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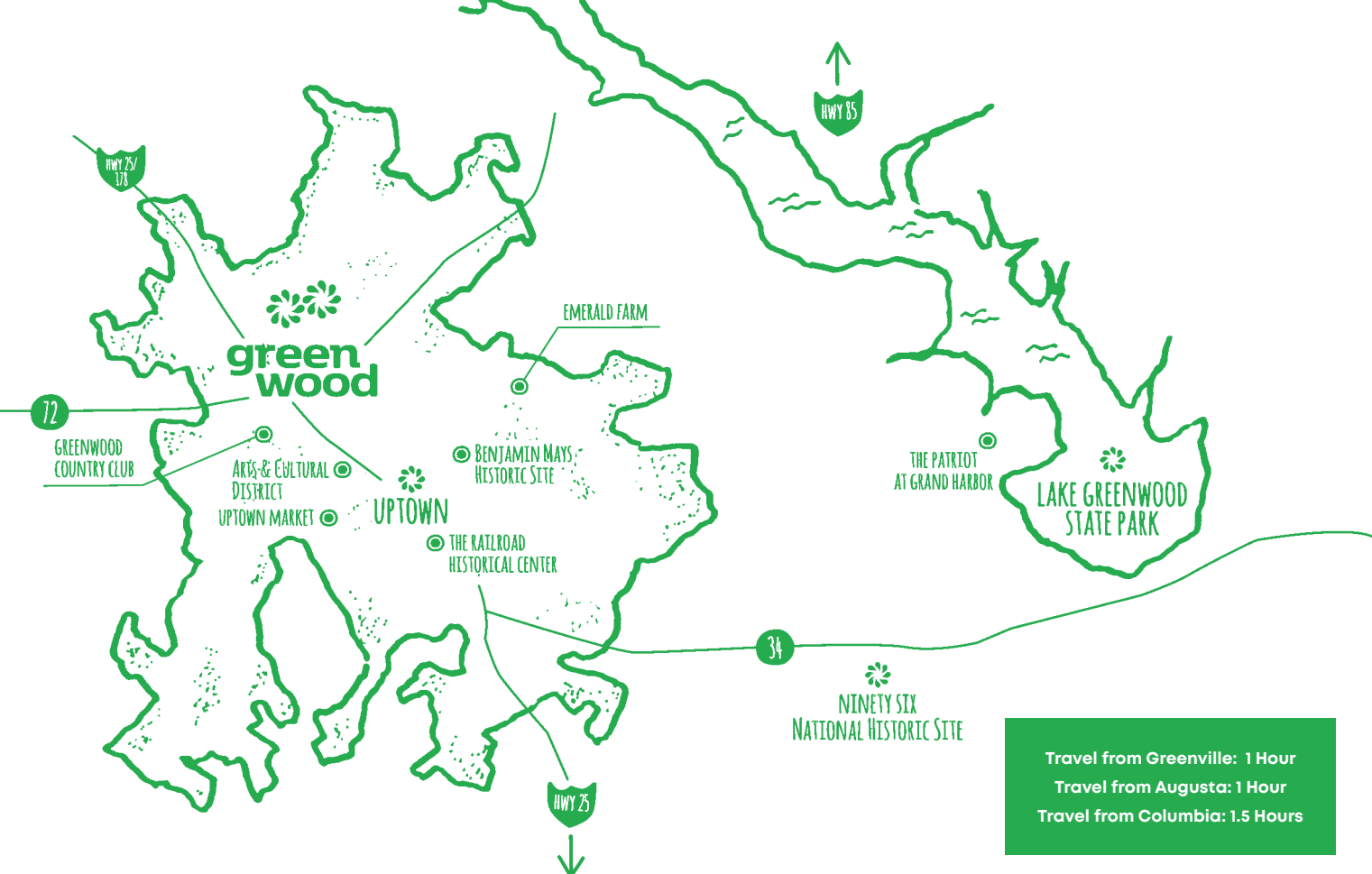


Greenwood, SC
Area Destination Guide

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Greenwood, South Carolina, is full of surprising stories. Spend a weekend here and you'll find so many things to love. Start with our eclectic assortment of chef- and local-owned restaurants and the unique shops and galleries in picturesque Uptown Greenwood. Our award-winning events, like the SC Festival of Flowers and the SC Festival of Discovery, will charm and delight again and again. You can immerse yourself in historic sites, from Civil Rights landmarks to a Revolutionary War battlefield. Our mild climate will entice you to play outdoors almost any time of year—in parks, on trails, on renowned golf courses or on the sparkling waters of beautiful Lake Greenwood.

The friendly folks here have stories to share—tales of inviting events, history, natural beauty and tree-lined streets—hallmarks of a community that always has something great to say.

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Festival of Discovery



Shop in Uptown

There's always something happening in Uptown Greenwood. Restored buildings show off local restaurants, shops, galleries and events. There's something for everybody to enjoy.

—Kevin Norris, Local Bartender



HISTORY & CULTURE

Where History & Culture Come Alive

With a rich, varied history and strong commitment to the arts, Greenwood offers endless adventures for lovers of history and the arts.

Uptown's Cultural District is Greenwood's epicenter. With the widest Main Street in the world, it's a vibrant oasis of restored buildings, one-of-a-kind shops, craft beer and foodie delights. The Greenwood Community Theatre, The Arts Center, Greenwood Performing Arts and award-winning exhibits at The Museum showcase the arts.

Our history will fascinate and intrigue, with the inspiring story of Benjamin Mays, the former frontier town of Ninety Six and the unique historical and archeological significance of the Ninety Six National Historic Site, a Revolutionary War battleground.

The upstate's premier Railroad Historical Center features vintage train cars, gardens and exhibits. Visit Ware Shoals, once a bustling riverfront textile community, Cokesbury College, on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Military Museum.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site



Greenwood Community Theatre



Live Music & Entertainment



“Greenwood has real depth to explore—both in history and the arts. We have a diverse musical legacy as well as a thriving arts community.”

—Marion Smith, Greenwood Museum

DID YOU KNOW?



You can tour the birthplace of Benjamin Mays, and explore his monumental rise from sharecropper's son to one of the nation's most influential Civil Rights leaders. The site showcases several historic buildings and a museum.



The Railroad Historical Museum



LAKE GREENWOOD

Lake Greenwood: Where Fun Comes Alive

Sail, paddle or motor along 11,000 sparkling acres of Lake Greenwood. Drop a line for a great catch at this top 10 fishing spot in South Carolina, where the boat launches and piers make fishing a breeze. Walk a scenic nature trail, take the family camping and explore the 915-acre forest at Lake Greenwood State Park. The Drummond Center in this CCC-built park is a great place for meetings, family gatherings or wedding receptions.

“Relaxation, fun...that’s a day on Lake Greenwood. Begin your day in the quiet of morning with a coffee cruise, with Mother Nature and a few fishermen. Midday is time for skiing, tubing, swimming, kayaking — any water sport you can think of. Early evening is time to enjoy the amazing sunsets. When we count blessings, we count days at Lake Greenwood!”

—Claire Hamanaka,
Keep Greenwood County Beautiful Volunteer



DID YOU KNOW?



Greenwood is part of the Lakelands region, within a 30-45 minute drive of five different lakes, each with a different reservoir of wildlife. Fishing enthusiasts will enjoy finding the hidden wealth of crappie, bass, catfish and more.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Where Great Golf Makes Great Memories

Warmer winters, smaller crowds and a generous serving of Southern hospitality are our gifts to avid golfers. It was a Greenwood golfer who took ideas from the great courses here into his work as one of Hilton Head's first developers. Our area's picturesque landscape and numerous lakes are dotted with more than 10 quality golf courses. And value-priced golf packages make a great golf vacation here affordable on almost any budget.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Patriot at Grand Harbor, along-side Lake Greenwood in Ninety Six, was designed by PGA Champion Davis Love, III and named in honor of the area's Revolutionary War heritage.

Outdoor Adventure

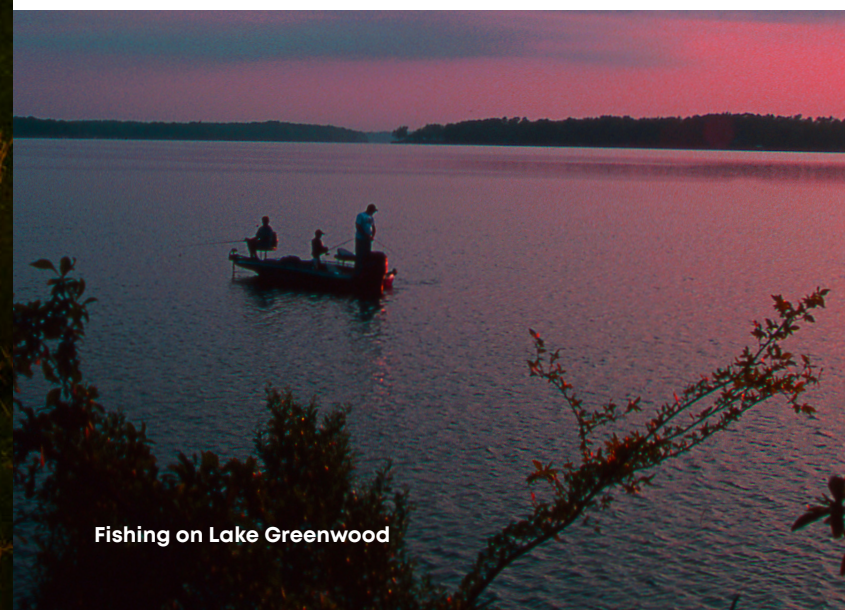
South Carolina's Blueways offer a different way to see the world—from the water. Try a leisurely float in Lake Greenwood or along the Saluda River. Mostly flat water, with a few shoals, the area's blueways offer options for all skill levels.

Camp out at Lake Greenwood State Park and visit the CCC Museum, or bring your boat for the best crappie and largemouth bass fishing around. Enjoy horseback riding, biking and hiking.

Several area parks offer opportunities to play outside. You'll find playgrounds, pavilions, picnic areas, and walking trails at West Cambridge Park, once a railroad-switching yard, and the small Magnolia Park in Uptown Greenwood. The new Grace Street Park has a walking trail, dog park, covered pavilion and restrooms. Wilbanks Sports Center and Recreation Complex features athletic fields, lighted tennis courts, jogging track, playgrounds, picnic shelters, Legion Baseball Stadium and a farmer's market.



Sailing on Lake Greenwood



Fishing on Lake Greenwood



Biking on the West Cambridge Trail



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Where Events Make the Everyday Come Alive

“People here love their community—and love to show it off to visitors. That’s one reason we have so many great festivals. They let us bring out the best that Greenwood has to offer.”

—Trentsie Williams, Nonprofit Manager

DID YOU KNOW?



Mermaids and other mythical creatures, along with lifesize elephants, giraffes and lions, appear on Greenwood streets each summer, all part of the Signature Topiary Display.

Festival of Discovery, Uptown

Spring

NINETY SIX CROSSROADS

Learn about the longest siege of the Revolutionary War in the Ninety Six National Historic Site’s largest annual event.

HODGES SPRING FESTIVAL

Support the Hodges Cokesbury Fire Department and enjoy some great food, music and family fun.

HERITAGE TRAIL POTTERY SALE

This Spring event allows visitors to tour studios along the South Carolina Heritage Trail in Greenwood and Edgefield counties. More than 25 potters show and sell recent work.

CATFISH “FEASTIVAL”

This Memorial Day weekend event in Ware Shoals boasts a catfish feast, carnival, arts and crafts, and a night of dancing in the streets.

Summer

SC FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The entire area puts on its finery for the Festival of Flowers each June, with over 30 events for adults, children and the avid gardener. The Signature Topiary Display is always a family favorite and great photo opportunity. Crafters, artists and musicians showcase their creations, and a photography competition shows off the best of Greenwood. A junior golf tournament, fun run, and bike tour add to the fun.

SC FESTIVAL OF DISCOVERY

Discover what we’re all about during this award-winning weekend of food, fun, music and heritage held the second weekend of July in Uptown Greenwood. Learn about our history, traditions, folklore, arts and culture. Satisfy your BBQ palette with a variety of flavors from all over the Southeast. Celebrate the unique sound of the blues with performances at Uptown restaurants and venues.

SC FESTIVAL OF STARS

This free, family-friendly, two-day Fourth of July Celebration, held the last weekend in June, includes the Concert in the Park, carnival rides, a parade, contests, vendors and entertainment, ending with a huge fireworks display.

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Enjoy live music, delicious food and a spectacular fireworks display during this holiday celebration.

Fall

BATTLE OF NINETY SIX

Commemorate the first Southern land battle of the Revolutionary War at 96 National Historic Site.

HODGES LIGHTS ON MAIN

An annual salute to law enforcement in commemoration of the anniversary of 9/11.

IMAGINE STEAM FESTIVAL

A celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics for the Upper Savannah Region to enjoy.

Winter

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Witness true Christmas splendor with over 150,000 holiday lights adorning the trees of Uptown Greenwood. Life-sized Christmas decorations make the perfect backdrop for your holiday photos.

SANTA ON MAIN

Be part of the fun when Greenwood kicks off the holiday season with Santa and friends on Main Street.

A CONNIE MAXWELL CHRISTMAS

In early December, holiday lights and seasonal music fill the nights. Enjoy horse-drawn wagons and hot cocoa. Walk through Bethlehem as a guide leads you to the nativity of the Christ child.



LOCAL STORIES



"With my son, Ben Martin, having played on the PGA Tour for several years, I've had the opportunity to travel around the country to see and play some very well known golf courses. But, I always look forward to coming back home and playing golf in the Greenwood area, where we have several excellent layouts."

—Jim Martin, Avid Golfer

"We're excited to be part of all that this community offers: restaurants, music, shopping and art exhibits. Main & Maxwell is a treasure that combines local art and shopping, and the classes in pottery, jewelry, photography, painting and more are so much fun. You never know what kind of shenanigans they are up to at Main & Maxwell!"



—Carol Harley, Former SC Festival of Flowers Chair



"Greenwood cuisine is more than Southern soul food and BBQ. There's a wide range of options: authentic Cuban, Indian, Japanese, Mexican, and Venezuelan. Restaurants like Kickers are in a league of their own with an international fusion of flavors and spices. The numerous fine dining establishments all have excellent chefs creating culinary delights. Come to Greenwood for a delicious dining experience any time of day."

— Amaryllis Turman, Global Trade Expert & Blogger

"The climate here is such an advantage for people who love the outdoors. I can golf all year, bike the trails, paddle the Saluda River, play tennis whenever I want. I couldn't ask for a better place to be."



**—Jonathan Bass, Outdoor Enthusiast,
YMCA Dir. of Operations**

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