

Aiken County Visitors Guide



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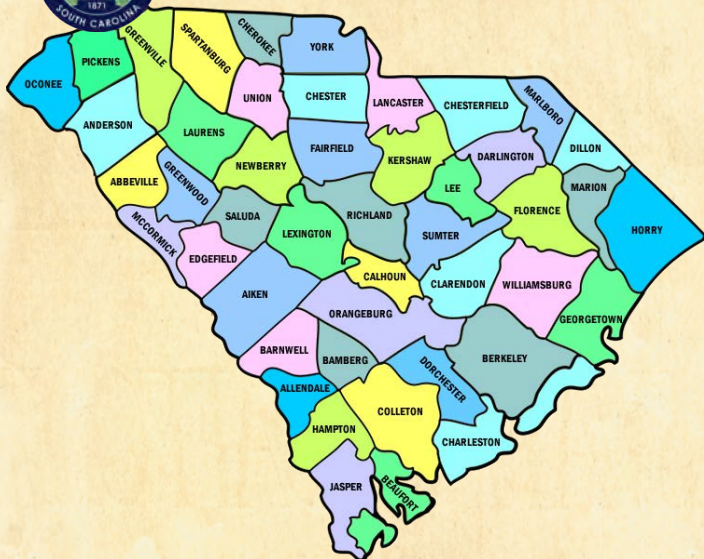
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WELCOME!



Aiken County is your home away from home. Our cultural traditions and communities blend effortlessly into a small town feeling you just don't come across often. Local folk welcome visitors and new residents graciously from across the globe. You'll feel great about being here right from the start.

Exciting outdoor activities are the norm: golfing, hiking, birding, equestrian disciplines, tennis, swimming, boating, camping, biking, fishing, rowing, racing and so much more. Arts and entertainment take center stage year-round through theater, musicals, and visual arts. The nightlife and local cuisine are equally enticing. You'll be hard pressed in selecting a favorite restaurant since all are so good!

Our incredible history, heritage and the rumored southern hospitality is as real as sweet tea. We're down to earth. We cherish our pastoral farmlands, magnificent trees and comfortable weather. The sheer beauty of charming towns will convince you to make Aiken County your favorite get-a-way.

Where is Aiken County?

Aiken County is simple to find! We're nestled along the scenic Savannah River along the western border of South Carolina.

Our unique communities range from the waterfront, to lush green farmland, city living and active equestrian acreage.

Aiken County is part of the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) with a population of more than 608,980 and a workforce of more than 245,000.

Aiken County covers more than 1,000 square miles. It is one of the largest geographical counties in South Carolina and has a population of more than 170,776.

The Savannah River Site (two counties, 310 square miles), the area's largest employer, has been responsible for bringing thousands of highly skilled and educated employees and their families to the area. More than 17 multinational companies operate in the two counties, bringing a cosmopolitan feel to the community.



INFORMATION



Battle of Aiken, courtesy of Pete Peters

Aiken County Tourism Grant Opportunities

Aiken County Tourism has two grant opportunities each fiscal year. One is the Local Tourism Development Grant and the other is the State Marketing Grant. Projects must take place between July 1st and June 30th of that year.

Organization Eligibility Requirements

Applicant organizations must have been in existence for at least one (1) year prior to requesting funds and provide their federal employer identification number as registered with the IRS.

Criteria for Project Eligibility

As required by State Statute and by the requirements established herein, organizations and/or projects to be funded by A-Tax Funds must have as their primary mission the attraction of tourists to Aiken County. Each funding proposal will be reviewed individually to determine the potential impact it will have on the County's tourism efforts.

Local Tourism Development Grant

(application available approximately the first week of May)

These funds must be used for tourism development, with the priority of funding to be in the unincorporated areas of Aiken County.

State Marketing Grant

(application available approximately the third week of February)

These funds must be used for marketing and advertising tourism related events and programs, with the priority of funding to be in the unincorporated areas of Aiken County. The available tax funds are collected in the unincorporated areas of Aiken County through accommodations and are to be distributed in a manner to replenish the accommodations tax base. Applicants should have 50% matching funds.

Applications can be picked up at the Aiken County Visitors Center or downloaded from www.discoveraikencounty.com when available. More information regarding eligibility can be requested by emailing Tourism@aikencountysc.gov.



INFORMATION



Aiken County Visitors Center

133 Laurens Street, NW, Aiken

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

(803) 642-7557 • www.discoveraikencounty.com

Our specialists will help you plan your visit according to your interests and time. Include historical sites, museums, theater, art galleries, trails, gardens, state parks, lakes, historic homes, rivers, farmers markets, antique stores, equestrian activities, and recreational facilities in your itinerary.



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ADDITIONAL VISITOR AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Aiken Chamber of Commerce

121 Richland Ave., E, Aiken

(803) 641-1111

www.aikenchamber.net

Midland Valley

Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 310, Langley

(803) 593-3030

Aiken Downtown Development Association

115 Laurens St., SW, Suite 201, Aiken

(803) 649-2221

www.aikendda.us

South Carolina Welcome Center

I-20 SC/GA Border, North Augusta

(803) 279-6756

www.discoverouthcarolina.com

City of Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum

406 Park Ave., SE, Aiken

(803) 293-7846

Monday - Saturday: 9am-5pm

www.visitaikensc.com

Thoroughbred Country

PO Box 850, Aiken

(888) 834-1654

www.tbredcountry.org



INFORMATION

LIBRARIES

www.abbe-lib.org

Aiken County

314 Chesterfield St., Aiken
(803) 642-2020

Greg Humphries Rare Book Library

Park St., Wagener
(803) 564-5902
Open by appointment only, no
handicapped access available.

Jackson

106 Main St., Jackson
(803) 471-3811

Midland Valley

9 Hillside Rd., Bath
(803) 593-7379

Nancy Carson

135 Edgefield Rd., North Augusta
(803) 279-5767

New Ellenton

407 Main St., New Ellenton
(803) 652-5407

Nancy Bonnette

204 Park St., Wagener
(803) 291-6500

US POSTAL OFFICE

307 Laurens St., NW, Aiken
(803) 649-9211
www.usps.com
Check website for other locations.

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Aiken County Sheriffs Office

420 Hampton Ave., NE, Aiken
(803) 642-1761
www.aikencountysheriff.org

City of Aiken Public Safety

834 Beaufort St., NE, Aiken
(803) 642-7620

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Aiken County Emergency Services

621 York St., Aiken
(803) 642-1624
www.aikencountysc.gov

Aiken Emergency Management

1930 University Pkwy., Aiken
(803) 642-1623
www.aikencountysc.gov

South Carolina Emergency

Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Rd.,
Columbia
(803) 737-8500
www.scemd.org

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Aiken Regional Medical Center

302 University Pkwy., Aiken
(803) 641-5000
www.aikenregional.com

Doctors Care

1029 York St., NE, Aiken
(803) 648-4119
6167 Braided Mane Pass, SW,
Aiken (803) 648-1464
1520 Knox Ave., North Augusta
(803) 279-4120
www.doctorscare.com

Poison Control

(800) 222-1222
www.aapcc.org

Piedmont Prompt Care

1021 Silver Bluff Rd., Aiken
(803) 648-0587
107 Walnut Lane, #100, North
Augusta. (803) 202-7110
325 Georgia Ave., North Augusta
(803) 442-5750
www.universityhealth.org

NiteOwl Pediatric Urgent Care

616 Edgefield Rd., Suite 180,
North Augusta. (803) 961-5001

TRANSPORTATION

Aiken Taxi Transport

310 Beaufort St., NE, Aiken
(803) 642-9910

Aiken Transport Express

(803) 448-4423
www.aikentransportexpress.com

Best Friend Express

159 Morgan St., NW, Aiken
(803) 648-6493
www.bestfriendexpress.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

3915 Richland Ave., W, Aiken
(803) 641-0135
www.enterprise.com

SC Express

2818 Columbia Hwy., N, Aiken
(803) 648-9977

AIRPORTS

Aiken Regional Airport

129 Aviation Dr., Aiken
(803) 648-7803
Public airport serving the
aviation community.
www.aikenaviation.com

Augusta Regional Airport

1501 Aviation Way, Augusta, GA
(706) 798-3236
Delta (800) 221-1212
American Airlines (800) 433-7300
www.flyags.com



INFORMATION



POPULATION

Aiken	31,895
Aiken County	170,776
Bath	1,033
Beech Island	7,675
Belvedere	5,557
Burnettown	3,150
Clearwater	4,060
Graniteville	2,566
Gloverville	3,008
Jackson	1,545
Langley	2,179
Monetta	203
New Ellenton	2,248
New Holland	797
North Augusta	24,675
Perry	196
Salley	332
Wagener	645
Warrenville	740
Windsor	116
Vaucluse	111

DRIVING

Atlanta, GA 170 miles
Charlotte, NC 145 miles
Charleston, SC 130 miles
Columbia, SC 50 miles
Greenville, SC 115 miles
Savannah, GA 125 miles

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

\$31,770

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$57,572

EDUCATION

Education is a key element in Aiken County. Aiken County is the 5th largest school district in South Carolina. Approximately 23,000 students are taught in 21 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, 8 high schools, 3 charter schools and 1 career and technology center, and through adult education programs. The Aiken County Career and Technology Center has attracted millions of dollars in local industry scholarships.

Aiken Technical College

2276 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville
(803) 593-9231
www.atc.edu

University of South Carolina Aiken

471 University Pkwy., Aiken
(803) 648-6851
www.usca.edu



ROUNDBABOUTS

Roundabouts have been installed to transition the one-way traffic across the broad boulevards. Aikenites are used to this tricky maneuvering, but visitors, while they appreciate the beauty of the parkways, often are confused. Just remember, you can go through the round roundabouts after stopping to yield.

Do not go through if the roundabout is a square.





INFORMATION



Horseplay Painted Horses

These beautiful painted horses are scattered around Aiken. In 2002, the Aiken Center for the Arts partnered with United Way of Aiken County and the City of Aiken to hold a fundraiser, which would support the ArtPlay Fund. The blank horse statues were painted by local artists and then auctioned at the Steeplechase Gala. Many local businesses and patrons purchased them at the auction and donated them to the City of Aiken to display. The auction was so successful, that it raised \$227,000.

See if you can find them all!

Aiken Saddlery Horse

Aiken Saddlery, 1044 E Pine Log Rd.

Dustin Hoofman

Aiken Community Playhouse, 126 Newberry St.

Gateway

Hitchcock Woods South Boundary Ave. Entrance, Aiken

Have Sum Fun

Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame, 135 Dupree Place

His Spirit

Sotheby's, 120 Laurens St., NW.

History Maker

Green Boundary Club, 780 Whiskey Rd.

Horse of a Different Color

City of Aiken Visitors Center and Train Depot, 406 Park Ave., SE.

Horses at Rye Patch

The Rye Patch Estates, 100 Berrie Rd.

Magnolia Mare

Hopelands Gardens, Whiskey Rd. & Dupree Place

Semper Viridis

Aiken Preparatory School, 153 Florence St., NW.

Splendor in Glass

Aiken Center for the Arts, 122 Laurens St., SW.

Steed Freedom

Hull Barrett, 111 Park Ave., SE.

Stonerside

Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame, 135 Dupree Place

The Patriot

Laurens St. & Park Ave.



HISTORY



Courtesy of Pete Peters

The Aiken Love Story

Captain William W. Williams, a cotton merchant from Charleston, built the first frame house of its kind in this part of the country in 1820. On the corner of Ray Lane and York Street, Chinaberry is the only surviving landmark preceding the town. Capt. Williams, Mr. W. Aiken and several others created the South Carolina Railway and Canal Company.

The railroad began in Hamburg (North Augusta) on the banks of the Savannah River. Cotton was loaded into boxcars there, and then transported to the Charleston seaport for shipping to Europe. Capt. Williams wanted the railroad to come to his cotton fields, instead of dealing with transporting it to Hamburg.

Alfred Dexter, a young, Harvard-educated surveyor, had already concluded that the rail should be laid 15 miles south of the Captain's fields. Dexter recalculated the rail toward the captain's fields, but, it was impossible for the train to negotiate the 500 ft. grade between his field and Warrenville. To add to the frustration, Dexter met and fell in love with the captain's daughter, Miss Sara. He begged the captain for his daughter's hand in marriage, to which Capt. Williams replied, "No railroad for me, young man, no wife for you!" Dexter went back to the drawing board with the help of his assistant, C.O. Pascalis. Together, they designed a stationary engine with a winch situated on the crest of the hill where Park Ave. curves into Hayne Ave. today. This allowed trains to negotiate the steep grade.

The stationary engine pulled trains up and down the slope on a cable over a windlass so they could make their way safely between stops. Coming within 100 yds. of the Captain's home. The 136-mile journey from Charleston to Hamburg was the first successful scheduled railroad service in America and the world's longest railroad. It was completed in 1833. Dexter married his love in 1834.

Dexter and Pascalis began creating a geometric street map and plotted the new town with expansive, 150 ft. wide boulevards. This would allow wagons pulled by as many as six horses to turn around easily. They envisioned parkways planted with seasonal flowers and shrubs at the centers of the boulevards. Aiken was chartered in 1835 and named in honor of the president of the railroad, William Aiken, who had been killed in an accident before the project was completed.

The Best Friend

Many refer to the 'Best Friend' as the locomotive that rolled into this area from Charleston, SC. In fact, tragedy struck the "Best Friend" when a careless fireman caused an explosion that killed himself and destroyed the locomotive. The "Phoenix" was built from parts of the "Best Friend" and joined five other locomotives based in Charleston. The locomotives followed the path of the Creek/Chickasaw Indians from Hamburg (North Augusta) to Charleston. Merchants continued referencing the railway as the "Best Friend" because it enabled them to transport cotton, tobacco, and flour to the Charleston port.



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Coker Spring

Coker Spring is a fresh water spring formed by a "junction" where the water table intersects the ground surface. Coker Spring served the first Native American people. The road that ran in front of the spring was part of the "Old Tory Trail." It branched off the larger Pine Log Road, and British troops used the trail and the spring traveling between Fort Moore in Beech Island and Fort Grandby, near Columbia. Around the Civil War time, a girls' school was close by, which gave young men incentive to stop often for a sip. It was also a regular stagecoach stop. Train passengers disembarked here to catch the stagecoach to the coast. Women used the water to wash their laundry. This is located on Coker Springs Road.

The Winter Colony

During the 1800's Aiken became a popular health resort for coastal residents wishing to escape malaria and yellow fever. Rice and indigo planters found the dry pine-scented air good for breathing ailments. Wealthy northerners began visiting during the harsh winters and the area was transformed into The Winter Colony. It was a place to let loose, away from the New York society columnists! The Winter Colonists brought their horses to Aiken to extend their equestrian activities throughout the year. Riding, racing, foxhunting and polo were among the top favorites. The colonists also enjoyed tennis and golf longer in the south. Today every equestrian discipline is found in Aiken. Polo, the "game of kings," has been played on Aiken's Whitney Field continuously since 1882. Grandiose cottages were enjoyed by the Vanderbilts, the Whitneys, the Iselins, the Astors, the Rutherfords, the Hitchcocks, and more elite. Cottages were defined as homes with more than twenty rooms.



Aiken County Historical Museum

433 Newberry St., SW, Aiken

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am-5 pm • Sunday - 2 pm-5 pm • (803) 642-2015

The museum is named Banksia after the Banksia Rose, which grace the brick wall near the entrance. It is actually two houses joined together with the older section dating back to 1840. The large brick portion was built in 1931 as a Winter Colony home by Willis Irvin for Mr. Richard Howe, who married into the Deering family. His initials are above the door. The grand home, with 32 rooms, fifteen bathrooms and one ballroom, has been a boarding

house, a college campus and a public library. Permanent exhibits include Aiken County history, the story of Ellenton, education, ecology, and the Winter Colony. Throughout the year, there are at least ten additional special exhibits. The 3.5 acre lot has an actual one room schoolhouse, circa 1890's, and the Ergle log cabin from the early 1800's. A working watering trough and a 1800's heliometer are also located on the property.



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Founders of Aiken County

Three African American men, Prince Rivers, Samuel Lee and Charles Hayne are credited as founders of Aiken County. In 1865, Gen. Joseph Wheeler and the Confederate Army fought off Gen. Kilpatrick on February 11th in downtown Aiken. Hailed as one of the last Confederate victories, the Battle of Aiken saved the Graniteville mills, Aiken, SC and Augusta, GA from destruction. In 1871, portions of Orangeburg, Edgefield, Lexington and Barnwell Counties were taken to create Aiken County. It is the only county created during reconstruction.

Jackson

Once known as Silverton, was named for George Twig Jackson, an executive of the Charleston & Western Carolina Railroad Company. The town is located just outside the Savannah River Site and still has the natural beauty and wildlife that attracted the pioneer families.

Monetta

Located at the junction of two Native American trails. A legend says that a chief's daughter, Monetta, is buried near the center of town at the site of the old railroad depot. In the 1920's and 30's Monetta was known as the Asparagus center of the world. Peaches were introduced in the 40's and have become increasingly popular, lining almost every street in town.

Salley

Salley was settled as "John's Town" in 1735 by three Swiss-German families given land grants from King George II. The 1787 Revolutionary War 'Battle of Dean's Bridge' took place in Salley resulting in 17 Tories buried in an unmarked grave.

Wagener

Dates back to the 1800's when the early settlement was known as Pinder Town. It was later known as Guntersville or Gunter's Crossroad after the large number of North Carolinian settlers named Gunter.



These men helped make up Company I of the 20th SC Infantry, which was part of Kershaw's Brigade during the Civil War. The town was then named after George Wagener, a huge supporter of the railroad.

South Carolina Conestoga Bicentennial Wagon House

In 1977, the town of Wagener received the official SC Conestoga wagon that participated in the 1976 Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania. This is not just any wagon. This wagon represented the entire state of South Carolina in the Wagon Train Pilgrimage. The wagon is available to be viewed in a special built Wagon House in downtown Wagener at the corner of Hwy. 39 and Park Street.

Beech Island Agricultural Museum

144 Old Jackson Hwy., Beech Island. (706) 833-3651. A non-profit historical society and museum dedicated to the history of Beech Island. Open by appointment only. www.beechislandhistory.org





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North Augusta

In 1902, James U. Jackson, who as a boy envisioned a new town in the bluff areas above the flood plains, developed the plans for 600 acres that would make up the new town. He hired the best designers from New York to design this new town—North Augusta. Critics in Augusta told him that, since the Fifth Street bridge would be the only access to the town and people would have to travel through the slums of what remained of Hamburg to get to the new town, nobody would be interested in going there. James Jackson was a visionary and continued to pursue the vision he had for the town. He traveled to New York to get financial backing and built a new bridge to North Augusta—the Thirteenth Street/Georgia Avenue bridge. The town of North Augusta became a reality and was incorporated in 1906.

North Augusta rests along the Savannah River and is filled with antebellum homes lining downtown streets and grandiose homes along the riverfront. Two towns, Campbell Town (1770) and Hamburg (1827) preceded the city. In 1902, he added a flamboyant resort, The Hampton Terrace Hotel, which burned down in 1916. www.northaugusta.net

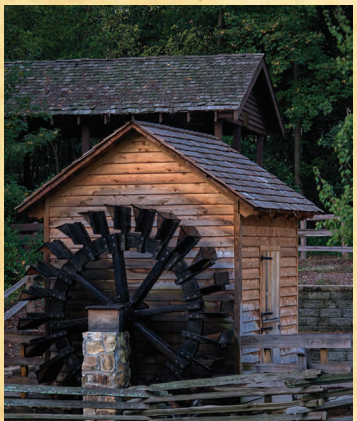


Hamburg

This largely forgotten town was founded in 1821 by Henry Shultz. Situated along the banks of the Savannah River, Hamburg was a thriving river port and trading center for cotton and tobacco becoming the most important interior port in South Carolina. During the Civil War, Hamburg was inhabited by freed African Americans. Several of the town's leaders were instrumental in the formation of Aiken County in 1871. The town never recovered after the Hamburg Massacre that took place in 1876. The great Augusta flood of 1929 finally destroyed the town.

Living History Park

218 W Spring Grove Ave., North Augusta. (803) 979-9776.
7.5 acre park with natural springs that provides a hands-on educational experience into the history of the area. The site includes the springhouse tavern and bake ovens, a stage area, in-ground cook pit, smoke pit, smoke house, treenware maker, milliner, blacksmith's forge, military encampment with Colonial Militia and other period crafts demonstrations. Events year-round. www.colonialtimes.us





HISTORY



Redcliffe Plantation State Historic Site

181 Redcliffe Rd., Beech Island. (803) 827-1473

Grounds open Daily: 9 am-6 pm

Guided House Tours: Thursday-Sunday 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm

www.southcarolinaparks.com/redcliffe

Redcliffe is the former home of South Carolina Governor James Henry Hammond, three generations of his descendants and several African-American families such as the Henley family who lived at the site for multiple generations from 1857 - 1975. In 1973 the grounds, buildings and a collection of over 4,000 artifacts were donated to the people of South Carolina by the first owner's great-grandson, John Shaw Billings, a former managing editor of Time, Life and Fortune magazines.

Situated on a height overlooking the Savannah River Valley, the historic estate still contains four original buildings including two circa 1857 slave cabins, the circa 1859 plantation mansion and a stable built in the early 20th century. Visitors to the park will learn the origins of the infamous phrase "Cotton is King," discover

the struggle of the estate's families to adjust to changing economic and social conditions, immerse themselves in the rich collection of family papers and enjoy the beautiful landscape and vistas of the historic estate.

In addition to guided tours of the slave cabin and mansion (call ahead for tour times), special programs are also held throughout the year on a variety of topics. Special programs may include The African-American Experience (various topics), Redcliffe After Dark (nighttime tour), Redcliffe's Rooftop Talks, Behind the Scenes tours, Scandals & Gossip, Christmas in the Quarters and more. Check the park's website for program dates and times, as well as tour times.

Beech Island

Occupying a bluff overlooking the Savannah River Valley, the rural community of Beech Island has a history that stretches back over 300 years to 1685. The area includes prehistoric, Native American, colonial, antebellum and 20th century historic sites within its borders. Sites of interest in Beech Island include Silver Bluff Audubon Wildlife Center & Sanctuary, the Beech Island Historical Society, the final home of famed singer James Brown and Redcliffe Plantation SHS.





HISTORY

Ellenton

The town of Ellenton was founded during the late 1800's along the Upper Three Runs Creek near the Savannah River. In the early 1950's, the U.S. Government bought thousands of acres of land along the Savannah River for an atomic energy plant, now called the Savannah River Site. Although some villages totally disappeared, the town of Ellenton literally was moved and became New Ellenton.



Courtesy of Savannah River Site Heritage Foundation

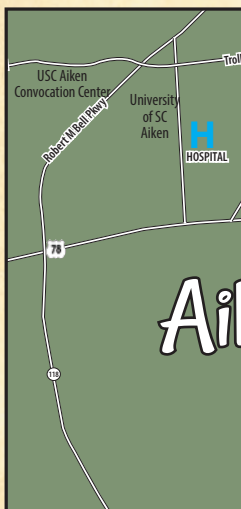
The face of the world changed with the construction of the "bomb plant," the Savannah River Site, during the 50's. Located in both Aiken and Barnwell Counties, the facility produced tritium and plutonium. Today, the 310 square mile facility no longer produces nuclear materials, but plays a vital role in defense waste management, energy research, and nonproliferation. It is also home to one of the nation's premier applied science laboratories, the Savannah River National Laboratory. This lab focuses on energy security, environmental technologies and homeland securities. A new MOX (Mixed Oxide Fuels) facility will soon be converting used weapons grade plutonium into fuel for use in commercial power plants.

SRS Museum

224 Laurens St., SW, Aiken. (803) 648-1437. Learn the story of the Site's impact on the CSRA from the moment the announcement of its arrival was made in 1950 through the present day. Open Wed-Sat from 10am-4pm, call ahead to confirm. www.srsheritage.org

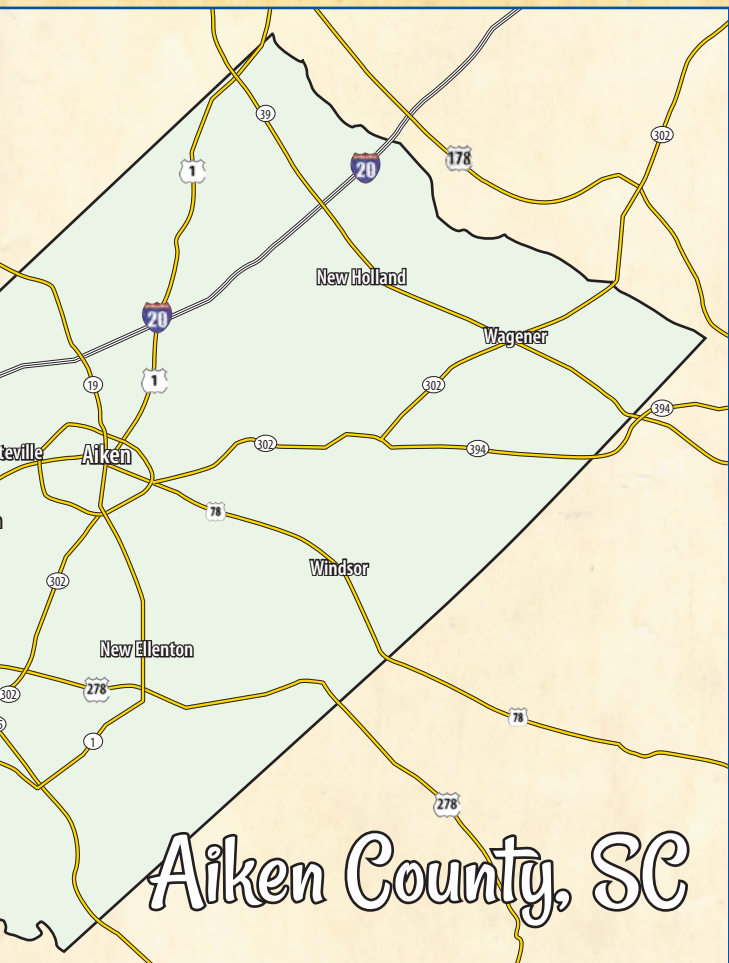
Graniteville

This historic little town started by William Gregg was first inhabited by the Westo Tribe and from them came the name Horse Creek. Later it became one of the world's model industrial villages. Graniteville furnished material for southern military purposes during the Civil War which enraged Union General Sherman, and he ordered the mills destroyed. In 1845 the original Graniteville Mill was the first cotton mill in the South. Buildings were constructed of blue granite, which gave the town its name.





MAPS





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Aiken Center For The Arts

122 Laurens St., SW, Aiken.
(803) 641-9094. Over 100 local/
regional artists display works for sale
year-round in the gallery store. The
center hosts events throughout the
year and offers instruction in music
and a variety of mediums for all ages.
Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm.
www.aikencenterforthearts.org

Arts & Heritage Center of North Augusta

100 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4380. The Center is
dedicated to the exhibition of
regional arts and history with exhibits
rotating every three months.
www.artsandheritagecenter.com

DuPont Planetarium

471 University Pkwy., Aiken.
(803) 641-3654. Located on the
University of South Carolina-Aiken
campus. Conducts K-12 school
programs, general-interest level
programs for the public, specialized
programs for university classes, and
private shows for parties and other
events. Call for reservations.
www.rpsec.usca.edu/planetarium

Etherredge Center

471 University Pkwy., Aiken.
(803) 641-3305. Located on the
campus of the University of
South Carolina-Aiken. A variety of
University and community events are
presented throughout the year.
www.etherredge.usca.edu

URS Center For The Performing Arts

126 Newberry St., SW, Aiken.
(803) 648-1438. Home to the Aiken
Community Theatre and the Aiken
Performing Arts Group. The theater
seats approximately 300. Featuring
comedy, drama, musical plays, national
and international professional shows
throughout the year. Box office hours
are Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm, closed
12:00pm-1:00pm.
www.aikencommunitytheatre.org



USCA Aiken Conference Center

375 Robert Bell Pkwy., Aiken.
(803) 641-3719. This state of the art
facility with the capacity ranging from
500 to 4300 patrons is located on the
University of South Carolina- Aiken
campus. Family oriented events,
athletic events, trade shows, and
nationally renowned concerts and
performers throughout the year.
www.usca.edu/epcec/conferences



The Big Mo Drive-In Theater

5822 Columbia Hwy., N, Monetta. (803) 685-7949

The re-opening in 1999 of this 1951 theater revived the unique tradition of
one of America's lost forms of entertainment. Open Friday-Sunday, March-
November at dusk. Double features, cash only. www.thebigmo.com



ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

American Hearth Inn

3935 Richland Ave., W, Aiken.
(803) 642-5828. 33 Rooms, golf packages available, Wi-Fi, located outside of downtown Aiken.

Country Inn and Suites

3270 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(803) 649-4024. 100 non-smoking rooms, outdoor pool, continental breakfast, fitness room, microwave, free Internet, mini-fridge, guest laundry. www.countryinns.com

Days Inn

2654 Columbia Hwy., I-20 Exit 22, Aiken. (803) 642-5692. 78 rooms. Continental breakfast, high speed internet access, pool, refrigerator, microwave. Pet friendly.
www.daysinn.com

Deluxe Inn

1919 Edgefield Hwy., I-20 Exit 18, Aiken. (803) 642-2840.
34 rooms. Continental breakfast.

Guest Inn

110 Frontage Rd., Aiken.
(803) 502-0000. 112 rooms in a low-rise hotel offering free breakfast, parking, and Wi-Fi plus event space and pool. Pet friendly.

Quality Inn

110 E Frontage Rd., I-20 Exit 22, Aiken. (803) 502-0900. Continental breakfast, high speed Internet, refrigerator, microwave. Pet friendly.

RV SITES

Aiken RV Park

2424 Columbia Hwy., N, Aiken.
(803) 226-0850.
www.aikenrv.com

Crossroads Mobile Home Community

569 Crossroads Park Dr., Aiken.
(803) 642-5702.
www.jensencommunities.com

Pine Acres Campground

205 Duke Dr., Aiken.
(803) 648-5715.

BED & BREAKFASTS

Annie's Inn

3080 Charleston Hwy., Montmorenci.
(803) 649-6836. Antebellum farmhouse and six guest cottages. Complimentary breakfast and newlywed packages. Corporate or long term stay. Catering to the equestrian crowd for over 20 years.
www.anniesinnbnb.com



Banks Hall

1323 Banks Mill Rd., Aiken.
(410) 924-1790. Elegant southern manor close to downtown. Four guest rooms with fine art, antiques and a library. Dog friendly, 2 acres, gardens, and a hot tub for your Aiken' bones!
www.aikeninn.com

Magnolia Shadows

595 Engineer Rd., Ridge Spring.
(803) 522-1226. Offering horse boarding and Bed and Breakfast services with the traveling horseman in mind.
www.magnoliashadows.com

The Birdnest Inn

5200 Sizemoore Circle, Aiken. (979) 530-3900. Located in an urban farm environment close to golf courses and equestrian competitions. Offering 6 luxury rooms with a full farmhouse spread for breakfast. Pet friendly.
www.thebirdnestinn.com



This is not a full listing of accommodations.



TOURS

Banksia Tour

433 Newberry St., SW, Aiken.
(803) 642-2015. Tour the Winter Colony home of Richard Flint Howe on the 4th Tuesday of every month (excluding Dec.), from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. The tour is limited to 15 people, and is first come/first serve. The tour is FREE, but you must have a reservation.

Beech Island Historical Tour

144 Old Jackson Hwy., Beech Island.
(706) 833-3651. Learn the rich history of one of the oldest settlements in SC. Call to schedule tours or email bdbartley@comcast.net.
www.beechislandhistory.org

Carolina Aviation of Aiken

125 Aviation Blvd., Aiken.
(803) 502-1007. Discovery flights and sightseeing tours by appointment.
www.carolinaaviation.net

Center for African American History, Art & Culture

120 York St., NE, Aiken.
(803) 502-4858. Stop by the CAAHAC, housed in the historic Immanuel Institute Building, to learn more about Black History in Aiken County and experience the 9 room facility.
www.caahac.org

Eudora Farms Drive-Thru Safari

219 Salem Ln., Salley.
(803) 606-6325. Drive-thru and walk about wildlife animal park. Entry fees apply. Follow their Facebook page for hours, updates and weather closings. VIP Tours available. www.eudorafarms.net

History, Homes and Horses Tour

Guided Pedego bike rides, last approx. 2 hours and cover approx. 10.5 miles. This tour will meander through downtown where you will marvel at the Historic Architecture of our beautiful horse district.
www.pedegoelectricbikes.com

Historic Trolley Tours

406 Park Ave., SE, Aiken.
(803) 644-1907. Enjoy this two hour guided tour aboard our Trolley (bus depending on weather). Reservations recommended. Tickets sold through the Train Museum.

Patriot Riverboat Tours Riverwalk

Marina at 15th St., Augusta, GA.
(803) 730-9739. One hour narrated tours, two hour partially narrated sunset tours, and private party tours available on the Savannah River.
www.patriottourboat.net

Redcliffe Plantation House Tours

181 Redcliffe Rd., Beech Island.
(803) 827-1473. Grounds open daily 9am - 6pm, house tours Thurs.-Sun. at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. If school groups are scheduled on a day when we offer tours, the 11am tour will not be held. Contact the park if you are planning on attending an 11am tour.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/redcliffe

Audubon's Silver Bluff Center and Sanctuary

4542 Silver Bluff Rd., Jackson.
(803) 471-0291. Offering a one to two-hour walking and/or driving tour of the sanctuary for groups of 10 or more. Subjects of interest include birds, other wildlife, native plants, land management and conservation/education activities that take place and the rich history of the area. Call for availability, reservations, and pricing. www.sc.audubon.org/visit/silver-bluff

SRS Tours

730-1B Savannah River Site, Aiken.
(803) 952-8994. Each tour starts with an overview presentation about SRS and a safety briefing. Free of charge. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and citizens of the US. To register, visit:
www.srs.gov/general/tour/public.htm

Tailored Tours of Aiken

Marty Bailey (803) 295-3870.
Let us show you Aiken's beauty while amazing you with our city's history, legends, and tantalizing gossip of yester-year. Book your tour now.
www.tailoredtoursofaiken.com





AGRITOURISM

EQUINE

Stable View, Inc.

117 Stable Dr., Aiken. (803) 356-3173. 1,000-acre recreational venue with premiere training facility for equestrians, 15 miles of trails for bird watchers/nature lovers, LEED Gold certified pavilion for weddings and corporate retreats, and 22 professionally designed accommodations for overnight guests. Hours 9am-5pm.
www.stableview.com

MEAT AND DAIRY FARM

Samaria Farm & Dairy LLC

714 Wrightsmill Rd., Aiken. (803) 645-5111. Aiken's local dairy. Grade A fresh raw Jersey Cow and goat milk, free range eggs, pastured poultry, Heritage pigs and pork, goat milk products available. Offering a farm tour fun for the whole family for a fee. During your tour you will experience raw milk tasting (cow vs. goat), meet farm animals, and learn how butter is made.



Aiken County Farmers Market

115 Willamsburg St., NE, Aiken. (803) 293-2214. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, all year round, 7am-12pm or until vendors sell out. Come enjoy fresh, local goodness with vendors selling produce, baked goods, honey, artisan goods, beef, eggs, and pork!
www.visitaikensc.com

Boondock Farms

755 Foreman St., Jackson. (706) 589-4920. We are on a mission to provide fresh produce to our community through organic farming and sustainable living. Our Farmers Market store will be open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm with fresh produce and locally crafted gift items.
www.boondockfarms.com

Cold Creek Nurseries

398 Hitchcock Parkway., Aiken. (803) 648-3592. The Market is open seven days a week and features a variety of local produce from farms across the state. The market also contains a selection of sauces, jams, marinades and more. We also offer a wide selection of plants, trees, shrubs, and more.
www.coldcreeknurseries.net





AGRITOURISM



MARKETS AND STANDS CONT.

Gurosik's Berry Roadside Markets

Aiken Bypass Market

1310 East Pine Log Rd., Aiken. Located on the bypass at the Aiken Senior Life Center.

Wacky Wayne's Fireworks

Visible from I-20 SC exit #1. Take the first road on the right (approximately 100 yards) south of I-20. Then drive 300 yards to the parking lot.

www.gurosiksberryplantation.com

Sara's Roadside Market

2601 Columbia Hwy., N, Aiken. (803) 642-1133. Our fresh market stand features Titan Farms peaches and bell peppers along with locally grown tomatoes, watermelon, corn and other fresh produce. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

www.titanfarms.com

PLANTS

Jenks Farm

Jenks Farmer Plantsman operates from this historic farm in Beech Island. This is primarily a mail order nursery specializing unique, historic Crinum Lilies. The organic farm also acts as an experiment station for our garden design and education outreach. Their family home, the farmstead is occasionally open for classes and tour groups, information about those events available at

www.jenksfarmer.com

Trusty Farms

1020 Old Jackson Hwy., Jackson. (803) 220-4336. Offering a unique assortment of perennials, annual, tropicals, aquatics, vines, carnivores and fruit bearing plants that thrive in our zone 8 climate.

www.trustyfarms.com



Jenks Farm



Trusty Farms



AGRITOURISM

TREE FARMS

Gurley's Christmas Tree Farm

65 Williston Rd., Beech Island.
(706) 829-5904. Cut your own
Fraser Firs from NC. Fresh wreaths
and photographer available on site.
Open the day after Thanksgiving,
Thurs.-Sun., call for Mon.-Wed.
Check Facebook for closings.



Courtesy of Still Creek Tree Farm

Still Creek Tree Farm

442 Pine Log Rd., Beech Island.
(706) 951-2324. Still Creek is a
Christmas tree farm opening Black
Friday. We have Virginia and Whit
Pine, Leyland/Murray/Sapphire
Cypress, and fresh cut varieties of
Firs.



Courtesy of Tom Sawyer's Christmas Trees

Tom Sawyer's Christmas Trees

402 Uncle Duck Rd., Monetta.
(803) 685-7604. A family owned
Christmas tree farm with 5 varieties
of Christmas trees grown on the farm
and fresh cut Fraser Firs from NC
offered. Open Nov.-Dec.
www.tomsawyerstreesmonetta.com

U-PICK FARM

Herb n Berries U-Pick Blueberry Farm

148 Keeper Lane, Montmorenci.
(803) 649-7037. This is a USDA
Certified organic U-Pick farm
featuring approximately 2-acres of
blueberries. Also available are
blackberries, specialty vegetables,
herbs, cut flowers and honey
produced from hives on the farm.
Open early June-late July depending
on weather.

www.herbnberries.com



Herb n Berries U-Pick Blueberry Farm

WILDLIFE SAFARI PARK

Eudora Farms Drive-Thru Safari

219 Salem Ln., Salley. Drive-thru and
walk about wildlife animal park. Ages
1-100 are guaranteed to learn new
information and love the experience.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas
Day. Entry fees apply. Follow their
Facebook page for hours, updates,
and weather closings.

www.eudorafarms.net



Eudora Farms Drive-Thru Safari

Certified South Carolina Grown

The Certified South Carolina program is a cooperative effort among
producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and the South Carolina
Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to brand and promote South Carolina
products. The goal is for consumers to be able to easily identify, find and
buy South Carolina products. To find where to buy local, visit their website.

www.certifiedsc.com



OUTDOORS

HERITAGE PRESERVES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Miles of trails await you at seven Heritage Preserves, which are all managed by DNR and open for public use one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.



Courtesy of Michael Small SCDNR

Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP/WMA

Wagener. Lat 33.505 Long -81.413. The 1,622 acre preserve is home to the rare and state-listed endangered gopher tortoise. Limited horseback riding, no motorized vehicles.

Bear Branch HP

Aiken. Lat 33.672 Long -81.799. A 173-acre tract in northern Aiken County. Prearranged tours only. B.F. Landrum began making pottery here in 1848.

Crackerneck WMA

Jackson. Lat 33.286 Long -81.781. A 10,600-acre WMA and Ecological Reserve owned by the U. S. Department of Energy, and managed by the SCDNR. Deer, turkey, waterfowl, small game, and fishing. Open during designated dates and times and must sign in.

Ditch Pond HP/WMA

Williston. Lat 33.415 Long -81.472. The 296 acre preserve with a Carolina bay, elliptically shaped, wet depressions ranging from one acre to over 1,000. Archery hunting for deer and gun hunting for small game is allowed.

Gopher Branch HP

Aiken. Lat 33.661 Long -81.793. Rev. J. Landrum's home and alkaline glaze stoneware pottery. A renown slave potter "Dave," worked for Landrum and his son-in-law Lewis Miles. Prearranged tours only.

HP - (803) 734-3893

WMA - (803) 734-3886

Maps - www.dnr.sc.gov

Henderson HP/WMA

Aiken. Lat 33.415 Long -81.742.

A 1.4 mile hiking trail guides visitors through this 417 acre habitat. About 2 miles north of Aiken.

Janet Harrison High Pond HP

Monetta. Lat 33.821 Long -81.588

A Carolina bay trail, the high pond vegetative community, and populations of several rare plant species are protected in this 30.11 acre preserve.

Savannah River Bluffs HP

North Augusta. Lat. 33.526

Long. -81.061. The 83.84-acre site has 1,076 feet of river frontage on one of the few remaining river shoals of the Savannah River.

NATIONAL AUDUBON

Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary

4542 Silver Bluff Rd., Jackson.

(803) 471-0291. The 3,400 acre wildlife sanctuary is a National Audubon Society property with a varied habitat of forests, fields, lakes, ponds and streams, and trails nestled along 2.6 miles of the Savannah River. It is a favorite destination for birding with over 220 species and wildflowers. Trails and gardens are open Mon.-Sat., dawn till dusk. Call ahead for hours of the visitors center.

www.sc.audubon.org/visit/silver-bluff





OUTDOORS

OBSERVATORY

Boyd Observatory

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-0314. This private research facility at Aiken County's Boyd Pond Park accommodates groups of 12. Open on the first and third Friday of the month (weather permitting), to expose all visitors to basic astronomy. Program begins at sundown and lasts about 1-hour. Free program. Reservations are recommended. www.boydobservatory.com

HUNTING



Courtesy of South Carolina Wildlife

Carolina Star Gun & Hunt Club

371 Cedar Branch Rd., Windsor.
(803) 649-0878. A variety of shooting sports activities, can accommodate special functions with 234 acres. Hunting, skeet shooting, trap shooting. www.carolinastar.com

Cowden Plantation Farms/Hunting

383 Brown Rd., Jackson.
(803) 471-3616. Over 10,000 acres of deer, hog, turkey, duck, dove, quail, bass, bluegill and farm catfish. Appointment required. Accommodations available. www.jarretrifles.com

FISHING

Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd., Windsor.
(803) 649-2857. Four ponds and the Edisto River await your hook! www.southcarolinaparks.com/aiken

Boyd Pond

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-0314. This 30 acre pond is equipped with fishing pier and boat ramp for non-motorized boats. www.aikencountypart.com

Brick Pond Park

88 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. 40 Acre restored wetland, storm water treatment system and public nature park. Fishing available in the West Pond, restrictions apply. www.northaugusta.net



Courtesy of Steve Rich Photography

Langley Pond

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown.
(803) 642-7559. Fishing area, hard surface ramp. Dawn till dusk, closed for special events. www.aikencountypart.com

Savannah River

Enjoy the beauty of the Savannah River at these fantastic fishing spots. The river boasts perch, largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, redbreast, and bream.

Lynn R. Sullivan Jackson Landing and Recreation Area

620 Landing Road, Jackson
Take Jackson Rd. to Fisher Rd., then to Landing Rd. Hard surface ramp, handicap accessible dock, fishing area, gravel parking.

Riverview Park Boat Ramp

North Augusta. Hammonds Ferry Rd.
Hard surface ramp, dock, paved parking and two fishing piers.

South Edisto River

This beautiful black river is a winner for bream, largemouth bass, catfish, pinfish, and eel.

Highway 21 Landing

SC 21. Ramp, gravel parking.

Keadle's Bridge

At Road 22 bridge. Hard surface ramp, parking.

Rocky Springs

Off New Holland Rd. (302) between Coughton and N. Holland. Small craft boat ramp, parking area and fishing area from bank.

SC Dept. of Natural Resources • Info (803) 734-3886 • Reports (800) 922-5431

License by Phone: (866) 714-3611

License Online: www.dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html



PARKS & RECREATION



Aiken County Recreation Center

917 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville. (803) 663-6142. Situated on 6 acres with two basketball courts, a playground, public pool, partially wooded walking track, covered picnic area, and a community center building. The park is open from dawn to dusk and available for rent.

Boyd Pond Park

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken. (803) 642-0314. 210 acre park that was the former SRS employee recreation facility. It is heavily wooded creating a cool canopy with four ball fields, two soccer fields, two miles of hiking trails, over nine miles of mountain bike trails, 18 hole disc golf course, six shelters, picnic areas, playground, restrooms, and a 30 acre fishing pond with a 300ft boardwalk. A boat ramp is also available to the public free of charge (no gas motors permitted).

Courtney Center

49 Roy St., Wagener. (803) 564-5211. Community building with senior citizens activities, exercise room, sewing room, air hockey table, and meal site for Council on Aging. Computer room with laptops and Wi-Fi. Rentable facility.

Harrison-Caver Park

4181 Augusta Rd., Clearwater. (803) 593-4698. 39 acre park with a rentable community center, playground, outdoor basketball court, two tennis courts, half-mile walking track, picnic tables with grills, three softball fields, 2 soft toss batting cages, and a multi-purpose field. The Horse Creek Water Trail exit point is located here.

Langley Pond Park

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown. (803) 642-7559. Langley Pond Park has an Olympic size rowing course with six fully buoyed lanes making it perfect for competition and training. The pond has a boat ramp, championship level disc golf course, equestrian and walking trail, swim area, concession stand, large picnic shelter, grills, bathhouse, all-inclusive playground, open green-space and a sandy beach for sunbathing. Equipped with a Finish Line Tower for rowing events. Several regattas, tournaments, trail runs and other events take place annually. Park is free to the public.

Roy Warner Park

6201 Roy Warner Park Ln., Wagener. (803) 564-6149. Ball fields, basketball court, playground, concessions, community center, a football field, and bathroom facility. Available for rent.

Aiken County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

(803) 642-7559

www.aikencountyprt.com



PARKS & RECREATION



Horse Creek Water Trail

(803) 642-7559

Running along a prominent Native American site, the 9 mile nature lovers retreat winds through the Horse Creek Valley. Native Americans built villages along the creek which was also used to rest and water their horses.

Access by kayak or canoe in Graniteville at Posner St. or Langley Pond.

Exit at Harrison-Caver Park.

Belvedere Dixie Youth

410 Hazel St., North Augusta. Ball fields, batting cage, concession stand, and playground.

Citizens Park

1060 Banks Mill Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-7760. Five multipurpose athletic fields.
www.cityofaikensc.gov

Ernest Weaver Park

131 Weaver St., Aiken. Facilities include a playground, covered picnic shelter, a softball field, and a basketball court.

Gardner-Key Park

410 A. Hazel St., North Augusta. Ballfields, playground, concession stand and picnic area.

Gloverville Park

226 Pine St., Gloverville. Ball fields, playground, gazebo and picnic area.

Gregg Park

113 Trolley Line Rd., Graniteville.
(803) 663-7552. Beautifully landscaped park and immaculate multi purpose facility offering a variety of activities and recreational programs for all ages. Contact for information about membership.
www.greggparkonline.com

Herb Marshall Park

120 H & H St., North Augusta. Ball fields and an exercise fitness track.

Johnny Wood Park

109 Swathmore Ave., North Augusta. Softball field and playground.

Lollar Park

520 Urquhart St., Beech Island. Playground, field, picnic area.

Spann Hammond Park

124 Spann Hammond Rd., Beech Island. Pond, walking trail, covered picnic shelters, and benches.

Spider Web Park

813 Williston Rd., Beech Island. Basketball court, playground and picnic area.

Thomas Park

117 Johnson Rd., Belvedere. Lighted tennis court, basketball court, playground area, and a picnic area.

White Pond Community Center

321 White Pond Rd., Williston.
(803) 300-1867. Playground and community center. Available for rent.

Willie Whaley Park

193 Carline Rd., Warrentonville.
(803) 593-2676. Ball fields, multipurpose field, playground.



PARKS & RECREATION



Hopelands Gardens
Courtesy of Larry Gleason

Brick Pond Park

88 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. 40 Acre restored wetland, storm water treatment system and public nature park. Walking trails, picnic tables and waterfalls.
www.northaugusta.net

Boeckh Park

508 Front St., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. Covered open air pavilion located along the riverfront extension of the Greenway Trail. Open fire pit.
www.northaugusta.net

Generations Park

700 Mack Henry Holland Dr., Aiken.
(803) 642-7631. Passive play park with open space and playground equipment designed for older kids.
www.visitaikensc.com

Hopelands Gardens

135 Dupree Place, Aiken.
(803) 642-7650. Open 10am till sunset. 14 acre park was the former estate of Mr. and Mrs Oliver Iselin.
www.cityofaikensc.gov

H.O. Weeks Center

1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-7630. Gym, racquetball, aerobics room, handicap-accessible playground, basketball courts, tennis center, walking track, ceramics and shelters.
www.cityofaikensc.gov

Riverview Park

100 Riverview Park Dr., North Augusta. (803) 441-4310. Baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, covered shelters, playground, walking trail, horseshoe pits, boat landing, basketball and racquetball courts, disc golf and activity center.
www.northaugustasc.gov

Smith-Hazel Recreation Center

400 Kershaw St., NE, Aiken.
(803) 642-7634. Public pool with small admission fee.
www.cityofaikensc.gov

VETERANS PARKS

Aiken County Veterans Memorial Park

1435 Richland Ave., E., Aiken.
Made possible through efforts of Veterans Coalition, honoring Veterans of past, present, and future.



Horse Creek Valley Veterans Park

US Hwy. 421, Bath. Paved walkways, lighting, benches, picnic tables and gazebo. Inscribed with 900 veterans' names from WWI to present of the Valley area.

Wade Hampton Veterans Park

302 Georgia Ave., North Augusta. Dedicated in memory of Civil War General Wade Hampton. Monuments are in formation of the American Flag and dedicated to vets of every war the USA has participated in since the Revolution.



PARKS & RECREATION



Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd., Windsor. (803) 649-2857

www.southcarolinaparks.com/Aiken

During the Great Depression, in the early 1930's, an African American detachment of the Civilian Conservation Corps built the park. Their work can still be seen in some of the remaining structures, as well as interpretive signage throughout the park.

Daily Park Admission

\$3 per Adult; \$1.50 SC Seniors; \$1 children age 6-15; age 5 & younger free (prices subject to change).

The 1,067-acre park offers picnicking, biking, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, geocaching, and a seasonal swimming area. The 3-mile loop, Jungle Trail, is a great hike. A playground is on the park too. Several geocaches are located on the park. For more information and locations of these caches, visit the official geocaching website.

The park is a combination of a river swamp, bottomland hardwood forest and dry sandhill Longleaf pine forest. The park has four ponds on the property for recreational paddling and fishing, which are fed by artesian springs. These naturally occurring underground water sources are under sufficient pressure to maintain a constant flow of water. In addition to the ponds, artesian water flows up through two artesian wells on the park. A small selection of souvenir items can be purchased in the park office. Firewood and fishing worms are also available for purchase. Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept on a leash no longer than six feet.

Camping

There are 25 standard campsites with electrical service and water, as well as access to a shower house. There are 3 Rustic Tent Sites available for tent camping. All campsites are able to be reserved in advance. Please call the park office to make reservations, or call (866) 345-PARK (7275).

Primitive Group Camping

An area along the bank of the South Fork of the Edisto River is equipped with picnic tables, fire rings and a privy. This area is reserved for organized groups. For reservations and pricing, call the park office.

Canoe/Kayak Rentals

A 1.7-mile canoe and kayak trail winds down the South Fork of the Edisto River. Canoe and Kayak rentals are available at scheduled float times only. For float times and pricing, please contact the park directly at (803) 649-2857.





PARKS & RECREATION

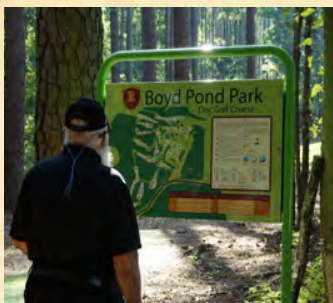
DISC GOLF

Boyd Pond Park

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.

(803) 642-0314. Featuring turf tee pads, practice basket, picnic area, and a course designed for all skill levels of play. Picnic tables, benches, and grills are spread throughout the park, which offer great views of Boyd Pond and the beautiful natural environment around it.

www.aikencountypart.com



Langley Pond Disc Golf Park

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown.

(803) 642-7559. Aiken County's only championship level disc golf course. Spectacular water holes, varying terrain, challenging pin locations, and towering hardwoods are abundant on this unique course. Consistently ranked top 10 worldwide due to the challenging layout, beautiful views, and world-class design. Two practice pins and full driving range are located near the parking area, and each hole features 2 tee pads for amateur and experienced players. Free to play and open from dawn to dusk.

www.aikencountypart.com



Virginia Acres Park

1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.

(803) 642-7631. Featuring 18 holes of Disc Golf. Open daily Sunrise to Sunset.

www.cityofaikensc.gov

Riverview Disc Golf Course

100 Riverview Park Dr., North Augusta.
(803) 803-441-4306. 18-hole course with good variety on rolling terrain.
www.northaugustasc.gov

DRIVE-THRU SAFARI

Eudora Farms Drive-Thru Safari

219 Salem Ln., Salley. (803) 606-6325.

Drive-thru, petting zoo, concessions, VIP Tour and walk about wildlife animal park. Entry fees apply. Follow their Facebook page for hours, updates and weather closings. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

www.eudorafarms.net

MINI-GOLF

Auggie's Acres

187 Railroad Ave., North Augusta.

Located in SRP Park. A rare and unique, all-natural grass, 9-hole miniature golf experience. Open during select public events with an additional admission fee. www.milb.com/augusta/community/gj-auggies-acres

South on Whiskey

3197 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.

(803) 643-1715. 18 holes of challenging undulating greens. Play the course under tall pines and next to waterfalls. Open year-round, weather permitting.
www.southonwhiskey.com/entertainment



BATTING CAGES

Harrison-Caver Park

4181 Augusta Rd., Clearwater.

(803) 593-4698. 2 soft toss batting cages open to the public. Sunrise to sunset. Call to reserve.

www.aikencountypart.com

South on Whiskey

3197 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.

(803) 643-1715. The 6-stall outdoor batting cages means there is room for everyone to take a swing. Featuring slow and fast softball and 4 different baseball speeds. Open year round, weather permitting.

www.southonwhiskey.com/entertainment



PARKS & RECREATION



Courtesy of Dell Purifoy Full Speed Photography

Carolina Dragway, Inc.

302 Dragstrip Rd., Aiken. (803) 471-2285

Sanctioned by the International Hot Rod Association and is one of two 1/4 mile dragstrips in South Carolina.

Check website for scheduled race times.

www.carolinadragway.com

WALL CLIMBING

Rock Climbing at the Carolina Bay

Price Ave., Aiken. (803) 642-7631.

Must register, pay fees at the H. O. Weeks Center across the street.

All equipment provided.

www.visitaikensc.com

BOWLING

Northside Lanes

1745 Georgia Ave., North Augusta. (803) 279-1948. Hours: Mon-Wed:

10am-11pm, Thurs: 3pm-11pm,

Fri: Noon-Midnight, Sat: 11am-

Midnight and Sun: 1pm-10pm.

No open bowling on Tuesdays

from 4pm-6:30pm.

www.northsidelanes.com

CHALLENGE COURSE

Gravatt Adventure & Discovery Center

1006 Camp Gravatt Rd., Aiken.

(803) 648-1817. Challenge course

designed to develop leadership skills and increase self-esteem and confidence. Features a low ropes

course with 24 elements where the individual is challenged while

the group works together to achieve their goals. A high ropes

course with 6 elements and a climbing tower with zipline.

Fantastic for company retreats.

www.campgravatt.org

SRP Park

187 Railroad Ave., North Augusta. (803) 349-9467.

Home of the Augusta GreenJackets Minor League Baseball located in Riverside Village. Entertainment venue that holds concerts and other events scheduled throughout the year.

www.greenjacketsbaseball.com





PARKS & RECREATION



Courtesy of Midland Valley Golf Club

GOLF

Aiken Family Golf Range

1685 Columbia Hwy. N., Aiken.
(803) 508-5635. Driving range, lessons available.

Carolina Golf Range Aiken

4234 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-6411. All are welcome, specializing in coaching players of all standards and ages.

Cedar Creek Golf Club

2555 Club Dr., Aiken.
(803) 648-4206. 18 holes, par 72. Designed by Arthur Hills.
www.cedarcreek.net

Houndslake Country Club

901 Houndslake Dr., Aiken.
(803) 648-6805. Semi-private 27-hole championship golf course designed in 1974 by Joe Lee. Call for public access information.
www.houndslakeecc.com

Midland Valley Golf Club

Hwy 1, 1515 Midland Dr., Graniteville. (803) 663-7332.
27 championship holes, par 71. Designed by Ellis Maples.
www.playmidlandvalley.com

Mount Vintage Golf Club

375 Mt. Vintage Plantation Dr., North Augusta. (803) 279-5422.
27 holes, Par 72 Designed by Tom Jackson.

The Aiken Golf Club

555 Highland Park Ave., Aiken.
(803) 649-6029. 18 holes, par 70. Built in 1912, designed by Donald Ross and J. R. Inglis.
www.aikengolfclub.net

The River Golf Club

307 Riverside Blvd., North Augusta.
(803) 202-0110. 18 holes, Par 71. Designed by Jim Fazio.
www.rivergolfclub.com



SWIMMING

Aiken County Recreation Center

917 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville. (803) 663-6142.
Open for summer, lifeguards on duty. Minimal fee.
www.aikencountypart.com

Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd., Windsor.
(803) 649-2857. Natural swim area, no lifeguards. Park fees apply.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/Aiken

Family Y Pool

621 Trolley Line Rd., Aiken.
(803) 349-8080. Open to out of town YMCA members.
www.thefamilyy.org

Gregg Park

1001 A Ave., Graniteville.
(803) 663-7552. Waterfront area. Open June-August, lifeguards on duty. Minimal fees.
www.greggparkonline.com

Richardson's Lake Water Park

919 Richardson Lake Rd., Warrentonville.
(803) 663-3600. Natural swim area, May-September, lifeguards on duty. Admission fee.
www.richardsonslake.com

Smith Hazel Pool

400 Kershaw St. NE, Aiken.
(803) 642-7634. Public pool opens Memorial Day weekend, lifeguards on duty. Minimal fees apply.



PARKS & RECREATION



HIKING, BIKING, and WALKING

Aiken County Recreation Center

917 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville.
(803) 663-6142. Mostly shaded .365 mile paved walking track with slight elevation changes meandering through the back portion of the Recreation Center and along Sand River. Three laps equals 1.1 miles.
www.aikencountyprt.com

Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd., Windsor.
(803) 649-2857. Open year-round, 3-mile loop through wetlands and forest. Leashed pets welcomed. Enter park, turn left. Trailhead is to the right of the playground.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/Aiken

Boyd Pond Park

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-0314. 2-mile walking trail and over 9 miles of mountain bike trails in a 210 acre park with a 30 acre pond.
www.aikencountyprt.com



Brick Pond Park

88 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. Hiking and biking trails. Open year-round from dawn until dusk.
www.northaugustasc.gov

Carolina Bay Nature Reserve

180 Price Ave., Aiken.
(803) 642-7630. Two trails, open year-round dawn to dusk.
www.conserveaiken.org

Gregg Park

113 Trolley Line Rd., Graniteville.
(803) 663-7552. Paved walking trail.
www.greggparkonline.com

Hitchcock Woods

430 South Boundary Ave., SW, Aiken.
(803) 642-0528. A 2,100 acre natural forest, with 70-miles of trails. The Hitchcock Foundation encourages passive recreation to preserve the integrity and tranquility of the forest. There are seven entrances along the perimeter. Motorized vehicles or bicycles are not allowed. Open 365 days from dawn till dusk.
www.hitchcockwoods.org

Langley Pond Loop Trail

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown.
(803) 642-7559. This trail was developed in partnership with the GAIT Foundation. Accessible by foot or horseback (No bicycles), the wooded trail is 2.8 miles winding through a canopy of lush woods accessible only at Langley Pond Park. Leashed pets allowed.
www.aikencountyprt.com

North Augusta Greenway

101 Riverview Park Dr., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. Paved track for walking, hiking, and bicycling. The main trail is over 7 miles long, with several more miles of trails branching off. Access points located at Municipal Center, Riverview Park, Martintown Rd., Pisgah Rd., and Bergen Rd.
www.northaugustasc.gov

Odell Weeks Center

1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-7630. A flat, lit, paved 1-mile oval path. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not permitted.

Redcliffe Plantation

181 Redcliffe Rd., Beech Island.
(803) 827-1473. 1/4 mile trail. Trail head at bottom right corner of field in front of home. Leashed pets allowed.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/redcliffe

Sparkleberry at The Bishop Gravatt Center

1006 Camp Gravatt Rd., Aiken.
(803) 648-1817. Year-round, dawn to dusk, M-F. Register at office for this 2-mile trail. Leashed pets allowed. Restrooms are available in the dining facility.



KIDS ACTIVITIES



Langley Pond Park

RECREATION

Aiken County Public Library

314 Chesterfield St., Aiken.
(803) 642-2020. Adaptive playground, organized events.
www.abbe-lib.org/locations/aiken-county-public-library

Boyd Pond Park

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-0314. Recreation fields, disc golf course and playground.
www.aikencountypart.com

Harrison-Caver Park

4181 Augusta Rd., Clearwater.
(803) 593-4698. Playground, recreation fields, organized activities, batting cages and paved learning track.
www.aikencountypart.com

Langley Pond Park

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown.
(803) 642-7559. Inclusive playground, walking loop trail and disc golf course.
www.aikencountypart.com

Riverview Park

100 Riverview Dr., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. Adaptive playground, recreation fields, organized activities, disc golf course, tennis court, Greenway trail, and biking.
www.northaugustasc.gov

Roy Warner Park

6021 Roy Warner Park Ln., Wagener.
(803) 564-6149. Playground, recreation fields, organized activities.
www.aikencountypart.com

BOWLING

Northside Lanes

1745 Georgia Ave., North Augusta.
(803) 279-1948. See page 25 for hours.
www.northsidelanes.com

MINI GOLF

Auggie's Acres

187 Railroad Ave., North Augusta. Located in SRP Park. A unique, all-natural grass, 9-hole mini golf experience. Open during select public events with an additional admission fee. www.milb.com/augusta/community/gj-auggies-acres

South on Whiskey

3197 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(803) 643-1715. Mini golf and batting cages.
www.southonwhiskey.com/entertainment

WATER FUN

Aiken County Recreation Center

917 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville. (803) 663-6142. Pool, life guards on duty, admission fees apply.
www.aikencountypart.com

Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd., Windsor.
(803) 649-2857. Swimming area. Admission fees to the park apply.
www.southcarolinaparks.com/Aiken

Citizens Park

651 Old Airport Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-7761. Sprayground.
www.cityofaikensc.gov

Gregg Park

119A Trolley Line Rd., Graniteville.
(803) 663-7552. Natural swimming area. Life guards on duty, admission fees apply.
www.greggparkonline.com

Langley Pond Park

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown.
(803) 642-7559. Swimming, fishing, boating.
www.aikencountypart.com

Richardson's Lake Water Park

919 Richardsons Lake Rd., Warrentonville. (803) 663-3600. Open May-September, lakefront swimming with a sandy beach, water slides and life guards on duty, admission fees apply.
www.richardsonslake.com

Riverview Park

100 Riverview Park., North Augusta.
(803) 441-4300. Splash Pad.
www.northaugustasc.gov

Sassafras Park

3187 Augusta Rd., Burnetown.
(803) 593-2676. Splashpad.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER

The Big Mo

5822 Columbia Hwy N., Monetta.
(803) 685-7949. Seasonal, weekend-only, double features, concessions and kids' play area.
www.thebigmo.com



KIDS ACTIVITIES

CERAMICS

Bisquecuts and Glazy

949 Pine Log Rd., Aiken.
(803) 648-7772. A contemporary paint your own ceramic piece studio. Offering classes, birthday parties and camps. Walk-ins welcome.
www.bglazy.com

ART CLASSES

Aiken Art Haus / Gretchen Hash-Heffner

109 Laurens St., NW, Aiken. Home-school, after school, and adult art classes available. Email aikenarthaus@gmail.com for more information.
www.gretchenhashheffner.com

Aiken Center For The Arts

122 Laurens St., SW, Aiken.
(803) 641-9094. The center offers instruction in a variety of mediums for all ages. Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm.
www.aikencenterforthearts.com

Art Nook School & Studio

601 Silver Bluff Rd., Aiken.
(803) 760-7710. Art classes for ages 4-adults. Call for pricing and registration.
www.artnookaiken.com

HORSEBACK RIDING

Ashbrooke Equestrian Center

61 Three Runs Plantation Dr., Aiken.
(803) 439-2494. Horseback riding instructions for adults and children, beginner through advanced. Active lesson program and Summer camps for children.

Devonwood Farm

215 Woodward Dr., Aiken.
(803) 502-1000. Offers riding lessons for adults and children. Summer camp available.
www.devonwoodfarms.com

New Era Farm

1720 Wire Rd., Aiken.
(803) 262-5434. Riding lessons offered for children 5 yrs and up, adults of all ages in a safe environment professional. Covered arena available for rent.
www.newerafarm.com

Rebel Ranch Horse Tours

(803) 640-2765. Guided trail rides for young and old alike.
www.rebelranchhorsetours.com

The Party Ponies

(803) 507-5487.
LaDonna Heise offers birthday parties, unicorns, photos, special events and more. Making it fun and memorable!

CLIMB

Gravatt Adventure & Discovery Center

1006 Camp Gravatt Rd., Aiken.
(803) 648-1817. Challenge course designed to develop leadership skills and increased self-esteem and confidence.
www.campgravatt.org

PlayLand of Aiken

951 Dougherty Rd., Aiken.
(803) 226-0096. A place where kids can just be kids on our indoor playground. Designed for ages 0 to 12. Offering birthday parties. Fees vary, check website. www.playlandofaiken.com

Rock Climbing at Carolina Bay

Price Ave., Aiken. (803) 642-7631. Outdoor rock wall. Ages 3 and up. Wednesdays 6pm-8pm. Must register at Odell Weeks.

DRIVE-THRU SAFARI

Eudora Farms Drive-Thru Safari

219 Salem Ln., Salley.
(803) 606-6325. Drive-thru, petting zoo, concessions, and walk about wildlife animal park. Open Wednesday-Sunday, entry fees apply. Follow their Facebook page for updates and weather closings.
www.eudorafarms.net



OBSERVATORIES

Boyd Observatory

340 Boyd Pond Rd., Aiken.
(803) 642-0314. First and third Fridays, program starts at sundown and lasts about 1-hour, weather permitting.
www.boydobservatory.com

Ruth Patrick Science Education Center and DuPont Planetarium

471 University Pkwy., Aiken.
(803) 641-3313. Science and space related programs year-round.
www.rpsec.usca.edu



Courtesy of Party Ponies



ANNUAL EVENTS

Antiques in the Heart of Aiken

(803) 641-9094. The 1st weekend in February at the Aiken Center for the Arts. Offers one of the South's finest Antiques experience.

www.aikencenterforthearts.org

Battle of Aiken

(803) 642-2500. Powell Pond Rd, off I-20 & Hwy 19. The weekend after President's Day. Calvary horses, cannons and reenactors bring the history of the Civil War to life.

www.battleofaiken.org



Aiken Triple Crown

Saturdays in March.

First race is the Trials where Thoroughbreds compete in flat races at the Aiken Training Track. The Steeplechase is the second with a big tent party and horses jumping hurdles. The third leg is the Polo match. Proceeds aid the community and community charities.

Aiken Trials:

www.aikentrainingtrack.com

Steeplechase:

www.aikensteeplechase.com

Pacers and Polo:

www.usca.edu/events/pacers-and-polo

Joye in Aiken

March and June. Each year its Performing Arts Festival and Outreach Program brings some of the world's finest musicians, dancers, and actors to the charming historic town of Aiken, SC.

www.joyeinaiken.com

Hopelands Summer Concerts

(803) 642-7631. An outdoor series, April - June at Hopelands Gardens. Mondays at 7pm. Picnics welcome!

www.visitaikensc.com

Aiken Horse Show

(803) 642-0528. 1st weekend in April in Hitchcock Woods. This prestigious show takes place where it has for the last 100+ years.

www.aikenhorseshow.org



Courtesy of Living History Park

Aiken Art Walk

(803) 642-7631. Tuesday of Masters Week in April held Downtown.

Businesses stay open late. Artists and vendors line the streets.

www.aikendda.us

Colonial Times: Under the Crown

(803) 215-0837. Third weekend in April at Living History Park, North Augusta. This juried, invitational show features high quality art, music and food all weekend. 18th century entertainment.

www.colonialtimes.us

Beech Island Historical Tour

Last Saturday in April. A ticketed tour featuring homes, churches, cemeteries and other historic sites in Beech Island.

www.beechislandhistory.org

Polo Matches

(803) 642-3611. April through Mid-June and September through Mid-November.

Aiken Polo Club:

www.aikenpolo.org

New Bridge Polo Club:

www.newbridgepolo.com/polo

Wagener Polo Club:

www.wagenerpolo.com

Overbrook Polo Club:

www.pololessons.net

Music in the Park

(803) 442-7588. Maude Edenfield Park, 426 Brookside Park, North Augusta. May-June. 7pm on Thursdays.

www.naartscouncil.org

Nike Peach Jam

(803) 441-4311. July at Riverview Park, North Augusta. Championship level event is the culmination of national tournaments with the top qualifiers vying for the title. The best 16 and 17 year old basketball players participate. Admission fees apply.

www.northaugustasc.gov

This is a partial listing. Please call ahead for actual dates and times. Visit our online calendar at www.discoveraikencounty.com/events



ANNUAL EVENTS

Storks and Corks

(803) 471-0291. Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary 4542 Silver Bluff Rd., Jackson. Saturday in August. Celebrate years of feeding Wood Storks during their migration. Enjoy wine, hor d'oeuvres, a buffet style dinner, and observe over 500 birds in the wading ponds.
www.sc.audubon.org/visit/silver-bluff

Aiken's Makin'

(803) 641-1111. 2nd full weekend in September in Downtown Aiken. Display and sale of juried arts and crafts.
www.aikensmakin.net

Oktoberfest at Stable View Farm

(803) 522-0067. Last weekend in September. Aiken's first FEI event that will run 1*, 2*, and 3* divisions.
www.stableviewfarm.com

Sassafras Festival

(803) 593-2676. Augusta Rd., Burnetttown. First Saturday in October at Sassafras Park. Arts, crafts, food vendors, and other entertainment. Fun for the whole family.
www.burnetttown.com/sassafras-festival

Western Carolina State Fair

(803) 648-8955. October at the Aiken Fairgrounds. Rides, entertainment and food.
www.westerncarolinastatefair.com



Courtesy of Mark Hudson

Fall Steeplechase

(803) 648-9641. October. Family friendly event includes stick horse races for kids, costume contest, and more.
www.aikensteeplechase.com

Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee

(803) 441-4311. Family-oriented festival in Downtown North Augusta in October. Live entertainment, variety of food and craft vendors, car show, corn hole tournament, amusement rides and more.
www.jackolanternjubilee.com

Hook and Cook Festival

(803) 471-2228. 106 Main St., Jackson. 3rd Saturday in October. Features a fishing tournament, barbecue cook-off, car show, craft vendors, and family-friendly entertainment and events.
www.jackson-sc.gov/hook-and-cook

Colonial Times: A Day to Remember

(803) 279-7560. The 3rd weekend in October at the Living History Park. Colonial life is recreated through demos, exhibits, blacksmithing, smoke house, musket firing and more.
www.colonialtimes.us

Wild West Fest! American Frontier and Western Days! 1750-1918

(803) 642-2500. 1210 Powell Pond Rd, Aiken. November. See history come alive! Tickets available at the gate. Vendors, kids activities, Military timeline, and more.
www.battleofaiken.org

Blessing of the Hounds

(803) 642-0528. Thanksgiving Day. Held at the Memorial Gate in Hitchcock Woods. Ceremony blessing the foxhounds, which officially kicks off Aiken's hunt season.
www.hitchcockwoods.org

Chitlin' Strut

(803) 258-3485. Saturday after Thanksgiving at Salley Civic Center and Fairgrounds. The unusual Southern cuisine of chitlin's is on the table! Carnival rides, crafts, parade, car show and there's even a Hawg Calling Contest to top it off!
www.chitlinstrut.com

Christmas in Hopelands

(803) 642-7631. December at Hopelands Gardens, Aiken. Beautifully decorated and lit gardens during the holiday season.
www.visitaikensc.com

Night of 1,000 Lights

(803) 649-2221. 2nd week of December in Downtown Aiken. Sponsoring businesses stay open late, food, festivities, and even Santa's elves will be in town.
www.aikendda.us

A Langley Pond Christmas

(803) 642-7559. 113 Langley Dam Rd., Langley. Pictures with Santa, craft and food vendors, and more fun for the family.

Events, attractions, prices, dates, and times in this guide are subject to change.



EQUESTRIAN



Courtesy of Pete Peters

EQUESTRIAN DISTRICT

East of Whiskey Rd. and north of South Boundary lies quiet dirt roads lined with equestrian fencing, training farms, horse crossings, polo fields, and racing tracks. Speed limit is 15 mph. Please be considerate and use extreme caution while in this area. Peak season for equestrian training is November-March.

EVENTING

Aiken Horse Park

At the intersection of Audubon Dr. and Powderhouse Rd., Aiken.
(803) 226-0121. 66 acres in historic Aiken where events are held year-round.
www.aikenhorsepark.org

The Vista Schooling and Event Center

859 Old Tory Trail, Aiken.
(803) 262-5263. Offering dressage arenas, derby stadium jumping arenas, and cross-country schooling.
www.schoolthevista.com

Full Gallop Farm

3828 Wagener Rd., Aiken.
(803) 215-6590. Hosts events and provides lessons.
www.fullgallopfarm.com

Jumping Branch Farm

179 Fox Pond Rd., Aiken.
(240) 460-1094. 100+ acres, surrounded by trees, trails, and ponds. JBF hosts several schooling shows including dressage and combined tests, horse trials and derbies.
www.JBfarm.com

Radway Eventing

4726 Whiskey Rd., Aiken.
(239) 464-0534. Offers lessons to children and adults of all levels including mentally and physically challenged. Eventing, horse training and boarding offered.
www.radwayeventing.com

Sporting Days Farm

3549 Charleston Hwy., Aiken.
(803) 648-0100. 140 acres with Dressage Court, Grand Prix size show ring, and 5 levels of XC Course jumps with many trails. Open for competitions and practice days by appointment.
www.SportingDaysFarm.com

Stable View, Inc.

117 Stable Dr., Aiken.
(484) 356-3173. Spread over 1000 acres of gently rolling hills, "A Gathering Place" offers professionally designed accommodations and event venues, wildlife and plant conservation, top rated horse shows and training facilities in the heart of horse country. Ideal for weddings, family reunions, corporate retreats, overnight stays, hiking, birding and habitat exploration. Hours 9am-5pm.
www.stableviewfarm.com



EQUESTRIAN



New Bridge Polo

POLO

Aiken Polo Club

(803) 643-3611
www.aikenpoloclub.org

Wagener Polo Club

(561) 719-3318
www.wagenerpoloclub.com

New Bridge Polo & Country Club

862 New Bridge Rd., Aiken.
(803) 648-3699
www.newbridgepolo.com

Overbrook Farms

2030 Gallop Hill Ln., Wagener.
(803) 646-8350. Offers a chance to try polo in a beginner friendly relaxed game.
www.overbrookaiken.com

Powderhouse Field

950 Powderhouse Rd., Aiken.
(803) 644-7706. Tournament games and practice location for Aiken Polo Club.
www.aikenpoloclub.org

Whitney Field

Mead Ave., Aiken.
(803) 643-3611. Field for Aiken Polo Club. September through November and March through mid June.
www.aikenpoloclub.org

RACING & STEEPLECHASE

Aiken Training Track

538 Two Notch Rd., SE, Aiken.
(803) 648-4631. Historic Thoroughbred training facility home to annual events.
www.aikentrainingtrack.com

McGhee's Mile

620 Banks Mill Rd., Aiken.
(803) 617-8511. 77 acre training center that hosts harness racing in March.
www.mcgheesmile.com

www.discoveraikencounty.com

HUNTER/JUMPER

Highfields Event Center

118 Gaston St., NE, Aiken.
(803) 649-3505. 68 acre event facility open to public for events or by appointment. Hours 9am-3pm. Closed Mondays after weekend events. www.psjshows.com



Courtesy of Highfields Event Center

SPECIALTY

Aiken Horsemanship Academy

(803) 761-4342. Open by appointment only 9am-3pm, closed July-August. Clinics, courses, lessons, and horse training offered. Focusing on adult education to empower and give knowledge to the owner.
www.thehorsemanshipacademy.com

Aiken Equine Rescue

532 Glenwood Dr., Aiken.
(803) 643- 1850. A non-profit organization that rescues and cares for unwanted horses. The largest horse rescue in the Southeast, and since the founding in '06, we have placed over 1,000 horses into loving homes. Visitors welcome for tours Mon-Sat 9am-1pm. Closed on Holidays.
www.aikenequinerescue.com



The Track Kitchen

420 Mead Ave., Aiken. People from all elements of Aiken's thriving horse community flock to the Track Kitchen for an inexpensive square-meals breakfast of hot cakes or eggs, sided by ham or bacon. Open for breakfast Fall through Spring.



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EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Hitchcock Woods

Laurens St. SW at South Boundary Ave., SW, Aiken. (803) 642-0528. www.hitchcockwoods.org

Langley Pond Loop Trail

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown. (803) 642-7559. 2.8 mile equestrian trail. www.aikencountypart.com



Courtesy of Trail Riding

FOX HUNTING

Aiken Hounds Drag Hunt

(803) 643-DRAG. A historic drag hunt in the woods from the time of the Hitchcocks. Hunts are from Oct-March, every Tues and Sat. Visitors may not bring dogs into the woods during these times. www.hitchcockwoods.org

Whiskey Road Fox Hounds

whiskeyroadhounds@gmail.com. Live hunting on horseback in open land. Oct-March, Thurs and Sun 10am. www.whiskeyroadfoxhounds.com

RESOURCES

Aiken County Historical Museum

435 Newberry St., SW, Aiken. (803) 642-2015. Exhibits include history of how the Winter Colony became an equestrian community.

Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame

135 Dupree Pl., Aiken. (803) 642-7631. Museum showcasing Aiken's contributions to the thoroughbred industry from 1900 to present. Check website for hours of operation. www.aikenracinghalloffame.com

HORSEBACK RIDING

Ashbrooke Equestrian Center 61

Three Runs Plantation Dr., Aiken. (803) 439-2494. Horseback riding instructions for adults and children, beginner through advanced. Active lesson program and Summer camps for children. Participates in local shows.

Devonwood Farm

215 Woodward Dr., Aiken. (803) 502-1000. Offers English and Western riding lessons for adults and children and Summer camps for children. www.devonwoodfarms.com

Rebel Ranch Horse Tours

(803) 640-2765. Guided trail rides for young and old alike. www.rebelranchhorsetours.com.

New Era Farm

1720 Wire Rd., Aiken. (803) 262-5434. Riding lessons offered for children 5 yrs and up, adults of all ages in a safe professional environment. Covered arena, available for rent. www.newerafarm.com

Trail Riding

(803) 507-5487. LaDonna Heise offers guided trail rides for the young and young at heart. Ride through Historical Hitchcock Woods, the Langley Pond Loop Trail and more.



803-507-5487



Y'ALL COME BACK

The Aiken County Visitors Center offers a variety of brochures, locally made gift shop souvenirs, event tickets and more. Look out for our events like book signings by local authors, local monthly artist exhibits and more. For more information on Aiken County and local events, visit our website www.discoveraikencounty.com or contact us at (803) 642-7557.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Aiken County!
Y'all come back soon!



Thank you for visiting Aiken County, SC!

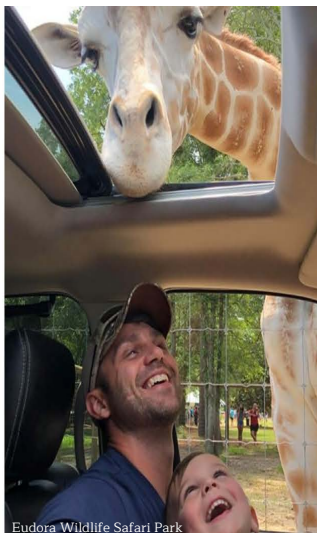
Get Outdoors and Explore Aiken County



Boondock Farms



Samaria Farms



Eudora Wildlife Safari Park



Herb n Berries U-Pick Blueberry Farm



Jenks Farm

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