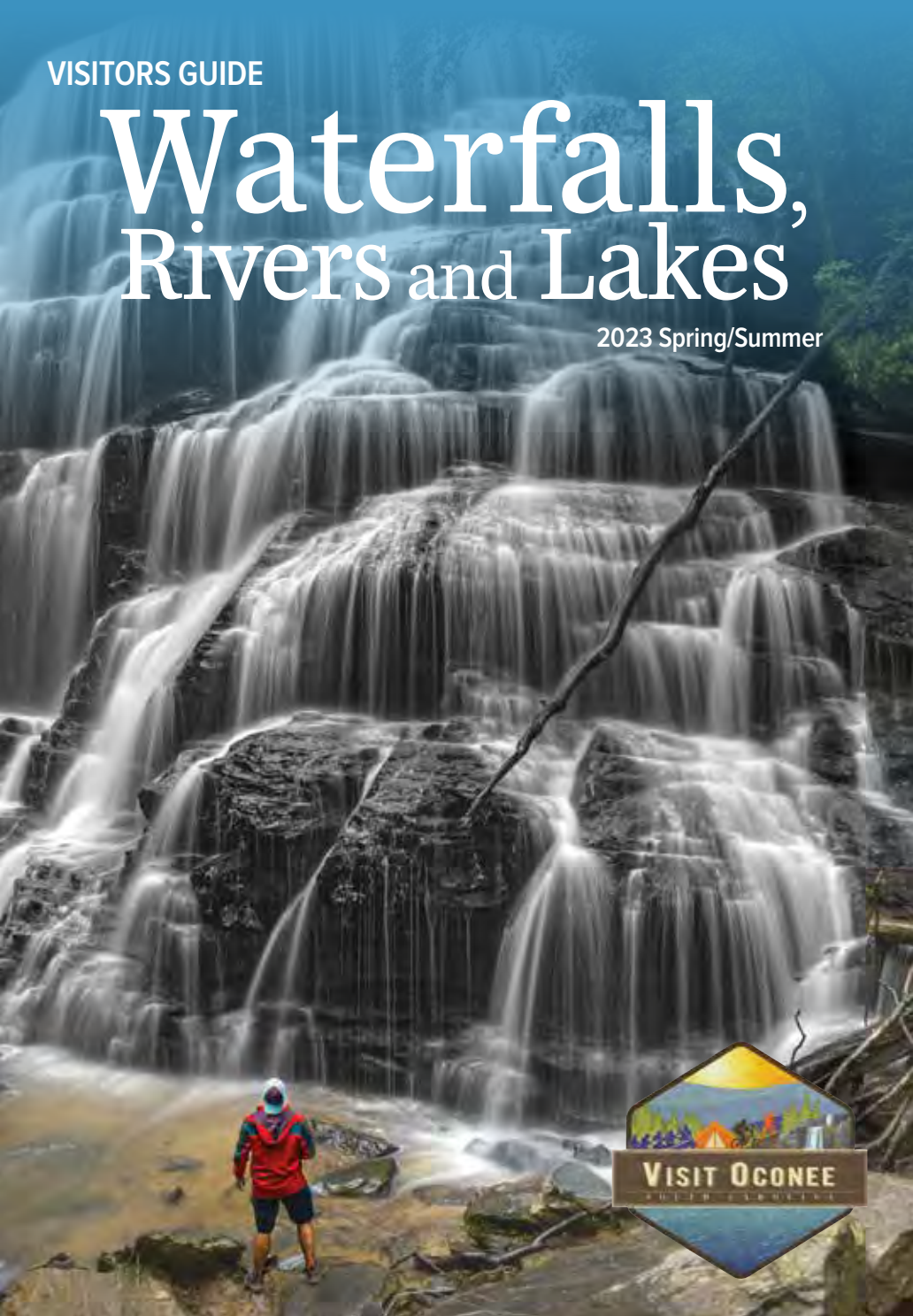


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Located in the northwest corner of South Carolina in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Oconee County is within a half day drive from metropolitan areas in the southeast. Come for the day or stay all weekend! We hope you find our Visitors Guide 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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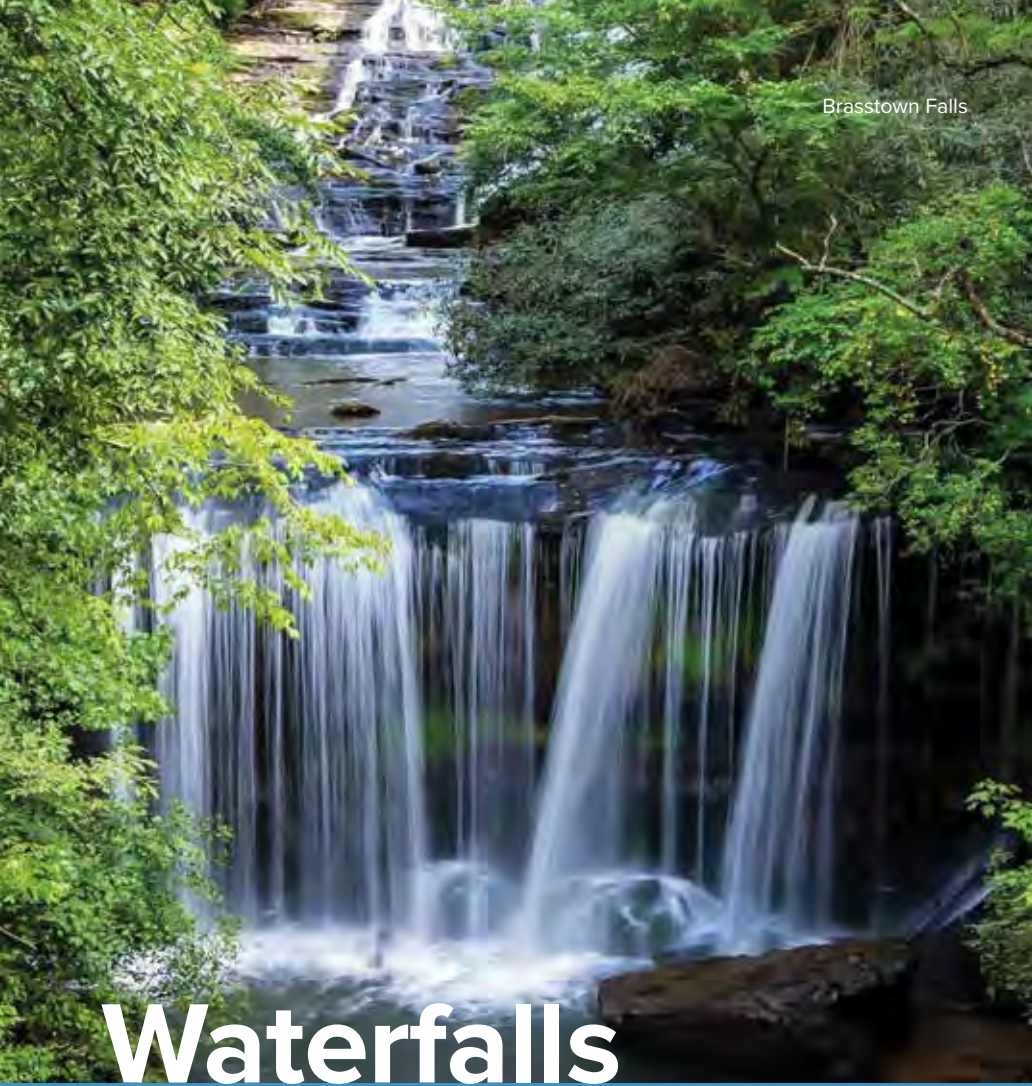
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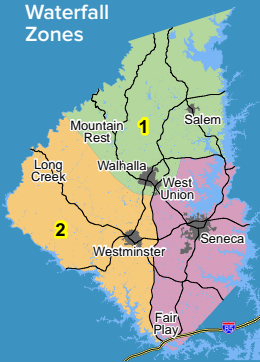
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Waterfalls

Waterfall Zones



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 collect 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.

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 

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 

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 


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 

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 

This 70 ft. tumble through a laurel-choked 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 

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 

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

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

A dramatic 200 ft. drop, these falls are the highest in eastern America. The Lower Falls (in South Carolina) is about half-mile 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

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

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



Ramey Creek Falls at Chauvin Ram County Park



Wright's Creek Falls

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 🦿

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 🦿🦿🦿

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 🦿🦿🦿

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 🦿🦿🦿

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 🦿🦿

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.



Yellow Branch Falls



Riley Moore Falls

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Parks

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

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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.



Oconee State Park

Mountain Rest

864-638-5353

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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 Stumhouse 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

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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
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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

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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

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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 on-line 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.

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Andrew Pickens Ranger District

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■ 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*

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- 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).

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- This group camp is for hunters during hunting seasons and can be reserved

for group camp-outs the remainder of the year.

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- 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



Issaqueena Falls

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 easy-to-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 check out 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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Hiking

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 well-described, 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/](https://www.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

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

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



Hiking

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 Issaqueena 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 at 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

Foothills Trail



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 

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.

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



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 Connector 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 Connector is a moderate to difficult 3.2-mile trail that is steeply uphill from Oconee Station. Mountain bikes are allowed on the Oconee Connector.







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 bird-watching 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 **day-use 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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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
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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 Campgrounds 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.

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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

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

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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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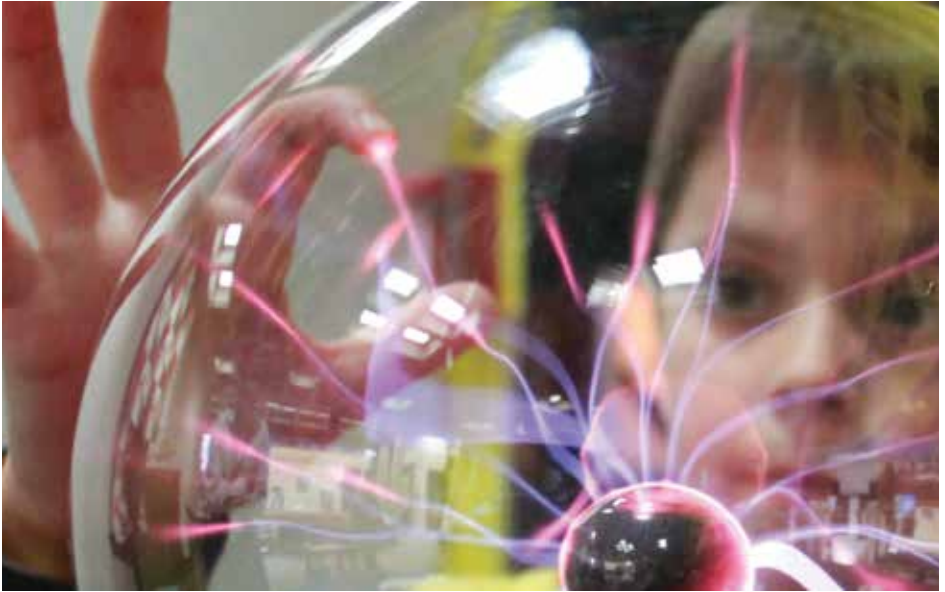
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Oconee County is situated in the Foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, located in the northwest corner of South Carolina. The county consists of one-of-a-kind areas of land that provide amazing settings immersed in nature, as well as a plethora of businesses and restaurants. Visit Oconee SC markets the county, bringing visitors to support local businesses and restaurants, stay overnight, as well as visiting our tourism destinations like our waterfalls, rivers, and lakes. We aim to drive visitation and patronage to the surplus of amenities in our county. We are lucky to have over 80,000 acres of lush forestry, with trails to beautiful waterfalls, mountain lakes, rivers, and waterfront county & state parks. Stop by our Visitor Center on Main Street, Walhalla to browse our various brochures, find information

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!

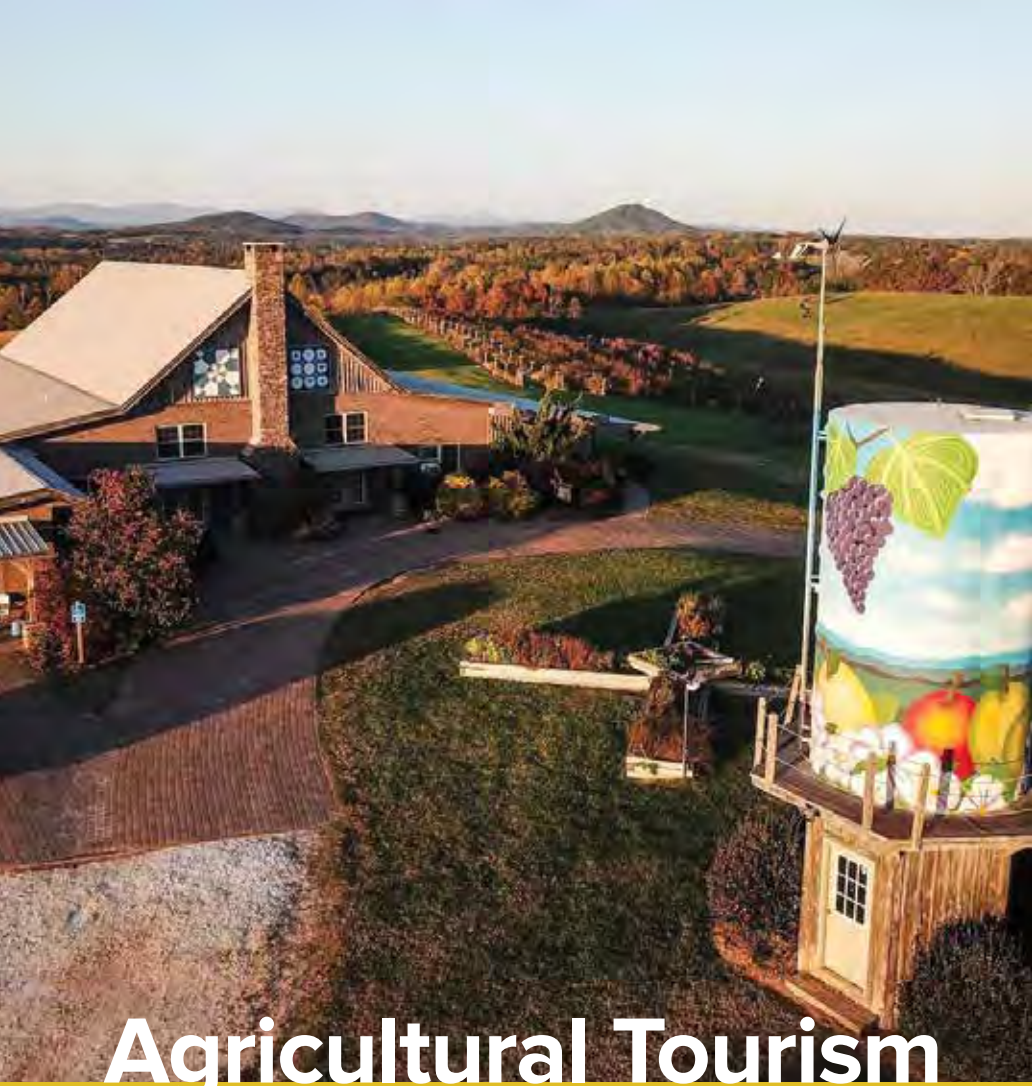
Since 2008, we have marketed the stunning natural features the region has to offer, as well as local businesses at the heart of our community. We strive to market these exceptional elements of Oconee to increase visibility and visitation to the county, while driving customers to our local shops, venues, 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.

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Chattooga Belle Farm

454 Damascus Church Rd, Long Creek
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Chattooga Belle Farm is a 138-acre working farm set among a spectacular canvas of rolling hills and mountain views.

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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

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

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crescentmoonfarms.com

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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.

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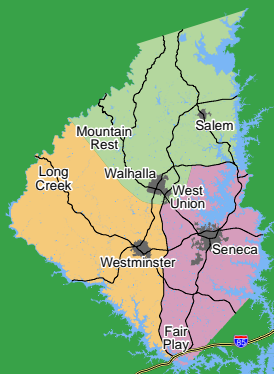
Sorrells Christmas Tree Farm

156 Radisson Rd, Seneca
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Towns



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 Westminister.

Seneca

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.

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28 Walhalloween

31 Boo in the Bay

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12/3 Tour of Homes

12/8 Santa Stroll

12/9 Tour of Churches



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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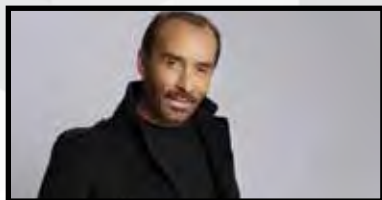
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THE MALPASS BROTHERS: CLASSIC COUNTRY

Friday, April 14 @ 7:30 PM

Retrobilly duo The Malpass Brothers are the closest thing to Nashville's Golden Age since the passing of Merle Haggard. With their carefully textured coifs and colorful Nudie-like suits, the Malpass Brothers look the music they sing, from honky-tonk classics to Louvin Brothers standards and old-time gospel.



LEE GREENWOOD:

THE AMERICAN SPIRIT TOUR-ONCE AND FOR ALL

Saturday, April 15 @ 7:30 PM

"God Bless the USA" went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat.



THE ISAACS:

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Friday, April 28 @ 7:30 PM

They have been frequent guests on RFD network's 'Larry's Country Diner', and also appeared on the Gaither Homecoming Videos and Tours for over 20 years. The Isaacs and it's members have been invited to perform on many gospel, bluegrass and country artist albums and stages worldwide.



TYRUS LIVE!

FOX NEWS CHANNEL CONTRIBUTOR, COMEDIAN, NWA WRESTLING SUPERSTAR & BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Friday, May 5 @ 7:30 PM

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TWITTY & LYNN:

A SALUTE TO CONWAY & LORETTA

Saturday, July 22 @ 7:30 PM

Tayla Lynn and Tre Twitty have country music in their blood. The grandchildren of famed duo Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty, the two have taken to the road to honor their grandparents in an intimate evening of music and storytelling as only they can tell.

Tickets & Information: WalhallaPAC.com | 864-638-5277

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West Union

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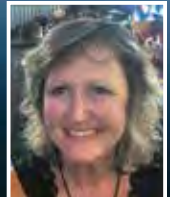
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Devils Fork State Park

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VENUE

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Diakonia Retreat Center

455 Quail Ridge Rd
864-944-6788
diakoniareretreatcenter.org

Events at Keowee Key Conference & Events Center

1392 Stamp Creek Rd
864-944-2151 Ext 1
keoweeykeysc.com/
EventVenue

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1925 Bumgardner Dr
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tdarschool.org

EAT

Habanero's Mexican Grill

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MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

Old Pickens Presbyterian Church

SC Route 183
864-944-1303
oldpickens.org

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

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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
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Mountain Rest Cabins & Campground

175 Homeland Dr
864-718-0333
mountainrestcamping.com
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GATHER

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864-638-5353
mountainrestcamping.com

EAT

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864-638-0026

HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

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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.

Stroll the street and enjoy the wonderful architecture. Westminster boasts more than one hundred homes that are unique to the turn-of-the-century. Many local merchants and home owners proudly display a quilt block on their building that is representative of a family heirloom. **Visit Today!**



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October 31: Boo on Main
December: Westminster Christmas Parade

westminstersc.com 🍏 (864) 647-5316

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
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experienceoconee.com
RV/campsites

Lake Hartwell RV Park

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VENUE

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Moon's Drug Store & Gift Shoppe

132 E Main St
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moonsdrugstore.com

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204 East Main St
864-647-2320

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713 E Main St
864-647-0011

Brasstown Creek BBQ

275 Brasstown Rd
864-647-2458
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903 E Main St
864-647-2147

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

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Gateway Arts Center

213 E Windsor St
864-613-2211
gatewayartscenter.net

Westminster Music Centre

224 E Main St
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Carolina Mystery Pattern
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224 E. Main Street



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LODGING/RV/ CAMPSITES

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

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

Chattooga Whitewater Shop
864-647-9083
Lifeinlongcreek.com
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EAT

Belle's Bistro
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864-647-9768
chattoogabellefarm.com

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chattoogabellefarm.com
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The Gauge Coffeehouse
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864-710-6308
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The Cabins

105 Felton Ln
864-247-1503
cabin

EAT

Hershberger's Bakery

1011 SC-59
864-972-9793

Hop Twenty Five Taproom

17010 Hwy. 11
864-614-5920

Peace of Pie on Hartwell

17016 SC-11
864-972-1955

The Spotted Pig BBQ

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864-972-9999

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Annual Events

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!

APRIL

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

Issaqueena's Last Ride

Bike ride challenge
April 15, 2023
Walhalla
ilrsc.com

MAY

Music on Main

Westminster
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Mountains Festival

Walhalla
Main Street
May 6, 2023
mainstreetwalhalla.com

Veterans 5K

Walhalla
May 29, 2023
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

SEPTEMBER

South Carolina Annual Apple Festival

Westminster
Second weekend
scapplefestival.com

Hispanic Heritage Festival

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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
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Westminster
Oct 31, 2023

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Oct 31, 2023





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Walhalla

Dec 9, 2023

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Tour of Churches

Walhalla

Dec 11, 2023

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Seneca

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