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Bennettsville
SOUTH CAROLINA

Founded in 1819, Bennettsville was occupied by Union troops in March of 1865. Sherman spared the courthouse, making it

In the corner of South Carolina near the North Carolina border, Bennettsville sits nestled among cotton fields and history.

one of South Carolina's few county seats with records accessible for genealogical research dating back to 1785.

Named South Carolina's first "G.R.E.A.T. (Governor's Rural Economic Achievement Trophy) Town," Bennettsville has undergone a restoration of its downtown area with new facades, lighting and streetscaping. Courthouse Square is the largest in the state and beautifully restored.

With more than 30 historical markers in the county, Bennettsville is rich in history and stories that have impacted South Carolina and beyond.

Come spend a day in Bennettsville!



museums

Several museums preserve the history of Bennettsville and Marlboro County and are available for touring.

THE MARLBORO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

123 SOUTH MARLBORO STREET

This house was built in 1902 for Dr. and Mrs. John Frank Kinney. Originally, it was a one-story residence, with a second story added in 1907. Members of the Kinney family lived in the home until 1995. At that time, the Marlborough Historical Society and the Marlboro County Museum moved to the home. The museum has items reflecting the history of Marlboro County.



JENNINGS-BROWN HOUSE 121 MARLBORO STREET

The Jennings-Brown House was built by Dr. E.W. Jones, one of Bennettsville's earliest physicians in 1826-1827. Its name comes from Dr. J. Beaty Jennings, who bought the house in 1854, and the J.J. Brown family, who owned it from 1930 to 1968. The house was used as the headquarters for Major General Frank P. Blair, commanding general of the USA 17th Army Corps, which captured and occupied Bennettsville March 1865. The eight rooms are restored and furnished prior to 1860.

THE BENNETTSVILLE FEMALE ACADEMY 121 MARLBORO STREET

This was a private school building from 1833 to 1881. It was organized in 1828 by leading citizens to provide educational opportunities. The Academy is furnished to resemble a mid-19th century schoolroom.

genealogy research

If your family tree reaches into Marlboro County, you'll find an abundance of information in Bennettsville. In addition to the research locations below, there are nine cemeteries in Bennettsville and 190 in Marlboro County.

RESEARCH LOCATIONS:

Marlboro County Courthouse

105 West Main Street

Clerk of Court and Probate Office

843.479.5613

Marlboro County Historical Museum

123 South Marlboro Street

843.479.5624

Marlboro County Public Library

200 John Corry Road

843.479.5630



walking tour

To take advantage of historical buildings and homes, there is a walking tour of downtown Bennettsville featuring 31 locations. A brochure with a map for the walking tour is available at the Bennettsville Visitor's Center. Starting at the Visitor's Center you can stroll through downtown and enjoy the architecture and buildings important to the history of Bennettsville.

special tours

Several other homes and buildings are available for touring and need to be arranged in advance. For information and to make arrangements contact the Bennettsville Visitor's Center.

playing

For the more athletic (or even the casual athlete), Bennettsville offers opportunities to enjoy nature and lovely scenery.

INCLUDED ARE:

- 600-acre Lake Paul Wallace for skiing, fishing, boating & swimming
- 3.5-mile walking trail around the lake with picturesque views
- 2-mile Crooked Creek Trail which parallels Lake Wallace
- Golf at the Marlboro Country Club
- Tennis at 8 local courts
- 7 public parks
- Public dove field next to Lake Wallace
- For cycling, The Northern Crescent and The Carolina Connector pass through Bennettsville's scenic rural countryside

If hunting is your pleasure, special outings can be arranged by contacting the Visitor's Center. Marlboro County and Scotland County, NC boast the country's largest dove population.



arts & culture

The Marlboro County Arts Council is the second oldest independent arts council in South Carolina. They sponsor a variety of art, theater, book and other cultural events. Many are held in the beautifully restored Marlboro Civic Center. The circa-1917 vaudeville theater is located in the heart of downtown Bennettsville.



shopping

Quaint shops and businesses are open for browsing. Visit an old timey grocery store, gift shops and other businesses in Bennettsville's recently restored downtown.

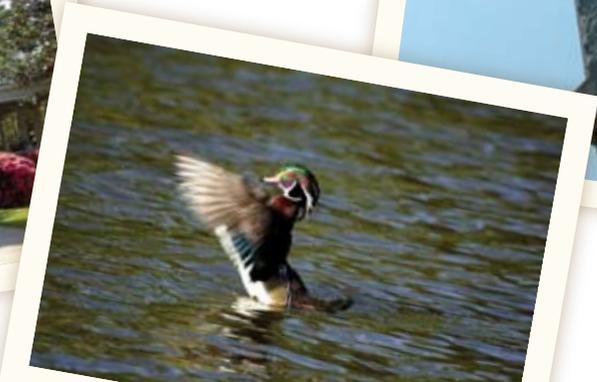


dining

Regardless of your taste, Bennettsville offers restaurants for everyone. From historic homes to diners, you will find just the right place for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

lodging

In downtown Bennettsville you can stay at the charming Breeden Inn Bed and Breakfast located on Main Street. Other options include the Holiday Inn Express and the Marlboro Inn.





To plan your trip to Bennettville,
contact the Bennettville Visitor's Center.

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you to remember!

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