

WHEN YOUR ROAD TRAVELS THROUGH FLORENCE, SPEND A DAY OR TWO EMBRACING HER SOUTHERN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, SOAKING IN THE LOCAL FLAVORS, ENJOYING FAMILY SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AND EXPERIENCING OUR GREAT OUTDOORS.



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**Florence SC Day Guide**



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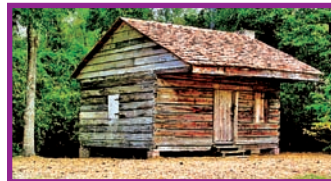
## History & Museums



**1. Columns Plantation**  
2 mi. east of intersection of SC 327 & Old Marion Hwy., 669.6730  
This antebellum home was built in the 1850's on the Harwell Plantation and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is the last working plantation in the area and is the site of the annual reenactment of the "Skirmish at Gamble's Hotel," a local Civil War battle, held the first weekend in March. Exterior visitors welcome. Group interior tours by appointment.

### 2. Florence Museum of Art, Science and History

558 Spruce St., 662.3351  
www.florencemuseum.org  
This interesting museum will enlighten visitors to the history of Florence. It contains a changing art gallery, Asian collection, African artifacts, ancient Mediterranean civilizations, natural history and pueblo pottery. Open Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun. 2 pm-5 pm. Admission \$1.



**3. Hewn-Timber Cabins** at Francis Marion University – Wallace Woods Rd. on the east side of Francis Marion University campus, 661.1311, www.fmarion.edu  
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, these are the remaining two of eight cabins, circa 1836, that were built by African-Americans. The hewn timber cabins are open and available to the general public from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from March through November, weather permitting. Other times, signs outside each cabin provide visitors with a wealth of information.



### 4. National Cemetery

803 E. National Cemetery Rd. 669.8783  
This cemetery was established in 1865 as a burial place for the Union soldiers that died while being held at the Confederate stockade here. The first woman to be buried in a National cemetery, Florena Budwin, is buried here. The cemetery contains the remains of veterans from all major US conflicts.



### 5. Railroad Museum

Irby St., beside City-County Complex, 662.3351  
Florence began as a railroad junction in the mid 1800's and was a major rail center for the movement of men and military supplies during the Civil War. This museum is housed in a renovated box car and caboose and is filled with hundreds of artifacts and photos. Contact the Florence Museum for guided tours.



### 6. War Between the States Museum – 107 S. Guerry St., 669.1266

This museum showcases local life in the area during the 1860's. Exhibits include artifacts from various battles, camp sites, photos and household items. It also houses a scale model of the Florence stockade and artifacts from the C.S.S. Pee Dee, the only commissioned Naval vessel built in the area. Open Wed. and Sat., 10 am-5 pm.  
Admission: Adults-\$2, Children-\$1

## Parks, Outdoor Recreation & Walking Trails

Florence County has a wonderful variety of outdoor venues. Please ask for the Florence County Trail Guide for complete listings and a location map or go to [scstrails.net](http://scstrails.net) for directions and maps.



## Local Flavors

### 7. Florence Flea Market

Off US 301 at SC 327, 667.9585  
You'll find great bargains at the Flea Market. Open Sat.-Sun., 8 am-6 pm



### 8. Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden

165 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville 803.484.5581  
www.fryarstopiaries.com  
Pearl Fryar's amazing topiary garden began as a project to raise self-esteem in local youth. Now, his three acres of organically grown evergreens have become a nationally renowned attraction.



### 9. Pee Dee State Farmer's Market

US 52, one mile north of I-95 665.5154  
www.pdfarmersmarket.sc.gov  
The State Farmer's Market offers fresh local fruits, produce and plants. It's a friendly, affordable, leisurely experience of southern hospitality. Quality produce at reasonable prices. Home to the popular Fall and Spring Plant & Flower Shows. One visit and you'll see the difference!  
Open Mon.-Sat., 8 am-6 pm.



### 10. Young Pecan Plantations

2230 Baber Ln., 662.2452  
www.youngpecanplantations.com  
If it's pecans, you'll find it at Young's...from candies, gift baskets, pecans of various flavors, jams, jellies and more. Samples are available as well as shipping for purchases. Mon.-Sat., 9 am-7 pm. Sun. 12-6 pm

### 11. Willis Produce and General Store – 2508 N. Williston Rd., 661.7561

Buy fresh local produce and canned specialties from pickles to jams, delicious fresh breads, homemade sausage and barbeque and hand dipped ice cream, too. Open 7 days, 10 am-5 pm, summer 9 am-6 pm.

## Antique Shopping

### 12. 1551 Antiques Warehouse

1551 W. Evans St., 292.0508

### 13. Carolina Collectibles

2523 W. Palmetto St., 679.0901

### 14. Classic Antiques, Inc.

919-C S. Cashua Dr., 662.9626

### 15. Hamilton House Antiques

320 S. Dargan St., 665.7161

### 16. Never Too Old

2417-A Pamplico Hwy., 679.9966

### 17. Old South Merchandise Antiques & More

I-95 exit 170, 669.6161

### 18. Red Brick House

1005 S. Cashua Dr., 669.4860

### 19. S & J Antiques

140 S. Irby St., 319.3530

### 20. Thieves Market

1820 E. Palmetto St., 664.8103  
www.thievesmarket.org

### 21. Vintage Vogue

130 S. Irby St., 601.4295, 601.1249

### 22. World of Color Design Center,

Antiques and Consignments  
817-B S. Cashua Dr., 669.9000

## Shopping

Shop 'til you drop! Florence offers the best selections with wonderful malls, unique specialty stores and charming boutiques. Please visit [www.visitflo.com](http://www.visitflo.com) for more information about shopping in the Florence area.

## Sports & Entertainment

### 23. Darlington Raceway

1301 Harry Byrd Hwy. (US 52) Darlington  
Tickets: 866.459.RACE  
www.darlingtonraceway.com  
The "Track to Tough to Tame," NASCAR's oldest super speedway has been the site of many legendary races. Races Mother's Day Weekend!



### 24. Darlington Raceway Museum and NMPA (National Motorsports Press Assoc.) Hall of Fame

1301 Harry Byrd Hwy. (US 52) Darlington, 395.8862/395.8821  
See and learn about the pioneers of the sport and the historic cars that carried them to greatness. NASCAR souvenirs in the gift shop. Open 7 days, 9 am-5 pm. Admission: Adults \$5. Children 12 & under, Free



### 25. Florence Civic Center

3300 W. Radio Dr., 679.9417  
www.florenceciviccenter.com  
The civic center is the largest entertainment and convention center in northeast South Carolina. It hosts a variety of events and shows throughout the year. Call to see what's playing.

**\*\* All numbers are in the 843 area code unless otherwise noted.**

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### 26. Florence RedWolves

American Legion Field, Stadium Dr., off Palmetto St. 629.0700, www.florencewolves.com  
Coastal Plain Baseball means minor league collegiate baseball at its best. The games are great summer family fun! Season June-August.

### 27. Florence Motor Speedway

836 Smith St. off US 76 near Timmonsville, 346.7711  
www.florencemotorspeedway.com  
Experience a real race at the speedway every Saturday night. (April-October).



### 28. Freedom Florence Recreation Complex – 1515 Freedom Dr., 669.4597

www.cityofflorence.com  
This state-of-the-art softball facility hosts state, regional and national tournaments. Nine championship fields seat 500 spectators each.

### 29. Julia 4 Cinema

1110 S. Irby St., 665.5064  
See current releases at discount prices.

### 30. Regal Cinemas Swamp Fox Stadium 14

3400 W. Radio Dr., 669.5466  
Choose from the new releases playing on Swamp Fox's 14 screens.

## Arts

### 31. Art Trail Gallery

135 S. Dargan St., 673.0729  
www.art-trail-gallery.com  
An eclectic and ever-changing mix of creativity found in the Pee Dee region. Open Mon.-Sat. 1pm-4pm

### 32. Florence Little Theatre

417 S. Dargan St., 662.3731  
In its newly-built home, Florence Little Theatre presents a wide range of theatrical hits throughout its annual season.

### 33. Frances Marion University Performing Arts Center

201 S. Dargan St.  
www.fmarion.edu  
Coming to downtown area in 2011.

## Golf



### 34. The Crossings Golf Club

340 Shadow Creek Dr., 665.8040  
www.thecrossingsgolfclub.com  
A 18-hole course public course with pro shop and grill. Par 72. 6,881 yards.

### 35. The Traces Golf Club

4322 W. Southborough St., 662.7775  
www.thetracesgolfclub.com  
A 27-hole semi-private course with practice facilities, a fully equipped pro shop and a bar and grill. Any 18 holes, par 72. 7,000 yards.

## Education

### 36. Clemson Outdoor Educational Trail – Pee Dee Research & Education Center, Pocket Rd., 662.3526, www.clemson.edu/oet

The Outdoor Education Trail runs along scenic, 150-acre Dargan's Pond and features a series of learning centers focused on the many natural resources of the area. It was developed by Clemson University and such sponsors as the Pee Dee Sierra Club.



### 37. Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library, 509 S. Dargan St. 662.8424

This new state-of-the-art \$20 million library was made possible by the Dr.'s Bruce and Lee Foundation which has funded numerous projects in Florence. Public library, E.N. Zeigler SC History and Genealogy Room.

### 38. Florence – Darlington Technical College

2715 W. Lucas St., 661-TECH 800.228.5745, www.fdct.edu  
The college is a post-secondary two year institution offering day and evening classes for more than 3,800 students in 60 degree, diploma and certificate programs. The school helps new and existing industries in the state to develop and implement specific hands-on training programs for employees.



### 39. Francis Marion University

4822 E. Palmetto St., 661.1231 800.368.7551, www.fmarion.edu/  
This state-supported university is located on 400 acres and has nearly 4,000 students. It was established in 1970 with a liberal arts curriculum and awards both bachelor and master's degrees. Planetarium programs 2nd & 4th Sundays.

### 40. Science South

1515 Freedom Blvd., 679.5353  
www.sciencesouth.org  
Extract DNA from a strawberry, build a solar car, or make a spectroscope! Experimental science center open to the public on weekends and school holidays. Call for program details.

## Restaurants

Florence offers an interesting variety of delicious dining and southern fare! Please ask for the Florence Restaurant Guide which includes listings and a location map. [www.visitflo.com](http://www.visitflo.com)

## Transportation

### 41. Florence Regional Airport

2100 Terminal Dr., 669-5001  
The airport is served by Delta Connect-ASA and US Airways/US Airways Express.

