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# Visit Oconee SC

Eccated in the northwest corner of South Carolina in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Oconee County is within a half day drive, from metropolitan areas in the southeast. Come for the day or stay all weekend! We hope you find our Visitors Guide helpful in making your travel plans to Oconee. We invite you to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance in your planning. While you are here, we encourage you to take pictures and share your experience with us by **#VisitOconeeSC**. We look forward to your visit!

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Waterfalls

From modest to majestic, Oconee County is home to some of the most beautiful waterfalls in the nation! The beauty of these natural wonders offers spiritual as well as physical refreshment and renewal. The chilly waters at the foot of many falls collects in natural swimming holes, with several being family friendly. Hikes to these waterfalls range from easy to extremely difficult, but each offers a rewarding, picturesque view at the end. Many of these hikes are in the Sumter National Forest and do not have reliable cell service. We recommend downloading a map or directions before you arrive.

# Waterfalls

# Zone 1

# Bee Cove Falls, Mountain Rest ####

This remote multi-tiered falls is a difficult 2-3 hour hike, but worth the effort! Head North from Walhalla on Hwy 28. Bear right onto Hwy 107 for 12.5 miles and park on the left. Walk 150 yards on the right to FS 702. The roadbed goes along the Creekside. Bear right at the 3-way intersection. Follow the less defined path and sounds to waterfalls.

# Big Bend Falls, Mountain Rest 新新新

Largest vertical drop of the Chattooga River is a sight to see with a 30 ft. drop. It is a difficult 3 hour walk that we recommend for adventurous, expert hikers.

# Chauga Narrows, Mountain Rest 👫

Located on the Chauga River, the narrow 25-foot-high falls can be viewed with a moderate hike. Great picnic spot and swimming along the river. For best viewing of falls, some climbing over rocks required. North 7 miles from Walhalla on Hwy 28, left on Whetstone Road (S193) Go 3 miles to Blackwell Bridge over Chauga River. Park and follow trail for an easy ¼ mile hike.

# Cheohee or Miuka Falls, Mountain Rest አአአ

A 75 ft. waterfall on Townes Creek easily viewed with a 45-minute hike. This is one of two falls you can reach by hiking the Winding Stairs Trail, the other being Secret Falls. Go north from Walhalla on Hwy 28, bear right on Hwy 107 for 8 miles. Follow signs for Winding Stairs Trail which turns right in .2 miles, make a sharp left and continue 1/3 miles to clearing and hear the falls. Hike through foliage to creek.

# Hidden Falls, Mountain Rest 牀

Near the head of the Foothills Trail, this 50 ft. waterfall over granite ledges can be reached with a moderate, one-hour hike. Best show of waterfall occurs after a rain.

# Issaqueena Falls, Walhalla 뷨

Located in Stumphouse Park. It's an easy 5-minute walk to viewing platforms where you can view the beautiful waterfall named for a Creek maiden who hid on one of the falls' ledges to avoid capture during an Indian attack. There is a rough trail next to the lowest platform, which leads to the base of the falls. However, the PATH IS QUITE DANGEROUS and visitors are not encouraged to try it.

# King Creek Falls, Mountain Rest 뷨

This 70 ft. tumble through a laurelchoked gorge is one of the best to view. Easy to moderate 30-minute hike that is sometimes slippery. Trail is well marked, with restrooms at the trail head. Family friendly beautiful sight. Kids can play in the pool at the base of the falls. You can hike the trail and view the river.

# Laurel Fork Falls, Salem 为为为 🛥

Consider visiting the falls by boat instead of hiking. Witnessing the 80 ft. high falls from a boat in the waters of Lake Jocassee is a one-of-a-kind experience. There are several other falls to be viewed on the lake including Wrights Creek and Mill Creek Falls. For lake access, enter at Devils Fork State Park. Boat rentals and guided tours are available. If you opt to hike, it's 16 miles round trip.

# Lee Falls, Tamassee 为为为

A bit hard to find, but one of Oconee's most picturesque falls is on Tamassee Creek. No official trail makes this a challenging hike. Best visibility in wintertime. No swimming. Last 1/4 mile is difficult with lots of boulder climbing.

# Mill Creek Falls, Salem 🐇

Located on Lake Jocassee, this waterfall is only accessible by boat. Launch from Devils Fork State Park. For exact location of the falls, stop by the Devils Fork Ranger Station for map and detailed directions.

# Pigpen Falls & Licklog Falls, Mountain Rest 脂

Perfect falls for a young family. An easy one-hour hike to two sets of falls 1/4 mile apart. Pigpen will be the first falls on the left with a great swimming hole. Licklog is a short distance further on the right, and a little more difficult to view if leaves are out. Continue on the trail a few more minutes to the Chattooga River. Nice place to swim and picnic.

# Secret Falls, Mountain Rest 👫

A two-fer waterfall opportunity. A treacherous path for adventurous, physically fit hikers, Winding Stairs Trail leads to this waterfall off the beaten path. Continue past clearing to view Cheohee/ Miuka Falls.

# Spoonauger Falls, Mountain Rest 👫

Two-fer waterfall opportunity. This 50 ft. waterfall is set back into a hillside and surrounded by an explosion of shrubbery. Follow the trail approximately 1/4 mile. Cross over Spoonauger Creek. King Creek Falls and the Chattooga River are in the same area.

# Station Cove Falls, Walhalla 🕈

A stepped 60 ft. waterfall that forms from headwaters atop Station Mountain. An easy 30-minute hike through a gorgeous Appalachian cove takes you to the family friendly wading pond at the foot of the falls.

# Whitewater Falls (Lower) Salem 脂

A dramatic 200 ft. drop, these falls are the highest in eastern America. The Lower Falls (in South Carolina) is about halfmile down the Whitewater River from the Upper Falls (in North Carolina). The trail to the overlook is a dangerous 1.7 mile trek.

# Whitewater Falls (Upper) NC 뷨

Beginning in North Carolina and ending in South Carolina, these falls are the highest in eastern America. Easy 10 minute walk to a viewing platform at the end of an asphalt path. Stairs lead to a better viewing platform. However, it is a difficult climb back up. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 11 in Salem, go North on Hwy 130 ten miles and follow signs to Whitewater Falls.

# Wright's Creek Falls, Salem 🛥

Located on Lake Jocassee, this falls is only accessible by boat. Launch from Devils Fork State Park (parking fee required). Boat rentals and lake tours available. Stop by Devils Fork State Park for map and directions.

# Yellow Branch Falls, Walhalla 뷨

It takes approximately 45 minutes to reach the falls and 45 minutes back out. Wear shoes with good traction, pack water, and be prepared for pop-up rain storms. No cell service in the forest. Impressive 60 ft. cascade over rock ledges is a favorite





destination for visitors. Hike is 3 miles round trip. CCC era picnic shelter on site.

# Zone 2

# Brasstown Falls, Westminster 🕈

From Westminster, drive west on US 76 for 12 miles and turn left on Brasstown Road (Oconee County Road S-37). Go 2.6 miles down Brasstown Road. When the pavement ends continue 1.3 miles on the dirt road. Go right when the road forks then the parking area is .4 miles where you will see the trailhead. Brasstown Falls offers four falls ranging from 20ft. to 40ft. The trails have been updated and are more accessible. New steps along the trail have been added with several to viewing platforms. The left trail to upper falls has a family friendly short hike with a bridge over the creek. There are good swimming holes at both ends of the trail. Brasstown Creek BBQ is a great place to eat Fri or Sat 4-9pm cash only.

# Bull Sluice, Mountain Rest 뷞

Bull Sluice is a Class Five rapid on Section III of the Chattooga River. This is a popular place to view rafting trips running the rapid. It's a short .2 mile hike from the Hwy 76 Chattooga River Access parking lot. Follow the trail downhill to where it forks, and go right along the gravel trail to reach a viewing area. Depending on your mobility level, you can walk on huge rocks on the side of the river to get a better view. (The left fork takes you to a beach downstream of the rapid.)

# Fall Creek Falls, Mountain Rest 为为为

Multiple falls range from 30 to 40 ft. within a 1-mile stretch. A long, steep, but not dangerous 2-mile hike made more difficult during spring and summer by foliage. Best viewing is in winter.

# Long Creek Falls, Long Creek 新新新

A 50-foot waterfall on its namesake creek just before it flows into the Chattooga River. The 1.6 mile unofficial trail is moderately difficult and not well-marked. The last 150 ft. is very steep making it a challenge to climb out. Paddlers and rafters going down the Chattooga River can view this waterfall from the water.

# Opossum Creek Falls, Long Creek 粘粘

The two-hour hike to this 50-ft. cascade is not dangerous, but quite strenuous. Nice picnic area and swimming in the Chattooga River. Best views when leaves are off trees or from May-June when the Rhododendron and Mountain Laurel are in bloom.

# Ramsey Creek Falls/Chau Ram County Park, Westminster 🕈

Beautiful 40ft. cascade over large boulders where Ramsey Creek and Chauga River meet. The falls is located inside Chau Ram County Park where a \$3 parking fee applies. Lower parking lot provides roadside viewing. Good wading pond at foot of falls. Excellent swimming just a short, easy walk from the falls on well-marked and partially paved trail. Great place to camp and picnic.

# Riley Moore Falls, Westminster 뷨

Once the site of a gristmill, this waterfall measures 12 ft. high, 100 ft. wide and is a great family destination. Moderate 15-minute walk to falls, a tunnel to the left brings you up to the middle of the falls. Good swimming spot.



# Waterfalls



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Parks are fun and economical places for the public to enjoy! In Oconee County, you'll have access to four state parks and three county parks. Each park offers adventure close to water... be it a river, lake, stream or waterfall. One of our city parks offers dual-use hiking and mountain biking trails. Speaking of trails, we are blessed with over 200,000 acres of wooded land within the Andrew Pickens Ranger District—part of the Sumter National Forest. Most of the parks offer overnight camping, RV sites and facilities for weddings or reunions. Plan a day, weekend or week to enjoy all of the things that Oconee parks have to offer. There's so much possibility for recreation and fun in our great outdoors!

# **Devils Fork State Park**

# Salem 864-944-2639 southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder

Devils Fork State Park provides the only public access to Lake Jocassee, a largely undeveloped 7,500-acre reservoir tucked deep into the Cherokee Foothills. The park is popular with families, fishermen, scuba divers and boaters who enjoy Jocassee's undeveloped setting and spectacular scenery.

Full campground amenities and modern villas are highlights of the park. The hiking and nature trails provide opportunities to spot rare Oconee Bell spring flowers, catch a glimpse of a bald eagle or peregrine falcon.

Parking is limited. ARRIVE EARLY! Depending on the season, if you're not there by 9:30a.m. you will likely be turned away.

# HOURS

Late spring to mid-fall, 7am-9pm, daily; late fall to mid-spring 7am-6pm, daily.

# OFFICE

9am-5pm, daily.

# ADMISSION

\$8 adults; \$5/ SC seniors (age 65 & older); \$4 children ages 6-15; ages 5 and under, free.

# PETS

Pets are allowed in villas 1-5.





# Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area

# Fair Play 864-972-3353 southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder

Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area is a fisherman's dream. The 56,000-acre lake maintains a reputation for top-flight angling, including striped, hybrid and large-mouth bass, crappie, bream and catfish. In addition to lake access, the site offers hiking, affordable one-room camper cabins and an information center, which displays vintage fishing equipment.



# HOURS

Sun up to sun down, daily.

## OFFICE

9am - 5pm, daily April-Oct and 11am noon & 4 - 5pm daily Nov - March

# ADMISSION

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children ages 6-15; ages 5 and under, free.

# PETS

Pets are not allowed in the Carolina Camper Cabins. Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet. Owners will be asked to remove noisy or dangerous pets or pets that threaten or harass wildlife.

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# **Oconee State Park**

# Mountain Rest 864-638-5353 southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder

Deep in the Blue Ridge foothills, Oconee State Park has welcomed visitors since it was first built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. It's popular for its several picturesque, but non-demanding, hiking trails and its well-kept cabins and campgrounds. The park's fishing lakes offer bass and bream, and the woods are full of wildlife. Adjacent to Sumter National Forest, the park serves as a jumping-off point to the nearby Chattooga and Chauga rivers, hotspots for whitewater rafting and trout fishing. The park also marks the southern trailhead for the Foothills Trail.

Additionally, the Palmetto Trail offers two trails starting or finishing at Oconee State Park, which is the Oconee Passage and the Stumphouse Passage.

# HOURS

Sun-Thu 7am-7pm; Fri-Sat 7am-9pm (extended to 7am-9pm daily during Daylight Savings Time)

# OFFICE

The park store and office are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. Bathhouse concessions are open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tues through Sun, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

# ADMISSION

\$5/adult; \$3.25/S.C. seniors; \$3/child ages 6-15; ages 5 & under free

# PETS

Pets are allowed in cabins 14-20 at Oconee. Pets are not allowed in any other cabin or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.



# **Oconee Station State Historic Site**

# Walhalla 864-638-0079 southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder

Built around 1792 during tensions between white settlers and Creek Indians, the Oconee Station itself was once one in a string of small frontier posts garrisoned by state militia. It was the last of its kind when it was decommissioned in 1799. Its impressive 20-inch stone walls are still standing today. The site features picnicking, fishing, and trail access to Station Cove Falls in the Sumter National Forest.



# HOURS

Park Grounds: Open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thurs - Sun. Park closed, Mon. - Wed.

Guided Tours: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday.

#### OFFICE

11 a.m. - noon, Thursday - Sunday.

# ADMISSION

Free admission. Donations are appreciated.

## PETS

Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet. Owners will be asked to remove noisy or dangerous pets or pets that threaten or harass wildlife.



# **Chau Ram County Park**

# Westminster 864-647-9286 experienceoconee.com

Chau Ram County Park is located at the confluence of the Chauga River and Ramsey Creek. With a 40-foot waterfall and Oconee's longest suspension bridge, Chau Ram has something to offer everyone. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails or go tubing and fishing on the river. Many campers use the park as a base when going rafting on the nearby Chattooga River. The 26 campsites, shelters, and Recreation Building are available for reservations by going on-line to reserveamerica.com or by calling 1-855-622-6727.

# HOURS

Gate Opens 7am - Dusk for day use Check website for winter hours/opening.

# ADMISSION

\$2.00 - per car, \$5.00 - per boat/trailer

# PETS

Dogs and cats on a 6 foot leash and pick up.





# **High Falls County Park**

# Seneca 864-882-8234 experienceoconee.com

High Falls County Park is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This 44-acre park with its beautiful sand beach is located on Lake Keowee. The park store offers a variety of convenient items inside the park's focal point, the historic Alexander/Cannon/Hill House, built in 1832. At High Falls, visitors are not limited to activities on the lake as the park provides many amenities; among these are a boat ramp, miniature golf course, volleyball area, horseshoe pit, softball field, and a combination basketball/tennis court. Guests can visit the Snack Shack. and they can also enjoy the picnic tables and grills throughout the day-use area. Its 98 campsites (ten of which are waterfront), shelters, and recreation building are available for reservations by going on-line to www.reserveamerica.com or by calling 1-855-622-6727.

# HOURS

Gate Opens 7am - Dusk for day use Check website for winter hours/opening

# OFFICE

11 a.m. - noon, Thursday - Sunday.

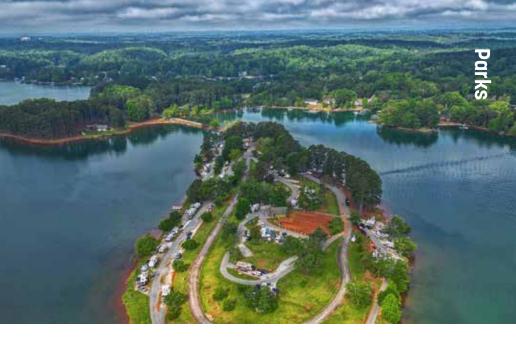
# ADMISSION

\$2.00 - per car, \$5.00 - per boat/trailer

# PETS

Dogs and cats on a 6 foot leash and pick up





# South Cove County Park

# Seneca 864-882-5250 experienceoconee.com

South Cove County Park is located on the clear waters of Lake Keowee. At South Cove, visitors are not limited to activities on the lake as the park provides many amenities and programs to suit every recreational need. Among the park's amenities are 2 tennis courts, 8 pickle ball courts, playground area, and a handicapped-accessible fishing pier. Fishing, boating, sailing and water skiing are readily accessible via two boat ramps. There are also picnic tables and grills scattered throughout the park. The park's 86 campsites (of which 46 are waterfront) are located on a peninsula overlooking Lake Keowee. The park's campsites, Pavilion, and Recreation Building are available for reservations by going online to reserveamerica.com or by calling 1-855-622-6727.

# HOURS

Gate Opens 7am - 10pm for day use Check website for winter hours/opening.

# ADMISSION

\$2.00 - per car, \$5.00 - per boat/trailer

#### PETS

Dogs and cats on a 6 foot leash and pick up.





# **The Sumter National Forest**

The Andrew Pickens Ranger District is named for Revolutionary War General Andrew Pickens. This 85,000-acre portion of the Sumter National Forest serves as the gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains of South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina. The district office, known as the "Stumphouse" Ranger Station, is located in Mountain Rest, SC. At the ranger station you'll find a small interpretive center, maps, and souvenir items including Smokey Bear memorabilia.

# **Ellicott Rock Wilderness**

Congress established the 3,300-acre Ellicott Rock Wilderness in 1975 and made additions in 1984. This wilderness now contains 8,274 acres in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia and is located about 16 miles north of Walhalla, South Carolina. Surrounding part of the 15,432-acre Chattooga Wild and Scenic River corridor, it provides a large, undeveloped area within easy driving distance of Atlanta, Charlotte, and Greenville.

# USDA Forest Service Andrew Pickens Ranger District

112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC 29664 864-638-9568 Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. fs.usda.gov/scnfs facebook.com/scnfs

# The Sumter National Forest, Andrew Pickens Ranger District

Visitors have a wide range of recreational opportunities in the district which includes hunting, fishing, hiking, fall color sightseeing, camping, horseback riding, and whitewater floating on the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River.

\*NOTE: Organized or advertised events or groups of 75 or more require a special use permit and approval by the district ranger.

# **Camping in the Sumter National Forest**

The District offers a wide range of camping opportunities from developed and primitive campgrounds to dispersed backcountry camping.

\*NOTE: A Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest regulation states that people may not camp or maintain a campsite in excess of 14 days within any 30-day time period.

# **DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS**

### **Cherry Hill Recreation Area**

- Open April–Sept.
- Fee
- Drinking water
- Flush toilets and hot showers
- Dump Station
- Reservations only

### Whetstone Horse Camp

- Open year round
- Fee
- Drinking water
- Vault toilets
- Reservations only
- 18 sites and horse trailer parking

# **Burrells Ford Campground**

- Walk In Only
- Open year round
- No Cost
- First-come, first-served sites
- There is a ¼ mile hike from the parking lot to designated campsites along the Chattooga River. Be prepared to store food properly, it's bear country. Burrells Ford Campground provides for an excellent place to setup basecamp for day hiking and exploring Ellicott Rock Wilderness.
- No water here
- Vault toilet

These campgrounds offer amenities which may include fire rings, lantern holders, picnic tables, and water spigots that are centrally located. No electrical or water hookups available.

# **GROUP CAMP**

# **Cassidy Bridge Hunt Camp**

- Open year round (no fees Oct. 1 Dec. 31 and April 1 – 30).
   Reservation required remainder of the year
- This group camp is for hunters during hunting seasons and can be reserved

for group camp-outs the remainder of the year.

- Includes vault toilet and trash cans.
- Can accommodate 100 people

Reservations can be made by calling 877.444.6777 or visit recreation.gov.

# **Primitive Campsites**

These campgrounds are first-come, first-serve, and allow you to camp with a vehicle. They have few, if any, facilities and do not require a permit. Saddle, pack and draft animals are not permitted at any of the primitive campgrounds except Riley Moore Ford and Tamassee Camp.

- Grapevine Campground
- Long Bottom Ford / Low Water Campground

# **Dispersed Camping**

Dispersed camping is permitted on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District. You must be at least 50 feet from rivers, streams or trails, and must be at least .25 miles from the road before setting up camp. No permit is required for dispersed camping on the Andrew Pickens District.

# Ellicott Rock Wilderness Backcountry Camping

Ellicott Rock Wilderness provides an outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. There are no developed campgrounds in this area since it is a congressionally designated wilderness. Backcountry dispersed camping is permitted within Ellicott Rock Wilderness following dispersed camping guidelines. To further protect the solitude and sensitive riparian areas the wilderness provides, visitors group size is limited to 6 people per party while camping within the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Corridor north of Hwy 28 bridge in the Upper Chattooga corridor.



# **Stumphouse Park**

Stumphouse Park is a pristine 440-acre property that includes Stumphouse Tunnel, Issaqueena Falls, Blue Ridge Railroad hiking trail, the Stumphouse Passage of the Palmetto Trail and the Stumphouse Mountain Bike Park. Stumphouse Tunnel was intended to connect the railroad from Charleston to Knoxville. Digging started in 1856, but due to excessive costs, work was halted in 1859. It is approximately a quarter of a mile long and maintains a constantly cool temperature of 50 degrees year-round which makes for an easy family friendly hike. Be sure to bring a flashlight!

Located a short distance from the tunnel, Issaqueena Falls is also easily accessible. It's a quarter-mile walk from the parking lot to the observation deck. Perched on the edge of the Sumter National Forest, Issaqueena Falls cascades down several hundred feet and

# **Stumphouse Park**



offers captivating views year-round. The Blue Ridge Railroad hiking trail head is located at the top of the Issaqueena Falls parking lot and is 2.5 miles of easyto-moderate hiking through the forest with amazing views of the upstate.

The Stumphouse Passage of the Palmetto Trail is accessible from the center of the park and stretches over 500 miles across the state, from the Blue Ridge mountains of Oconee County to the low-country of Awendaw just outside of Charleston. Currently, the dual-use hiking and mountain-biking trail system in Walhalla totals 4.2 miles, ranging from easy-to-moderate. The next section of the trail, currently under construction, will add 6+ miles in the Stumphouse property. In addition, there will be 4.6 miles of trail connecting Stumphouse Tunnel Park to Oconee State Park. Ultimately, the trail head will end in downtown Walhalla.

The Stumphouse Mountain Bike Park is a work in progress. The first two construction phases have been completed. There are 10 miles of world class mountain biking trails now open; currently designing 10 additional miles.

The park also has picnic tables and restrooms. A large covered pavilion is available for rent and is a great place for



a family reunion or other events. Contact the City of Walhalla at 864-638-4343 for rates and availability.

There is a parking fee per vehicle for entry into the park. For additional information email **info@visitoconeesc.com.** 

After or before visiting the park, make sure to stop in Walhalla to enjoying shopping, restaurants and brew/wine bars. Don't forget to checkout the Walhalla Performing Arts Center who strives to provide a world-class facility for performances, conferences, special events and summer outdoor concerts. Enjoy a variety of artists including Wynonna Judd, The Gatlin Brothers, and The Black Jacket Symphony Series.



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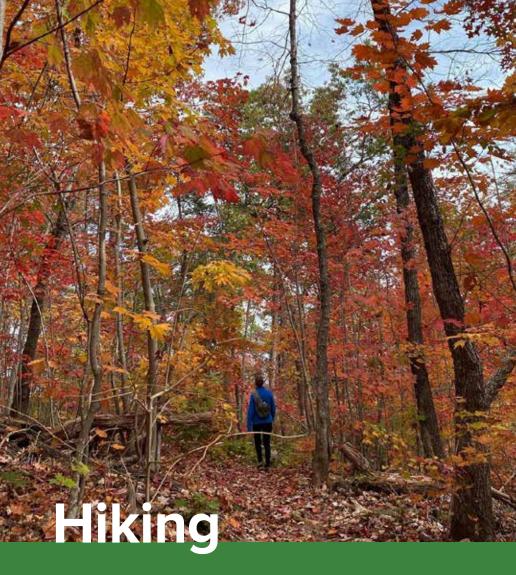
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Simple park trails to ambitious steep climbs, from rivers edge to lakeside, on foot or by horseback, the trails of this region offer something for everyone. The extreme adventurer and those with more modest physical ability can find a trail that suits them, one that leads to better fitness or another that leads to a beautiful waterfall.

A great source of information regarding trails is the website maintained by the South Carolina State Trails Program, sctrails.net. Trails on this site are welldescribed, include good directions, hike distance, length of time required, and difficulty levels. For more trails than those listed here, you can also visit **visitoconeesc.com/visit/ hiking/**. For hikes to some of the nearly 150 waterfalls in Oconee County, please see the waterfall section of this guide. The trails listed here are in order of length and type.

# Chattooga Trail 11/11

15.5 mile trail that runs parallel to the famous Chattooga River, and shares 8.5 miles with the Foothills Trail. It passes through some of the finest wilderness in South Carolina. The northern terminus of the Chattooga Trail is Ellicott Rock, where Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina meet. Waterfall lovers shouldn't miss this trail, since you can see King Creek, Spoonauger, Big Bend, Pigpen and Licklog Falls at points along the trail.

# Fork Mountain Trail 新新新

6.4 mile trail, a spur of the Foothills Trail, starts in SC at the Sloan Bridge Picnic Area and ends in NC where it joins the Bad Creek Trail in the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area. From there the trail eventually joins the Chattooga Trail and continues to Burrells Ford. The trail weaves along the northern flanks of Fork Mountain through numerous coves and ravines. At the junction with Bad Creek Trail you can return, or extend your hike 1.3 miles to historic Ellicott Rock.

# Winding Stairs Trail 👫

A 75-ft waterfall tucked away along this accessible 3.5 mile trail makes this an interesting choice for a hike. If you start at the northern trailhead at the Cherry Hill Recreation Area, this meandering path is an easy hike, but the return trip





is moderately difficult due to 1,100 foot elevation change. It is possible to be picked up by car at the southern end of the trail on Tamassee Road (FS 71), or rather begin hiking at that point.

# Blue Ridge Railroad Trail 🏌

Trail follows the railroad bed of an incomplete section of the 19th century Blue Ridge Railroad where you can see three abandoned tunnels. The moderate to strenuous trail is 2.5 miles one-way. Trail head is located in Stumphouse Park, at the top of the Issagueena Falls parking lot, and takes you through the forest with amazing views of the upstate.

# Big Bend Trail 👗

This 2.7-mile, out-and-back trail begins a the Cherry Hill Recreation Area and eventually ends at a junction with the Foothills Trail along the Chattooga River. An adventurous scramble on an unmaintained trail along the river affords views of 30-ft. Big Bend Falls, the largest drop on the Chattooga River.

# East Fork Trail 👗

Beginning at the picnic area adjacent to the Walhalla Fish Hatchery, this 2.5-mile trail is an easy hike along the bank of the scenic, fast moving east fork of the Chattooga River. The trail will take you down to the



river. Beginning or ending the hike at Burrells Ford adds an additional 2.1 miles.

# Oconee Bells Nature Trail 🕈

This easy, 1-mile loop within Devils Fork State Park gets its name from a rare wildflower that has gorgeous white blooms in the early spring. Many native plant species are identified with markers along the trail. The trailhead is behind the park office and there is an informative kiosk at the beginning of the trail.

# Bad Creek Spur Trail 뷞

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This easy 0.8-mile spur trail provides a connection to the Whitewater River, the Foothills Trail, Coon Branch Trail, and to

Lower Whitewater Falls (via the Foothills Trail). Enter the gate to Duke Energy's Bad Creek Hydro Station on SC 130, and proceed two miles down to the marked entrance to the large trailhead parking area. Fishing, but no camping, is allowed along the Whitewater River. A designated campsite is 0.5 miles past junction with the river.

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Foothills Trail Guidebook and the Official Map of Foothills Trail can be ordered through **foothillstrail.org** or purchased at Visit Oconee SC.

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This National **Recreation Trail has** its southern terminus in Oconee State Park and extends to the north and east for 77 miles. Sections vary in length and difficulty. Day-hikers can access the trail from different points; thru-hikers can spend a week backcountry hiking on the trail. Maintained by the Foothills Trail Conservancy.





# **BIKING/HIKING TRAILS**

BIKING/HIKING TRAILS Oconee Passage of the Palmetto Trail Once the Palmetto Trail is complete, this moderate to difficult trail will end in Walhalla, but for now you can start from either Oconee State Park or Oconee Station. The Oconee Passage is a moderate to difficult 3.2-mile trail that is steeply uphill from Oconee Station. Mountain bikes Station. Mountain bikes are allowed on the Oconee Passage.









# **HORSE TRAILS**

The Rocky Gap/Willis Knob Horse Trails consists of "backcountry" trails that are enjoyable for horses and their riders. The trails wind through the scenic Southern Blue Ridge Mountains where the terrain is mountainous with lush forest and wide river crossings.

# TRAIL NOTES:

- Riders can follow trails that will put them in both South Carolina and Georgia.
- The Rocky Gap Trail (SC) is 19 miles long with several loops.
- Willis Knob Trail (GA) is a continuous 15-mile loop.

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- The trail on the South Carolina side (between Big Island Ford, and Adeline Ford) goes past a water source known as Nicholson Spring.
- The Chattooga River is free-flowing and water levels fluctuate widely depending on rainfall upstream. Use caution and be aware of the water level the day of your ride.
- Depending on the water level, riders are likely to get their boots (and possibly legs) wet during river crossings. Dress appropriately.
- The river bottom has drop offs and the current and depths change frequently creating potential dangers for inexperienced horses and riders. It is recommended not to cross the river if the level is higher than 2.0 ft.
- There are three fords along the Rocky Gap/Willis Knob trail system where riders can cross the Chattooga River from South Carolina on one side and be in Georgia on the other side: Earl's Ford (furthest downriver crossing), Big Island Ford (middle crossing) and Adeline Ford (northernmost crossing).



# **Rivers & Lakes**

Water, water, everywhere... whether it's rafting, kayaking, fishing, boating, paddling, or swimming, visitors can't wait to enjoy our variety of water activities on one of our rivers or lakes. The great outdoors of Oconee County offers endless opportunities for all ages. Enjoy whitewater rafting, a leisure float, fly fishing, kayaking or swimming on one of the rivers, or rent a boat and spend the day on one of the lakes soaking up the rays. Paddle boats, kayaks and boat rentals are available. For the extreme adventurer, scuba diving in Lake Jocassee might be right up your alley. Your enthusiasm for outdoor activities at our lakes or rivers is boundless.

# RIVERS

# **Chattooga River**

The 19-mile stretch of the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River is known for its history, whitewater rapids, and meandering, mountainous woodland passage. Its lower passage is considered among the best of whitewater trips, with heart-thumping Class III to Class VI rapids.

And while the Chattooga may be the most popular, it is not the only refuge for mountain trout. Oconee County's Chauga River also offers a multitude of coldwater runs, riffles, pools and flatwater that play host to a wealth of both native and stocked fish. Fly fishermen may want to consider using a guide on these rivers.

Though the area is beautiful and often peaceful, the currents and undercurrents of the river can be dangerous. Guide services are recommended, and please note that the US Forest Service has regulations for use of Chattooga. Contact the Sumter National Forest Ranger's Office at 864-638-9568.

The US Forest Service commercially permits three companies to operate on the Chattooga for rafting and five companies to provide instructional clinics in whitewater canoeing and kayaking.

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### Chauga River

Outdoor recreation and sporting enthusiasts will want to take advantage of the lakes, rivers and mountains of Oconee County. The rugged terrain of the Blue Ridge Mountains offers the perfect setting for all sorts of active pursuits. Hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, swimming, mountain biking, golfing, and birdwatching are just a few of the activities enjoyed by visitors to the area.

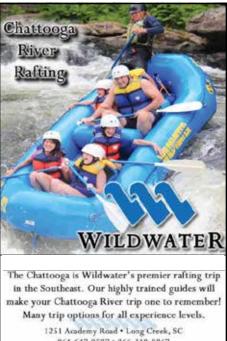


The 9.8-mile path of the Chauga River offers much of the same scenic beauty and cool waters found on the Chattooga. Both whitewater and relaxing flat water are found on the Chauga. A popular destination is the Narrows, a 25 foot waterfall accessible from a short hiking path west of Walhalla off Hwy 28 on Whetstone Road. The river is a great destination for picnics and day hikes. The Chauga is popular with anglers; as trout can be caught in many of the smaller streams. Good river access and parking are available from Cassidy Bridge on Cassidy Bridge Road.

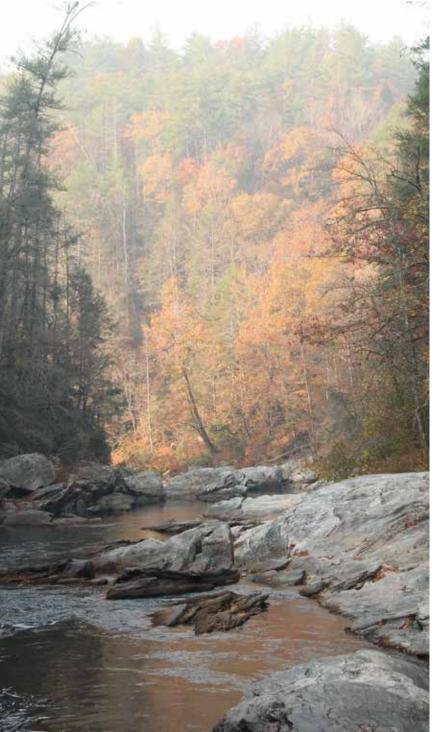
#### Kayaking

Oconee County, South Carolina is a kayaker's dream come true. Whether you are a whitewater or flat water kayaker, Class 2 or Class 5 enthusiast, there is plenty here for you!

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round. Keep in mind: the Chattooga is a "Wild & Scenic" River, which means it is free flowing and NOT dam controlled. Water levels are dependent on the amount of rain the area receives. So plan your kayaking trip accordingly. The most popular sections of the Chattooga are Section III and Section IV. Section III is about 13 miles of mostly Class 2 and 3 rapids. Section IV is about 7 miles of mostly Class 3 and 4 rapids, with a bit of Class 5 depending on the water level. As for flat water kayaking, there are calm sections along the West Fork of the Chattooga River in Section II.

#### LAKES

Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee are known for their pristine waters, and scenic mountain views. With over 300 miles of shoreline on Lake Keowee, and 90 miles on the more secluded Lake Jocassee, even the most beautiful days allow for plenty of room to enjoy the water.

As you might expect, Monday– Thursday are less crowded days on the lakes. On weekends lake parking lots fill up early in the day. Plan to get there in the morning. If you want to be guaranteed a spot to park at Lake Jocassee, you can pay to reserve a parking space. Devils Forks State Park (the only public access to Lake Jocassee) accepts online **dayuse reservations** for a limited number of parking spaces.

At the southern end of Oconee County, Lake Hartwell is one of the Southeast's largest and most popular public recreation lakes, and often referred to as "the Great Lake of the South."

Lake Tugalo is fed by the Chattooga (SC) and Tallulah (GA) Rivers. Backed up by the Tugalo dam, the lake is a peaceful spot and a great place for fishermen. If you raft



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or kayak down Section IV of the Chattooga River, this is the lake where you end up.

#### Lake Keowee

Lake Keowee is generally more accessible, as well as more developed, with public boat ramps maintained by both the Oconee County Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism and Duke Energy. There is public access at various places on the lake. Keowee's north end offers cooler water and a closer view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

#### Northern access points:

- Mile Creek Park
- Crow Creek Access Area
- Keowee Towne Landing
- Fall Creek Access

#### Southern access points:

- South Cove County Park
- Cane Creek Access
- High Falls County Park
- Stamp Creek Access Area
- Keowee Marina
- Warpath Access Area

#### Lake Jocassee

Oconee County offers some of the most

beautiful lakes found anywhere! Lake Jocassee is considered the "crown jewel", with deep clear water and a back drop of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Miles of undeveloped shoreline surround Lake Jocassee; and from the lake you can paddle up to and even under some of the most beautiful waterfalls in the world. Kayak rentals, clinics and guided trips are available on the Chattooga River and Lake Jocassee.

The only place for the public to access Lake Jocassee is off Hwy 11 via Devils Fork State Park—the #1 visited state park in South Carolina! The 7,500-acre lake in the middle of the Blue Ridge Mountains is a popular destination for families, fishermen and bird watchers. Devils Fork State Park offers first-class amenities but the parking capacity is limited. Arrive early on weekends to ensure a place to park. You can check for reservations at reserve.southcarolinaparks.com.

#### Lake Hartwell

Lake Hartwell was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1955 and 1963 and has consistently been one of the top three most-visited Corps lakes in the nation, with an estimated 14 million people visiting annually. Hartwell comprises nearly 56,000 acres of water with a shoreline of 962 miles. 262 of which border Oconee County. Over 20,000 acres of public land surround the lake. The Corps operates nine campgrounds, 15 major day-use areas and numerous other lake-access areas. Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area is a popular camping and boating destination, as are Coneross and Oconee Point Camparounds located on the Seneca River arm at the northern end of the lake. Oconee is host to 18 boat ramps, several picnic and swimming areas, and vacation rental homes. For additional information, contact Lake Hartwell's visitor information center at 803.225.3832 or visit the Lake Hartwell Marketing Alliance website at MyLakeHartwell.org.

#### BOATING/SAILING

The waters of lakes Keowee, Jocassee and Hartwell lend themselves to great sailing competitions at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. These clubs in Upstate SC offer resources for boaters and sailors:

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#### DIVING

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#### FISHING

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Speaking of Rivers, the Chattooga and Chauga Rivers are heavily stocked with Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout from the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery. The rivers are great for fly fishing, spinning reel or cane pole. Don't know how to fly fish? Hire a guide. They will outfit you with necessary gear, drive you to the river, show you how to cast, and make every effort to ensure you catch trout before the day's end.

For more details about our lakes and rivers, please visit our website at VisitOconeeSC.com

#### LICENSING

South Carolina fishing licenses are available at many retail outlets in the area and online from the Department of Natural Resources, dnr.sc.gov/purchase. html or visit the SCDNR office in Clemson, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson. Phone: 864.654.8266.

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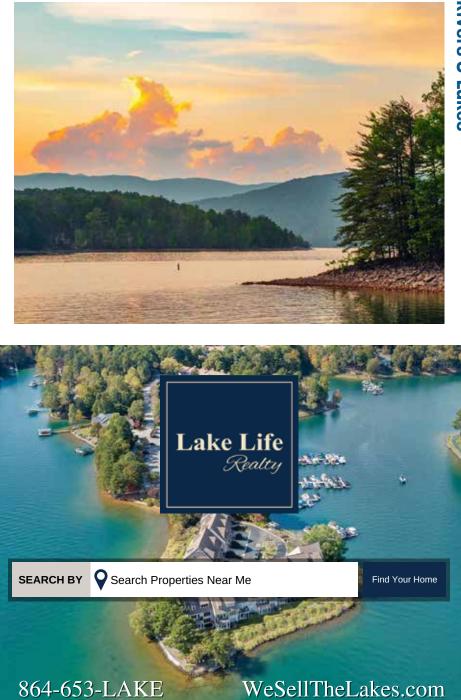


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# **Rivers & Lakes**



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#### GOLF

#### **Chickasaw Point Golf Course**

503 S. Hogan Dr., Westminster, SC 864-972-9623

This scenic course is home to an abundance of wildlife, including turkeys, deer and fox. This lovely 18-hole, par-72 course with four sets of tees provides enjoyable play for all skill levels. Each hole is separated from the other, giving players the sense of being alone on the course as they enjoy the ever-changing beauty of Chickasaw Point Golf Course. The course is open to the public.

#### **Cross Creek Plantation**

#### 130 Club Dr., Seneca, SC 29678 864-882-8337

This course was built on rolling hills and is heavily wooded. There are water hazards that come into play at least ten times. The fairways are well bunkered, and the small greens are undulating.

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#### **Oconee Country Club**

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This is a well-maintained course. The signature hole is #15, a 470-yard par 5, allowing the longer hitters to reach the green in two if they are willing to hit an approach shot over a lake that is positioned 100 yards in front of the green.

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#### Windsor at Walhalla

1308 Falcons Dr, Walhalla, SC 29691 864-638-0000 windsoratwalhalla.net This scenic countryside course offers beautiful views of the mountains. It features several hilly fairways, and water hazards come into play on several holes.

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#### DISC GOLF

#### Seneca

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#### Walhalla Sertoma Field

A recreation complex for area sports activities and the site of the annual Oktoberfest celebration. Facility has two playgrounds, restrooms, walking track and disc golf course. N. Catherine St, Walhalla

#### Westminster

Chauga Heights, located within Chau Ram County Park, features an 18-hole disc golf course with a lot of elevation change, holes carved out of the woods and some amazing views.

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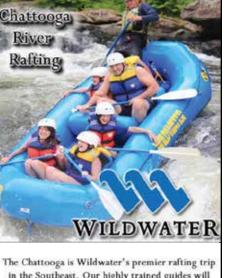
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or suggestions on what to do while visiting, or see our mural painted by local artist Melody Davis. Melody is the director of Gateway Arts Center in Westminster and completed the custom mural around October 2022, consisting of scenes across the county including Yellow Branch Falls, Stumphouse Tunnel, and Lake Jocassee. With the hidden animals painted throughout, everyone who visits is enamored by the 65-foot mural; come by and visit!

Since 2008, we have marketed the stunning natural features the region has to offer, as well as local businesses at the heart of our community. We strive to market these exceptional elements of Oconee to increase visibility and visitation to the county, while driving customers to our local shops, venues, lodging, museums, and restaurants. In early 2022, we left our previous location of 12 years and moved two blocks over to Main Street, Walhalla. The move has allowed Visit Oconee SC to have more visibility, seeing 10 times as many visitors than the previous location in the historic Earle House off South Broad Street. Our presence on Main Street has led to many more people seeing our signs or passing by and coming in to check out the Visitor Center, ask questions, and browse our resources like brochures and post cards.

Our team consists of four employees, who live in different areas of the county and offer unique perspectives on our projects. Our President and CEO is Ken Sloan, who lives on Lake Keowee and enjoys hiking to our local waterfalls, boating on Lake Jocassee, and fly fishing our rivers. Ken has led Visit Oconee SC since its formation in June of 2008! Our Sales Manager and Marketing Specialist, Charlotte Waters, is a Westminster local and uses her experience and knowledge of the county to orchestrate our bi-

annual Visitor Guide, social media, and brings many sporting events to Oconee. Charlotte has been with Visit Oconee SC since August of 2013, and enjoys working with event organizations and visiting groups! Chanda Morrison resides in Long Creek and spins her magic on our website, newsletters, blog articles, and various digital content. Chanda has worked with Visit Oconee SC since January of 2014, and loves to spend her free time swimming, hiking, and rafting. Our newest employee, Caroline Beaty, lives in Seneca and has been working with us since January 2022. Caroline will be the person to greet you when you check out the Visitor Center. When she isn't providing information to visitors in the lobby, she focuses on social media, data programs, as well as keeping the lobby looking nice for our visitors! Visit Oconee SC's Visitor Center hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9AM-5PM, and Saturday 10AM-2PM. We would love to meet you!



# **Agricultural Tourism**

Discover the wonderful world of agriculture and experience authentic farm and country life in Oconee County, SC. Once the largest producer of apples in the country, Long Creek offers apple and peach road side markets. While in Long Creek, stop by Chattooga Belle Farm and Distillery. It is Oconee's first legal distillery and make sure to sample the moonshine.

During the summer, several farmers markets offer fresh product and local handmade specialty items. If you miss the farmers market, several local produce and farm stands can be found throughout the county. Enjoy the flavors that come directly from Oconee County and learn more about farm life and farm animals.

#### ORCHARDS AND ROAD SIDE MARKETS

#### Ables Orchard

Hwy. 76 in Long Creek 864-647-2201 Apples, Peaches. Open: July 15 through early November

#### Blue Haven Orchards

Hwy 76 in Lona Creek 864-647-2855 Always a great place to stop for apples.

Can ship across US, call for seasonal hours. Apples, peaches, pressed ciders, jams & jellies, fried pies, baked goods and seasonal produce.

#### **Bryson's Apple Orchard**

1011 Chattooga Ridge Rd, Mountain Rest 864-647-9427

Apples, peaches, pressed ciders, jams & jellies, sorghum syrup, and vegetables in season. Open July-October, 9-6.

#### **Chattooga Belle Farm**

454 Damascus Church Rd, Long Creek 864-647-9768

chattoogabellefarm.com

Chattooga Belle Farm is a 138-acre working farm set among a spectacular canvas of rolling hills and mountain views.

Fruit, jams, wines, and specialty items are all available at this operating orchard and event facility. The Farm Store is open daily from 9 - 5 and Belle's Bistro serves lunch from 11am-2pm, Tuesday thru Sunday. (Check their website for seasonal Winter hours )

#### Hollifield's Apple Orchard

161 Hollifield Lane, Long Creek 864-710-5105

Apple varieties include: Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Granny Smith, and Mutsu apples. Fresh apple cider, apple cider vinegar, homemade apple butter, peaches and honey too. Seasonal hours.



**EVENTS** WEDDINGS FARM STORE **U-PICK FRUIT** 





#### The Foothills Farmstead

435 Farmstead Way Westminster/Oakway Foothillsfarmstead.org A living-history, working farm from the early 1900s. The main farmhouse is on location and open for the public to learn about life on the "family farm" as it was 100 years ago. Additional historical structures will be relocating to the property. Hours: Thurs & Friday 12-5pm; Saturday

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#### McLadke Orchard

864-523-0123

McLadke Orchard isn't just a fruit and vegetable store! They have a petting zoo, mechanical bull, pony rides, hay rides, movie nights on Saturdays, and an outdoor space for events.



#### FARMERS MARKETS

#### **Busy Bee Acres**

Westminster 864-710-3703 Bee therapy & bee supplies, beeswax candles, books, honey products, teas, and skin care products.

#### Foothills Heritage Market

Running May thru September, Saturdays from 8am - noon. 2063 Sandifer Blvd., Hwy 123 between Seneca and Westminster.

#### **Gnat Hill Orchard & Farms**

310 Laurel Springs Road, Mountain Rest 864-723-2410

Several varieties of apples, fresh apple cider and local honey. Open August-September.

#### Salem Farmers Market

May-September Farmers Market Community Garden

#### Seneca Farmers Market

June to November on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6am - 12pm. At Norton Thompson Park in downtown Seneca.

#### Walhalla Farmers Market

The market will be open June until September, open Fridays, 4 pm - 6 pm. Main St

#### Westminster Farmers Market

June until October on Tuesdays evenings from 4 pm - 7 pm. Under the gazebo, located at 135 East Main St.

#### PRODUCE & FARM STANDS

#### **Berry Thyme Farm Blueberries**

120 Stubbs Lane, Westminster 864-647-6383 Open: July thru August, 7 days/week – honor system. Pay cash or check.

#### **Crescent Moon Farm**

864-985-3357 crescentmoonfarms.com Fresh goat milk and cheese. Call for an appointment at the farm to pick up products or visit Hochstetler's Store in Seneca for fresh products.

#### Happy Berry Farm

510 Gap Hill Rd, Six Mile 864-868-2946, 864-350-9345 ContactUs@TheHappyBerry.com Happy Berry Farm is located on the eastern shore of Lake Keowee in Pickens County. It is a pick-your-own small fruit farm with blackberries, blueberries, figs and elderberries available in-season. Most years, the season is from June 1 to early September. Pre-picked berries are also available.

#### Louderbranch Farms

244 Windy Hollow Rd, Walhalla 864-482-1850

Grow and raise both annual and some perennial herbs, flower and vegetable transplants, produce, fruit, raw honey, free range eggs, hatching eggs, chicks, pastured raised beef, chicken, pork and specialty hand made products.

#### Lucky Acres Farm

1024 Milford Rd, Townville 864-287-2339 luckyacresfarm.com Seasonal. Lucky Acres Farm is a small family farm raising alpacas and other small animals. The farm is located just three miles from I-85 at Exit 11.

#### Sorrells Christmas Tree Farm

156 Radisson Rd, Seneca 864-882-5054

Features "you choose" and "we cut" Murray Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Blue Sapphire, Cedar and Leland Cypress as well as fresh cut Fraser Fir from the NC mountains. Open the Saturday after Thanksgiving every day from 10am-6pm until they sell out of trees.



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Visitors are often pleasantly surprised by the inviting atmosphere and warm welcome as they explore the charming towns of Oconee County. Enjoy the individuality that each town has to offer. Spend some time shopping, dining, and live music on Ram Cat Alley in downtown Seneca, or enjoy dinner, a glass of wine and a show at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center in Walhalla. Don't forget about the small town charm and railroad history of Westminster.

#### Seneca

Once a bustling railroad town, Seneca has grown into a city filled with boutique shops, delicious restaurants, and activities all year long. Whether you like to jump in the boat for the weekend or join the festivities of the city's many events like Jazz on the Alley, Cruzin' on Main, and Seneca Fest—you'll find your niche here. It's no wonder the city has been ranked the #1 Place to Retire in SC and The Best Place to Start a Business.

#### LODGING/RV/CAMPSITES

#### Best Western

511 US Hwy 123-By Pass 864-886-9646 800.WESTERN bestwestern.com hotel

#### Days Inn

11015 N. Radio Station Rd 864-885-0710, 800-329-7466 daysinn.com hotel

**Fairfield Inn & Suites** 800 Bypass, 123 864-873-9411 hotel

#### Hampton Inn & Suites 1011 East North 1st St 864-482-2900

1-800-Hampton hamptoninn.com hotel

#### Lakeside Lodge Clemson

13500 Clemson Blvd 864-722-2500 hotel/vacation rental

Martin Creek RV Park 1004 Martin Lake Dr 864-383-1280 martincreekrvpark.com

Quality Inn 226 Hi-Tech Rd 864-888-8300 800-JAMESON jamesoninns.com hotel

Tru by Hilton 13050 Clemson Blvd 864-280-8800 hotel The Lofts On Townville # 52262273 Airbnb (7 rooms) Sen

The Nest (4 suites) Airbnb #52169579

High Falls County Park 671 High Falls Rd 864-882-8234 reserveamerica.com RV/campsites

Oconee Point

200 Oconee Point Rd 888-893-0678 reserveamerica.com RV/campsites

South Cove County Park

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#### VENUE

**Biggerstaff Christian Retreat Center** 398 Biggerstaff Rd 864-882-3337

**Cross Creek Plantation** 130 Club Dr 864-882-8337 crosscreekplantation.com

Crown and Crest 113 N Walnut St 864-723-4046 crownandcrestevents.com

**Gignilliat Center** 

621 N Townville St 864-885-2709 seneca.sc.us Hidden Cove at Lake Keowee 150 Keowee Marina Dr 864-280-7202 hiddencoveevents.com

High Falls County Park 671 High Falls Rd 864-882-8234 experienceoconee.com

Historic Ballenger House 212 E S Third St 864-272-3842 historicballengerhouse.org

Palmetto Ridge Event Center 10238 Clemson Blvd 864-882-8933 palmettoridge.net Shaver Recreation Complex 698 W S 4th St 864-885-2709 seneca.sc.us

South Cove County Park 1031 South Cove Rd 864-882-5250 experienceoconee.com

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1470 S Walnut St 864-882-3040 local food, natural, bulk

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M. Tannery & Sons 112 Ram Cat Alley 864-882-0300 antiques, gifts

Market South Boutique 108 Colonial Plaza Dr 864-885-1647

Newry General Store & Cafe 701B Broadway St newrygeneralstore.com

Patio & Fireside 10239 Clemson Blvd #100 864-888-4413 outdoor furniture **Pike's Seafood** 930 Bypass 123 864-373-1189

Redmond Boys & The Clay Market 80 N. Cherry St, Seneca 864-882-0140 fresh farm produce and seafood

Rows and Roses 113 E. North 1st St 864-888-7554 shop.rowsandroses.com

Shipley's Furniture 114 N Fairplay St 864-888-2801

Simply Carolina 814 W North 1st St 864-973-8440 outdoor furniture, décor, gifts

**The Gem Store** 509 Bypass 123, Suite E 864-784-4911 thegemstoreseneca.com



**The Healthy Olive** 111 Ram Cat Alley 864-973-1760 oils, gifts

**T & R Graphics** 106 N. Walnut St 864-882-5428

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**Copper River Grill** 514 US-123 864-888-8788

Dimas Brothers Café 400 S. Fairplay St 864-882-7665

**The Grill at Clemson Marina** 150 Clemson Marina Dr 864-653-6767

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**Mullen's Irish Pub and Grub** 695 By Pass 123 864-973-9925 Newry General Store & Cafe 701B Broadway St newrygeneralstore.com

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Pub Blue 286 Market St 864-280-6717

Ram Cat Cellars 124 Ram Cat Alley ramcatcellars.com

**Skins Hotdogs** 275 Market St 864-885-9811

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Hibachi Grill and Asian Buffet 364 Market St 864-886-0688

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**Rainbow Garden** 1085 Old Clemson Hwy #5 864-654-6868

Yoshi Japanese Restaurant 1510 Blue Ridge Blvd Ste 108 864-888-5088

#### BBQ

**Heavenly Hogs BBQ** 1328 S. Walnut St 864-710-4394

Hogs and Hops Barbeque 106 N Fairplay St 864-280-3230

Little Pigs BBQ 261 Market St 864-885-1133

#### DINER MEAT & 3

Baker's Dogs 101 Applewood Center Pl 864-882-7959

**Seneca Family Restaurant** 515 By-Pass 123 864-886-9599

Strickland's Restaurant 620 E North 1st St 864-873-9131

**Time Drive In Restaurant** 611 E North 1st St 864-882-3827

#### SWEETS DESSERTS

Cardamom Bake Shop 106 Ram Cat Alley 864-882-5364

**N the Midst Ice Cream** 1109-A Jennings Ave 864-973-8777

The Corner Pie Company at Mayberry's E. North 1st St 864-314-2427

**The Sweet Spoon** 269b Market St 864-539-2624

The Whimsy Cookie Company 13444 Clemson Blvd 864-722-5247

#### ITALIAN

Paesano's Italian Restaurant 1727 Blue Ridge Blvd 864-882-3368

#### MEXICAN

**Alazan Mexican Grill** 318 By Pass 123 864-985-0355

California's Mexican Grill & Bar 215 Oconee Square Dr 864-973-8897

**El Potrillo** 1018 By Pass 123 864-973-8935

Los Amigos 224 Hitec Rd 864-885-0237

**Papa Julio's** 123 N Townville St 864-873-9214

**Taco Riendo** 115 Bountyland Rd 864-882-0790

**Tipsy Taco** 13430 Clemson Blvd 864-654-0188

#### PIZZA

**G's Pizza House** 403 E Main St 864-873-9108

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SANDWICHES

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Hochstetler's Country Store 1470 S Walnut St 864-882-3040

Ye Olde Sandwich Shoppe 124 North Townville St 864-882-3006

#### BEER PUB WINE BAR COFFEE

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Birds of a Feather Cocktail Bar 114 North Walnut St 864-723-4046

Brews on the Alley 109 Ram Cat Alley 864-973-8923 **Keowee Brewing Co.** 401 E Main St 864-539-2679

Ram Cat Cellars 124 Ram Cat Alley ramcatcellars.com

The Beer Station 115 Bountyland Rd 864-507-7129

The Farmhouse Coffee Exchange 277 Market St 864-362-6620

**Timber Ridge Axe** 15903 Wells Hwy 864-710-1128

#### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Oconee Community Theatre 8001 Utica St 864-882-1910

#### MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum 208 2nd St 864-885-2705 blscm.org Blue Ridge Field Holland Ave 864-885-2700

Lunney Museum 211 W South 1st St 864-723-7453 lunneymuseum.org

Historic Ballenger House 212 East South Third St 864-272-3842 ballengerhouse.org

Old Pickens Presbyterian Church 303 Old Pickens Church Rd 864-944-5112 oldpickens.org

World of Energy 7812 Rochester Hwy 800-777-1004 duke-energy.com

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Bell Gallery 221 E. North 1st St 864-885-2700

Blue Ridge Arts Center 111 E. South 2nd St blueridgeartscenter.com 864-710-6593

# Walhalla

Located in the middle of Oconee County, Walhalla is one of the last South Carolina cities to stop in before trekking into the mountains for local hiking trails, or a short, scenic drive to Lake Jocassee or Highlands, NC. Walhalla will be the terminus to South Carolina's longest pedestrian and bicycle trail, The Palmetto Trail. The newly constructed Stumphouse Mountain Bike Park offers miles of world class mountain bike trails.



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Walhalla Perfoming Arts Center 101 E. North Broad St. 864-638-5277

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21 Walhalla Cruise-In

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**14** Merchants Market

- **21** Oktoberfest Rotary 5K
- 21–22 Walhalla Oktoberfest
- **28** Walhalla Cruise-In
- 28 Walhalloween
- **31** Boo in the Bay

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- 11/11 Holiday Open House
- 12/2 Walhalla Parade & Tree Lighting
- 12/3 Tour of Homes
- 12/8 Santa Stroll
- 12/9 Tour of Churches







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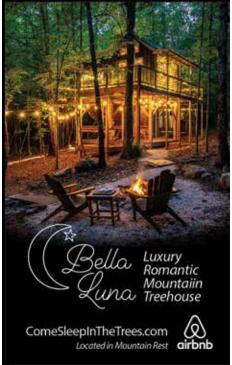
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Walhalla Performing Arts 101 E North Broad St 864-638-5277 walhallapac.com

#### **MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS**

Bethel Presbyterian Church 580 Bethel Church Rd 864-784-7268

The Museum of the Cherokee in SC 70 Short St

864-710-9210 cherokeemuseumsc.org Thur-Sat, 11AM-4PM

#### Oconee History Museum

123 Browns Square Dr 864-638-2224 oconeehistorymuseum.org Tues-Sat, 11AM-5PM

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Keowee Falls RV Park Keowee Camp Rd 864-638-5716 keoweerv.com

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**Fine Designs** 1451 W Main St 864-638-5163

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#### Events at Keowee Key Conference & Events Center

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Tamasssee DAR 1925 Bumgardner Dr 864-944-1390 tdarschool.org EAT

Habanero's Mexican Grill 8211 SC-11 864-944-0738

Keowee Lake Shop 15479 N Highway 11 864-944-1111 hot dogs/pizza

#### Jocassee Valley Brewing Company

13412 N Highway 11 864-873-0048 jocasseevalleybrewing.com limited menu/live music often

Sisters Restaurant 281 Stamp Creek 864-944-8100

864-944-8100 breakfast

Twice a Town Taproom

864-710-0014 twiceatowntaproom.com/ 10 beer taps and select wines

#### MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

Old Pickens Presbyterian Church SC Route 183 864-944-1303 oldpickens.org

# **Mountain Rest**

#### **Mountain Rest**

This rural forested area is a haven for outdoor adventure seekers. You can access the Foothills Trail at Oconee State Park, boat the upper sections of the Chattooga River, visit the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery, go fishing on the Chattooga or Chauga rivers, camp with your horse, or hike to many of the area's magnificent waterfalls.

#### LODGING/RV/ CAMPSITES

#### Chattooga Trails Bed & Barn

551 Mongold Gap Rd 843-598-0514 chattoogatrailsbedand barn.com bed & breakfast

#### Historic Whetstone Place ca. 1835

198 Earls Ford Rd 864-710-3779 whetstoneplace.wixsite.com/ whetstone-place Airbnb #9842970

#### Mountain Rest Cabins & Campground

175 Homeland Dr 864-718-0333 mountainrestcamping.com cabins/campsites

#### Oconee State Park

624 State Park Rd 864-638-5353 southcarolinaparks.com cabins/RV/campsites

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#### GATHER

#### Oconee State Park

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#### EAT

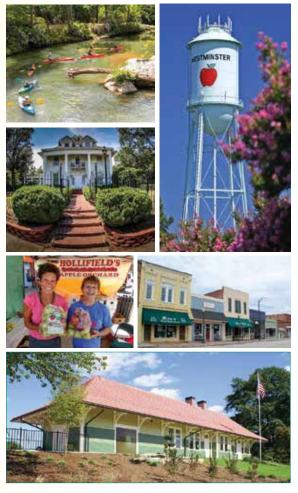
Mountain Rest Cafe & Scoops Ice Cream 7057 Highlands Hwy 864-638-0026

#### HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

Historic Whetstone Place ca. 1835 198 Earls Ford Rd 864-710-3779 whetstoneplace.wixsite.com/ whetstone-place



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Westminster is a great place to visit, but it's even a nicer place to live and work. With award winning schools, a small town feel, and a progressive plan for continued renewal, it offers families and retirees a perfect place to call home.

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#### **EVENTS**

Check westminstersc.com/events for current updates and cancellations.

#### Displayed Year-round Art Exhibits at Historic Westminster Depot 1st Fridays: April – August Music on Main with Classic Car Cruise-In Tuesday Afternoons: June – October

Farmers Market at Historic Depot

September: South Carolina Apple Festival October: Bluegrass Jam October: Bigfoot Festival October 31: Boo on Main December: Westminster Christmas Parade

#### westminstersc.com 🛎 (864) 647-5316

# Westminster

#### Westminster

Westminster embodies a small town full of Southern charm. It's widely known for the Apple Festival that happens every year the week after Labor Day. It's just a short ride from town to Chau Ram County Park. You can enjoy swimming, fishing, hiking, and camping. Ramsey Creek Falls is a great choice for families to view before it empties into the Chauga River. From the park you can hike four miles of trail along the river.

#### LODGING/RV/ CAMPSITES

Chau Ram County Park

1220 Chau Ram Park Rd 864-647-9286 experienceoconee.com RV/campsites

#### Forest Spring Family Campground 431 Mt Pleasant Rd

864-247-1568 forestspringfamily campground.com

Lake Hartwell RV Park 14503 S Highway 11 864-972-0555 Iakehartwellrvpark.com RV

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Airbnb# 39201912 cabin

Magnolia Manor 207 Westminster Hwy 864-647-8559 magnoliamanorbb.com Bed & breakfast

Relax Inn 109 E Windsor St 864-647-2045 motel

#### VENUE

Historic Westminster Depot 135 East Main St 864-647-5216 westminstersc.com

Magnolia Manor Bed and Breakfast 207 Westminster Hwy 864-647-8559 magnoliamanorbb.com The Ridge at Summit Farms 204 Wisteria Dr ridge.summitfarms@gmail.com

The Venue Cheswell Pruitt Building 220 E Main St 864-723-5450

#### SHOPPING

Barrett Trading Company 128 East Main St 864-647-6046

**Barron's Antiques** 2020 Toccoa Hwy 864-647-2146

Market at Wishbook Furnishings 204 E Main St 864-324-2441

Moon's Drug Store & Gift Shoppe 132 E Main St 864-647-5941 moonsdrugstore.com

Wishbook Furnishing 204 East Main St 864-647-2320

#### EAT

Beef & Rib Family Restaurant 713 E Main St 864-647-0011

**Boondocks General Store** 8835 Toccoa Hwy 864-888-7747

Brasstown Creek BBQ 275 Brasstown Rd 864-647-2458 (cash only)

**El Charro Mexican-Grill** 102 E Main St 864-647-0069 Eva's Family Restaurant 807 E Main St 864-647-7811

**Lucky Strike** 513 E Main St 864-647-6400

**Park Place Drive-in** 102 W North Ave 864-613-2034

**Puerto Nuevo** 903 E Main St 864-647-2147

**The Overlook at Chickasaw Point** 503 S Hogan Dr 864-614-5933

Waters Restaurant 1001 E Main St

**Yousef's Kitchen** 1109 E Main St 864-647-6947

#### MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

General Store Museum 126 E Main St 864-647-9550 oconeehistorymuseum.org

Historic Westminster Depot 135 E Main St 864-647-5316

Retreat Rosenwald School 150 Pleasant Hill Cir 864-903-0547

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Gateway Arts Center 213 E Windsor St 864-613-2211 gatewayartscenter.net





**Railroad Crossing** Westminster Depot 135 E. Main Street

School House

Rosenwald School



**Flowers Among Friends** Moon's Drugs 132 Main Street



Caesar's Crown Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative 2328 Sandifer Boulevard



**Crazy Quilt** Fair Oak Elementary 1964 Oakway Road



**Citizen's Project** The Depot 135 E.Main Street



**Double Wedding Rings** Heritage Center Annex 126 E. Main Street





**Cactus Blossom** Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative 2328 Sandifer Boulevard



**Card Trick** Westminster Library 112 W. North Avenue



**Blue Bird of Happiness** Hopewell United Methodist Church Methodist Drive & Jenkins Bridge Road



**Carolina Mystery Pattern Dads & Lads Store** 224 E. Main Street



**Orchard of Learning Orchard Park Elementary** 600 Toccoa Highway



Westminster City Hall 100 E. Windsor Street



**Thai Memories of** Saffron & Silk Moon's Medical 132 Main Street



**Flower Basket Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative** 2328 Sandifer Boulevard



Lone Star Sandifer Funeral Home 512 E. Main Street

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# Long Creek

#### Long Creek

Long Creek is a rural community that borders North Georgia. Being surrounded by the Sumter National Forest and the proximity to the Wild & Scenic Chattooga River makes Long Creek a whitewater destination. People visit to go rafting, kayaking, swimming, fishing, hiking and zip through the trees. Long Creek is well suited for growing apples and peaches. Seasonal roadside markets sell locally grown fruit and homemade products. One of our premier event venues, Chattooga Belle Farm, is located in Long Creek.



#### LODGING/RV/ CAMPSITES

Chattooga Belle Farm

454 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-9768 chattoogabelefarm.com tiny houses

**Chattooga River Lodge** 110 Blalock Place

864-777-9210 chattoogalodge.com

Chattooga Sounds Camp

2851 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-6196 chattoogasounds.com

Moresun Bunkhouse

160 Kenneth Rd 864-710-6373 Airbnb 48074308

Wildwater Rafting Chattooga rafting center 1251 Academy Rd 800-451-9972 wildwaterrafting.com luxury houses/cabins/

cottages/group yurts

#### VENUE

Chattooga Belle Farm 454 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-9768 chattoogabellefarm.com

#### Chattooga River Lodge

110 Blalock Place 864-777-9210 chattoogalodge.com

#### SHOPPING

Chattooga Belle Farm Store 454 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-9768 chattoogabellefarm.com

Chattooga Whitewater Shop

864-647-9083 Lifeinlongcreek.com Rentals, river gear, clothing

#### EAT

Belle's Bistro 454 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-9768 chattoogabellefarm.com

#### Chattooga Belle Farm Distillery

454 Damascus Church Rd 864-647-9768 chattoogabellefarm.com no food/tasting sampling for fee

#### The Gauge Coffeehouse

14237 Long Creek Hwy 864-710-6308 lifeinlongcreek.com

Humble Pie Pizza 14239 Long Creek Hwy 864-647-9098 lifeinlongcreek.com

Willie's Tavern Chattooga River Lodge 110 Blalock Place 864-777-9210 chattoogalodge.com

#### **PERFORMING ARTS**

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#### LODGING/RV/ CAMPSITES

**Carolina Landing** 120 Carolina Landing Dr 864-972-9892

#### Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area 19138-A South Hwy 11 864-972-3352 southcarolinaparks.com cabins/RV/campsites

#### The Cabins 105 Felton Ln 864-247-1503 cabin

#### EAT

Hershberger's Bakery 1011 SC-59 864-972-9793

**Peace of Pie on Hartwell** 17016 SC-11 864-972-1955

**The Spotted Pig BBQ** 15491 SC-11 864-972-9999



# Fair Play





Oconee loves to celebrate, which is why you can find an event to honor heritage, food, history, music, culture and more. There are enough events to make your trip memorable no matter the time of year. Discover community events celebrating festivals, outdoor concerts, sports events and fairs.

Start the year hiking to see the rare Oconee Bell Flower in March. April gets under way with live outdoor music including Jazz on the Alley and First Friday with Music on Main starting in May. The Fall kicks off with SC Apple Festival. Celebrate Oktoberfest all month long and don't forget to feast on a German bratwurst. One weekend is dedicated for the hunt of the illusive Bigfoot. December closes out the year with special light shows, house tours, caroling and more. There is something for everyone!

# **Annual Events**

#### SEPTEMBER

South Carolina Annual Apple Festival Westminster Second weekend scapplefestival.com

**Hispanic Heritage Festival** September 14, 2023 Walhalla mainstreetwalhalla.com

SC Foothills Heritage Fair Between Seneca & Westminster farmoconee.org

#### OCTOBER

Farm to Table Dinner and Tour Chattooga Belle Farm, Long Creek chattoogabellefarm.com

Merchant Market & Craft Show Walhalla Oct 14, 2023 mainstreetwalhalla.com

Oktoberfest Walhalla Oct 20-22, 2023 walhallaoktoberfest.com

#### **Oktoberfest Rotary 5K**

Walhalla Oct 21, 2023 Third weekend walhallaoktoberfest.com

#### South Carolina Bigfoot Festival

Westminster Fourth Saturday scbigfootfestival.com

Walhalloween

Walhalla Oct 28, 2023 mainstreetwalhalla.com

#### Boo on Main Halloween

Westminster Oct 31, 2023

Halloween On The Green Seneca Oct 31, 2023 seneca.sc.us

#### **NOVEMBER**

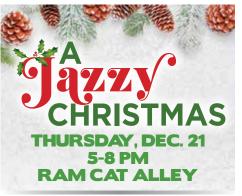
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Small Business Saturday Walhalla Nov 26, 2023 mainstreetwalhalla.com

#### DECEMBER

The Magic of Christmas Holiday Light Show Seneca Entire month until 31st Facebook Seneca SC Events

**Tour of Homes** Walhalla Dec 9, 2023 mainstreetwalhalla.com

**Tour of Churches** Walhalla Dec 11, 2023

A Jazzy Christmas Seneca Facebook Seneca SC Events

#### **APRIL** 2024

**Cruzin' on Main** Seneca First Saturday April-October seneca.sc.us

Jazz on the Alley Seneca Every Thursday April-October seneca.sc.us

Cherokee Gathering/Earth Day Walhalla mainstreetwalhalla.com

**Cruise-In Series** Walhalla mainstreetwalhalla.com

Second Shift Series Walhalla mainstreetwalhalla.com





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# **Annual Events**



#### Issaqueena's Last Ride

Bike ride challenge April 2024 Walhalla ilrsc.com

#### MAY

**Music on Main** Westminster Facebook for info

#### **Mountains Festival** Walhalla Main Street

May 2024 mainstreetwalhalla.com

#### Veterans 5K

Walhalla May 2024 mainstreetwalhalla.com

#### JUNE

Fun In The Sun Festival West Union second Saturday scwestunion.com

#### JULY

Independence Fest July 1-4 Walhalla mainstreetwalhalla.com

Seneca's 4th of July Celebration Seneca seneca.sc.us

Annual Hillbilly Day Community Club July 4th Mountain Rest mountainrestcommunityclub.com

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