

DESTINATION OVERVIEW

In the Old 96 District, we understand the need to get away from it all. Within a couple hours' drive from cities like Atlanta, Charlotte, and Greenville, we're a nearby (yet not-at-home) vacation destination filled with outdoor adventure, natural beauty, and historic remnants of the untouched Old South.

Whether it's a hiking/biking adventure, a journey through history, or a profile on one of our characterful B&Bs, we've got plenty of story ideas for you to get those creative wheels turning. We hope you enjoy perusing the ideas below, and we're happy to help you get started and to answer any questions you might have at (this number/name)

STORY IDEAS:

CHARMING BED AND BREAKFASTS

In the Old 96 District, we've got 8 B&Bs, all dripping in southern charm. Head to the Inn on the Square for a unique experience that symbolizes the best of Uptown Greenwood. The historic Belmont Inn in Abbeville was frequented by vaudeville performers at the Opera House in the 20th century and is still favored by audience members attending performances today. Pleasant Lane Acres is a go-to place to rest your head during the Masters Golf Tournament in nearby Augusta.

QUENCH YOUR THIRST IN OLD 96 DISTRICT

South Carolina has a long history with moonshine, and the Old 96 District micro-distilleries carry on that tradition. Stop by the tasting room at Carolina Moon Distillery in Edgefield, where you can sample creative concoctions like Ten G's vodka (named for the ten governors/lieutenant governors that came from the county), and Rabbit Spit moonshine ("mean enough to make a rabbit spit in a bulldog's face!"). Red Barn Likker in Abbeville hauls water from a family farm to make their smooth 'shine, adding the flavoring separately. Good Times Brewing in Greenwood takes great pride in their 20+ craft beers, including their Blood Moon IPA.

EXPERIENCE HISTORY COMING ALIVE

Visit the Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Museum in Greenwood to visit the childhood home, and soak in readings, speeches, and film clips of a man that mentored and inspired civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and three U.S. presidents. The Greenwood Railroad Historical Center preserves the "Golden Age" of American railroad travel with restored early 20th-century railroad cars and artifacts, along with guided tours and events.

Marvel at the centuries-old preserved pieces in the Phoenix Factory's Old Edgefield Pottery, where resident potter Justin Guy continues a tradition of clay "face jugs." Some pieces from Phoenix Factory's Old Edgefield Pottery are featured in the Smithsonian Museum.

The Abbeville Opera House was the height of theatre glamour in the early 1900s. It still hosts live productions with a Summer and Winter season, serving as a cultural hub of the Upstate and designated as the Official State Theatre of South Carolina.

The Dorn Mill in McCormick is a rural industrial steam-powered mill, one of the few mills of its kind still standing in the United States, containing its original steamers and boilers.

At Ninety Six Historic Site's Living History Days, you can see reenactors display Colonial and Revolutionary War skills around the park's Historic Cabin.

ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD

The National Wild Turkey Federation Museum in Edgefield is the only museum in the world dedicated to wild turkey restoration, management, and hunting. This comeback story is told through exciting exhibit displays and simulators, including a life-like grandpa in a rocking chair telling stories about the history of the NWTf and wild turkeys.

The Palmetto Shooting Complex is also on-site and has become a premier shooting destination in the Southeast. With its opening in 2015, the facility already houses two dedicated sporting clays courses, five trap and skeet fields, 3D archery and the 9,300-square-foot pavilion.

TOWN OF TEN GOVERNORS

Edgefield is home to ten governors or lieutenant governors of South Carolina including Strom Thurmond. You can learn more about their historic legacies by winding your way along the Ten Governors Rail-Trail. The trail is lined with ten granite markers, each containing a biographical narrative of a governor hailing from the area.

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY

With over 150 miles of hiking/biking trails across our 6 state parks and national forest, the Old 96 District is home to scenic hiking trails for every skill level. Head to our [blog post](#) to get an idea of some our top-rated trails, including the Long Cane Trail in Sumter National Forest and the Savannah Valley Railroad Trail in McCormick County.

JUST ADD WATER

If water adventure is more your speed, we have over 2,000 miles of shoreline across Lake Greenwood, Lake Russell, and Lake Thurmond. A fisherman's dream, these lakes are home to crappie; bream; catfish; and stripers, hybrid, and largemouth bass.

Stop by local favorite Earth Connection Outfitters in McCormick for kayak, standup paddleboard, and bike rentals.

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Break on the Lake

Palmetto Shooting Complex

Red Barn Likker

Emerald Farm