

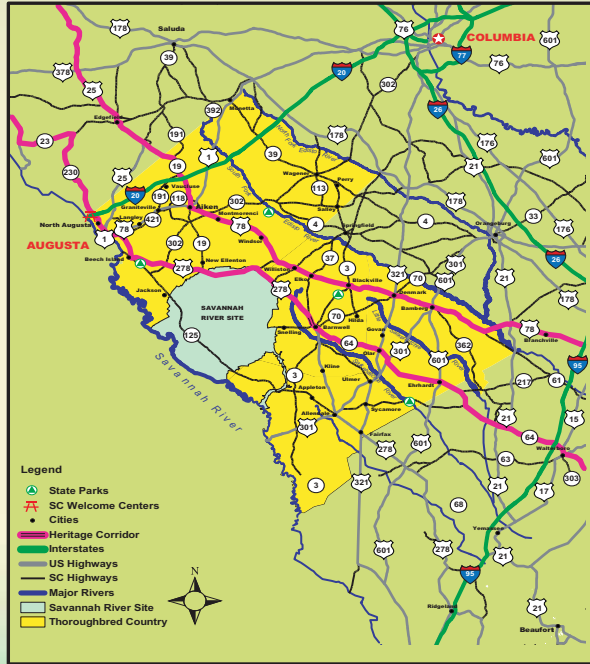


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Charming towns with museums that display local history; small main street businesses with antiques and more; lanes lined with live oak trees and decorated with Spanish moss; nationally-known artists; picturesque rivers; cotton, peach, watermelon, and grain farms; historic plantation homes, churches and cemeteries; unique cultural communities and natural attractions... all come together to give you a true picture of the South of yesteryear - and of today.

The Outdoors

Aiken State Natural Area & Canoe Trail

1145 State Park Rd, Windsor. 803-649-2857. The park, located along the free-flowing Edisto River, is a combination of river swamp and dry sand hills. The dry sand hills offer evidence of an era when the ocean pushed this area far inland. The canoe trail is a tight channel, which delves through a canopy of trees for an unusual tunnel effect. Activities include birding, hiking, fishing, paddling, camping, picnicking and boating. Please call for hours.

Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary

4542 Silver Bluff Rd, Jackson. 803-471-0291. Habitat and wildlife diversity make this destination a favorite for birding, wildflowers, photography, or a simple quiet walk. The 3,154 acre wildlife sanctuary is owned by the National Audubon Society. Education at the center is targeted toward school groups and the general public. Walking trails

Greenway Trail

12049 Burton's Ferry Highway, Allendale. 803-584-3446
Lower Savannah River Alliance offers a newly open Greenway Trail. The trail is 4 miles in length and offers the opportunity for a scenic walk or exercise through the great outdoors leading all the way to the Savannah River. Also has an Education Center on site.

Kid's Stuff

Monetta Drive-In

US 1, Monetta. 803-685-7949. One of only two operating drive-in movie theaters in South Carolina. Two Screens, each with double features. New movies as well as old favorites. Seasonal. Open weekends. Please call for movie listings and times.

DuPont Planetarium

471 University Pkwy, Aiken. 803-641-3654. The forty-five seat planetarium is equipped with state-of-the-art special effects systems and is augmented by sundials and telescopes. Reservations recommended. Please call for show times and hours.

Geo-Caching at Barnwell State Park

223 State Park Rd (Off SC 3), Blackville. 803-284-2212.
Geo-caching is a techno-sport using global positioning satellites (GPS) and hand-held systems to locate specific "finds" in state, local and national parks and forests. For more information about geo-caching in South Carolina call Lee State Park at 803-428-5307

Living History Park

Spring Grove and Lake Ave, North Augusta. 803-279-7560.
Plays host to special events including Colonial Times which exhibits examples of everyday life in the 18th century. Meeting house, backwoods cabin, educational cabin, smoke house, blacksmith forge, stage and tavern round out the park. Please call for a full schedule of events. Geo-caching is also available here.

Food Stops

Miller's Bread Basket

483 Main St, Blackville. 803-284-3117. Amish-Mennonite cooking, salads, homemade bread. Lunch and dinner. Please call for menu guide and hours.

The New Moon Cafe

116 Laurens St SW, Aiken. 803-643-7088. Sandwiches, pastries, specialty coffee. Breakfast and lunch. Please call for menu guide and hours.

Duke's BBQ of Bamberg

1178 Main Hwy, Bamberg. 803-245-3313. Barbeque. Lunch and dinner. Please call for menu guide and hours.

Nelson's Wee Bake Bakery

4767 Carolina Hwy, Denmark. 803-793-4664. Mennonite bakery featuring donuts, pies, cakes and other baked goods. Please call for menu guide and hours.

Shopping

Jim Harrison Gallery

One S Main St, Denmark. 803-793-5796. Visitors to the gallery can often find the artist working on his next masterpiece. Gallery displays include Harrison's bronzes, etchings, originals, limited & unlimited edition reproductions. Please call for Gallery hours.

Salkehatchie Arts Center

939 N Main St (US 301 N), Allendale. 803-584-6084. A nonprofit corporation, the Center provides opportunity for local artisans to showcase and market their skills, crafts and products. Over 90 local artisans with many mediums are on display at the Center. Please call for hours.

The Little Red Barn Pottery & Art Gallery

Junction of US 278 and SC 37 on the SC National Heritage Corridor, west of Barnwell. 803-541-7900. Studio of Elizabeth A. Ringus, Paw Print Pottery. Face jugs, spongeware, pottery hand-turned on premises. Also home to the Naturalist Gallery with nature photography and prints and custom framing. Please call for Gallery hours

The Curiosity Shop

202 Richland Ave W, Aiken. 803-644-0004. Trade and bulk teas, world grocer, Celtic jewelry. Please call for store hours.



History

Rivers Bridge State Historic Site

325 State Park Rd. (Off SC 641) 7 miles SW of Ehrhardt. 803-267-3675. The significance of the site center on the Civil War battlefield, where on February 2 & 3, 1865, a small force of Confederate soldiers in field fortifications opposed the advance of Sherman's army. The site is 390 acres and includes the battlefield, an award winning interpretive trail, the memorial grounds, a community building and a picnic shelter. Th-Mon 9am-6 pm. Free admission.

Redcliffe Plantation State Historic Site

181 Redcliffe Rd, Beech Island. 803-827-1473. 1859 Greek Revival antebellum mansion of James Henry Hammond and four generations of his family. The house is complete with furniture, decorative arts and artwork from the various periods of occupation. Special programs are offered throughout the year (see website). Grounds are open Th-Mon 9am-5pm (extended to 6 pm during Daylight Savings Time) and include slave quarters and a nature trail. House tours Th-Mon at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. Admission charged for house tours.