC GROWN

Victor's Bistro & Garden Room,
843.665.0846
1247 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29501
www.victorsbistro.com

Young Plantations, 843.662.2452
2230 Babar Lane, Florence, SC 29501

Lee County

Charlene's Taste of Country, 803.428.2900
SC 341 & I-20, exit 120, Bishopville

Corner Grill, 803.484.5775
679 Hwy. 15 N., Bishopville, SC 29010

Drugstore Cafe, 803.437.2326
72 Main St., Lynchburg, SC 29080

Deemed the classiest meat-and-three restaurant in the Pee Dee, the Drugstore Cafe has a warm family atmosphere, beautiful decor and great service. Look for it next to the railroad tracks in a restored historic building.

Harry and Harry Two, 803.428.4622
719 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010

Stop by this quaint restaurant located close to the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden. The décor brings to mind the days of poodle skirts, but their Lizard Man sandwich carries the local legend to the younger generation.

Fountain Grocery, 803.428.6554
3438 Bethune Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010

Huggy Bears, 803.483.6746
730 N. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010

Good ole country cooking at its best, with a classic meat-and-three menu. We hear the backbone and rice on Thursdays is fantastic!

Marion County

Garden Alley Restaurant, 843.464.4779
313 S. Main Street, Mullins, SC 29574

O'Hara's, 843.464.7287
123 E. Wine St., Mullins, SC 29574

Located in a historic hotel in Mullins, O'Hara's serves up famously delicious homemade desserts and you don't want to miss the all-you-can-eat prime rib and shrimp on Friday and Saturday nights!

Tio's, 843.423.8887
229 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571

Webster Manor, 843.464.9632
115 E. James St., Mullins, SC 29574

Marlboro County

Lucinda's Restaurant and Pub, 843.454.0400
205 McColl St., Bennettsville, SC 29512

Magnolia On Main, 843.479.9495
224 E. Main St., Bennettsville, SC 29512

Williamsburg County

Cassel Shack, 843.355.3663
215 Thurgood Marshall Hwy., Kingstree, SC 29556
Great variety of seafood and chicken.

Dippity Doo & Sandwiches Too,
843.558.9421
111 E. Broad St., Hemingway, SC 29554

The name says it all! Dippity Doo serves up
homemade pizzas and salads, and even has an ice cream parlor.



Frances Calhoun, 843.355.9900
109 N. Academy St., Kingstree, SC 29556

Named in honor of the owner's grandfather, this sandwich
shop offers a wide range of soups, salads, sandwiches and
more.

Seafood Shack, 843.558.0040
211 N. Main St., Hemingway, SC 29554

Customers drive for miles to get to the Seafood Shack!
Great seafood, chicken, and burgers.



Mustard,
vinegar &
tomato-
based BBQ
goodness

Yum.

DARLINGTON COUNTY

- **Boss Hog's Smokehouse**, 843.393.9999
1268 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington, SC 29532
- **Lindburgh's Bar-B-Que**, 843.393.6335
1215 South Main St., Darlington, SC 29532
- **Nick's Bar-B-Que House**, 843.393.6684
310 S Main St., Darlington, SC 29532
- **Westwood BBQ**, 843.332.7142
604 W. Bobo Newsome Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550

DILLON COUNTY

- **Shuler's Barbecue**, 843.752.4700
418 Hwy 38 West, Latta, SC 29565

FLORENCE COUNTY

- **Cain's Bar-B-Que**, 843.662.8991
1502 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, SC 29505
- **Roger's Bar-B-Q House**, 843.667.9291
2004 Second Loop Rd., Florence, SC 29501
- **Schoolhouse BBQ**, 843.389.2020
2252 Hwy. 52, Scranton, SC 29591
- **Woodstone BBQ**, 843.629.1290
1513 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, SC 29505

LEE COUNTY

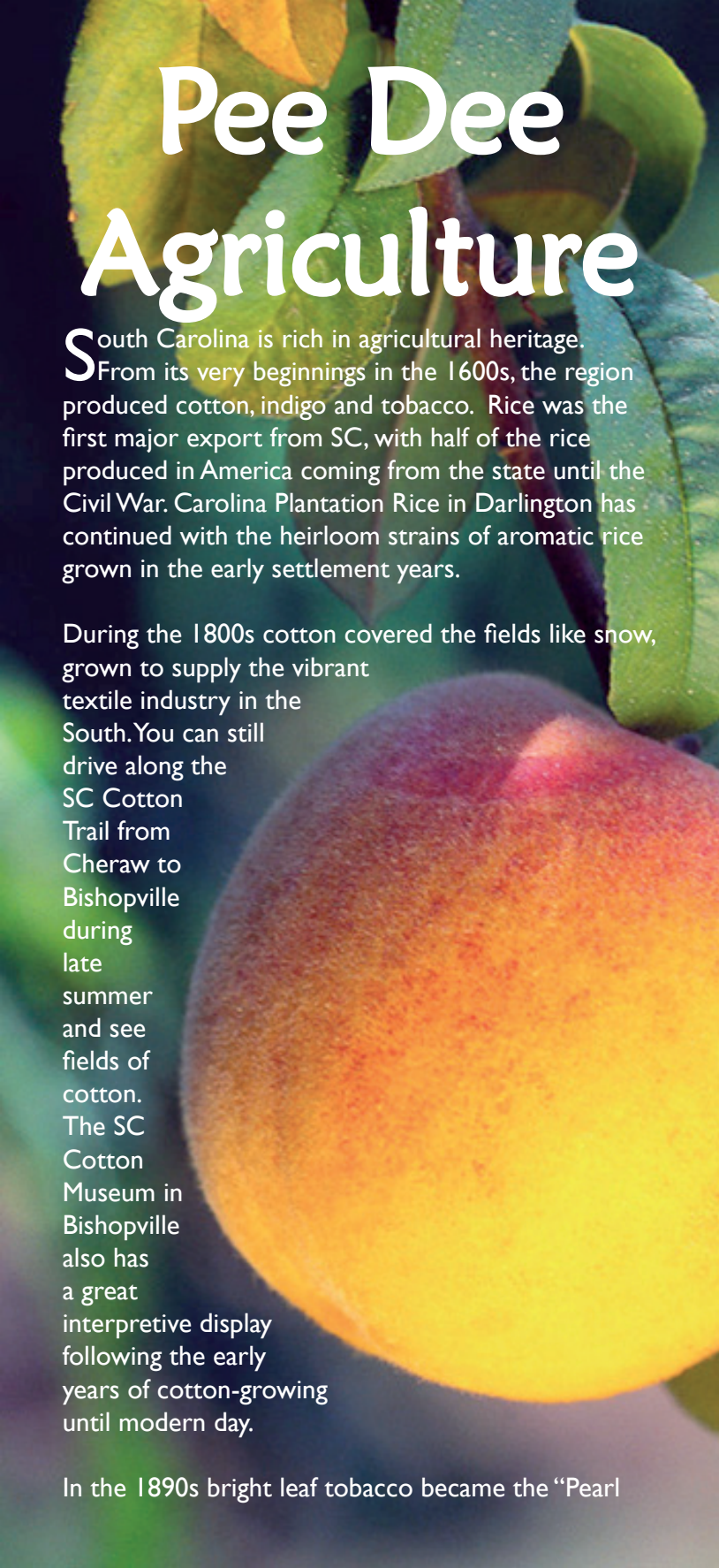
- **Ward's BBQ**, 803.483.7777
507 S. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29510
- **Watford's BBQ**, 803.484.6223
341 S. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010

MARLBORO COUNTY

- **Stanton's Barbeque & Fish Camp**, 803.265.4855
2828 Stantons Rd., Bennettsville, SC 29512
The only fly-in BBQ restaurant in the Carolinas!

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

- **Big D's BBQ**, 843.558.2661
793 Davis Rd., Hemingway, SC 29554
- **Brown's Bar-B-Que**, 843.382.2753
809 Williamsburg County Hwy., Kingstree, SC 29556
- **Cooper's Country Store in Salters**,
843.387.5772
6945 US Hwy. 521, Salters, SC 29590
- **Prosser's BBQ**, 843.558.7792
430 E. Broad St., Hemingway, SC 29554
- **Scott's BBQ**, 843.558.0134
2734 Hemingway Hwy., Hemingway, SC 29554

A close-up photograph of a ripe peach with green leaves in the background. The peach is in the lower right foreground, showing its characteristic fuzzy texture and a mix of yellow, orange, and red hues. Several green leaves are visible in the background, some with yellowing edges, suggesting a warm, sunny environment. The overall image serves as a background for the text.

Pee Dee Agriculture

South Carolina is rich in agricultural heritage. From its very beginnings in the 1600s, the region produced cotton, indigo and tobacco. Rice was the first major export from SC, with half of the rice produced in America coming from the state until the Civil War. Carolina Plantation Rice in Darlington has continued with the heirloom strains of aromatic rice grown in the early settlement years.

During the 1800s cotton covered the fields like snow, grown to supply the vibrant textile industry in the South. You can still drive along the SC Cotton Trail from Cheraw to Bishopville during late summer and see fields of cotton. The SC Cotton Museum in Bishopville also has a great interpretive display following the early years of cotton-growing until modern day.

In the 1890s bright leaf tobacco became the “Pearl

of the Pee Dee.” The region provided 95% of the tobacco crop in the early 1900s. Tobacco is still the number one cash crop for South Carolina, although soybeans currently account for the largest portion of acreage. The SC Tobacco Trail highlights several sites that focus on the tobacco growing industry. If you stop in at the SC Tobacco Museum in Mullins, you’ll be filled with amazing stories of tobacco farming and processing.

The National Bean Market Museum will be housed in the bean market building in Lake City. The single story masonry structure was built by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) in 1936. The market became the largest truck auction produce market in the world. The site which is currently undergoing renovation, will include a pole tobacco barn, market area and agriculture center.

South Carolina takes claim to the sweetest, juiciest peaches in all the Southeast. Although Georgia is occasionally referred to as the "Peach State," South Carolina generally ranks second only to California in national peach production - with Georgia following in third place. McLeod Farms in McBee offers a wonderful market where you can pick up the freshest peaches around! (You’ll have to try the peach ice cream while you’re there.)

We also have a wide range of livestock and poultry farms in the Pee Dee – Ovis Hill Farm in Timmonsville offers a great tour of their farm where they raise grass-fed sheep and cattle and free-range chickens.

Driving through the Pee Dee, you’ll spot lots of nurseries and greenhouses. The Hendrix Truck Farm in Pageland is a great place to stop to see the greenhouse operation firsthand. While you’re out in that direction, take a peek at all the pine straw being harvested in the Sand Hills area.

Marsh Tacky Horses

For most of their history, Marsh Tackies were the most common horse in the swampy and marshy Lowcountry region of coastal South Carolina and Georgia and were used for riding, pulling, and anything else horsepower was needed for. They were found from as far north as Myrtle Beach and as far south as St. Simon's Island, Georgia, until the advent of the automobile. As the car replaced the horse, the Marsh Tacky began to disappear. Until recently, the breed was thought to have become extinct during the 1980s and 1990s. This ancient breed has managed to hold on in the hands of the people committed to their long held family traditions of keeping Marsh Tackies. It is the state horse.

Although the exact origin of the Marsh Tacky horse is unclear, it can be attributed to Spanish stock that arrived on the coast and islands of South Carolina as "drop offs" by Spanish explorers and stock brought over by Spanish settlers in the 1500s. A number of Spanish horse populations along the Southeast coast ultimately thrived and became feral herds. (Some of the more famous herds comprise the Banker ponies of North Carolina.) A further influx of Spanish horses made their way to South Carolina in the Charleston area through the deerskin trade. Spanish horses were acquired at the St. Augustine Spanish settlement and were used as pack animals for the Native American trade routes of the Chickasaw, Creek, and Southeastern Choctaw tribes. The horses were sold once they arrived in Charleston and bolstered the population of Spanish horses that would become the Marsh Tacky.

Marsh Tackies have played a significant role in South Carolina's history. During the American Revolution, Marsh Tackies were used by many of the troops of the famous "Swamp Fox," Gen. Francis Marion. Marion's troops of "irregulars" used their own mounts, the common horses of the area, during their campaigns against the British. The most common horse in the region at that time was the Marsh Tacky.

Known as the “Father of American Guerrilla Warfare,” Marion not only was a great tactician but his troops inadvertently had the additional technical advantage of being mounted on horses superbly adapted to the rough and swampy terrain of the region. British troops mounted on larger European breeds were unable to maneuver in the dense and wild swamps of the lowlands.

Then, after the Civil War, the Marsh Tacky became an integral part of agricultural life and in particular within the Gullah community and culture, as they were the common horse of every farmer on the islands of South Carolina and Georgia. The horses were used for everything from delivering the mail, to bringing folks to church, to plowing the fields. Every Gullah family seemingly had a Marsh Tacky in their field or garden.

When the Marsh Tackies aren't out doing their thing at local events and reenactments, you can see them in the fields at these two locations in the Pee Dee region:

Dragoon Horse Farm, 467 Baynard Boykin Road, Rembert, SC 29128. You'll find the owner, Janson Cox, at the SC Cotton Museum in Bishopville, located at 121 W. Cedar Lane. Please call 803.484.4497 for more information.

Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors, 2637 Anderson Farm Road, Florence, SC 29501. Please call David Grant at 843.662.7806 to schedule a tour in advance.

*Janson Cox and his
Marsh Tacky, Molly.*



Certified SC Roadside Stands



As you make your way through the Pee Dee region of South Carolina, you'll see there is still quite a connection to our agricultural "roots." Wide open fields of cotton, tobacco, soybean, and corn are easily spotted on the well-traveled back roads. But best of all are the roadside stands with all the freshest produce you can handle!



Juicy.





Hendrix Truck Farm, 843.672.7307

26706 Hwy. 9, Pageland, SC 29728

Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

June - September

Tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, eggplants, sweet onions, cabbage, peaches, peppers, Irish potatoes.

Pageland is home to the Pageland Watermelon Festival!

County: Chesterfield

McLeod Farms, 877.789.9252

29247 Hwy. 151, McBee, SC 29101

Summer: Monday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Winter: Monday - Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Peaches, strawberries, corn, watermelon, pumpkins, cantaloupe, fresh local produce, jams, jellies, relishes, pickles, dressings, ice cream, McLeod's Market/Bakery, Big's Market & Restaurant - Daily specials, fresh cuts of meat, frozen casseroles, Antique museum, tours, festivals in the spring, summer & fall.

www.macspride.com

County: Chesterfield

Quiet Brook Produce,

843.393.8333

417 Quiet Brook Rd.

Darlington, SC 29540

April - December

Strawberries, tomatoes, sweet corn, watermelon, okra, cantaloupe

County: Darlington

Triple R Landscape Supply, LLC,
843.661.5988

3914 Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence, SC 29501

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ornamentals, nursery products, woody ornamentals, annuals, perennials, greenhouse products, strawberries, bedding plants, perennials, roses, trees, shrubs, hanging baskets,

County: Darlington

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Country Gardens Farm Market,
843.465.7644
2014 Dillon Hwy.
Lake View, SC 29563
Greenhouse tomatoes,
cucumbers, bell peppers,
lettuce, strawberries, flowers
County: Dillon

Burch Produce,
843.389.7241
280 N Old Georgetown
Rd., Lake City, SC 29560
Monday - Friday 8
a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. June -
November
Growing: butter beans,
peas, tomatoes, pepper.
Selling: okra, squash,
watermelon
County: Florence

M & M Farms & Flowers,
843.659.8897 or 843.356.0881
4161 Turbeville Hwy.
Olanta, SC 29114
Monday - Saturday (10-16 hours/day)
Cucumbers, potatoes, sweet potatoes,
corn, squash, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage,
broccoli, watermelons, okra, field peas, butter beans,
onions, radishes, mustard, cantaloupes, collards, peanuts,
beets, plants, flowers
County: Florence

McKenzie Farms & Nursery, 843.389.4831
2115 Olanta Hwy., Scranton, SC 29591
Year round
Vegetables, shrubs, trees, citrus
County: Florence

Willis Produce & General Store, 843.661.7561
2508 North Williston Road (Hwy. 327)
Florence, SC 29506
Seasons of Operation: Sunday - Saturday November -
March, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April - October, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Tomatoes, green & boiled peanuts,
cucumbers, watermelons, peaches,
strawberries, corn, okra, squash,
butter beans, peas, jams, jellies,
preserves, salsa, pickles, salad
dressing, bacon, country ham &
sausages, fresh baked bread,
unique gifts, lunch menu,
restrooms available
County: Florence

Atkinson Farm,
843.464.8320 or
843.464.8320
1909 South Hwy. 917,
Mullins, SC 29574
April - June
Strawberries, U-Pick or
We-Pick. sweet corn,
asparagus
County: Marion

Pee Dee Farmers Markets

Don't miss out on all the South Carolina
freshness available at the local farmers markets!

Chesterfield County Farmers Market, 843.623.2134
105 Front St., Cheraw, SC 29520

National Bean Market Museum Farmers Market
843.374.1500, 111 Henry St., Lake City, SC 29560

Pee Dee State Farmers Market, 843.665.5154
2513 W. Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501

Marlboro County Farmers Market, 843.479.6851
500 Broad St., Bennettsville, SC 29512

Ag-Cited!™

We get all “ag-cited” about agriculture in the Pee Dee region! There are lots of cool farm-related sites you can visit at your leisure, and tons more that hold special events throughout the year. Here are a few:



MCLEOD FARMS

McLeod Farms is the place to stop – you can pick strawberries, peaches and pumpkins, or you can pick up ones that they have ready for you. You’ll also find other McLeod Farms products like corn, watermelon and cantaloupe.

When you stop in the market, you’ll find lots of great preserves made from McLeod Farms fruits and veggies – from jams to pickles and relishes. Hand-dipped ice cream awaits – made with McLeod Farms strawberries and peaches, and the ice cream tastes even better when it is topping a peach enchilada!

You’ll find lots of great baked goods in the market, and Big’s Meats and More offers the freshest cuts of meat and hamburgers grilled to your specifications. Right next door to Big’s is the antique museum with the coolest collection of tractors, automobiles, cash registers, and farm implements you can imagine!

McLeod Farms hosts a spring strawberry festival, a summer peach festival, and a pumpkin-catapulting fall festival.

Located at Hwy. 151 in McBee, McLeod Farms is open daily 8am-7pm in the summer and daily 8:30am-5:30pm during the winter. For more information, please call toll free 877.789.9252. Visit them on the web at www.macspride.com.

OVIS HILL FARM AND FARM STORE

When you drive up to Ovis Hill Farm in Timmonsville, you'll be greeted by baaa-ing lambs and romping calves. On the days of the Farm Festivals (mid-summer and fall), you'll have a chance to paint gourds, watch sheep being sheared, and spin wool into yarn. Sheep herding border collies are almost always busy working in the fields.



The Ovis Hill Farm Store offers a veritable "farmers market" with fresh and healthy products from a network of local South Carolina farmers: Grass fed milk and dairy products from Happy Cow Creamery, pasture-raised beef, lamb and chicken, organically grown vegetables, hand-made products, wool yarns and knit items, jewelry seasonal items and more! Open Tuesday-Thursday, 3- 6pm and Friday and Saturday from 10am – 6pm. Other times are available by appointment.

The meat, dairy products and eggs are from pasture raised and grass fed livestock free of added hormones and antibiotics. The milk and dairy products are from truly happy cows that graze on fresh grass every month of the year. In addition to the wonderful taste, this milk recently tested higher in nutrients than the previously highest rated grass fed organic dairy in the United States! Also available in the store is raw goat milk from Lone Palmetto Farms in Lamar.

Ovis Hill Farm lamb is from the flock of 400 viewable from the Farm Store. The flock originates from historical breeds with a South Carolina heritage. The beef is also from the herd of 35 or so grass-fed cows you can watch from the roadside. The chicken available at the Farm Store is from Oaklyn Plantation in Darlington. Free-range turkey can also be found during the holidays. The eggs are from Wil-Moore Farm in Lugoff. They are fresh, large eggs that make the tastiest omelets, especially when whipped up with Happy Cow milk.

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At the Farm Store, you'll also find a variety of Robin's gourmet pickled vegetables - carrots, beans, okra, garlic, and asparagus, and two of Palmetto Pepper Potions award-winning hot sauces: Molten Golden and Larynx Lava which won first and third places in the prestigious Scovie awards (the fiery foods equivalent of the Academy Awards). These products are all produced in the midlands of South Carolina.

Don't forget to pick up some of the local honey from the hives of Eric Mills from the Timmonsville area and some cane syrup and grits from Blizzard Branch.

Ovis Hill provides school trip packages and group rates for activities and tours.

Ovis Hill is located at 1501 Weaver St. in Timmonsville. For more information, please call 843.346.3646 or 843.992.9447. Visit them on the web at www.ovishillfarm.com.

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET



The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is always bustling with people seeking the freshest produce, but the most popular days are those of the Spring (weekend after Easter) and Fall Flower Festivals.

When you stop at the Farmers Market, look for Trinity Farms in the front building. Not only do they have organically-grown produce, they have the most

unusual assortment! Trinity Farms also offers organic meats and dairy products. Inside the building is Harvest Moon Soapworks, where Patrick can be found mixing up his soap recipes. He also has an unusual array of specialty dried herbs for sale.

Before you head out, peek in to see Elijah Thomas, the resident potter, in the Red Barn. His Confederate cups are a favorite of reenactors, and those who simply enjoy a mug that fits well in their hands.

Located at 2513 W. Lucas Street (US Hwy. 52) in Florence, the Pee Dee State Farmers Market is open Monday through Saturday, 8am-6pm and closed Thanksgiving day and Christmas day. For additional information, please call 843.665.5154 or visit www.pdfarmersmarket.sc.gov.

THE COKER FARMS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Stop by the Coker Farms National Historic Landmark to follow the history of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, founded in the early 1900s by David R. Coker, which developed new, improved varieties

of crop seeds. They also developed the first cotton breeding program in the US. Exhibits depicting the company's impact on Southern agriculture are housed in a replica of the site's original dairy barn. Self-guided interpretive exhibits are open from 9am-6pm daily. Coker Farms Annual Fall Festival, held in conjunction with the Cotton Harvest Bluegrass Festival in Hartsville, features a corn maze, antique tractor show, hay rides and hot dogs and free ice cream!



Coker Farms National Historic Landmark is located at 1257 S. Fourth St. in Hartsville. For more information, please call 843.206.3765.

PIM'S CORN MAZE

From team building by way of geocaching to a quick game of Frisbee golf, Pims Farm is busy throughout the year. But when the corn is planted, the fun really begins! Join in the life-sized puzzle of the corn maze. Bring all your friends and rent a spot for a camp fire – Pim will provide all the wood and even get the fire started for you.

Don't miss the Fall Festival at Pim's Corn Maze in the fall. Along with getting lost in the maze, you'll find yourself pumping away at the old-timey water pumps to float your duck to the finish line, taking a ride in the cow train, listening to the live music, and watching goats with all their antics.

The Maze is open mid-September through mid-November Fridays 6-8pm, Saturdays 10am-8pm, and Sundays 2-8pm. Monday through Friday are by reservation only. Age 12 and over are admitted for \$7, and ages 4-11 for \$6. Group rates are available.

Pim's Corn Maze is located at 464 Dovesville Highway in Darlington. For more information, please call 843.277.7815 or 803.983.9073.

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THE COLUMNS

As you travel down the pecan tree lined driveway to The Columns, you'll feel yourself travelling back in time.

The Columns is a Southern plantation home built in the 1850s solely by materials found on the estate. Bricks were formed on site to construct the free standing columns which support the rain porch. Logs were hauled by oxcart to a sawmill in Cheraw, and floated down the Pee Dee River to construct the house. The Greek Revival house was built by Dr. William Rogers Johnson in a style similar to Millwood Plantation which was owned by General Wade Hampton and burned by Sherman's forces.

In 1902, the house was purchased by Walter Rankin as a wedding gift for his bride, Jennie, and she named it "The Columns." In 1927, the house passed to the Harwell family who currently reside there, and operate the working plantation.

In March of each year, the plantation is alive with the reenactment of the Skirmish at Gamble's Hotel, depicting an encounter that occurred on March 5, 1865. Five hundred federal soldiers, under the command of Colonel Reuben Williams of the 12th Indiana Infantry, marched into the Florence area to destroy the railroad depot. These federal troops were met by a group of Confederate soldiers who drove them away with the help of 400 reinforcements from the area home guard.

The Columns is located at 4789 E. Old Marion Hwy. in Florence. For more information, please call 843.669.6730.

SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON MUSEUM

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Located in downtown Bishopville, The SC Cotton Museum is the most popular stop along the SC Cotton Trail. In the museum, you'll trace cotton from the earliest days in the colony through the Industrial Revolution and on to modern times. Flying above you is the Cessna Ag Wagon, a member of the "Agricultural Air Force." Don't forget to check out the largest boll weevil you will ever lay eyes upon.

The SC Cotton Museum is also a partner of the American Folklife Center, with a recording studio for documenting oral history of the agricultural South. A copy of all documentation is then sent to the Library of Congress for safekeeping.

While you are in downtown Bishopville, stop by the Artists' View frame shop at 108 N. Main Street where you can see the agriculture-related paintings by Dona and Jerry Locklair. A true snippet of history, many of the individuals pictured in the paintings were those working in the fields and barns as the Locklairs were growing up. More information is also available at www.locklairart.com.

The SC Cotton Museum is located at 121 West Cedar Lane in Bishopville, and is open Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm and on Saturdays 10am-4pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students. Group rates are available. For more information, please call 803.484.4497 or visit them on the web at www.sccotton.org.

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THE PEARL FRYAR TOPIARY GARDEN

Pearl Fryar just wanted to win Yard of the Month, an honor given by the local garden clubs. With a yard outside the city limits, he had to create a remarkable garden to get noticed. After he took a short topiary lesson at a local nursery, Pearl was off to do the unimaginable. Three acres of yard have been transformed into a magical living sculpture garden. It is now a designated Preservation Project of The Garden Conservancy.

You may find him with powered hedge trimmers in hand when you visit, or he may be welding a new piece of junk art in his garage. He is a self-taught artist with unceasing creativity. Pearl has been gaining popularity with Martha Stewart, HGTV, and with independent film producers. He'll be happy to sign a copy of his DVD "A Man Named Pearl" which won the Audience Choice Award at the Heartland Film Festival. He usually has plenty on hand, but if you don't happen to see him, the Lee County Chamber of Commerce (at 219 N. Main Street) sells them, also.

While you're driving through Bishopville, check out the topiaries in front of Pearl's church, one of the restaurants, and all the way down the center of Main Street. You'll also find his topiaries at the SC State Museum, Coker College in Hartsville, and numerous other places.

The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden is located at 145 Broad Acres Rd. in Bishopville, and is open for public viewing Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-4pm. For more information, please visit www.pearlfryar.com.

EMMETT ACRES ALPACA FARM

Emmett Acres Alpaca Farm raises alpacas and mini llamas “with a Southern accent.” Emmett Acres is South Carolina's top breeder of Peruvian and Chilean alpacas. Founded in 1999 by Monty and Randall Gooding on 19 acres, this beautiful



farm has continued to produce alpacas of the highest quality and color. This beautiful fiber is second to none in the world.

Randall and Monty ask that you call in advance to schedule farm tours. If you're heading that way, be sure to schedule a tour at Scape Ore Farms, also!

Emmett Acres is located at 74 Gooding Place in Bishopville. For more information, please visit them on the web at www.alpacas-4-u.com or call 803.428.2161.

SCAPE ORE FARM

You won't want to miss seeing the exotic wildlife and reptiles at Scape Ore Farm. You'll meet more than 15 breeds of ducks, three breeds of swans, and two types of peafowl. Tommy and Jennifer Geddings have recently begun collecting reptiles, including a 9' boa constrictor and two African Spurred Tortoises. Add to that mix some porcupines, Brazilian armadillos and a pair of rheas, and you'll have quite an adventure!

By the way, the farm borders Scape Ore Swamp, the home of the legendary Lizard Man. If you are quiet and look closely, you may catch a glimpse of him.

Please call the Geddings to schedule a time when you can stop by for a farm tour. Remember, Emmett Acres is right next door, so you can plan to spend some time there, also!

Scape Ore Farm is located at 105 Gooding Place in Bishopville. For more information, please call 803.428.4508 or visit www.scapeorefarmssc.com.

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SC TOBACCO MUSEUM

The SC Tobacco Museum is located in the wonderful little town of Mullins, home of the Golden Leaf Festival in the fall. Stop by the museum to follow the heritage of tobacco growing through the “When Tobacco was King” video, check out the old advertisements, and the process for growing and harvesting tobacco. Museum director, Reggie McDaniel, is sure to delight you with great folklore and amazing facts.



While you're in Mullins, don't miss a great Southern buffet at Webster Manor or O'Hara's. Remember to save room for some mega-delicious desserts!

The SC Tobacco Museum is located at 104 Northeast Front St. in Mullins. For more information, please call 843.464.8194.



WILLIAMS MUSCADINE VINEYARD

Following the tradition of early Black farm life in the rural south, the Williams offer educational trips for school students, and welcome visitors by appointment to their farmhouse in Nesmith.

Mr. Williams, along with his wife, their seven children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are all actively involved in the vineyard and activities, which include the annual Muscadine Festival during Labor Day weekend and U-Pick during the month of September. Additionally, there are hands-on experiences with old farm tools and kitchen utensils, and planting demonstrations and activities.

It's a bit off the beaten path, located 14 miles east of Kingstree off highway 261, 11 miles south of Hemingway and 26 miles northwest of Georgetown, off S-45-24, Nesmith Highway.

Williams Muscadine Vineyard is located at 21 Gabriel Place in Nesmith, SC. For more information, please call 843.354.2169 or 803.397.1859, or visit them on the web today at www.williamsvineyard.com.

MCARTHUR FARM



McArthur Farm in Bennettsville is a great stop for families looking for produce straight from the fields. Kids love the hay bales painted like pumpkins in the fall, and parents love that the kids can enjoy themselves while they are picking out the freshest fruits and veggies around.

McArthur Farm is located at 1708 Hwy. 38 S. in Bennettsville. For more information, please call 843.479.3839.

BREEDEN GROCERY AND BUTCHER SHOP

The Breeden Grocery and Butcher Shop has been operating in Bennettsville since 1926. At Breeden's you can pick up the famous Breeden sausage which is made regularly right at the grocery store – you can peek through the glass door to watch the process. They also feature Stanton's BBQ, and tons of other local foods and canned items. Don't forget to pick up a bottle of Blenheim's Ginger Ale. Blenheim's was originally produced right outside of Bennettsville in, you guessed it, Blenheim, SC!



Breeden Grocery is located at 133 Broad St. in Bennettsville. For more information, please call 843.479.3481.

GOOD LIVING MARKETPLACE



The Good Living Marketplace is held monthly in Hartsville at Burry Park. Usually taking place on the first Saturday of the month, the marketplace is a great mix of healthy food vendors, local restaurants with specialty items, artisans, and community organizations. You'll find Happy Cow Creamery cheese, grass fed beef and lamb, cage-free eggs, and all the fruits and veggies in season.

The Good Living Marketplace is located at Fifth St. and Marlboro Ave., Cargill Way & Burry Park in downtown Hartsville. For more information, please call 843.332.1600.

You can visit the www.visitflo.com website for the most updated Ag-cited!™ calendar. For Pee Dee specialties, continue to the next page!

Sugar Cane

One of the region's specialties is pure cane syrup. Sugar cane is harvested during the winter months for processing into syrup, molasses, and barbecue sauce.

If you visit **Blizzard Branch Syrup and Grist Mill** in the late fall, chances are you'll see Amos and John cooking up some sweetness in the 80-gallon kettle. Other times you may see the grist mill at work, grinding the corn into a southern favorite, grits!



Amos and John don't want to miss you! If you don't see someone when you walk up, pull the rope to sound the airhorn on the roof of the barn! Blizzard Branch Syrup and Grist Mill is located at US Hwy 1 in Middendorf (Chesterfield County, on the border of the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge). For additional information, please call 843.335.6109 or 843.339.1115. Also, visit www.blizzardbranch.com.

At **Russ Brothers Farm**, Marvin Russ cooks up some great Old Plantation Syrup. Marvin is happy to meet up with you anytime, but our favorite day is the second Saturday of November when he has an open house at the farm while he's processing and bottling the syrup. He cooks up a special meal of pancakes, sausage and biscuits for everyone that stops by!

Don't forget to try the Old Plantation Barbecue Sauce and Pure Cane Molasses!

Russ Brothers Farm is located at 1059 W. Old 4 Hwy. N. in Coward. For additional information, please call 843.389.3383 or 843.598.6651.



Collards

So, what are collards and why do we eat them?

Collards are greens which are normally simmered with salt pork or ham hocks to soften up the leaves and sweeten the bitter taste. We usually top them with hot pepper vinegar and eat them with baked or fried cornbread (yes, we fry our cornbread like pancakes, and it's called a hoecake). You'll



find collards and other greens served in most Southern buffet restaurants and “meat and three” places where you choose one meat and three sides – make one of them collards, and don’t forget the vinegar!

Collards are normally eaten on New Year’s Day with a meal including black-eyed peas and hog jowl with hopes of a year of good luck and good finances. It’s also a belief that collard greens hanging in your doorway will keep away evil spirits.

Many of our traditional *soul foods* are derived from the time of slavery. Slaves had their own gardens where they grew a lot of their own foods from their native Africa. Delicious foods were developed from cornmeal, turnip and collard greens, pig’s feet, ham hocks, and pork skin. Traditional seasonings were onion, garlic, thyme, and bay leaf. As a matter of fact, the famous “Sylvia’s Soul Food” originated from the town of Hemingway in rural Williamsburg County.

To get a great taste of collards, visit the Marlboro County Farmers Market in the fall and winter months during their collard cooking contests and the Collard Festival. The Marlboro County Farmers Market is located on Broad St. in Bennettsville. For more information, please call 843.479.6851.



Grits

When you come to the Pee Dee, you may begin to understand why we love our grits so much – smothered in cheese and bacon and shrimp at RedBone Alley or cooked with butter to perfection at Southern breakfast buffets, you’ll find them everywhere.

We love our grits so much that in 1976, South Carolina declared grits the official state food:

Whereas, throughout its history, the South has relished its grits, making them a symbol of its diet, its customs, its humor, and its hospitality, and whereas, every community in the State of South Carolina used to be the site of a grist mill and every local economy in the State used to be dependent on its product; and whereas, grits has been a part of the life of every South Carolinian of whatever race, background, gender, and income; and whereas, grits could very well play a vital role in the future of not only this State, but also the world, as The Charleston News and Courier proclaimed in 1952: ‘An inexpensive, simple, and thoroughly digestible food, [grits] should be made popular throughout the world. Given enough of it, the inhabitants of planet Earth would have nothing to fight about. A man full of [grits] is a man of peace.’

Flo used to say in the TV sit-com *Mel’s Diner*, “well kiss my grits!” We bet they were from Blizzard Branch Milling Company in Middendorf. Look for Blizzard Brand grits and corn meal at local grocery stores, or stop by Middendorf for a tour of the mill.



Pecans

It's a well-known fact that once a year the city of Florence goes nuts. The Pecan Festival fills the downtown area with scrumptious smells, toe-tapping sounds of reggae and bluegrass, and activities for the young and old – all inspired by that tasty nut.

Pecans are actually a year-round treat in the Pee Dee. **Young Plantations** envisioned the true nutty potential back in 1928 after seeing the pecan trees dropping overflowing bushel baskets of wonderful ingredients for tasty recipes. In addition to the extraordinary selection of flavored pecans (our personal favorites are praline and chocolate butter toffee flavors), Young Plantations also supplies baking pecans for our favorite homemade sweets. Misplaced your cookbook? Young's also supplies the recipes on its website, www.youngplantations.com. Their tried-and-true pecan pie recipe can be seen below:

Basic Pecan Pie

4 Tbsp. ($\frac{1}{2}$ stick) BUTTER (softened)

1 cup granulated SUGAR

3 EGGS (slightly beaten)

1 cup light CORN SYRUP

1 tsp. VANILLA

$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. SALT

1 cup PECANS (chopped)
9 inch PASTRY SHELL (unbaked)
PECAN halves

1. Cream butter and sugar together.
 2. Add remaining ingredients.
 3. Pour into unbaked 9 inch pastry shell.
 4. Top with 30-50 pecan halves.
 5. Bake 10 minutes at 375 degrees and 30-35 minutes at 325 degrees.
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As you settle down to have a bite in local restaurants, look for dishes with the southern pecan flair. **Percy & Willie's** offers an inventive twist to the traditional favorite Southern pie. Their mouth-watering St. John's Chocolate Pecan Pie will have you flagging down your waiter for an extra slice to carry-out.

RedBone Alley lists several pecan-packed dishes: Grilled Chicken Quesadilla with cilantro pecan pesto, Buffalo Caesar Blues Salad with spiced pecans, and a mouth-watering Chocolate Chip Pecan Cookie with vanilla bean ice cream, to name a few.

Victor's Bistro has also found the key to fine Southern dining lies in our local nut. Their Entree Salad is a mix of baby greens with toasted pecans, diced cucumbers, sun-dried tomatoes and bleu cheese dressing topped with a choice of salmon, Angus tenderloin, grilled shrimp, chicken breast, or sea scallops. Divine! Another refreshing taste is Victor's Goat Cheese Salad topped with a pecan-crust warm goat cheese patty and garnished with parmesan crisp. Don't forget to top off your Victor's Bistro meal with Apple Bourbon Pecan Strudel!

Starfire Grill & Spirits offers a pecan chicken salad as an entrée which is wonderful with a glass of cool iced tea.

While you're out and about in Florence, stop by **Fatz Café** for the peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream and pecans. You'll find Fatz Cafe right next to Young Plantations on Highway 52, at I-95 exit 164.

If you're in Cheraw, you should check out **River's Edge** and their signature Caramel Cream Pecan Pie, also known as the Bob Pie. Homemade crust and all!

Make sure you save room for dessert when you eat at **O'Hara's** in Mullins, because the pecan pie there is to die for!

Whatever your taste, if pecans are your passion, you'll find yourself going nuts while you're in the Pee Dee!

Boiled Peanuts

Once you've driven in the area for an hour or so, you will have seen signs for boiled peanuts – if not along the side of the road, at least in the gas stations. Boiled peanuts are a delicacy around here, and many people prepare them following old family recipes. Whether you like them cold or hot, they're definitely juicy! Look for boiled peanuts at any of the farmers markets and roadside stands.

In the grocery stores, look for the Peanut Patch brand - boiled peanuts packed locally at McCall Farm.

Blenheim Ginger Ale

Blenheim Ginger Ale is the earliest, smallest and many say finest, independent soda bottling company in the country. Located on the grounds of the massive South of the Border tourist attraction in Hamer, South Carolina, the company retains the same small town, family-style production as when Good Ole' Blenheim Ginger Ale was first bottled in 1903.

Whether you're drawn to the "Not as Hot" gold-capped or the fiery "Hot" red-capped formula, you'll be drinking the gingery-est ginger ale anywhere. Stop by South of the Border for a six-pack, or look for it in the grocery stores throughout the Pee Dee.





Muscadine Grapes

If you haven't ever tasted muscadines or scuppernongs, you're really missing out! Muscadines are a type of grape native to these parts that have a rather thick skin and an amazingly sweet taste. Discovered by the colonists on vines up to twenty feet tall, we southerners have been enjoying them ever since! Because of the heavy skin, you'll be making a small hole in the grape with your teeth to suck out the pulp. Be sure to buy a good sized basket - they're so heavenly delicious, you can't stop eating them once you start.

Muscadine wine is a delightful dessert wine, and is great to give as a housewarming or holiday gift. Our favorite is from Hyman Vineyards in Conway.

Art in the Pee Dee



- Artists in their Studios
- Art for Sale
- Art to Enjoy in its Place
- Performing Arts
- Music



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Artists in Their Studios ⁴¹

The Pee Dee region is filled with creativity. A recent study unearthed more than 400 visual artists in the area, hard at work in studios and galleries or even in their backyard workshops. Stopping by their studios, you'll be able to see the work in progress and be able to connect with the creative side of the artist or artisan.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

Beth Wicker

Art Walk About Downtown Cheraw 843.537.8422

Coordinated by the Cheraw Arts Commission, the Art Walk About is held during June in Downtown Cheraw. More than twenty artists are featured at downtown businesses and restaurants and around the Town Green area. There are several visual artists working in pastels, watercolors, acrylics, and oils. Functional arts are also highlighted, including ceramics, jewelry, handcrafted baskets and outdoor wooden furniture. You may possibly meet a muralist or textile artist performing a quilt or spinning demonstration.



For more information, please contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8422.

Three Cats and a Dog Studio 192 McMillan Rd., Cheraw, SC 29520 843.910.0317 www.bethwicker.com

Not only can you visit Beth Wicker to see what she's up to, she'll be happy to hold a workshop on metal smithing, stone setting, or painting for your group of at least three.

She has multi-generational activities that the whole family can participate in, and if the weather is suitable, you can enjoy a picnic out by the pond when you're ready for a short break.

Three Cats and a Dog Studio is open Mondays 10am to 5pm and by appointment.



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DARLINGTON COUNTY:
Black Creek Arts Council
116 W. College Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.6234
www.blackcreekarts.org

There is always something happening in the many artist studios at Black Creek Arts Council in Hartsville. The rooms are used for workspace and for instruction by the area painters, potters, musicians, and photographers.

Along with the chance to see artists at work, when you stop by Black Creek you'll find a first class ever-changing exhibit of local artistry. The Black Creek Arts Council also hosts Art Crawls in Hartsville and Darlington on a regular basis, during which many of the artisans open their home studios for visits by the public.

Chameleon Art Gallery
26 Public Sq., Darlington, SC 29532
843.393.6611
www.chameleon-gallery.com

The Chameleon Art Gallery on Darlington Square has a wide range of one-of-a-kind decorative pieces made by more than 25 local artists. The owner, Heather Jordan, paints eye-catching blue crabs and other sea creatures, perfect for

beach house walls, or to carry home as a memory of a visit to the coast. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 5:30pm, and Saturday 1-4pm.



Feury Art Gallery
116 N. Fifth St.
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.1410

Known for its fine artwork and custom framing, Feury Art Gallery has a wide selection of artwork by local and regional artists. The gallery is just a few minutes from the Black Creek Arts Council in Hartsville. The Feury Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 1pm; and closed Sunday.



Patz & Mike Fowle
PO Box 676, Hartsville, SC 29551
843.332.8474

www.patzfowle.com

<http://mikefowle.synthasite.com/>

Wild and wacky – Patz and her husband Mike are forever pushing the limits of creativity. Mike works in metal and found objects. Patz has found her niche in clay, and has been teaching the “Patz Technique” of clay sculpting across the globe.

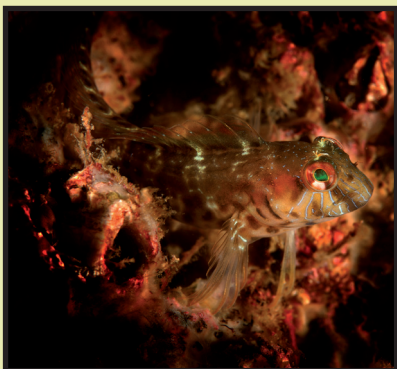


Please call Patz or Mike before visiting them at their home studio. They are often out in classrooms sharing their whimsical view of life.

Steve Roos Photography
222 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.3131

www.steveroos.com

Ashcraft Studio's Steve Roos shoots amazing portraits, but we're really drawn to the underwater photos. He seems to have a way of spotting the ever-so-unusual creatures in the coral reefs. You'll be wondering if they've ever been photographed before. If you look closely you may even find tiny camouflaged fish hiding amongst the sea anemones.



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Carolyn Govan
317 Marlboro Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.2288

Carolyn Govan's paintings represent the ideas of diverse culture through a storytelling form. Carolyn is a visual arts teacher, and spends her free time in passing along the tradition of African-American culture through her painting. Please call before visiting her studio.

Holly Beaumier
702 W. College Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.687.3345
www.artginko.com

Holly Beaumier is a self-taught earthenware ceramic artist with a bit of a whimsical flair. Her wide range of functional pieces include children's lamps, fan pulls, dry erase boards, ornaments and holiday platters. Please call before stopping by her home studio.



FLORENCE COUNTY:
Art Trail Gallery
135 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506
843.673.0729
www.art-trail-gallery.com

Stop by the Art Trail Gallery to see the ever-changing exhibit of handcrafted artwork by local artists. While you're there, check out the studio of Alex Palkovich, a Russian sculptor who has made Florence his home. You'll also see his finished work at the Florence Veterans Park, located on Woody Jones Blvd. The award-winning Veterans Park Memorial, executed according to the design by Alex Palkovich, consists of three towering granite monoliths topped by a life-size bronze sculpture of a bald eagle, also created by Mr. Palkovich. The monoliths' placement creates a central meditation chamber where one can see the eagle landing. The open chamber gives visitors the ability to be part of the sculpture and see it from all directions.



The Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4pm. Admission is free.



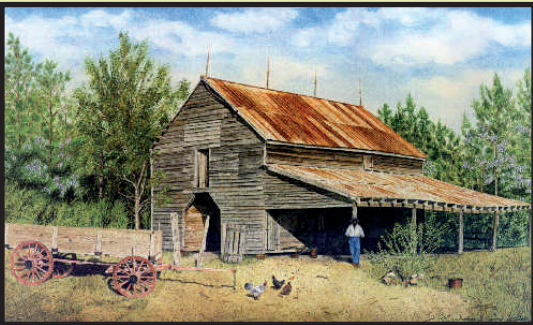
LEE COUNTY:
The Iron Gallery
English Cooper
206 N. Main St.
Bishopville SC 29010
803.484.6232

www.theirongallerysc.com

In the downtown of Bishopville is a treasure of handcrafted ironwork. English Cooper has a large workshop in the rear of the retail shop where he cuts sheet metal with a plasma torch and shapes the pieces by hand.

The precise work is assembled for installation at customers' homes. The gallery itself has what we believe is the most amazing wine bottle holder ever. The wine bottle tree is a piece of sculpture in itself, and once it holds the colorful wine bottles, it really catches attention.

The Iron Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10am-5pm.



Artists' View
Jerry and Dona Locklair
108 North Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010
803.483.2060
www.locklairart.com

At the Artists' View in downtown Bishopville, you'll find first quality framing services, along with the work of the owner Jason Locklair's parents, Jerry and Dona.

The Locklairs are a husband and wife team, both working on single pieces of art. Most of the farm-related paintings are derived from Jerry's memories of growing up on a farm near Lynchburg, SC. Many of the people in the paintings are relatives of Jerry Locklair. Their work is noted for realism and historically accurate depictions of life in the old South and as it is today.

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The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden
145 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville, SC 29010
800.325.9005
www.pearlfryar.com

While you are in downtown Bishopville, you'll see topiaries created by Pearl Fryar lining Main Street and highlighting his church and favorite breakfast spot. But the highlight of the living sculpture tour in Bishopville is in Pearl Fryar's neighborhood itself. As you're driving down Broad Acres Road, you'll find that Pearl has been busy at work in his yard, and his neighbors have followed suit.

As you wander through his yard, you may see Pearl busy with trimmers or riding his John Deere mower which has been featured in national TV ads.

Pearl Fryar's 3-acre garden is open to visitors year-round, Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

The Button Museum
53 Joe Dority Rd.
Bishopville, SC 29010-8582
803.428.3841
www.scbuttonking.com

Stop by the Button Museum to visit Dalton Stevens, a restless folk artist. As a result of his insomnia, Dalton has spent years of nighttime covering odd items with buttons, including a Chevy Chevette, a hearse, two caskets, a guitar, piano, and even an outhouse.

Dalton became famous as The Button King when he appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and "The David Letterman Show" with his suit of 16,333 buttons and his matching guitar. He's written some great button-themed songs, including the "Insomniac Shuffle,"



Give me a bag of buttons, buttons are my bag, I start sewing buttons before my eyes begin to sag. Buttons will make or break me when I sign the big contract, then I'll be the richest of all insomniacs.

The museum is located off of Highway 34 between Bishopville and Camden and is normally open six days a week, but we suggest calling before you visit. Every Friday night, the Button Museum hosts a bluegrass concert. It's an excellent time to drop in.

There is no admission fee, but the Button King accepts donations.



WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY:
Springbank Retreat Center
1345 Springbank Rd., Kingstree, SC 29556
800.671.0361
www.springbankretreat.org

The Springbank Retreat Center in Kingstree seems to be filled with creativity and spirituality on a daily basis. The visiting artists hold workshops in basket weaving, intuitive painting, and pottery, among other thought-provoking arts. Please call or check their website for availability of workshops.



Art for Sale

As you make your way through the Pee Dee region, there are lots of places to shop for original handcrafted items. Here are just a few:

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

- **Three Cats and a Dog Studio**, 843.910.0317
192 McMillan Rd., Cheraw, SC 29520
- **Cheraw Arts Commission Gallery**, 843.537.8422,
200 Powe St., Cheraw, SC 29520
- **Market Street Art Gallery**, 843.537.2600
145 Market St., Cheraw, SC 29520

DARLINGTON COUNTY:

- **Good Living Marketplace** - Normally held on the first Saturday of each month in downtown Hartsville.
- **Midnight Rooster Coffee Shop & Eatery**,
843.857.0640 (coffee shop) or 843.383.0800 (eatery)
136 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550
- **Black Creek Arts Council**, 843.332.6234
116 W. College Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550
- **Chameleon Art Gallery**, 843.393.6611
26 Public Sq., Darlington, SC 29532

- **Feury Art Gallery**, 843.332.1410
116 N. Fifth St., Hartsville, SC 29550
- **Art Crawls** - Organized through Black Creek Art Gallery of Hartsville.
- **Birds of a Feather Gallery**, 843.616.2561
106 Siskron St., Darlington, SC 29532

FLORENCE COUNTY:

- **Art Trail Gallery**, 843.673.0729
135 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506
- **Arts International** - Spring arts festival at Francis Marion University, 843.661.1225.
- **Florence After Five & Affordably Unique** - Held on the last Friday of each month in downtown Florence, at the Art Trail Gallery.
- **Lynda English Gallery**, 843.673.9144
403 2nd Loop Rd., Florence, SC 29505
- **Barb Mellen - The Earring Lady**, 843.317.1732
2717 2nd Loop Rd., Florence, SC 29501
- **Arts Alliance Shoppe**, 843.665.2787
412 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506

LEE COUNTY:

- **The Opera House**, 803.484.5090
109 N. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010
- **English Cooper - The Iron Gallery**, 803.484.6232
206 N. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010
- **Dona & Jerry Locklair - Artists' View**, 803.483.2060,
108 N. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010



The **Artisans of the SC Cotton Trail** and the **Artisans of the SC Tobacco Trail** have unified their marketing efforts based on the heritage trails. Their work is available for purchase at www.PeeDeeArt.com and at regional art shows.

Art to Enjoy in its Place

All across the region you'll find art in the outdoors for the public to enjoy. These are a few of our favorites:



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

- **Dizzy Gillespie Bronze Statue** - Jazz King Dizzy Gillespie was born in Cheraw on October 21, 1917. On the 85th anniversary of his birth, the town of Cheraw dedicated a seven foot bronze statue of Gillespie playing his trademark bent horn on the Town Green. Location: 200 block of Market St., Cheraw
- **Gillespie Home Site Park** - Follow the notes to "Salt Peanuts" on the park's steel fence! Location: 300 block of Huger St., Cheraw

DARLINGTON COUNTY:

- **Midnight Rooster** - The coolest piece of art in the Midnight Rooster is definitely the bigger than life iron fork hanging on the wall. It was made by the restaurant owner Jessie Avant Smith while she was in college. Location: 136 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, 843.857.0640
- **Gates at Kalmia Garden** - The wrought iron gates were crafted around 1935 by Mrs. Frank Tyldesley of Wales to feature the camellia. Location: 1624 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville
- **Sculpture Garden** - Between the Center Theatre and Hartsville Museum. Location: N. Fifth St., Hartsville.



- **Pearl Fryar's Topiaries** - Living sculpture at Coker College. Location: 300 E. College Ave., Hartsville

- **Coker College** - The Martin Stein Gallery at the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center has an amazing collection of pre-Columbian and Oriental artifacts. From the Far East, the collection includes objects from China's Shang (1766 to 1122 B.C.), Chou (1027 to 256 B.C.), Han (202 B.C. to 220 A.D.), and Tang (618 to 907 A.D.) dynasties, as well as more contemporary pieces from Japan. Location: 300 E. College Ave., Hartsville, 843.383.8000



- **Blue Sky Mural** - A series of postcards from 1909 to 1935 of the downtown Public Square of Darlington were used as a model for a large mural by the famous muralist Blue Sky. Location: Public Sq., Darlington



DILLON COUNTY:

- **South of the Border** - Art in advertising, Pedro style! You can't miss all the billboards along I-95 and secondary roads, counting down the miles to reach South of the Border. Once you get to Pedroland, don't forget to choose your favorite brightly painted animal statue for a photo op. Location: 3346 Hwy. 301 N., Hamer, 800.845.6011, www.thesouthoftheborder.com
- **Dillon Murals** - Follow the history of Dillon through a series of murals - painted in 1984 by Ralph Waldrop of Columbia - on the First Bank building in the downtown. Location: 101 W. Main St., Dillon

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FLORENCE COUNTY:

- **Bench at Florence Library** - Be sure to visit writer Mark Twain who is seated on a bench outside of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library. Location: 509 S. Dargan St., Florence



- **Blue Sky Mural** - The “Moonlight on the Great Pee Dee” mural by Blue Sky is located inside the entrance of the John L. McMillan Federal Building in Florence. Blue Sky designed and built the installation concrete bridge sculpture which surrounds the mural, inviting the viewer to participate in the scene. Location: 401 W. Evans St., Florence



- **Francis Marion University** - At the Hyman Fine Arts Center, there are changing exhibits of works by faculty and students. Location: 4822 E. Palmetto St., Florence, 843.661.1385
- **Florence Museum of Art, Science and History** - One of the treasures of the Florence Museum is the original artwork of William H. Johnson, a native of Florence. When you visit the museum, be sure to take notice of the modern sculpture outside the front of the building. Location: 558 Spruce St., Florence, 843.662.3351
- **Florence Veterans Park** - Among the many memorials at the Florence Veterans Park is the towering memorial designed by Alex Palkovich, a Russian sculptor living in Florence. His eagle sculpture tops the memorial. Location: Woody Jones Blvd., Florence

- **National Bean Market Museum** - The fountain at the National Bean Market Museum features handcrafted tiles depicting various agricultural ties to Lake City. Location: 111 Henry St., Lake City, 843.374.1500



- **Train Murals** - There are two murals depicting the railroad history of Florence along Irby Street in downtown Florence. The murals were painted by Elvis Hatchell in the 1990s. Location: Irby St., Florence
- **Youth Art** - Every March the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library features Youth Art. These kids have unbelievable talent! Location: 509 S. Dargan St., Florence, 843.662.8424



LEE COUNTY:

- **Bishopville Opera House** - Built in the 1890s as an entertainment center for the newly established town, the Bishopville Opera House hosts a variety of performing arts and concerts throughout the year. The gallery holds changing exhibits featuring local art as well as a section honoring Lee County artisans. Location: 109 N. Main St., Bishopville, 803.484.5090
- **Butterfly Sculpture at The Cotton Park** - Adjacent to the SC Cotton Museum, Cotton Park features a wonderful butterfly sculpture. Location: W. Cedar Ln., Bishopville

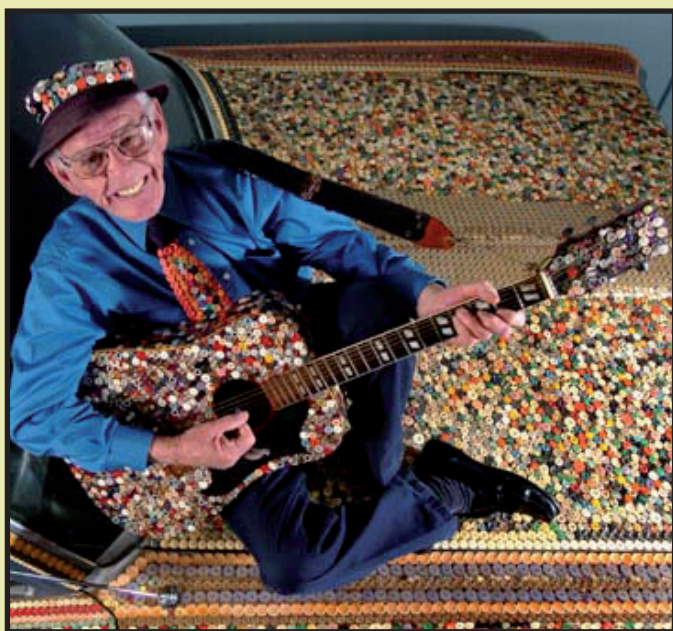
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- **Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden**

- Prepare to be amazed as you stroll through this living sculpture garden! Open to visitors year-round, Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Location: 145 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville, 800.325.9005



- **The Button Museum** - Listed in Guinness World Book of Records as the largest collection of buttons - more than one million! Among the many items covered in buttons, there's a Chevy Chevette and a hearse. Location: 53 Joe Dority Rd., Bishopville, 803.428.3841



MARION COUNTY:

- **Tobacco Mural** - Check out the tobacco mural on the Supreme Building on Main Street, painted by Tom Goforth. Location: Main St., Mullins

- **SC Tobacco Museum** - The Tobacco Museum has a wonderful collection of art in advertising and packaging. A special piece is a quilt made from tobacco flannels that were used as a sales gimmick in the 1870s. Location: 104 NE Front St., Mullins



- **Marion County Museum** - Constructed in 1886 by Marion Academy, the Marion County Museum has changing exhibits arranged through the State Museum. Location: 101 Willcox Ave., Marion, 843.423.8299

MARLBORO COUNTY:

- **Courthouse Mural** - In the heart of Bennettsville, a mural by artist Tom Goforth depicts the county courthouse as it looked in 1910.
- **Historic Mural** - In the small town of Clio, you'll find another Goforth mural featuring the town's turn-of-the-century hotel. In the window of the mural, you'll see authentic furnishings and people clothed in attire of that time, while the painted glass of the windows reflect scenes from modern day Clio.
- **Prominent Architects** - Two well-known resident architects in Marlboro, Henry Harrall and Ernest Richards, designed much of downtown Bennettsville in the early 1900s. Among other projects, Richards made additions to the magnificent Breeden Inn, transforming it into the beaux-arts style it presently highlights. Harrall's work includes the clock steeple of the courthouse, and other buildings in the downtown area which feature distinctive green terra cotta blocks.



Theatre and Performing Arts

While you're in the Pee Dee region, check out the online calendar at www.florencesccalendar.com for all of the theatre and arts performances. There is nearly always a quality performance to entertain you.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

Theatre on the Green
200 block of Market St.,
Cheraw, SC 29520
843.537.8420
www.cheraw.com



OnStage theatre group performs regularly in the historic **Theatre on the Green**. In the 250 seat Theatre on the Green, there is a summer theatre camp, children's playhouse series, and preschool showcase series by Porkchop Productions.

DARLINGTON COUNTY:

Center Theater
212 N. 5th St., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.5721

Community Players performs several times each year at the **Center Theater**. Center Theater is an historic building in downtown Hartsville. Built in the 1930s, it seats 800 and holds up to 150 performances and events each year.

Coker College
300 E. College Ave.,
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.383.8000
www.coker.edu

The **Richard and Lee Watson Theater** at Coker College seats 466, has a proscenium stage, an orchestra shell, computerized lighting and state-of-the-art acoustics. The theater hosts professional touring productions, guest speakers and college productions.

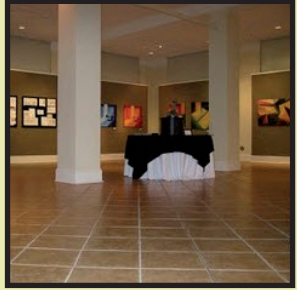


J.C. Daniel Center for the Performing Arts
N. Main St., Darlington, SC 29532
843.398.5100
www.darlington.k12.sc.us

The **J.C. Daniel Center** is an active community arts center and hosts several performances each year. The Center is part of the complex of St. John's Elementary School.

Black Creek Arts Council
116 W. College Ave.,
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.6234
www.blackcreekarts.org

Black Creek Arts Council often hosts more intimate performances in its gallery. One of our favorites is the Long Lash Cabaret held on an annual basis.



DILLON COUNTY:
Dillon County Theater
114 N. MacArthur Ave., Dillon, SC 29536
843.774.8746

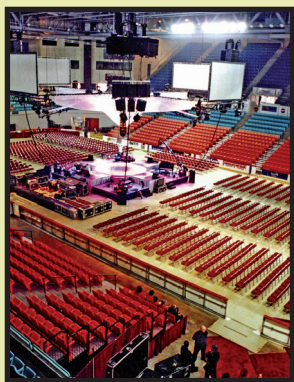
Dillon County Theater is home to the MacArthur Avenue Players who perform plays throughout the year. Located in a historic building in downtown Dillon, the Dillon County Theater hosts musicals, concerts and pageants.



FLORENCE COUNTY:
Florence Little Theatre
417 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506
843.662.3731

The **Florence Little Theatre** presents a full season of performances by local and regional actors. The state-of-the-art 35,000 sq. ft. facility in the downtown also hosts the SC Dance Theatre productions as well as other performances.

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**Florence City-County
Civic Center
3300 W. Radio Dr.
Florence, SC 29501
843.679.9417**

www.florenceciviccenter.com

The **Florence City-County Civic Center** provides seating for 10,000 in its arena. The elegant ballroom is used for more intimate concerts and dinner theatres.

**Hyman Fine Arts Center
4822 E. Palmetto St., Florence
843.661.1300**

www.fmarion.edu

Francis Marion University's **Hyman Fine Arts Center** houses the University Theatre which seats 355 and the Adele Kassab Recital Hall. University performances are also held in the Chapman Auditorium of the McNair Science Building and the Lowrimore Auditorium of the Cauthen Educational Media Center.

The Arts International Festival is held on the campus of Francis Marion University in the spring each year. The festival focuses on performing arts and visual arts from the region and around the world.



**FMU Performing Arts Center
201 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29501**

FMU Performing Arts Center, a 61,000 sq. ft. facility in downtown Florence is expected to open in the spring of 2011. The main theatre will seat 900, the black box theatre, 100, and the BB&T Amphitheatre will seat 500.

Lake City Community Theatre
125 S. Blanding St., Lake City, SC 29560
843.374.8611

Lake City Community Theatre performs in the Blanding Street Auditorium in Lake City. The performance group normally presents two performances each year.

LEE COUNTY:

Bishopville Opera House
109 N. Main St., Bishopville, SC 29010
803.484.5090

Built in the 1890s, the **Bishopville Opera House** hosts several performances each year, one of which is "Lee Haw," a highly-anticipated local talent show.



MARLBORO COUNTY:

Marlboro Civic Center
106 Clyde St., Bennettsville, SC 29512
843.454.9496

The **Marlboro Civic Center** is the stunning architectural restoration of the historic Opera House. Known in its early days as The Garden Theatre and The Playhouse, it was once Marlboro County's thriving cultural and entertainment center. A major stop for vaudeville and musical shows on the New York to Miami circuit, it was built in 1917 and is one of the oldest theatres in South Carolina.

The Marlboro Civic Center hosts hundreds of programs and events which reflect Marlboro's diverse community including town meetings, arts council performance series, community theatre productions, revivals, recitals and band concerts.

Music

The Pee Dee region has an amazing amount of music flowing through it. The tradition stems from local performers of the past and present - Dizzy Gillespie from Cheraw, Chubby Checker, Robert Mitchum, and Teddy Pendergrass from Williamsburg County, Drink Small and opera singer Gwendolyn Bradley from Bishopville, and Josh Turner from Florence County, to name a few.

Our favorite stop to honor the old-time performers is the Cheraw home site of Dizzy Gillespie which features a sculptural fence with the musical notes from his song "Salt Peanuts." The stainless steel fence was created by South Carolina artist Bob Doster. Dizzy's statue stands in the Town Green in Cheraw.

From the SC Jazz Festival in Cheraw to the RenoFest Bluegrass Festival in Hartsville to the Pee Dee Blues Bash, we really love to put it on! Many of the local restaurants like Red Bone Alley in Florence and Saffron in Hartsville have live bands performing each weekend, and the clubs in Florence are always hopping. In addition to the more contemporary music, the region is filled with classical performances on a regular basis.

Here are a few of the groups organizing performances. For more information, you can visit their websites or call the area information numbers:

Chesterfield County 843.537.8425:

- SC Jazz Festival in Cheraw
www.scjazzfestival.com

Darlington County 843.339.9511:

- Coker College of Hartsville
www.coker.edu
- Cotton Harvest Bluegrass Festival in Hartsville
- Jazz! Carolina in Hartsville
www.jazz-carolina.com
- Hartsville Civic Chorale
www.hartsvillecivicchorale.org
- Hartsville Children's Chorale
www.hartsvillecivicchorale.org
- Coker Concert Association
www.hartsvillecokerconcerts.org

- RenoFest Bluegrass Festival in Hartsville
www.renofest.com

Dillon County 843.774.0052:

- Dillon County Theatre

Florence County 843.664.0330:

- Art Trail Gallery Chamber Music Series in Florence
www.art-trail-gallery.com
- Arts International Festival
www.fmarion.edu
- Concerts in the Park
www.florencesarts.org
- Florence After Five
- Florence Big Band
- Florence Civic Center
www.florenceciviccenter.com
- Florence Men's Choral Society
www.florencemenschoralsociety.com
- Florence Symphony
www.florencesymphony.com
- Florence Youth Symphony
www.florencesymphony.com
- Francis Marion University
www.fmarion.edu
- Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center (opening in 2011)
www.fmarion.edu
- Lake City Concert Series
- Live @ Central United Methodist Church
- Masterworks Choir
www.masterworkschoir.org
- Palmetto Boys Choir
www.florencemenschoralsociety.com
- Pee Dee Blues Bash (April and November)
www.peedeebluesbash.com
- Southeastern Bluegrass Association
www.sebga.org

Lee County 803.484.5090:

- Lee County Opera House
- Wags Fest in Bishopville

Marion County 843.423.3561:

- Carolina Entertainment Complex
www.entertaincarolina.com

Marlboro County 843.479.3941:

- Marlboro Civic Center

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- Carolina Bays
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- Flowers of the Pee Dee
- Geocaching
- Racing through the Pee Dee
- Pee Dee Golf

Scenic Riverways

The South Carolina Scenic Rivers Program was established to conserve unique and outstanding river resources throughout South Carolina. For each scenic riverway, there is a cooperative community-based process, which allows landowners, community interests and the Department of Natural Resources to work together towards common river conservation goals.

NOTE: All information and photos regarding Scenic Riverways has been provided through the SCDNR. More information may be found at www.dnr.sc.gov.



BLACK RIVER

The Black River flows through the Coastal Plain of South Carolina. The headwaters originate in Lee County south of the town of Bishopville and the river flows southeasterly through the counties of Sumter, Clarendon, and Williamsburg for 150 miles as it makes its way to join with the Great Pee Dee River in Georgetown County.

This is a free-flowing blackwater river shouldered by a ribbon of dense, undisturbed swamp forest. The water has a dark inky black color due to chemicals known as tannins leached from tree leaves and other organic material decomposing in the surrounding swamps. This river has white sandbars at low water levels and unique alternating 'lake-like' and 'narrow' river areas. This ribbon of wild and undeveloped land provides high quality habitat for a variety of plant and animal species including some rare, threatened and endangered species such as American chaffseed and the swallow-tailed kite.

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Public Access:

- Highway 40 bridge over the Black - throw-in for paddle craft only
- Highway 50 bridge landing – Brewington- on the Pogotalico River – public landing for motorized or non motorized water-craft.
- Highway 35 Bridge Landing- Private unimproved (dirt) landing
- Gilland Memorial Park Public Landing- Kingstree
- Mill Street Public Landing- Kingstree
- Highway 377 Bridge Throw-in, paddle craft only- stay on highway right-of-way
- Highway 30 Bridge Throw-in, paddle craft only- stay on highway right-of-way
- Erwin Public Landing- Bloomingvale
- Reds Public Landing- Highway 41 in Andrews
- Pumphouse Public Landing- Andrews
- Pine Tree Public Landing- Highway 38 in Georgetown County
- Pea House Public Landing- Highway 38 in Georgetown County



THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER

In 2002, the governor signed a bill designating approximately 70 miles of the Great Pee Dee as a Scenic River from the US Highway 378 Bridge between Florence and Marion Counties to the US Highway 17 Bridge at Winyah Bay.

The Great Pee Dee is large and wild. Most of the land bordering the river is floodplain forest. The corridor is a 70-mile by 3-mile swath of high quality wildlife habitat, boasting 120 species of fish, at least 25 rare plant species, several endangered and threatened species (including the American alligator, red-cockaded woodpecker, bald eagle and swallow-tailed kite), 17 species of duck (all but the wood duck are migratory visitors), a number of wading birds and fur bearing species, and typical South Carolina game species, such as white tail deer and turkey.

River travelers will notice a distinct change in the Great Pee Dee's character as they go from the US 378 Bridge to Winyah Bay. Cypress-tupelo and bottomland hardwood forests, with hairpin meanders, sandy point bars and many interconnected oxbow lakes surround the upper portions of the river. Abandoned channels of the river, often called "lakes" (e.g., Jordan Lake, Thomas Lake), can be explored in small boats. Below the confluence with the Little Pee Dee (another adjoining State Scenic River), the sandy point bars and banks disappear. The surrounding forest becomes tidal swamp. The main forest species are still present, but some, like the swamp and black willows that dominate sandy banks upstream, vanish completely. A final transition happens below Thoroughfare Creek, where the freshwater tidal marshes, once cultivated as part of antebellum rice plantations, begin to displace the tidal swamp forest.

The entire 70-mile scenic river segment is navigable (free enough to be traveled upon by a small vessel) and may be accessed at eight public boat landings dispersed along its length. The lower sections of the river are used by large powerboats. Small powerboats and canoes are commonly used to navigate the narrow abandoned channels and oxbow lakes. Opportunities for multi-day canoe-camping trips are available during normal to low water conditions when the large sand bars along the upper portions of the river offer camping sites.



Access:

- Allisons Landing (sometimes called Ellisons Landing or Poston Landing) is found in Florence Co., about four river miles below the US 378 bridge. Follow county road 44 from the intersection of US 378 and SR 41/51 1.7 miles and turn left at the sign for the landing.
- Dunham Bluff is found in Marion Co., about ten river miles below the US 378 bridge. Traveling east on US 378, make a right onto Dunham Bluff Road, which is at the intersection of US 378 and SR 908 (opposite the locally famous Park n' Blow). The landing is at the end of the road, about a mile and a half from US 378.

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- Staple Lake Landing is found in Williamsburg Co., about 19 river miles below the US 378 bridge. The landing itself is on an abandoned side channel that is about 200 yards off the river. From Hemingway, take SR 261 east about five miles to the intersection with County Line Road (at Outland). Make a left on County Line Road. At the Jerusalem AME Church, the paved road veers off to the right, but continue straight ahead on the unpaved road to the landing.
- Port Hill Landing is found in Georgetown Co., about 25 river miles below the US 378 bridge. From SR 261 near Outland, take county road 55 about 4.5 miles to county road 753 (there is a sign for the landing). Make a left and follow the road to the end. This landing has extremely limited parking opportunities, and is unusable to all but canoes and other small boats at low water levels.
- Petersfield Landing is found in Georgetown Co., about 29 river miles below the US 378 bridge. Take county road 36 (Old Pee Dee Road) from Yauhannah (at the intersection of US 701 and SR 261) about six miles to the access road for Petersfield (road 36 veers off to the left). Follow the access road to the end.
- The Tan Yard is found in Marion Co., about 36 river miles below the US 378 bridge, about half a river mile above the confluence with the Little Pee Dee River. The road to this unimproved dirt landing is impassable when either river is flooding. The long, unpaved access road to the Tan Yard intersects with US 378 near the intersection with SR 908. Inquire locally about road conditions before using this landing.
- Yauhannah Landing (sometimes called the 701 Landing) is found in Horry Co., at the base of the US 701 bridge. From Conway, take US 701 toward Georgetown. Just before the bridge, make a right turn on the landing's access road. This landing is about 41.5 river miles below the US 378 bridge, and 28.5 river miles above Winyah Bay.
- Samworth Wildlife Management Area Landing is found in Georgetown Co., about 10 river miles above Winyah Bay. Take US 701 from Georgetown toward Conway. After crossing the bridge over the Black River, make the first right onto county road 52. Follow road 52 about five miles and turn right at signs for the Samworth WMA. The Dirleton Plantation house will be toward the right, and the boat ramp will be toward the left.
- No other landings are found on the scenic portion of the Great Pee Dee below Samworth. The East Bay Street Landing in the City of Georgetown may be useful to boaters on the Great Pee Dee River, however. It is downtown, just above the mouth of the Sampit River.

LITTLE PEE DEE RIVER

The Little Pee Dee is an outstanding example of a Coastal Plain blackwater river in South Carolina. Fourteen (14) miles of the lower Little Pee Dee River from Highway 378 to the



confluence with the Great Pee Dee River were designated a State Scenic River in March of 1990 by the Legislature. The tea-colored water, cypress-tupelo swamps, lakes, white sand stream-bottoms and beaches characterize this river section.

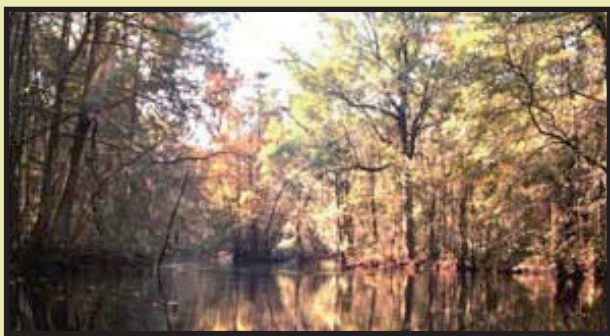
Fishers pursue bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie, and catfish. The most popular fishing activity is for the redbreast sunfish in the spring. Recreational boating, in canoes and small power boats, is popular year round. Camping spots can be found on sand beaches and ridges along the river.

Recreational Access / Boat Landings:

There are currently five public access points on the lower Little Pee Dee Scenic River.

- **Pitts Landing:** Two boat landings are located at the Highway 378 crossing on either side of the river, one in Marion County and one in Horry County called Pitts Landing.
- **Sampson Landing:** About four miles downstream on the Marion County side (river right) is Sampson Landing. The landing is off the river on Sampson Lake.
- **Punchpole Landing:** Eight miles below Highway 378 is Punchpole Landing (often labeled Punchbowl) located on the Horry County side (river left). Punchpole Landing is on a large sand deposit and the area just upstream provides beaches that are heavily used by the locals for sunning, swimming, and wading.
- **Sanders and Parkers Landings:** Two landings, Sanders and Parkers, are located on the east bank of Russ Creek which is off the Little Pee Dee on the Marion County side. From the Little Pee Dee these landings can be reached by entering either the upper end of Russ Creek or Jiles Creek and related sloughs on the west side of the river. These landings are about 10 or 11 river miles below Highway 378.
- **Tan Yard Landing:** Additional access points are located on the Great Pee Dee River. Tan Yard Landing can be reached by traveling about one mile upstream on the Great Pee Dee River. This landing is at the end of the road that accesses all the previously mentioned Marion County landings. Tan Yard Landing is about 15 river miles from Highway 378.
- **Highway 701 bridge:** Five miles downstream from the confluence with the Great Pee Dee is the Highway 701 bridge. A take out is located on the Horry County side (river left).

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LITTLE PEE DEE RIVER OF DILLON COUNTY

This section of the Little Pee Dee Scenic River extends 48-miles through Dillon County from the Marlboro County line above Parish Mill Bridge on State Road 363 to the confluence with Buck Swamp at the Marion County line.

The Little Pee Dee is a classic blackwater river and provides outstanding scenery with clear dark waters, sandy river bottoms and bars, and winding water trails lined by cypress-tupelo swamps and bottomland hardwood forests. The natural resources of the Little Pee Dee River provide outstanding recreational fishing and boating opportunities and many other nature-based recreations.

The Little Pee Dee River floodplain and adjacent uplands contain large acreages of wild and undeveloped forestland, wetlands, and open waters that provide important habitat for a great variety of wildlife species. The adjacent uplands contain additional wildlife habitat in a landscape of agricultural fields and upland forests. The free flowing, unaltered river system is an important resource for inland fisheries with its streams, sloughs, oxbow lakes, and swamps providing diverse habitat for native fish and other aquatic wildlife.

Recreational Access:

River access is available along the entire 48 mile study area at three public boat ramps; and the public uses another ten public/private ramps and drop-in sites that are dispersed along the river's length. Virtually all sections of the river accessed from these sites are navigable by small powerboats and canoes or kayaks; however, storm-downed trees and deadfalls may temporarily obstruct passage in some places. Access sites that are used by the public include the following:

- State Road 363 bridge: privately owned, drop-in access, no parking available
- S.C. Highway 57 bridge: privately owned, no drop-in access
- State Road 429 at McKay's Bridge: privately owned, limited public use, drop-in access, public parking not recommended
- State Road 23 at Harlee's Bridge: privately owned, drop-in access, limited public parking
- Norton's Landing at end of Norton Landing Road off S.C. Highway 9 west of Dillon, south/west bank of river: privately owned, drop-in access, very limited public parking
- Moccasin's Bluff ramp at end of State Road 437, north/east bank of river: SCDNR owned, public access, paved boat ramp, paved parking
- U.S. Highway 501/301 bridge: privately owned, paved boat ramp with dirt parking
- S.C. Highway 9 at Dillon Bridge, the old bridge: SCDOT owned, drop-in access, parking on old Highway 9 roadbed
- Dillon County Park off S.C. Highway 57, south of Dillon: Dillon County owned, paved boat ramp, dirt parking
- State Road 45 (Lester Road) at Floydale Bridge: Dillon County owned, paved boat ramp, dirt parking
- Little Pee Dee State Park Heritage Preserve, north side of river upstream of SR 22 at Carmichael's Bridge: SCDNR owned, drop-in access at end of dirt road, no parking available. The Little Pee Dee State Park is adjacent to and down-river from this site; the State Park borders approximately one mile of the river along the north bank.
- S.C. Highway 41 at Huggins Bridge: privately owned, dirt boat ramp, dirt parking
- State Road 72 at Allen's Bridge: privately owned, very limited public access, drop-in access, no parking

The Little Pee Dee is a popular river for canoeists with single-day float trips being the most common use. Opportunities for multiday canoe-camping trips are also available; however, designated camping sites are very limited. The only designated camping facilities along the river are at Little Pee Dee State Park, an 854-acre property managed by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; however, the existing campsites are over one mile from the river. In low water conditions sand bars along the river can offer locations for primitive, backcountry camping, as can the many miles of swamp and forestlands lining the river. Camping on riverboarding lands will require permission from the landowners.

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LYNCHES RIVER

Along its winding course, the Lynches River passes through a varied landscape of pine uplands, farms, rural crossroads, and deep swamp forest. Special features include numerous small islands and sloughs, intermittent bluffs, bottomland hardwood wetlands, and artesian wells. Along the 7.5 miles of riverfront protected as part of Lee State Natural Area and Lynches River County Park, trees soar to impressive heights untouched by the woodsman's axe. The river corridor provides excellent habitat for fish such as redbreast and wildlife including river otters, white-tailed deer, and wood ducks. Recreation opportunities abound. The river also holds historic significance as a hideout for slaves during the Civil War and as the site of the state's last duel. Fortunately, the landowners and communities along the Lynches have long recognized the value of the river's natural, scenic, and historic attributes.

In 1994, Governor Carroll Campbell signed the Lynches River Scenic River bill officially designating the stretch between US 15 in Lee County and the eastern boundary of Lynches River County Park in Florence County as a State Scenic River. In 2008, Governor Mark Sanford signed a bill extending the designated scenic stretch from the Florence County Park to the confluence with the Great Pee Dee River for a total of 111 miles through four counties (Darlington, Florence, Lee and Sumter).

SCDNR has recently completed the Lynches Scenic River Trail Guide, available for download from the www.dnr.sc.gov website.

Trails of the Pee Dee⁷¹

The Trails of the Pee Dee includes horse trails, hiking trails, interpretive trails, bike trails, agricultural driving trails, and more.

The Pee Dee Region has so many trails to discover, we can't possibly list them all, but here are a few of our favorites. The full list can be found at www.sctrails.net, complete with maps and list of facilities.



INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

Kalmia Gardens/Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve
1624 West Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC, 29550
843.383.8145 ~ www.coker.edu/kalmia

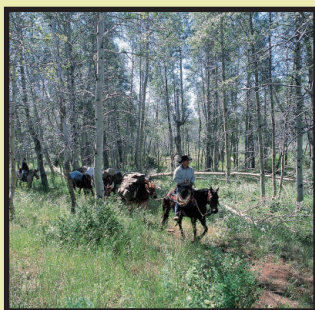
From the white gates and brick walks around the fountains, begin this trail network through 30 acres of beautiful gardens, pine and oak uplands, and flood plain forest. On the short, mostly level, garden trails you walk amid azaleas, camellias, and a variety of other ornamental flowers. On the longer, wooded trails you will loop past a quiet pond, park benches, and connect with the mostly level wood-chip and boardwalk Flood Plain Trail and the rolling Kalmia Loop that winds above and along the banks of Black Creek. On the occasionally-steep, Boardwalk Trail, you will follow wooden stairs 60-feet down a scenic, beach bluff to Black Creek where you can branch off the Boardwalk Trail onto the rugged dirt loop through densely forested lowland in the Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve. You may see a variety of wildlife including birds, snakes, and turtles.

Approximately six miles of interconnecting trails, and one mile in the Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve. Pets are permitted on a leash.

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HORSE TRAILS
Sugarloaf Mountain Area
(Sand Hills State Forest)
P.O. Box 128, Patrick, SC,
29584
843.498.6478

These easy riding trails take you through a rolling sand hills area. You will ride on trails of red clay and patches of white sand through an assorted forest of new and old growth dogwoods, pine, and hardwoods. During your ride you may encounter deer, fox squirrels, turkey, and possibly an elusive red cockaded woodpecker. All of the trails have something special, but the Pine Barrens Wagon trail is unique in that it is devoted to horse drawn wagons and buggies. Occasional creeks along the trails provide water for your horse, but even though there are facilities at the trailheads, due to the length of these trails, you might want to carry water for yourself. Horses do not have to be shod.



Length: Sugarloaf Horse 20 miles, H. Cooper Black 18 miles, Pine Barrens Horse 27 miles, and Pine Barrens Wagon 27 miles.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL
Cheraw Mountain Bike Trail
100 State Park Road, Cheraw, SC, 29520
843.537.9656

Starting at the stump, follow the blue blazes in a clockwise direction on a predominately sandy surface through a mixed forest of pines and hardwoods. Because of the sandy content, this trail is a good one to visit when others are wet and muddy. You won't find this to be a very technical trail, but one that is fast; with enough ups, downs, and twisting turns to provide a good workout. Pay close attention to the trail markers, because you will intersect with many unpaved roads. You may encounter wildlife such as deer, snakes, and wild turkeys on the trail during your ride.



No facilities are available at the trail site, but restrooms, water, and drink machines are available in the main part of the park.

Length: 9.2 miles.

HIKING TRAIL

Lake Juniper Boardwalk
100 State Park Rd.
Cheraw, SC, 29520
843.537.9656



Starting from the parking area in the Cheraw State Park, this easy walking out and back boardwalk trail takes you out onto the lake to the Lake Juniper Dam. Near the end of the trail you will cross the spillway where the rushing water creates a soothing "waterfall effect." You will see waterfowl such as ducks, egrets, geese, and pied billed grebe. This is a popular area to see five-lined and ground skinks, yellow-bellied slider and painted turtles, banded water snakes, and the endangered pine barrens

tree frog. You may also be treated to a wide array of raptors such as bald eagles, ospreys, red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, and Mississippi kites. With care you can leave the trail and continue down stream for some distance. At times there are suds in the water like snow drifts. These suds are the result of natural formed soap when leaves decay.

Length: 0.5 mile.

City of Florence Trails System

www.cityofflorence.com

Florence has recently developed a linkage of trails throughout the city measuring more than 20 miles. View the site of the Confederate Prison Stockade, follow Jeffries Creek, and wander along the rail trail where locomotives once ran. More information about the Florence Trails System may be found by visiting the City's website.



Carolina Bays

Carolina bays are elliptical depressions concentrated along the Atlantic seaboard from Delaware to Florida.

There are about 500,000 Carolina bays, varying in size from one to several thousand acres. They are often found in clusters with each bay invariably aligned in a northwest-southeast direction. Generally the southeastern end has a higher rim composed of white sand.

At Woods Bay State Natural Area in Olanta, more than 100 species of migratory birds make their stopover. This particular Carolina bay remains wet year round, providing excellent habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds.

The bays contain trees such as black gum, bald cypress, pond cypress, sweet bay, loblolly bay, red bay, sweet gum, maple, magnolia, and pond pine. It is for the numerous bay trees that Carolina bays have received the name. Plants common in Carolina bays are water lilies, sedges and various grasses. Several carnivorous plants inhabit Carolina bays, including bladderwort, butterwort, pitcher plant, and sundew.

Various theories have been proposed to account for the Bays, the most commonly accepted one being that climate change and the formation of siliclastic karst by solution of subsurface material during glacial sealevel lowstands caused the oddly-shaped elliptical indentations with high sand berm to the southside.

Here are other theories that we find more thought provoking:

- Heavy impact by large sea creatures during the ice age, all traveling southward
- Meteorites hitting the earth
- Extraterrestrials hunting dinosaurs with high powered phasers

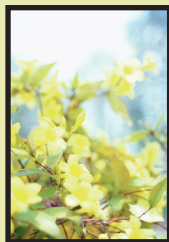
Okay, there is no proof of these theories, but they sure sound more interesting!



State Symbols in the Pee Dee

THE STATE FLOWER

The Yellow Jessamine (also known as yellow jasmine) - a climbing woody vine with evergreen leaves and blooms of small, yellow, tubular, fragrant clusters. While many SC residents plant Yellow Jessamine in their gardens and along fences and trellises, the vines grow freely along roadsides, flowering in early spring.



THE STATE FRUIT

The Peach - South Carolina grows over thirty varieties of peaches and ranks second in fresh peach production in the United States behind California. Peaches have been commercially grown in South Carolina since the 1860s. The best peaches in the Pee Dee? McLeod Farms in McBee.



THE STATE HOSPITALITY BEVERAGE

Tea - South Carolina was the first state to grow tea in the United States. Tea continues to be produced at the Charleston Tea Plantation on Wadmalaw Island, from plants descended from some of the original South Carolina plants. When you order iced tea in the Pee Dee region, you'll certainly be given the choice of "sweet or un." Traditionally we drink our iced tea sweetened – really sweetened!



THE STATE SNACK

The Boiled Peanut - South Carolinians

began boiling peanuts in the 1800s, making use of any surplus peanuts after the crops were harvested and sold. Look for boiled peanuts at roadside stands, festivals, produce stands and stores. In grocery stores, look for The Peanut Patch brand, packaged in Effingham.

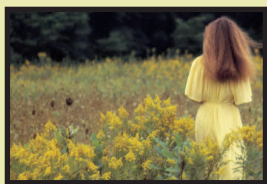


THE STATE TREE

The Palmetto Tree is symbolic of the defeat of the British fleet at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island. The fort was built of Palmetto logs, which absorbed the impact of the cannon balls. The South Carolina Palmetto is classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as "Inodes Palmetto (also called Sabal Palmetto) and commonly known as the Cabbage Palmetto."



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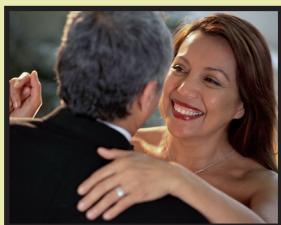


THE STATE WILDFLOWER

Goldenrod is a hardy plant having a bright yellow flower that blooms in late summer and early fall. It is found throughout the state in fields, meadows, and along roadsides.

THE STATE DANCE

The Shag is performed to rhythm and blues. Both the music and dance are structured on time signature and can be performed to almost any tempo, as long as the basic step is maintained and kept in time to the music. Hemingway has a great BBQ Shag Festival.

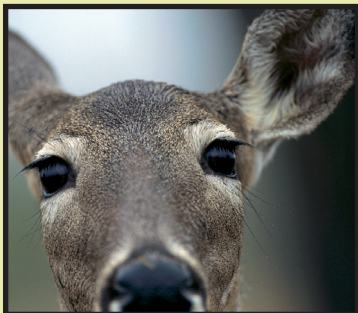


THE STATE SONGS

South Carolina has two official State Songs. "Carolina" and "South Carolina on My Mind." The poem "Carolina" was written by Henry Timrod of Florence and set to music by Anne C. Burgess. Henry Timrod's schoolhouse / historic site is located at Timrod Park in Florence. "South Carolina on My Mind" was composed and recorded by Hank Martin and Buzz Arledge, native South Carolinians.

THE STATE ANIMAL

The Whitetail Deer has a reddish-brown coat in the spring and summer and turns to a grey-brown throughout the fall and winter. The deer can be recognized by the characteristic white underside to its tail, which it shows as a signal of alarm by raising the tail during escape. You'll likely see whitetail deer while you're out hiking and paddling in the Pee Dee region.



THE STATE BIRD

The Carolina Wren is a small bird with a conspicuous white stripe over the eyes. The back of its body is rufous-red and the tail is finely barred with black. The song of the wren may be interpreted as "tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle" and may be heard year-round, day and night, in all kinds of weather.



Naturally Fun Counties!



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

Southern Eighths Farm

www.so8ths.com

5031 W. Jackson Rd.

Chesterfield, SC 29709

843.623.5005

Southern Eighths is a beautiful 250-acre, state-of-the-art farm offering all facilities necessary to produce confident, educated and well-rounded horses and riders. Amenities include: dressage arenas, several show jumping settings, Derby fields with ditches, banks and water complex, two turf tracks, and cross country courses. Clinics are offered throughout the year with international horsemen, and visitors are always welcome.

DILLON COUNTY:

South of the Border Reptile Lagoon

www.thesouthoftheborder.com

3346 Hwy. 301 N., Hamer, SC 29547

843.774.2411

The newly opened Reptile Lagoon at South of the Border is all the more interesting for being in such an unexpected location. An enormous building with a central skylighted dome has been transformed into a natural habitat for creatures that are seldom seen and often feared. The inhabitants include every species of native Southeastern reptiles, like alligators and turtles, as well as many exotic varieties of rare snakes. The queen of the exhibit is a rare albino reticulated python from Southeast Asia. This truly lovely snake is milk white with distinctive yellow reticulated markings.

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Carefully designed enclosures protect the animals while allowing humans to view them in natural surroundings. Water features, native plants, rocks and logs give the reptiles a sense of home, while keeping people a safe distance away. In the center of the “jungle” is a lagoon especially designed for the most impressive of all the reptiles--Nile and Cuban Nile crocodiles. Prepare to be educated and thrilled by seeing these interesting animals up close. This state-of-the-art reptile center is located at the NC-SC border on I-95. Look for signs!

FLORENCE COUNTY:

Clemson Outdoor Educational Trail

www.clemson.edu/oet/

2200 Pocket Rd., Florence, SC 29501

843.662.3526

When you follow the 1.5 mile path through the Outdoor Education Trail you'll find tons of information about our natural resources and the need for us to conserve them. The trail includes a Native American village and garden, a large lake with fishery, and a butterfly garden.

Each Spring, the Outdoor Education Trail holds the Celebrating Rural Heritage Festival featuring a traditional blacksmith, soapmaker, willow chair maker, basket weaver, and bee keeper, as well as many agricultural displays and locally-produced food items. When you stop by during the festival, you may find some sheep to pet, and some locally-made muscadine wine to drink!





FMU Dooley planetarium

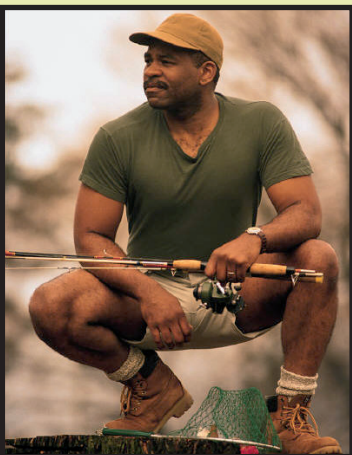
www.fmarion.edu

4822 East Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29501

843.661.1362

The Francis Marion University Dooley Planetarium provides celestial shows on its 33 ft. wide dome. The Spitz System 512 Projector can project nearly 2500 stars as well as several prominent galaxies and star clusters. The dome reaches a height of 24 ft, and looking at the dome during the programs has a very similar feel as looking upward at the night sky.

The Dooley Planetarium hosts shows on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, and the programs are also available by appointment to large groups, up to 93 people. Numerous shows have been developed by Francis Marion University to educate and entertain, from “The Universe of Einstein” to “Stories from the Greeks” to “Mighty Jupiter”, each show has its own theme and includes live narration.



Jeffries Creek

Jeffries Creek flows straight through Florence, offering a quiet place to kayak and fish, right in the middle of the city. A tributary of the Great Pee Dee River, the blackwater river flows southeasterly through Darlington and Florence Counties.

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Lynches River County Park
www.lynchesriverpark.com
1110 Ben Gause Rd.
Coward, SC 29530
843.389.2785

There is way too much to experience at Lynches River County Park! From geocaching to walking the trails to watching the videos of the nightcams focused on feeding areas, you can even watch a step by step slideshow of a snake swallowing a squirrel!

Based on the concept that kids learn more about nature when their experience is mixed with technology, the Environmental Discovery Center has weather stations set up in two areas – one sunny spot in the parking lot and one shaded under the canopy – to show the difference that trees can make. Kids can bring what they find in nature to place under the video microscope. They can even build a nature bank account, checking their balance on a website – and trading some treasures they found for a special stone or birds nest.

There are swinging boardwalks through the canopy which lead to platforms for birdwatching, and rental canoes and kayaks to take you out on the scenic Lynches River. Cabins are available for overnight stays, and there is a colorful splashpad in the middle of the wooded area to keep the kids cool during the summer days.

Don't forget to stop by the park office to pick up the 'Birds of Lynches River County Park' brochure as a guide for bird-watching!



Naturally Outdoors
www.naturallyoutdoors.com
2519 West Palmetto St.
Florence, SC 29501
843.665.1551

The coolest place to check out trail maps, choose a new kayak or bike, or even try on some new shades! Naturally Outdoors is an outfitter with hands-on knowledge of where to paddle, fish, hike, or even go

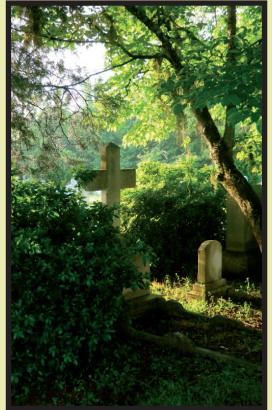
geocaching. During the summer months the shop hosts several paddle trips, so be sure to check their calendars for availability of new adventures!

Also, for your healthy dose of outdoor adventure, stop by on Saturday mornings when the fresh market is set up just outside the store. Ovis Hill Farm brings all the local produce and healthy meats and cheeses, eggs and grains to Naturally Outdoors.

Old River Road

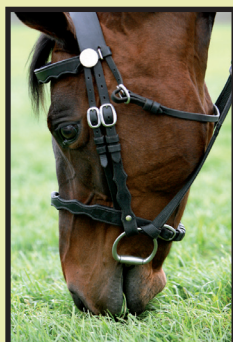
Travel down Old River Road to experience the feel of the old South. The winding drive takes you between Florence and Johnsonville, making it a wonderful “longcut” from Florence to the coast. Along the way, stop and see these historic sites located near the intersections of Francis Marion Road and Old River Road:

- Hopewell Presbyterian Church and Cemetery - The church, completed in 1842, is an example of a two-story frame edifice in the Greek Revival style. The cemetery, in use since the late eighteenth century, occupies a three-acre site where the original Hopewell Presbyterian Church stood. It contains a notable collection of nineteenth century marble headstones and monuments, many signed by their carvers, laid out in a distinctive pattern of alignment by family. Inside the cemetery is the church’s early Session House.
- The Howard-Claussen House is one of the oldest homes in Florence. Constructed ca. 1830, the Claussen House is an excellent local example of early nineteenth century Greek Revival architecture and late nineteenth century Italianate style alterations and additions. Built in the raised cottage form, the house is likely one of the most distinguished of its type throughout the upland coastal plain of South Carolina.



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Palmetto Stables
<http://easternx.com/>
3508 Cherrywood Rd.
Florence, S.C. 29501
843.615.5225



Whether you're needing a place to board your horse overnight, or just interested in seeing some absolutely beautiful horses from the road, Palmetto Stables / Florence Horse Farm offers private paddocks, round pens, and 25 acres of pasture. Some of their regular visitors include Olympic International Winners, Walt Disney World Horses on Parade, Budweiser Clydesdales Horses, and World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions. Owner Jack Belew is on the premises. Please call before visiting.

River Rats
www.riverratscanoerentals.com
2740 Indigo Landing Rd.
Scranton, SC 29591
843.389.4656

Want to go out on a paddling excursion with your friends, but prefer to have a guide to show you the ropes? River Rats is here to help! Barry Frick and his crew will help to provide paddling instructions, help you spot birds and other wildlife, and even show you the best places to stop for a picnic lunch. The coolest time to go during the summer, though, is at night. Ask River Rats about their full moon paddle trips!



Science South
www.sciencesouth.org
1511 Freedom Blvd., Florence, SC 29505
843.679.5353

Located at Freedom Florence, Science South offers real hands-on science activities for kids and families. You can learn how to identify plants from pollen, extract DNA from a strawberry, or get up close and personal with what's bugging you!



Timrod Park
www.cityofflorence.com
400 Timrod Park Dr.
Florence, SC 29501
843.665.3253

Timrod Park is especially pretty in the spring with all the blooming dogwoods and azaleas. Part of the Rotary Beauty Trail, Timrod Park has a handicapped walking trail and a wonderful little babbling brook. The gazebo is a nice little place to stop and enjoy the birds.

Located at the park are several tennis courts and a playground area. Henry Timrod's one-room schoolhouse is also located at the park. Timrod was the Poet Laureate of the Confederacy, and penned the words to our state song, "Carolina."

Concerts in the park are held on the first Sunday of each month at Timrod Park in the summertime, and at the Florence Museum, adjacent to the park, in the wintertime.



Walking trails
www.cityofflorence.com
 Between the Rail Trail, Freedom Florence Trails, and the Urban Connections, the Florence City Trail System offers more than 20 miles of walking trails. Follow the trails to find the Florence Veterans Park, Freedom Florence, the Confederate Stockade, and many more Florence treasures. Links to the trail system may be found on the City's website.

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Wallace Woods Nature Trail

www.fmarion.edu

4822 East Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501

843.661.1381

This nature trail is ½ mile of flat terrain, perfect for families with children of all ages. You'll see more than 60 plant and animal species during your short walk, including the umbrella magnolia with the largest simple leaves of any trees in North America. Don't forget to stop at the frog retreats!

While you are at the trail, stop to visit the hand-hewn slave cabins which were originally standing at the plantation where Francis Marion University is now located. More information about the cabins may be found in the brochure entitled "South Carolina African-American Sites at Mars Bluff" available at the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Wallace Woods Nature Trail is located in the northeast corner of the Francis Marion University Campus. If you'd like more information about the trail and its inhabitants, you can pick up a guidebook from the FMU Biology Department. Guided walks are available for large groups by calling 843.661.1381.

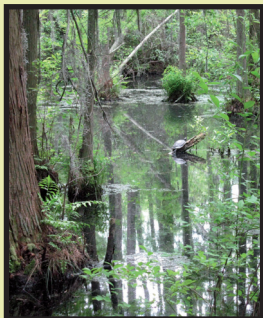
Woods Bay State Natural Area

11020 Woods Bay Rd.

Olanta, SC 29114

843.659.4445

Woods Bay State Natural Area features a prime example of a Carolina bay that remains wet year round, creating a lush landscape of the cypress-tupelo swamp. Because of its unique ecosystem, the park is visited by more than 100 species of migratory birds and waterfowl. Enjoy fishing, canoeing, hiking, photography, and birding along the boardwalk and canoeing trail.





MARION COUNTY:
Betwixt the Rivers Outfitters
234 Schofield Rd., Marion, SC 29571
843.423.1919

Call on Betwixt the Rivers Outfitters for canoe and kayak tours on several rivers, including Little Pee Dee, Big Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches, Waccamaw and Black. Historical areas include the "Tan Yards" of Marion County, Snow Island and the hideout of Francis Marion. Meals can be included in day trips, moonlight trips and overnight trips.

Lumber River

The Lumber River flows from south-central North Carolina downstream to the NC/SC border. Soon after crossing into South Carolina, the Lumber River flows into the Little Pee Dee River, which flows into the Pee Dee River, or Great Pee Dee River. The Carolina Algonquian Indians were known to have called the river Lumbee (meaning black water).

Pee Dee River

The river begins as the Yadkin River in North Carolina, becoming the Pee Dee at Lake Tillery, NC, named after the Native American Pee Dee tribe. The Pee Dee region was also named for the Indian tribe.

The river was an important trade route from colonial times, and in the 1900s the river was used to float lumber to a mill at the river's mouth in Georgetown. It is now an important source of electric power and public water supplies, as well as recreational use. While the Pee Dee is free-flowing in South Carolina, upstream in North Carolina, several dams have been constructed on it. The opening and closing of these dams causes dramatic swings in the depth of the river in South Carolina.

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The river is excellent for recreational fishing and boating. There are numerous boat landings, yet most of the river is wild, with forests of tupelo, oak and gum along its shores. The river is great for birding and sighting wildlife including alligators and an occasional bald eagle. The lower part of the river from Highway 378 to Winyah Bay has been designated a Scenic River. Some tributaries are the Lumber, the Little Pee Dee, Lynches, Black and Waccamaw rivers. The river empties into Winyah Bay, and then into the Atlantic Ocean near Georgetown.

Snow's Island is a large island at the junction of the Pee Dee and Lynches rivers. This was headquarters for General Francis Marion during the American Revolution. It proved a safe haven for him and his militia troops, as the British were never able to find the camp.

The Pee Dee River was the original river for Stephen Foster's song "Old Folks at Home" commonly known by its first line, "Way Down upon the Swanee River."

Wildlife Action Incorporated
www.wildlifeaction.com
405 North Main St., Mullins, SC 29574
843.464.8473

Following the Five Point Law, Wildlife Action seeks to preserve, conserve, educate, build sportsmanship and fellowship while owning and managing over 50,000 acres of land. The Fork Retch camp offers lodges for reunions, tent sites for outdoor experiences, and tons of activities to keep kids age 6-16 busy. The annual wilderness camps are hands on, face to face with nature – with the motto “to put more back than we take.” WLA holds annual rifle, pistol, skeet, fishing, cooking, and archery competitions. Their monthly meetings include special dinners - blackened fish; rattlesnake; beaver stew; venison; duck bog; (maybe even hot dogs and hamburgers, too!).

MARLBORO COUNTY:**Lake Paul Wallace****200 Jefferson St.****Bennettsville, SC 29512****843.479.5632**

Lake Paul Wallace is just outside of Bennettsville, and is a great place to relax and walk... through the center of the lake! The trail itself is a separation berm that allows for a wonderful fishing experience on one side of the lake, and an area for watersports on the other.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY:**Back Woods Quail Club****www.backwoodsquailclub.com****647 Hemingway Ln., Georgetown, SC 29440****843.546.1466**

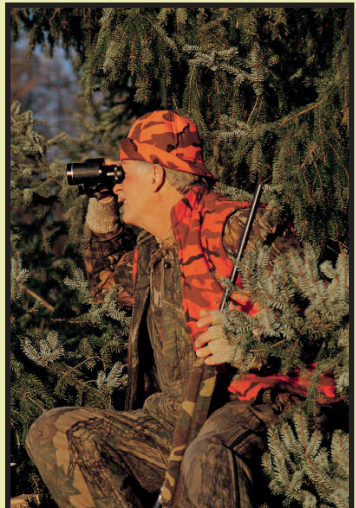
Okay, Back Woods Quail isn't quite in Williamsburg County, but it so close and so Southern, we couldn't help but mention it! Back Woods Quail Club is located on Old Morrisville Plantation with over 15,000 acres of open fields, timber lands, and wooded areas. This preserve offers old-fashioned southern style quail, deer, and turkey hunting, as well as an array of exciting and challenging clay target shooting sports.

Camp Back Woods, a week long summer camp for kids, is just one of many popular programs offered at the Quail Club. Introductory hunting and sporting weekends are offered frequently, giving everyone an opportunity to hunt or shoot regardless of their experience level.

Located less than 30 minutes from historic Georgetown, and an hour from Myrtle Beach, Charleston and Florence, Back Woods is ideal for both social and corporate entertaining. Situated directly off of Highway 51 in the Rhems community, Back Woods is very easy to get to.

The club is open year round so you can keep your shooting eye sharp.

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Springbank Retreat Center
www.springbankretreat.org
1345 Springbank Rd.
Kingstree, SC 29556
800.671.0361

If you are looking for a place to relax and find yourself, Springbank Retreat is it! Programs range from basket weaving and watercolors to enneagram personality mapping and T'ai Chi Chih retreats.



Springbank Christian Center - Dominican Retreat House, also known as simply "Springbank Retreat," has been staffed and supported by the Adrian Dominican

Sisters continuously for over 21 years. Strongly rooted in its Catholic foundation, aided by its Ecumenical Board of Directors, the Center extends its Christian hand to people of all faiths. And so it remains today, a unique place of healing and renewal.

McCutcheon Training Center
30 Ward Rd., Kingstree, SC 29556
843.355.6431

The McCutcheon Training Center is the site of the annual Running of the King's Tree Trials. This event brings jockeys and their horses from all across the southeast to the Cedar Swamp Community. Join in the fun as you watch thoroughbreds and quarter horses speed around the track that has become the "Cup" or "Steeplechase" of Williamsburg County.



Flowers of the Pee Dee

MAGNOLIA

Southern magnolias are absolutely beautiful in the months of May and June in the Pee Dee. As you're driving through the area, you may spot some large dark-leaved trees with tremendous white flowers, the subject of southern-



style paintings throughout the region. These trees will grow up to 90 ft high, and their flowers smell a bit like citronella. *Magnolia grandiflora*, commonly known as the Southern magnolia or bull bay, is a tree of the family Magnoliaceae native to the southeastern United States.

CAMELLIAS

First propagated in Japan, the first camellias were made available in Charleston in 1818. They were the choice ornamental shrub of plantation owners from 1830 to 1860, with thousands of them being sold. With



the coming of the Civil War, the popularity of camellias (or of any flowers) died in the South. Interest in camellias began to revive in the early 1900s and has continued ever since.

The James House in Bishopville, presently home to the Lee County Historical Society, showcases more than fifty varieties of camellias, several of them thirty feet tall. The James House is listed on the National Historic Register because of the shrubs, many of which were cultivated at Magnolia Plantation, such as the Mathotiana and Duchess of Sutherland cultivars.

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WISTERIA

Wisteria sinensis, or Chinese wisteria arrived in North America in 1816. It grows easily in South Carolina, the climate being similar to that of its original home in China. The plants can grow to 100 ft. long over supporting trees by counterclockwise-twining stems. Although the beautiful bunches of spring blooming flowers smell like grapes, the plant is actually a member of the pea family. But don't eat it! The entire plant is poisonous.



KUDZU

As you are driving down secondary roads, you may see entire stands of trees covered in leafy vines of kudzu (*pueraria lobata*). This vine, native to Japan, was brought to the US in 1876 and promoted by the Soil Conservation Service to prevent soil erosion. By 1953, the US Department of Agriculture had declared it a weed, growing out of control in the southeastern part of the country.



Kudzu is a member of the pea family, and its seeds sometimes take two or three years to germinate. Just when you think you've gotten rid of it, you turn your back, and "the vine that ate the south" comes back to haunt you. Although we've never measured it ourselves, kudzu is said to grow as much as a foot in a single night.

AZALEAS

A member of the rhododendron family, the azalea was found in South Carolina during the settlement of the New World. There are about 15 species of azalea which are native to the East Coast, while numerous varieties are native to China and Japan. The spring-blooming shrubs fill gardens in the South with masses of bright color for a few weeks each year.





Geocaching

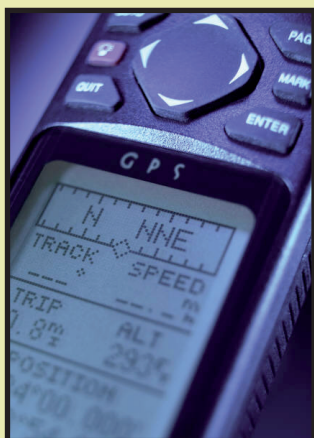
When we put this guide together, there were more than 600 geocaches in the Pee Dee region, with more being added by the day, it seems.

Our favorite places to go geocaching? Here are a few:

- Lynches River County Park south of Florence
- Bennettsville downtown
- Sand Hills State Forest

If you're new to geocaching, here is a description from www.geocaching.com:

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.





Racing through the Pee Dee

The racing tradition runs deep throughout the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina. One of our more notable racing attractions is Darlington Raceway, home to the track that's "Too Tough to Tame." Join in the excitement at all the Darlington Raceway events, which include the NASCAR Nationwide Series and Sprint Cup Southern 500 on Mother's Day weekend; NASCAR Camping World Truck Series in August; and Darlington Historic Racing Festival in September.

In addition to Darlington Raceway, there are lots of locations to enjoy grassroots racing in the Pee Dee:

- Carolina Motorsports Complex
1548 S Hwy. 501, Marion, SC 29571
843.431.9008
- Carolina Speedway
523 Race Track Rd., Nichols, SC 29581
843.759.9537
- Darlington Dragway
2056 E. Bobo Newsome Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.383.0008
www.darlingtondragway.com

- Darlington Raceway & Museum
1301 Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington, SC 29532
843.395.8499
www.darlingtonraceway.com
- Dillon Motor Speedway
1436 Old Race Track Rd., Dillon, SC 29536
843.319.9797
www.dillonmotorspeedway.com
- Fastrax USA
589 E. Old Wire Rd., Bennettsville, SC 29512
843.454.0389
- Florence Motor Speedway
836 E. Smith St., Timmonsville, SC 29161
843.346.7711
www.florencemotorspeedway.com
- I-20 Motorsports
1950 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010
803.428.3039
www.i20motorsports.com
- Jefferson-Pageland Dragway
3167 Peach Orchard Rd., Jefferson, SC 29718
843.658.3556
www.jpdragway.com
- Liberty Lane Walk of Fame
between 114 & 116 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532
843.398.4000 Extension 108
www.darlingtonsconline.com
- Midway Dragstrip
2498 S. Williamsburg Hwy., Greeleyville, SC 29056
843.426.4419
- Sandblast Rally at Sand Hill State Forest
16218 Hwy. 1, Patrick, SC 29584
919.434.3267
www.sandblastrally.com
- Sandhill Motorsports Park
2140 Angelus Rd., Chesterfield, SC 29709
843.623.2036
- TNT Kartway
2698 Green Rd., Cades, SC 29518
843.389.0010
- Wheel Crazy Motorsports Park
142 Victory Ln., Johnsonville, SC 29555
843.933.2517

Pee Dee Golf

Pee Dee Golf is one of South Carolina's best kept secrets. Located near Myrtle Beach but far from the high fees, the Pee Dee offers world-class golf on a variety of courses. *Information below provided by www.DiscoverSouthCarolina.com:*

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

Cheraw Country Club

2431 Old Cash Rd., Cheraw SC 29520

843.537.3412

www.cherawgolf.com

In the Sandhills of SC, Cheraw Country Club provides golfers an opportunity to enjoy a leisurely round of golf on a Donald Ross design at a great rate. This course's signature #4 hole features a water hazard and trees on both sides of the fairway.

Cheraw State Park Golf Course

100 State Park Rd., Cheraw, SC 29520

843.537.9656

www.playcheraw.com

Cheraw State Park Golf Course has been called "the best kept secret in South Carolina." The course is one of just 40 in the country to earn Golf Digest's highest honor as a "Super Value." Set around Lake Juniper, this Tom Jackson beauty plays to 6,928 yards and a 130 slope from the championship tees.

DARLINGTON COUNTY:

Beaver Creek Golf Club

1133 E. McIver Rd., Darlington, SC 29532

843.393.5441

Beaver Creek is a great 18 hole regulation course located at the Beaver Creek Golf Club facility in Darlington. From the longest tees it presents 6,400 yards of golf for a par of 72. Designed by Jim Robertson, this manicured golf course has well placed sand traps and small to medium sized bermuda greens.

Darlington Country Club

125 Country Club Rd., Darlington, SC 29532

843.393.0236

www.darlingtoncountryclub.com

This course reflects the Southern style and charm of its community. Lush fairways, well-bunkered greens, and thick woods with lots of water, thanks to famous Black Creek.

Fox Creek Golf Club

2433 Tomahawk Rd., Lamar, SC 29069

843.332.0613

Fox Creek offers large rolling grass greens, practice putting greens, a large driving range, clubhouse and rental clubs. Elevated well-trapped greens, plenty of water and dense foliage combine for a challenging 7000 yards.

Governor's Run Golf Club
665 Club Dr., Lamar, SC 29069
843.326.5513

Though most of the well-conditioned fairways are comfortably wide, a few, such as the dogleg par-4 sixth, require precise tee shots to stay in play. Best Hole: No. 5, a 175-yard par-3 guarded by water on the left side, a front bunkers and a densely wooded hazard on the right, making accuracy a must.

Hartsville Country Club
116 Golf Course Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.332.1441

www.hartsvillecountryclub.com

Designed by Ed Riccoboni, this well-maintained layout features generous fairways, smooth greens, plenty of sand and water, and a good mix of playable and challenging holes. Best Hole: No. 16, a 150-yard Par-3 that plays over a lake to a peninsula green that slopes back-to-front and is guarded by bulkheads in front and sand bunkers behind the green.

Sandy Point Golf Club
3688 Middendorf Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550
843.335.8950

Rolling hills and bent grass greens make this a good course for all skill levels. This hilly course has narrow fairways, so shot accuracy is essential. The signature hole is #9, a 523-yard, par 5, considered by locals to be the biggest challenge on the course.

DILLON COUNTY:
Twin Lakes Country Club
141 E. Countryside Rd., Dillon, SC 29536
843.774.3740

www.twinlakescc-sc.com

This course was built on flat terrain with pine tree-lined fairways. There are two ponds that come into play, and sand bunkers have been incorporated into the design of every hole. The signature hole, No. 8, requires a good tee shot for a chance at par.

FLORENCE COUNTY:
Country Club of South Carolina
3525 McDonald Blvd., Florence, SC 29506
843.669.0920

www.countryclubsc.com

This course isn't just a promise offered by a developer. It's a challenging, mature golf venue that has regularly served as a PGA-sanctioned tournament site where golfing legends like Tom Lehman and Lee Janzen played their way into The Show. Sculpted fairways wind along scenic lakes and Black Creek, with many greens tucked into hollows surrounded by dogwoods, azaleas and old-growth hardwoods. For newcomers and old-hands alike, the look and feel of the course is reminiscent of the sport's most hallowed halls.

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Crossings Golf Club
3540 Shadow Creek Dr., Florence, SC 29505
843.665.8040
www.thecrossingsgolfclub.com

Built in 1998, Crossings offers traditional golf on a par-72 course laid out by the Tom Jackson, an architect known for creating scenic and enjoyable courses all over South and North Carolina. The challenge is threading your way through the tall pines of the Carolinas and meandering with your ball around 15 acres of sparkling lakes and the creek that travels through the course. You'll find that conditions on the fairways are superb and the Tifeagle greens putt the best for miles around. Best Hole: No., 12, a 601-yard (from the back tees), dogleg left par-5 that requires a long drive to reach the turn. The fairway then slopes left into a small green guarded by bunkers in front and mounds in back.

Oakdale Country Club
3700 W. Lake Dr., Florence, SC 29501
Phone: 843.662.0368

This fairly flat course features tree lined fairways, and every hole is well bunkered. Water hazards come into play on at least eight holes, and sand and grass bunkers are scattered throughout the entire course. The back nine has smaller greens and narrower fairways than the front nine, and was built on more hilly terrain.

Traces Golf Club
4322 Southborough Rd., Florence, SC 29501
843.662.7775
www.thetracesgolfclub.com

This 27-hole complex, originally created by James Goodson, features wide fairways and large greens, with thick bordering woods and ample water. This facility has three nine-hole courses that are played in three 18-hole combinations. The Meadows Course is relatively flat, offering open fairways and ample greens.

Wellman Country Club
436 Club House Dr., Johnsonville, SC 29555
843.258.2935

A combination of beautiful, challenging championship golf with true Southern hospitality. Natural beauty, large, fast, and treacherously trapped greens with water on 9 holes.

LEE COUNTY:
Bishopville Country Club
315 Country Club Rd., Bishopville, SC 29010
803.428.3675

The signature hole on this course is #15, a 500-yard, par 5, featuring a water hazard and a double-tiered green. There is water that comes into play on three holes. Over 6800 yards of beautiful unhurried golf. Bunkered greens and several ponds add to the beauty and challenge of this course.

MARION COUNTY:

Dusty Hills Country Club
225 Country Club Rd., Marion, SC 29571
843.423.2721

Dusty Hills, which opened in 1922, features relatively narrow fairways and is well bunkered and lined with pine trees. Water comes into play on nine of its 18 holes. The entrance is right across the road from Russell Stover Candies. Well stocked pro shop. Lessons are available. The course features new champion ultra dwarf greens.

Pineland Country Club
5050 Country Club Ct., Nichols, SC 29581
843.526.2175

The 18-hole Pineland course features 6,678 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 71.2 and it has a slope rating of 126. Designed by Gene Hamm, the Pineland golf course opened in 1971. The toughest hole on this course is No. 1, a 552-yard, par-5, dogleg right with water on the right; the green is guarded by trees and a large bunker.

MARLBORO COUNTY:

Clio Country Club
2155 Country Club Rd., Clio, SC 29525
843.586.9361

The signature hole on this course is #9, a 441-yard, par 5, requiring an approach shot over a large lake to the green. The fairways are wide open, and two ponds come into play on two holes. There are additional sets of tees that can be used when playing an eighteen hole round.

Marlboro Country Club
404 Country Club Dr., Bennettsville, SC 29512
843.479.7741
www.marlboccc.com

Marlboro Country Club encompasses 130 acres inside the city limits of beautiful, historic Bennettsville. Designed by Russell Bennett, this tight course features many mature trees that can alter your shots. Water hazards come into play on four holes. The small greens are fairly undulating. The signature hole is No. 10, a par-3, requiring a tee shot over water to the green. Semi-private and public course.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY:

Swamp Fox Golf Course
193 S. Golf Rd. (Hwy. 121), Greeleyville, SC 29056
843.382.3436

Swamp Fox Golf Club is a must play course while in South Carolina. The fairways and tees consisting of 419 hybrid Bermuda are overseeded with Rye for green winter and spring play. The greens will putt as true and fast as any in the state.

Bed & Breakfast Establishments



DARLINGTON COUNTY

Oak Manor Inn
314 East Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
843.383.9553

www.oakmanorinn.com

Southern tradition is alive and well at Oak Manor Inn, located in the very heart of Hartsville's historic district. Situated on three acres of sprawling lawns and gardens, and surrounded by century-old live oaks, magnolias, azaleas and towering cedar trees, Oak Manor Inn is just a pleasant 5-minute stroll from the town's chic shops and superb restaurants.

DILLON COUNTY

The Columns B&B
601 East Main St.
Dillon S.C. 29536-3557
843.774.3456

www.thecolumnsbb.com



The Columns is a beautiful Greek Revival mansion, circa 1903, portraying 34 columns, surrounded with rocking chair porches and balconies. It's a great example of a bygone era.

The Bed and Breakfast features east and west parlors, a music hall, spacious guest suites and chambers with queen and king beds and high ceilings, wood floors, all with private baths to include cast iron ball and claw foot tubs, pedestal sinks, bead board wainscoting, original to the period.

Abingdon Manor
307 Church St.
Latta, SC 29565
843.752.5090

www.abingdonmanor.com

Abingdon Manor is listed by AAA as a "Classic Country Inn" and has received the prestigious Four Diamond rating for twelve consecutive years. The property, on the National Register of Historic Places, was built at the beginning of the 20th century as an opulent private home and, while now an Inn, retains the feel of a private residence. Ranked among the best inns in the country, it is located in the heart of the historic district of the charming village of Latta, just 25 miles north of Florence.

The 1902 two story brick structure is one of the largest residences in Dillon County with 10,000 square feet of inside space and over 2,000 feet of verandahs. The style is Greek Revival, which came from England to America and South Carolina in the late 1800s.



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FLORENCE COUNTY

Ambrias Garden Manor

111 Kuker St.

Florence, SC 29501

843.661.6060

www.ambriasgardenmanor.com

Ambrias Garden Manor was built in 1920. This old Victorian Manor House has much to offer its guests. Amenities include space and relaxing common areas including a media area.

This historic South Carolina Bed and Breakfast located in an urban setting offers three lavishly decorated bed rooms, a parlor and living room featuring a wood and gas fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast room, sun porch, and a relaxing full porch decorated with a swing and sitting table for your dining pleasure.

MARION COUNTY

The Grove Inn on Harlee

408 Harlee St.

Marion, SC 29571-3144

843.423.5220

www.montgomerysgroveinn.com

The Grove is located on a ten acre green space in the heart of Marion, a remnant of a large farm which refused to yield to development. Half of the acreage is maintained as a park by the city and half is owned privately and contains the gardens and buildings which were once needed in operating the estate known as "The Grove."



The Eastlake style manor house which was completed in 1895 is the centerpiece of the estate. The 7,000-square-foot mansion provides for spacious public areas and guest rooms. Each room makes a distinctive architectural and decorative statement.

The Decanter
313 East Wine Street
Mullins, SC 29574
843.464.9200
www.thedecanterinn.com

The Decanter Inn on Wine Street is a lovely Georgian Victorian Style Historic Inn. Built circa 1911 and utilized as a boarding house during the tobacco boom of the 1950s, the inn, now completely renovated, offers lavish guest rooms, all adorned with the finest furnishings and linens. Each room features full private bath, wireless internet, plasma televisions and individual climate control.



Rosewood Manor
900 North Main Street
Marion, SC 29571
843.423.5407
www.rosewoodmanor.com

Circa 1895, Rosewood manor occupies an entire two-acre city block in the heart of the historic district of Marion. Upon approach, a wraparound veranda leads into a common room that welcomes guests. In addition to elegant bedrooms, a library, music room and cozy parlors await your arrival.

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Ancient oaks are abundant throughout the well landscaped property of Rosewood Manor. The grounds also offer beautiful scenery packed with blooming dogwood trees and a meditation fountain.



Webster Manor
115 East James St.
Mullins, SC 29574
843.464.9632

Located in Mullins, Webster Manor is a perfect romantic getaway for couples visiting or living in the low country. The small town atmosphere is a peaceful change from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, which makes Webster Manor the perfect vacation destination!

Lunch at Webster Manor - you won't want to miss one of the best buffet-style restaurants in town. Be sure to get there early, though; these weekday lunches draw a crowd. Every weekday the Webster Manor has a large selection of the best down home cooking.





MARLBORO COUNTY

The Historic Manse

104 Jennings St.

Bennettsville, SC 29512

843.479.2033

www.historicmanse.com

You will feel at home in the comfortable surroundings of The Manse. This old parsonage has become a perfect place to offer some real southern home-style elegance to guests.

The Breeden Inn

404 East Main St.

Bennettsville, SC 29512

843.479.3665

www.breedeninn.com

With four late 19th century houses, and thirteen guest rooms, including three suites, guests have a wonderful variety of options to choose from, such as four guestrooms with whirlpools, surrounded by heart pine flooring, wainscoting, and beaded board ceiling. The Main House mansion, The Carriage House, The Garden Cottage, and Retreat on Main provide a quiet retreat for travelers seeking something more than expected. The inn is listed on The National Register of Historic Places and the property is certified by The National Wildlife Federation as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat.





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