



# Walterboro



**The Front Porch of the Lowcountry**

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# ATTRACTIONS



## South Carolina Artisans Center

318 Wichman Street (843) 549-0011

Monday-Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm

*Representing more than three hundred of the state's finest juried artists and craftsmen. The Artisans Center's mission is to preserve and promote folk art and fine crafts while creating a better understanding of the state's rich cultural heritage.*

info@scartisanscenter.com • www.scartisanscenter.com



## Bedon-Lucas House Museum

205 Church Street (843) 549-9633

By appointment only.

*Located close to Walterboro's first settlement in Hickory Valley, it was constructed in 1820. In 1996, the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society raised funds to purchase and restore the building.*  
www.cchaps.com

## Old Water Tower

Memorial Avenue and Washington streets

*The tower (circa 1915) is built of reinforced concrete and is more than one hundred and thirty feet high. The tank holds one hundred thousand gallons of water. The base of the tower forms three jail cells where long ago stranded travelers were allowed to stay if they could not afford lodging.*



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# Walterboro<sup>SM</sup>

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### Walterboro Library Society Building

803 Wichman Street

Now headquarters of the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society, the “Little Library” was built in 1820 when the Library Society was established. The small frame building is an example of federal architecture. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



### Colleton County Museum & Farmers Market

506 E. Washington Street (843) 549-2303

Celebrating nature, history, art and agriculture in the Lowcountry

Museum hours:

Tuesday-12 pm-5pm,

Wednesday -Friday 10 am-5 pm

Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Farmers Market is open seasonally May-October:

Tuesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 10 am-2 pm

November & December: Saturday 10 am-2 pm

The Colleton Museum, located in its newly renovated location in historic downtown Walterboro, maintains the natural history exhibit “Animals of the ACE Basin” featuring wild animals indigenous to the South Carolina Lowcountry, as well as historical exhibits of artifacts and photography depicting the rich history of Colleton County. The museum also offers changing art and local history exhibits of plantation era relics and natural resources. The Colleton Museum collaborates with the local library, arts council, school, historical society, SC Artisans Center, Department of Natural Resources, and other area organizations on educational programs, art shows and special events. The Museum

encourages class and group visitations. Please call ahead to make arrangements.

The Colleton Museum also oversees the Colleton Farmers Market and offers educational outreach programs about the ACE Basin. The Colleton Farmers Market features growers and producers of South Carolina’s fine variety of fresh produce and other farm-related products.

Rich in history from the Spanish explorers in the late 1500s to today’s preservation of the pre-Revolutionary rice fields in the ACE Basin, Colleton County is quiet reminder of an eloquent past.  
museum@colletoncounty.org • www.CM-FM.org



### Tuskegee Airmen Monument

Hwy 17 A, Walterboro Airport

During World War II, the Walterboro Army Airfield served as a training ground for Army airmen including a group of the Tuskegee Airmen. In May 1997, a monument honoring their bravery was placed at the site. This was also the site of a WWII POW camp and base hospital.



### Colleton County Courthouse

101 Hampton Street

The main courthouse was completed in 1822. The front portico was designed by Robert Mills, designer of the Washington Monument, the Washington DC Treasury Building and many South Carolina courthouses. The first nullification meeting in South Carolina was held there in 1828 when Robert Barnwell Rhett called for the immediate secession of the state legislature in protest of federal tax laws. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

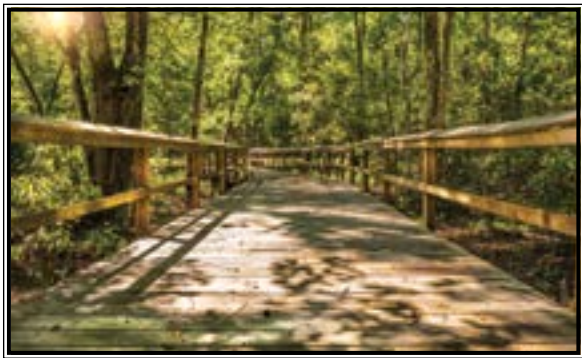


## Self-Guided Tour of Historic Walterboro

Support materials available through the  
Walterboro Welcome Center

(843) 538 4353

*The tour is designed to walk you through Walterboro's intriguing past as it evolves into today's lifestyle with fifty-five points of interest. The two historic districts located in Walterboro. The first is the Historic Hickory Valley, a largely residential area with homes dating between 1814 and 1929. The second is the Walterboro Historic District, which covers the lovely small town full of Southern charm and heritage. Both districts have listings in the National Register of Historic Places. Brochures are available at the Walterboro Welcome Center.*



## Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary

399 Detreville Street (843) 538-4353

*Free admission. Open daily from daylight to dark.*

*More than six hundred acres of braided creek and hardwood swamp flats. The sanctuary offers boardwalks, bridges, bike and walking trails for viewing natural Lowcountry wildlife and beauty. Spanish moss drips from Cypress trees and wildflowers proliferate around a beaver pond, duck pond and butterfly garden.*

[www.walterborosc.org](http://www.walterborosc.org)



The South Carolina Artisans Center in historic downtown Walterboro brings a large scale cultural heritage, while set amid a small town atmosphere. As part of the SC National Heritage Corridor, the Artisans Center is an artistic hub of the state showcasing more than three-hundred fine artists





Traditional Gullah bottle tree captures evil spirits and keeps them from entering the Artisan Center.

and craftsmen. Each South Carolina artist is carefully selected through a professional juried process to ensure that the rich history of the state is kept alive.

The Artisans Center also acts as a non-profit retail boutique in a restored eight room Victorian cottage known as the Detreville House. The variety of work is offered in price points from gift giving range to museum-quality collector pieces into thousands of dollars. From blown-glass to sweetgrass baskets and pottery to folk art, many different mediums are exhibited for the varying tastes of cultural admirers.

Along with the gallery, the grounds feature a pass-along garden, a Southern tradition where plant cuttings from one person's garden are passed along to friends and family. The garden is filled with heritage plants and the town's native flower, the standing cypress. The Gullah bottle tree looms on the grounds where tradition holds that evil spirits are captured in the bottles before they can invade the gallery. When the wind blows the low howl of those nasty spirits can be heard from the bottle tree.

The Artisans Center opened in 1994 and was marked as the official state folk art and craft center on May 10, 2000. The mission of the South Carolina Artisans Center is to interpret, market, preserve and perpetuate the folk art and fine craftsmanship of South Carolina and create a better understanding of our rich and diverse cultural heritage. With the heart of Walterboro's Downtown Antique District just one block away, it's easy to spend the afternoon wandering through the charming streets of Walterboro.

The South Carolina Artisans Center is located in downtown Walterboro off Interstate 95 at 318 Wichman Street and is open seven days a week between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday, 1-5 PM Sunday.  
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## COLLETON MUSEUM & FARMERS MARKET

The award-winning Colleton Museum, Farmers Market and Commercial Kitchen complex is about as unique a tourist feature as you are ever going to find. The museum is rich in heritage, celebrating one of Carolina's first established counties. The farmers market supports the local farming population and is backed up by a unique gift shop boasting local wares and a café selling locally produced foods. Then we have a unique food business incubator designed to give food entrepreneurs the opportunity to start and grow their business. There is always something going on here!

Preserving and promoting the historical, natural, cultural and agricultural heritage of Colleton County through the care and conservation of collections, research, interpretation, exhibitions and educational programs is the Colleton Museum's mission. But it's also a mission that resonates across the entire campus.

With three new permanent exhibits in production and one rotating display going up by spring 2018 the museum is surging into the New Year delving deeper into its heritage: its people. Add this to the existing exhibits featuring dinosaur bones, plantation culture (rice in these parts was once the most exported in the world), the Tuskegee Airmen and the ACE Basin exhibit. There's also a kid's zone and some great interactive exhibits as well as Market Hall, a rentable 1,500 square-foot space for public events.

Over in the Colleton Commercial Kitchen new businesses are being cooked up ready to take on the local market. Twelve businesses have been grown here since June 2015, selling their products in the Marketplace and in the world beyond. The incubator provides the regulated environment necessary for producing food for public consumption, it also provides business support to its users, there are cooking classes for the public and a rentable space for private events.

Finally the Farmers Market has the best home-grown products our farmers have to offer. The agricultural heritage is still strong in the farming population as the farmers bring an array of fresh fruits and vegetables to market along with crafts, plants, baked goods, honey, sausage...there's more! Add the backdrop of live, local music and performances and you have quite a start to the weekend.

Join us, there's more to do on the Front Porch than meets the eye!

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The City of Walterboro offers visitors an opportunity to experience the magnificence of the best nature-based attraction in the South, the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary. Explore South Carolina's Lowcountry naturally on an outdoor adventure through boardwalks, hiking, biking and canoe trails.

The South's pleasant year round climate makes it a perfect place to enjoy South Carolina's Wildlife Sanctuary, in the largest preserve on the East Coast. The Sanctuary is located within the ACE Basin where the Ashepoo, Combahee and Edisto Rivers converge. Natural history comes alive in this 600-acre black water bottomland that has been conserved since its settlers founded the City of Walterboro in the 1800s. Found in the swampland, the Old Savannah Road marks an historic stagecoach path and Colonial-era bridge connecting Walterboro with its neighbors.

The braided stream hardwood flats swamp, stretching through the heart of the Sanctuary adds to the unique wetlands, possibly the only publicly accessible swamp where the streams braid their way throughout the wetlands. Journey into the twisting creeks that wind throughout the lively glades, take a tour of the outstanding scenery only found in the Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary provides an array of entertainment from historic attractions to a variety of recreational activities. Visitors can bring their bikes and hiking gear and pedal their way through the great swampland abundant with exotic plants, wildlife and large streams. Wander peacefully through the trails passing along a serene natural setting. While exploring the Sanctuary, remember to look for the town's native flower spread throughout the swamp, the standing cypress.

Along with nature's spectacular scenery, the Sanctuary is also home to diverse wildlife. It is the perfect place for bird watching. More than eighty species of birds inhabit the wetlands including bald eagles, wild turkeys, wood ducks, falcons and owls. The Wildlife Sanctuary is home to mammals such as deer, coyote, flying squirrels, fox and numerous reptiles.

Come see how nature and history come together at the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary! Open from dusk to dawn year round. Visit online at [www.walterborosc.org](http://www.walterborosc.org) or call (843) 782-1000. 📍



Walterboro's

# Downtown

Antique District

**S**erious collectors and antique novices alike will enjoy an afternoon treasure hunting in Walterboro's Downtown Antique District. Charming Washington Street is home to 14 antique shops fronted by oyster-shell sidewalks and masses of seasonal flowers.

Centrally located is Memorial Park, a community gathering spot with a wide waterfall fountain. On either side of this vest-pocket park, Walterboro offers a variety of shopping and dining. The Golden Daffodil offers an eclectic mix of antiques and vintage collectibles as well as upholstery and embroidery services.

For fine furniture and art with a twist Bachelor Hill is where Charleston and Atlanta interior designers shop. From classic wooden boats of the 1950s to elegant dining tables that seat a dozen friends, the owners of Bachelor Hill keep their inventory fresh and interesting with finds from their extensive travels.

Gallery 225 is a collection of European art, crystal, jewelry, porcelain, for the person with discriminating taste. You can find Waterford, Tiffany, Nachtmann, and many more high end crystal names without the huge pricetag.

East Main Boutique, It's Retail Therapy and Carolina Closet offer styles for men and women with designer tastes. The Old Bank Christmas Shop and Bakery features gifts not only for Christmas, but for every holiday of the year. The bakery and restaurant offers tasty cuisine, homemade desserts and specialty coffee.

Just a few steps away Main Street Grille has a small-town, family-friendly atmosphere. Hiott's Pharmacy's retro chrome soda fountain features a true Southern experience—a Coke float. For fine dining, Walterboro offers Carmines Trattoria, which offers fresh baked breads and handmade pasta, and Castillo's Pizzeria offers New York style pizza, hot subs and more.

The warm Southern hospitality and rich history of Walterboro welcomes day-trippers from Charleston, as well as overnight guests. Come visit Walterboro's Downtown Antique District and go home with a few new prized possessions. 🏠





Walterboro City Hall

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A quick stop at the new Walterboro Welcome Center will guide you on your visit in our historic village. Take a break in our red rocking chairs and learn why Walterboro is truly the front porch of the Lowcountry.

Spend the day enjoying folk art and fine craft at the South Carolina Artisans Center. Browse shops in the Downtown Antique District on Washington Street. Learn about diverse perspectives of South Carolina's past at our history museums. Experience nature in more than eight hundred acres of the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Artisans Center is South Carolina's official folk art and master craft home where more than three hundred of the Palmetto state's most creative artists sell their work. While traditional arts such as basketry, ceramics and woodworking form the basis of this curated gallery, the Artisans Center also showcases cutting-edge work in fiber, mixed media, jewelry, textiles, painting, photography and sculpture. A juried process

for selecting work ensures that no matter the price point, from gift range work to that in the thousands of dollars, execution is consistently high, many pieces being of museum quality.

Only one block away from the Artisans Center is Washington Street, the heart of Walterboro's Downtown Antique District. In addition to a number of antique shops and boutiques, visitors can enjoy lunch at one of the locally-owned restaurants or perch on a stool at an old-fashioned soda-fountain counter at the Hiott's Drug Store. Also a short walk in the Downtown Antique District is the charming Walterboro Farmers Market which features locally grown produce and handcrafted food products.

Walterboro embraces history with a number of small, but well-documented historic museums. The Bedon-Lucas House Museum, c. 1820, is one of Walterboro's five remaining "high" houses, named for the way it was elevated to avoid malaria-carrying mosquitoes and to benefit from the breezes that made Walterboro one of the summer retreats of local planters. The main house has original heart pine floors and fine antique furnishings. Additional structures include the Old Kitchen House.

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The headwaters of the Ashepoo River flow through Walterboro’s Wildlife Sanctuary. The swamp is free and open from dawn until dusk. There are three miles of trails for walking, running or biking through pristine Lowcountry swamp where flowers and Spanish moss drip from cypress trees.

The Walterboro Welcome Center can help make the most of your visit to our Lowcountry village. For questions about local attractions and amenities check out [www.walterborosc.org](http://www.walterborosc.org) or just give us a call and learn why our hospitality makes Walterboro the front porch of the Lowcountry. 🏠