YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS CLEMSON

WELCOME TO CLEMSON

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Clemson area and surrounding Pickens County offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore the great outdoors and reconnect with Appalachian heritage.

We're excited to have you here exploring what makes the Clemson area so special!

VISIT CLEMSON
ARTS AND CULTURE

- **Brooks Center for the Performing Arts**
  - Established in 1994, the Brooks Center has been the hub for the performing arts in Clemson for more than two decades. This 87,000-square-foot facility serves as a professional roadhouse, hosting world-class professional dance, theatre, and musical performances throughout the academic year in its spacious, yet intimate, 979-seat proscenium auditorium.

- **Clemson Little Theatre**
  - Begun in 1931, The Clemson Little Theatre is one of the oldest community theatres in South Carolina.

- **South Carolina Botanical Gardens**
  - From a humble beginning as a camellia collection in the 1950s, the South Carolina Botanical Garden has blossomed into a 295-acre sanctuary for diversity by re-engaging people in the living world.

- **The Art's Center of Clemson**
  - A City of Clemson department under Parks and Recreation established for the purpose of bringing the arts to all members of the community through educational adult and youth art programs, exhibitions, community art development, and creative placemaking.
**MUSEUMS AND HISTORY**

- **Bob Campbell Geology Museum**
  - The Bob Campbell Geology Museum (BCGM) houses a collection of more than 10,000 minerals, rocks and fossils from locations in South Carolina and across the globe.

- **Central History Museum**
  - Travel back to a simpler time and visit a small town in upstate South Carolina. Tour a small-town merchant’s house museum and stroll through the garden that features unique heritage roses, historic flowers and plants. Absorb the atmosphere of time past in the garden outside the Central History Museum. Walk through the garden with sculptures and benches.

- **Central Railway Museum**
  - CRM&HA's mission is to promote understanding and enjoyment of railroad heritage in America, particularly in the Carolinas.

- **Clemson Area African American Museum**
  - The mission of the Clemson Area African American Museum is to collect and showcase the historical and contemporary achievements and culture of African Americans and develop and maintain partnerships with local schools, colleges, and universities. It serves as a resource center for the Greater Clemson Area to engage the local and upstate communities in intellectual discourse about the past, present, and future.

- **Fort Hill Plantation**
  - Fort Hill, also known as the John C. Calhoun Mansion and Library, is a National Historic Landmark on the Clemson University campus in Clemson, South Carolina. The house is significant as the home of John C. Calhoun, the 7th Vice President of the United States, from 1825 to 1850.

- **Hagood Mill Historic Site**
  - The mill is the centerpiece of the Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Center, which also includes historic cabins, a blacksmith shop, a moonshine still, and a cotton gin. The site also includes the South Carolina Petroglyph Site, which preserves significant Native American rock carvings, and the 64-foot (20 m) steel Prater’s Creek Bridge, built by the Greenville Steel and Foundry Company in 1930 and brought to the site in 2007.

- **South Carolina Botanical Gardens**
• **Blue Heron**
  - Innovative, locally-sourced food with a southern flair.

• **Evolve Kitchen and Table**
  - From produce to proteins, a host of local farm partners provide a majority of ingredients on your plate.

• **Goobers**
  - Compact, modest sports bar with burgers, hot dogs & wings, plus lots of TVs & free popcorn.

• **Joe's New York Pizza**
  - Come in and enjoy the best pizza in the south, where your tastebuds are sure to dance a jig, it will fill up the soul.

• **Palmetto's Smokehouse and Oyster Bar**
  - Chill hangout with slow-smoked barbecue, an oyster bar & weekly low-country boils, plus a full bar.

• **Pixie and Bill's**
  - Longtime, rustic steakhouse & bar offering classic fare amid exposed beams & wood panelling.

• **Rick Erwin's Clemson**
  - A local favorite for fine dining, an extensive wine list, and a casual bar shoulder-to-shoulder with familiar faces.

• **Sole on the Green**
  - Full service restaurant open for lunch and dinner! Come by and see our great selection to eat and drink, as well as our beautiful view.

• **Sunnyside Cafe**
  - Classic, comfy American restaurant serving breakfast & lunch, plus a kids' menu.

• **The Esso Club**
  - Raucous institution with a bar menu located on the lot of a historic service station.

• **1826 Bistro**
  - Part of historic Farmers' Hall, this inviting bistro serves American fare such as steaks & seafood.
BARS, BREWERIES, AND WINERIES

- **Clemson Wine Bar**
  - Clemson Wine Bar was created to be a gathering place for everyone. We are a quaint neighborhood place where friends, family and colleagues come to relax and enjoy great wine.

- **ITSURWIENER**
  - Our experienced bartenders cater to your every mood, whether choosing from our 20 beers on tap, our frosty frozen drinks, or our one-of-a-kind premium specialty cocktails.

- **Kite Hill Brewery**
  - Clemson’s first brewery was founded by Clemson University alumni as a family-friendly community gathering space. Featuring beer made on site, select wines, and non-alcoholic options, as well as a small but tasty food menu.

- **Loose Change**
  - A local dive that celebrates everything Clemson, SC. Come here for your Good Eats and Great Drinks.

- **Swamp Fox Distilling**
  - Pure Corruption® Rum was born out of the desire to handcraft the finest pot distilled rum with a bold statement. Distilled in a custom handmade Alembic copper pot still, Pure Corruption® Rum is made from the perfect combination of Louisiana raw sugar and blackstrap molasses, combined with a proprietary rum yeast from the Caribbean, which all together produces a very smooth and flavorful Caribbean style rum.

- **Tiger Town Tavern**
  - Tiger Town Tavern began in 1977 as a pool hall / beer only tavern in the one story portion of the building that it still occupies today. In 1982, TTT expanded into the first floor of the two story portion of the building. The two story portion of the building that TTT occupies is the oldest still standing building in Clemson.

- **Victoria Valley Vineyards**
  - Come taste a little piece of Europe with a traditional wine tasting of our European Vinifera wines, sure to be enjoyed by any wine drinker from a novice to the connoisseur – no appointment needed!
**Hiking**

- **Abernathy Waterfront Park**
  - Leafy lakefront park featuring a charming wooded expanse, multi-use shelter & paved walkways.

- **Beech Bottom Falls**
  - On the way up to the Sassafras Mountain observation tower — traveling on F. Van Clayston Memorial Highway — don’t miss the superb Beech Bottom Falls Trail sign and parking area on the left! The trail features excellent footbridges and an observation deck for viewing the falls.

- **Clemson Dikes**
  - Running parallel to Lake Hartwell, the Clemson dikes feature a continuous trail with sprawling views of the lake. Whether you go during the day for a lovely walk under the sun or go at dusk for a picturesque view of the Clemson sunset over the lake, the dikes are sure to make you a repeat visitor.

- **Devil’s Fork State Park**
  - The land around 7,565-acre Lake Jocassee remains mostly undeveloped and the only public access point to the lake is through Devils Fork. Four mountain streams and several waterfalls feed into the lake, making it cooler than others and a great South Carolina trout fishing spot. Plus, the unusually clear water of Lake Jocassee is a haven for scuba divers and swimmers. During the spring months, hikers on the Oconee Bell Nature Trail are treated to sightings of the endangered Oconee bell wildflower.

- **Table Rock State Park**
  - Table Rock Mountain provides a towering backdrop for an upcountry retreat at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Table Rock State Park features two lakes, a campground, mountain cabins, meeting facilities and its historic, renovated lodge. The park has been one of South Carolina’s most popular since it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

- **Waldrop Stone Falls**
  - Waldrop Stone Falls is located in the North Forest, approximately 50 feet in height. An easy, 15-20 minute hike through Clemson’s Experimental Forest will take you to one of the largest waterfalls in the southern portion of Pickens County.
SHOPPING

- **All Inspired Boutique**
  - Clemson spirit, gifts, decor, jewelry Where Style Meets Grace!

- **Buff City Soap**
  - No complicated ingredients and confusing language. Just plant-based goodness—that's the Buff City Soap way!

- **Elkmont Trading Company**
  - Established local outfitter carrying outdoor gear & supplies, plus apparel, footwear & jewelry.

- **Emmaline Boutique**
  - Located in the heart of Clemson, SC and looking to bring trendy, affordable, and fun to every girl that likes to have a little fun!

- **Onward Reserve**
  - The OR experience mixes laid back southern hospitality with a world class retail atmosphere

- **The Fizz Boutique**
  - One-stop shop for trendy clothing, gifts, and home decor!

- **Tiger Sports Shop**
Follow I-85 S to SC-153 in Powdersville. Take exit 40 from I-85 S
- 15 min (15.2 mi)

Continue on SC-153 to Easley
- 13 min (7.9 mi)

Use the left 2 lanes to turn slightly left to stay on US-123 S
- Pass by KFC (on the right in 0.4 mi)
- 21 min (19.1 mi)

Turn left onto College Ave
- Pass by Papa John's Pizza (on the right in 0.2 mi)
- 3 min (0.6 mi)

Arrived in Clemson, South Carolina
DIRECTIONS FROM ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- **Get on I-85 N in Fulton County from Crosswind Rd**
  - 4 min (2.0 mi)

- **Continue on I-85 N to Anderson County. Take exit 14 from I-85 N**
  - 1 hr 49 min (120 mi)

- **Follow SC-187 and US-76 E to College Ave in Clemson**
  - 20 min (12.5 mi)

- **Arrived in Clemson, South Carolina**
DIRECTIONS FROM CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

  - 13 min (6.5 mi)

- Follow I-85 S to SC-153 in Powdersville. Take exit 40 from I-85 S  
  - 1 hr 35 min (93.0 mi)

- Continue on SC-153. Drive to US-123 S in Easley  
  - 13 min (7.9 mi)

- Use the left 2 lanes to turn slightly left to stay on US-123 S  
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