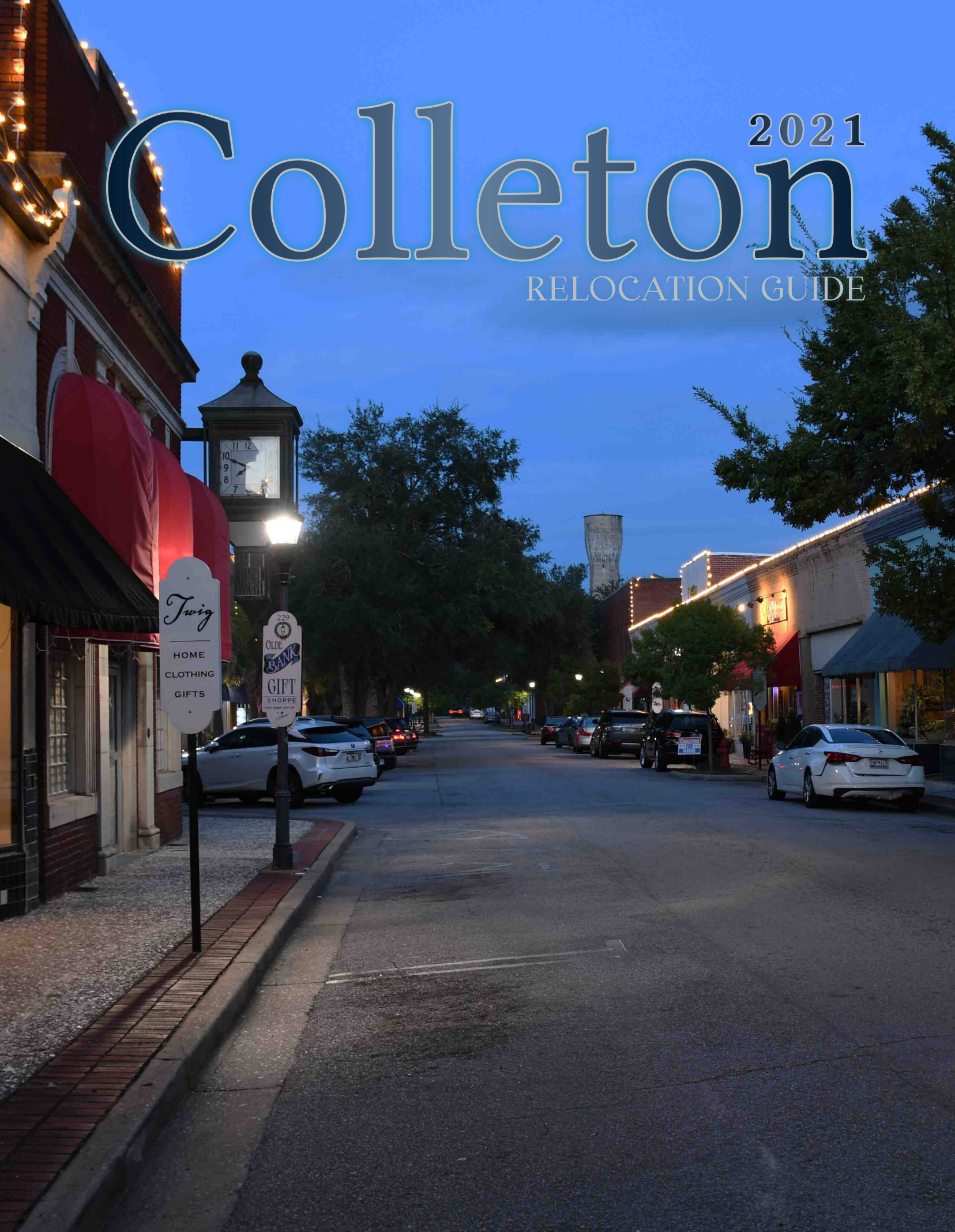


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Bill Young
Mayor of Walterboro

Welcome to Walterboro.

The City of Walterboro was founded by Paul and Jacob Walter in 1783 as a summer retreat from their rice plantations, and locals agree that's still how we view our historic settlement today. Walterboro is known as The Front Porch of the Lowcountry, boasting Southern charms, history, culture and hospitality.

Let the red rocking chair be your beacon and come rock with us.

Spend your time in Walterboro learning about Lowcountry wildlife and nature in the recently opened Walterboro

Wildlife Center and follow it up with a walk in the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary. Meander through various shops in our historic downtown or take in some history at the Colleton Museum. Find art and culture abounding at the South Carolina Artisans Center, a historic Victorian-style cottage hosting art from over 300 South Carolinian artists. The

Front Porch is brimming with nature, culture and history.

While we pride ourselves on small-town charm and history, there is also much to offer in the way of economic development. Walterboro is a place where small businesses grow and succeed on their own merit. Our thriving downtown and growing commercial corridor create an abundance of jobs for those across all stages of life.

Being located in the heart of the Lowcountry makes traveling convenient. Walterboro is just a quick hour from Charleston, Beaufort, Summerville, Columbia and Savannah, right off of I-95, and within an hour of two international airports. There's big city access from small town living. You can truly have your cake and eat it too.

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RIVER RECREATION

Colleton County is filled with abundant waterways and recreation opportunities to love where you live

Gliding down the still waters of the Edisto River takes you on a journey along the longest free-flowing blackwater river in the world. The Edisto is named from the Native American term that means “black,” and describes the color of the river, which is created naturally from decaying leaves and abundant plant life that drape the river’s edges. The Edisto also used to be home to the Cusabo Edisto Indian Tribe, which lived along the river’s shores in Colleton County.

The Edisto River is one of three pristine rivers that empty into the ACE Basin, which is comprised of the Edisto, the Ashepoo and the Edisto Rivers. Each of these rivers run through Colleton County, and offer a bounty of outdoor recreation. The ACE Basin itself is named one of the most pristine places in the nation, and is protected from development, leaving nature to thrive.

The Edisto River is also adjacent to many blackwater and Cyprus swamps, including Four Holes Swamp. These areas are filled with the bounty of Mother Nature.

There are guided tours provided along the Edisto River, given by the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail, volunteers who promote responsibility and who teach our new residents

and neighbors how to care for our landscape while enjoying all the Edisto has to offer!

From kayaking to swimming, photography to river tubing, and shark-teeth/fossil hunting to fishing, the hours roll by with family fun or solo leisure on our waterways!

Edisto River Facts

The river runs for more than 300 miles from the headwaters in the Upstate of South Carolina into the Atlantic Ocean.

The Edisto is considered the longest free-flowing blackwater river in the United States and one of the longest worldwide.

The Edisto River is the only river in South Carolina that is entirely contained inside the state borders.

The Edisto supports several rare, nationally threatened, and endangered species, such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and the southern bald eagle.

There are around 12,000 acres of rice field impoundments found in the tidal areas of the river system, according to the Edisto River Kayak and Canoe organization.



EDISTO BEACH

Let the sand and surf wash away your worries while enjoying Colleton's non-commercial beach town, where everything is local and nature flourishes

Edisto Beach is one of the few uncommercialized, family-oriented beaches left. Miles of beach offer visitors a perfect place to walk, run or just sit and relax.

BEACH ACCESS AND PARKING

The Town of Edisto Beach has 37 public beach accesses located at each intersection on Palmetto Boulevard providing access to the Atlantic Ocean. Some provide off-street parking and dune walkovers. Others are works in progress. No overnight parking is allowed at the beach accesses. Parking is allowed at beach accesses from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. and is enforced by the Edisto Beach Police Department.

BEACH REGULATIONS

The following activities are prohibited on the beach:

- Glass containers
- Bon fires
- Littering
- Motorized vehicles
- Motorized water craft
- Sailboats on sand dunes or grassy areas of dunes
- Parking on sand dunes

Dogs off leash May 1 - Oct. 31 and owners must cleanup pet excrement

- Leaving holes on beach
- Disturbing or hanging items on sand fencing
- Disturbing, damaging, trampling or removing vegetation that stabilizes dunes

There are no lifeguards on duty – practice personal water safety and leave only your footprints in the sand. Please respect our citizens and do not trespass on private property.

PARKS AND MARKET

Although the Atlantic Ocean is one big park on Edisto Beach, for those who want to get away from the beach, the Town of Edisto Beach has several other parks located in town and others nearby.

◆ Jungle Road Park is located on Jungle Road across from the BiLo. This is a passive interpretive park. Parking is located across the street from the park.

◆ Bay Creek Park is located at 3706 Dock Site Road. This park includes a fishing and crabbing dock, open space for picnics, an interpretive center and market open on Wednesdays.



- ◆ Bay Creek Park Market is open April through October on Wednesdays only from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ◆ Burley L. Lyons Park is located on Portia Street.

TOWN HALL/CHAMBER

Town Hall is located at 2414 Murray Street. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday except when closed for holidays listed on the calendar. (843) 869-2505.

Edisto Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 206, Edisto Island, S.C. 29438, (843)-869-3867 or (888)-333-2781, chamber@edistochamber.com.

CYCLING

One of the best things about Edisto is that it is so small it's possible to ride a bike all over the beach and island. A bike path winds its way through most of the town of Edisto Beach past shopping, restaurants and scenic views worth every pedal. The bike path on Edisto Beach is clearly marked and takes riders on all of Jungle Road and portions of many side streets. Bicyclists are able to ride on the sidewalks and streets as well, as long as they follow the rules set forth by the town's ordinances.

SWIMMING

Edisto Beach is known for its beauty, so it's no surprise that every year thousands of visitors spend long and leisurely days in the sand and surf. However, there are no lifeguards anywhere along Edisto Beach, so swimmers should always know that they do so at their own risk.

To make sure your time in the Atlantic Ocean is safe, adhere to some basic rules of ocean safety:

Be mindful of currents and riptides. Even the most skilled swimmer can be caught up in strong currents and riptides. It is important to remain calm when caught up in a riptide and swim parallel to shore until the grip of the riptide is broken.

Keep an eye on the tides by checking Edisto Beach Tide Charts online or by picking up a tide chart at the Bi-Lo, rental agencies or other places of business in Edisto. The tides change every six hours, which means you'll notice the water is either closer to shore or farther away, depending on the tide.

Do not walk or climb on the groins that line each block of Edisto Beach. The groins are wood pilings surrounded by rocks and are designed to help prevent beach erosion. It can

be very dangerous to swim near them as currents can cause swimmers to be injured if they are swept onto the barnacle-covered rocks.

Avoid swimming out past the breakers as it is easy to get exhausted quickly in the ocean.

Life rafts are located at each beach access.

Keep in mind that the ocean is home to many creatures. It is common to see fish jumping while swimming, and dolphin make their presence known all throughout the day as they swim up and down the coast. Jellyfish stings become frequent from the end of July throughout September as this is the time when they spawn. Edisto is especially known for its Loggerhead turtle nesting sites and conservation. Nests are marked and laws prohibit disturbing nests, turtles and lights on the beach.

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MARINA & LANDINGS

MARINA

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BOAT LANDINGS

Good Hope Boat Ramp

Edisto River, US 17A (Good Hope Landing Ln.), approximately 2 miles from Cottageville off Route 91, north 3 miles.

Long Creek Boat Ramp

Edisto River, US 17A, approximately 2 miles from Cottageville off Route 91 (Long Creek Landing Ln., Ridgeville)

Sullivan's Ferry Boat Ramp

Edisto River, US 17A, approximately 2 miles from Cottageville off Route 91 (Stump Knocker Cir., Ridgeville.)

Cuckhold's Creek Boat Ramp

Cuckhold's Creek, US 17, 3 miles south of Green Pond to Route 119 (Cuckolds Creek Ln., Green Pond) North to Route 66 West.

Chessie Boat Ramp

Chessie Creek, from Walterboro, Hwy 64 East to Route 317 (Chessy Creek Ln.) South, to Route 458 South.

Mars Oldfield Boat Landing

Edisto River off Hwy 61, Mars Oldsfield Ln., west of Givhans Ferry State Park.

Lowndes Boat Landing

Edisto River, Parkers Ferry Rd., Ridgeville, SE of Cottageville.

Price Bridge Boat Ramp

Horseshoe Creek, from Walterboro. Hwy. 64 East to Route 199 (Prices Bridge Ln.) South, approximately 2 miles.

Bennett's Point Boat Ramp

Ashepoo River, US 17 to Green Pond. Route 26 (Bennetts Point Rd.) South through Bear Island Wildlife Management Area.

Brickyard Boat Ramp

Ashepoo River, US 17 to Green Pond. Route 26 (Bennetts Point Rd.) South to bridge over river.

West Bank Boat Ramp

Edisto River. US 17 from Jacksonboro, Route 30 (West Bank Landing Ln.) South approx. 3 miles.

Live Oak Landing

2 miles off Hwy 174, Big Bay Creek, Oyster Row Ln., Edisto Island.

Old Chehaw Boat Landing

Chehaw River, off US 17 at the end of County Road 161 (Old Cheehaw Landing Ln.)

Fields Point Boat Landing

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Employees of the Lowcountry Regional Airport moved into the updated and expanded terminal building in 2019.

The upgrade and expansion to the nearly 40-year-old airport terminal was paid for with approximately \$1.7 million in revenue generated by the county's one-cent capital project sales tax, combined with \$500,000 from the state agency, South Carolina Aeronautics. Funds from the local airport commission

were also used to cover the cost of the work done by Mitchell Construction.

The construction project doubled the size of the terminal to approximately 6,400 square feet. The additional space enabled the airport commission to have a new training center, pilot's lounge, new and improved restrooms and kitchen facilities.

In the addition, a large meeting room is the new home of the Walterboro-Colleton County Airport Commission. The large meeting room was also designed to be used as a conference room for Col-

leton County's economic development work.

Annually, 13,897 visitors arrive in South Carolina via the airport. The airport and airport activities support annual tax revenues estimated at \$1.2 M.

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At Dogwood Hills, you'll find several ponds where wildlife abounds and you just might find an alligator or two sunning on the banks. In addition, the course offers a well-stocked pro shop, putting green and a spot to work on your short game.

Not to worry. Should you need refreshments, The Restaurant at Dogwood Hills is open Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. and offers banquet services for special events.

Looking for some friendly competition in your golf game? Dogwood Hills is home to numerous tournaments and fundraisers throughout the year, including Senior Play on Tuesdays and Friday at 8:30 a.m., along with Thursday Night Scramble with a 5:30 tee time.

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Living in Colleton County means more than calling our community your home. It means being active, participating in and enjoying many activities offered year-round.

One of the largest of these communitywide events is the annual Colleton County Rice Festival, one of the largest events in the county. The Spring event attracts about 40,000 visitors each year, and offers festival-goers several days of food trucks, live concerts, local athletic events, a 5k run/walk, crafts vendors, art demonstrations and more! The festival is a celebration of county's rich history in rice

cultivation and agriculture, which helped homesteaders found this community hundreds of years ago. To mark this occasion, festival goers can buy homemade "chicken bog" from the "Largest Pot of Rice."

The festival ends with a family-friendly firework show sure to rival those of our neighboring cities! Explore the streets of our county seat in Walterboro and see, hear and taste what it means to be a part of the Colleton County community and why we are the Front Porch of the Lowcountry!

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OUR RICH HISTORY

The Colleton Museum, Farmers Market and the Colleton Commercial Kitchen offer a great way to spend your day.

The Colleton Museum, Farmers Market and Commercial Kitchen have become a go-to place for residents and visitors alike. The facility at 506 E. Washington St. offers something for everyone, and has won both State and National attention for its unique concept.

The museum offers a treasure trove of local, historical artifacts ranging from exhibits, including fossils and an alligator, to local paintings and maps, and even bound volumes of *The Press and Standard* starting in the late 1800s. Information on just about any era of Walterboro and Colleton County history can be found in the museum's collections.

The museum gift shop has a variety of Lowcountry-made items for sale, from books and baskets to grits and honey.

Historical programs and workshops are also held monthly at the museum. Some of this year's programs included the first annual Walterboro History, Arts and Music Festival, indigo dyeing, fossil discovery and kids camp during the summer.

Those who get hungry while viewing the museum's collection, can step over into the Marketplace Cafe. A variety of vendors from the adjacent Colleton Commercial Kitchen

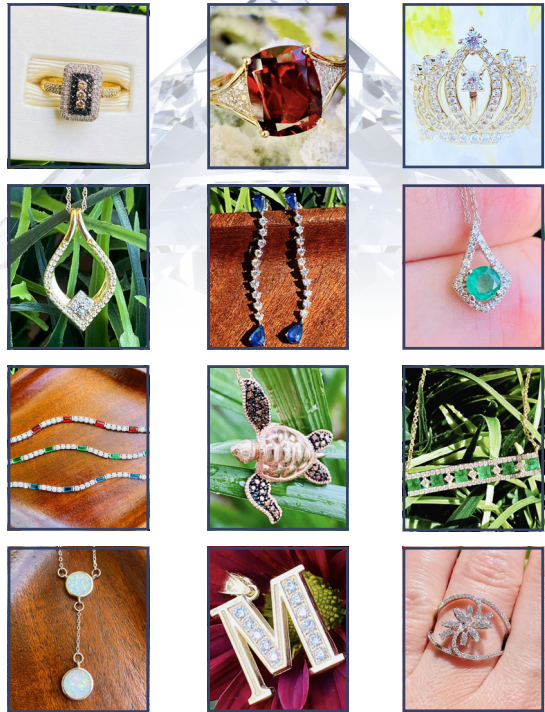
offer up a variety of lunch and dessert options to go with fresh, local roasted coffee and ice cold soft drinks. The Colleton Commercial Kitchen offers local food business entrepreneurs the facilities to produce their products in a state-approved environment, some of which are sold in the gift shop.

The Farmers Market is held on Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., bringing local produce to consumers. Artisans also bring their handmade crafts to sell during the seasonal market. On Tuesday evenings there is typically a hot food vendor and an open-mic night for local musicians.

For those looking to hold a wedding reception or other party, the facility has a large meeting room and outdoor area which can be rented.

The facility is open Tuesday from noon-5 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is closed on Sunday and Monday.

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center, as well as positioning the center's enhanced internet presence to participate in the on-line shopping trend.

The large, covered front porch facing Wichman Street brings visitors into the center. Signs give travelers advanced notice of where the artisans center is located.

Over the years, the center's aggressive marketing campaign aimed at pulling travelers off the interstate has made it one of Walterboro's top tourist attractions. Some travelers have made a trip to the center part of their regular trips up and down I-95.



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Other amenities at Colleton include

an easy nature trail, a campground, picnic shelters, one cabin, canoe/kayak ramp, playground, park store, swimming, biking, volleyball area and ballfields.

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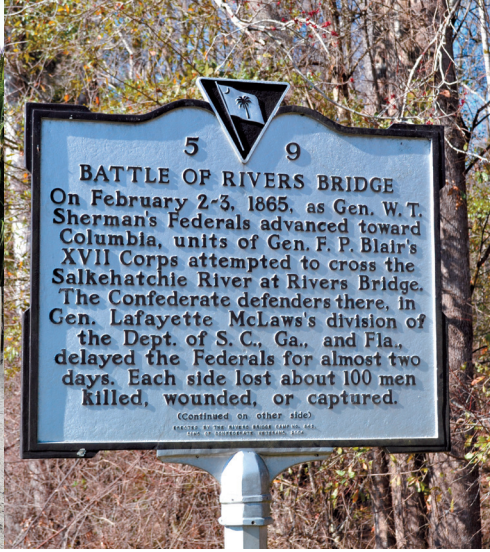
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Edisto Beach State Park perfectly captures the unspoiled natural beauty of the area. The park is situated neatly

between a salt-marsh and the beach making it possible to hear the waves lapping at the shore regardless of whether you're staying in a tent, motor home, or cabin. Located in the town of Edisto Beach, it's just a short walk or bike ride from the grocery store, gas station, restaurants and shops.

There are seven cabins located in the park. Five of the cabins are one-bedroom units while the other two are three-bedroom units. All of the cabins are completely furnished and feature heating and air conditioning, bath and bed linens, basic cooking and eating utensils, a microwave, coffee maker, and television.

Each cabin also has a screened-in porch so visitors can enjoy the sights and sounds of Edisto Beach.

Pure camping enthusiasts will appreciate the number of campsites on the property. There are 64 oceanside sites and 33 sites along the salt marsh, perfect for RV or tent camping. There is also a restroom and showering facility on the premises.

Overnight guests and day visitors can make use of the park's two picnic shelters, playground equipment and natural fun offered by the beach.

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Admission is adults: \$5, seniors: \$3.25, children 6 - 15: \$3, children 5 and under: free.

For more information about the park call (843) 869-2156 or email edistobeach@scprt.com.

GIVHANS FERRY STATE PARK
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A natural retreat in the Lowcountry woods, Givhans Ferry State Park sits at the end of the 23-mile long stretch of Edisto River kayaking paradise known as the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail that begins at Colleton State Park, spanning the borders of Colleton and Dorchester counties.

The Edisto is the longest free-flowing, blackwater river in North America, and glimpses of it can be seen from the

bluffs outside the rustic Givhans Ferry State Park cabins, as well as from the back porch of Riverfront Hall, a group gathering facility. A shaded campground, nature trail and two picnic shelters are also available at the park.

Enjoy Edisto River kayaking and canoeing, trails, fishing, two picnic areas and more at Givhans Ferry State Park. Four two-bedroom cabins and 25 campsites (some RV) are available.

Hours are: April - Sept. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; mid-Sept. - Oct., Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; November - March 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The office is open 11 a.m. - noon and 4 - 5 p.m., daily.

Admission is \$5 adults; \$3.25 S.C. seniors (age 65 & older); \$3 children ages 6-15; ages 5 and under, free.

History: The park was named after Phillip Givhan, the area ferry master. He was the ferry master in the late 1700s. Later he became the transportation commissioner and the name was changed to Givhan's Ferry on Dec. 9, 1789.

The ferry was the point where people could cross the Edisto River and connect Augusta to Charleston. It was called the Charleston to Augusta/Savannah pass.

Givhans Ferry State Park was

developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The park's riverbanks are protected as a Heritage Trust Site.

RIVERS BRIDGE STATE HISTORIC SITE
325 State Park Rd., Ehrhardt
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Rivers Bridge State Historic Site marks the site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against General William T. Sherman's sweep across the South. Of all the Civil War Sites in South Carolina, the Battle of Rivers Bridge is the only one in the state parks system that is home to a preserved battlefield.

A ¾-mile guided trail details the Battle of Rivers Bridge by way of interpretive panels along the trail. Ranger-guided tours of one of the most well-preserved Civil War sites in South Carolina, which includes still-intact earthen fortifications,

are also given throughout the year.

The park is bordered by Three Mile Creek and the Salkehatchie River.

The breastworks at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site are original, preserved and over 140 years old. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily; office, 11 a.m.-noon daily

Admission: Free

Programs and Guided Tours: Scheduled daily tours and prearranged guided tours are available at \$4/adult and \$2/child ages 6 - 16. Monthly living history programs are \$5/adult and \$3/child ages 6-16. Visitors may take a self-guided tour by reading the waysides stationed throughout the park at no charge.

Museum: The relic room at Rivers Bridge includes interpretive panels that tell more about the battle and the loss of life at the Battle of Rivers Bridge. The stories of individual casualties are highlighted for both the Confederate and Union armies. Four large panels showcase all of those that gave their lives in the battle.

Burial Sites and Cemeteries: Four cemeteries are located throughout the park. One cemetery holds the Confederate

dead from the battle of Rivers Bridge. Another cemetery holds WWII veterans. The other two cemeteries are private family cemeteries of the Breland and Ayers families.

Civil War History: Rivers Bridge State Historic Site marks the site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against General William T. Sherman's sweep across the South. Of all the Civil War Sites in South Carolina, Rivers Bridge is the only site home to a preserved battlefield.

The site was donated in 1945 to the S.C. Park Service by the Confederate Memorial Association.

Boating and Boat Access: Private boat access to the Salkehatchie River is a half-mile from the park. Only canoes and boats with trolling motors allowed on the Salkehatchie River.

Bird Watching: The site is a great place for bird watching. Abundant wild turkeys, hawks, falcons, red-headed and pileated woodpeckers, snowy and cattle egrets are some of the birds that may be seen on the park.

Hiking Trails: The Battlefield Interpretive Trail is a self-guided trail about 3/4 of a mile with interpretive wayside panels. There are also two easy-to-hike nature trails located on the park.

Enclosed Large Meeting Space: A rental meeting building is available for groups of up to 120 people and includes a kitchen. The Community Building is used for weddings, receptions, reunions, birthdays, business meetings and more. The kitchen includes a mini-refrigerator, stove, sink and a cutting board. The building has fireplaces on each end. The building includes 100 chairs, several tables and enough room for a dance floor, if desired. Outside there is a horseshoe pit, corn hole, ring toss, and ladder toss.

Weekend rates (Friday-Sunday): \$221.19/day and weekday rates (Monday-Thursday): \$177.99/day.

Open Air Facilities: A picnic shelter is available for family or other group gatherings. The shelter may be reserved for \$30-40/day. If shelter is not reserved, guests may use it on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge. Rates listed do not include applicable tax and nonrefundable reservation costs. In order to reserve this shelter, call the park directly at 803-267-3675.

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disabled residents and Pickle Ball. Additionally, the recreation center boasts 11 baseball fields that host tournaments for youth in T-Ball, baseball, softball, flag football, and more. There are also public picnic sheds and two gyms for public use.

The Colleton County Recreation Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The center is closed on Sundays.

For more information on the center, call 843-538-3031 or visit their Web page at rec.colletoncounty.rog. You can also learn more by following them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ColletonCountyParksAndRecreation.



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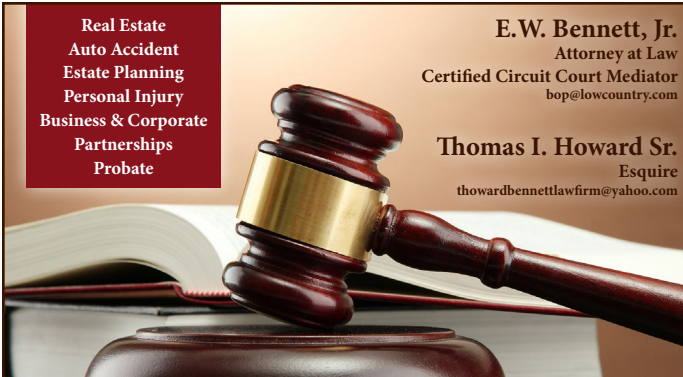


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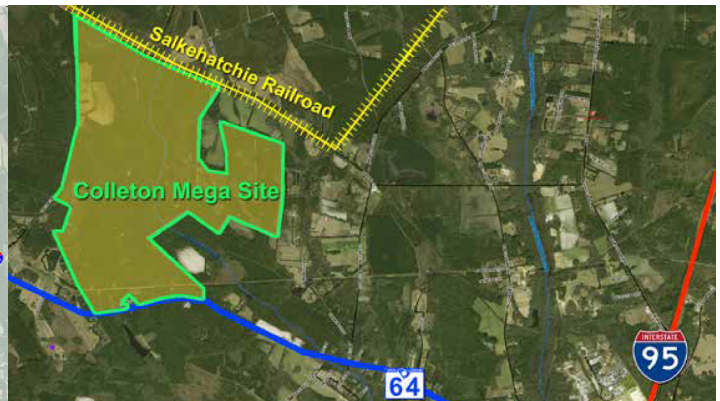
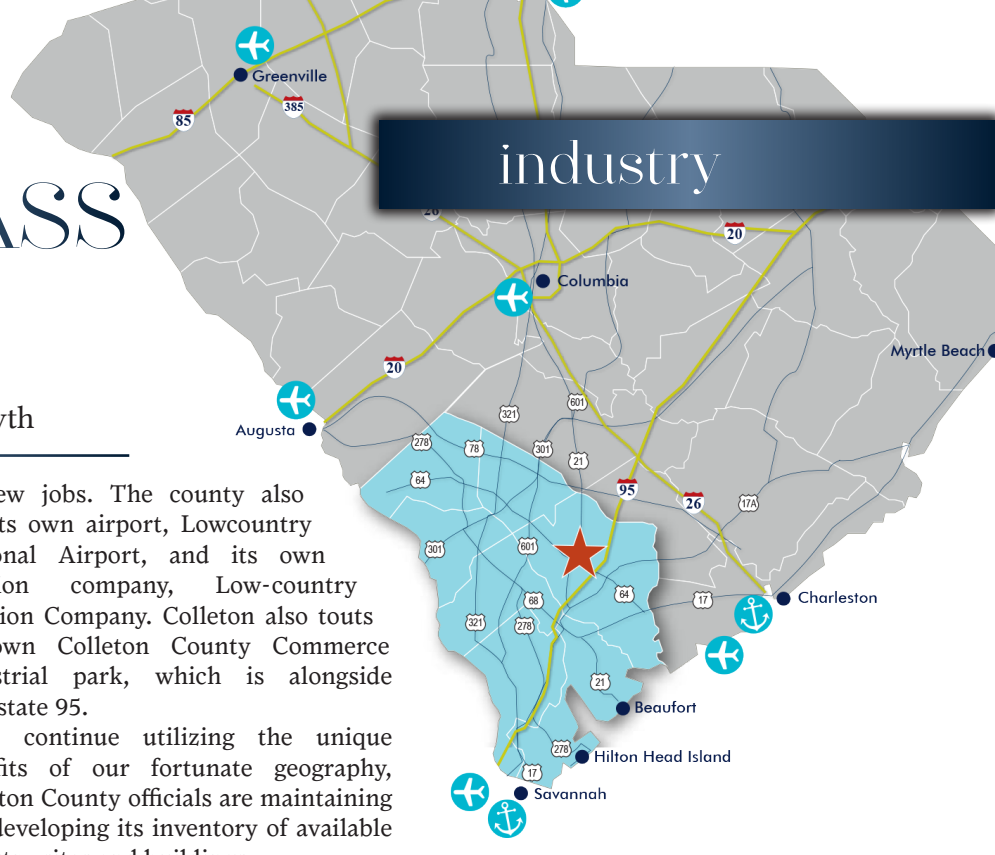
Colleton has benefitted from some of these industry sectors, bringing millions

in new jobs. The county also has its own airport, Lowcountry Regional Airport, and its own aviation company, Lowcountry Aviation Company. Colleton also touts its own Colleton County Commerce industrial park, which is alongside Interstate 95.

To continue utilizing the unique benefits of our fortunate geography, Colleton County officials are maintaining and developing its inventory of available industry sites and buildings.

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Pops of color and shades of white are versatile no matter where you live

By HEATHER RUPPE

Moving to Colleton County means you are coming to a naturally beautiful environment, full of lush landscapes, large trees, bodies of water and a color palette that makes for beautiful mornings alongside your cup of joe.

It also means you have lots of choices in how to decorate your new home, whether your style is more of a coastal feel or you want the country, farmhouse look.

Local interior designer and “Simply Yours” retail store owner Rocki Hovenga has been a certified interior designer for 28 years. She has been at her new Walterboro retail location since November of 2020: here, she sells fabrics, custom pieces and lots of accessories for either a house at Edisto Beach or a country estate in Colleton’s rural areas.

“It’s all about accessories,” she said. “When you’re designing a house, keep it simple but don’t be afraid to mix patterns and

textures.”

When going for a farmhouse look, Hovenga says Galvanized Steel is your friend. “It’s big right now, especially in larger pieces to hang on walls. It’s a statement piece,” she said. “And in Colleton, color is not an issue. Mix and match colors and textures. It will flow, especially here and it’s something you really love. It’s your home.”

Hovenga also likes to use vendors from South Africa and India for unique pieces that bring deeper colors and woods to Colleton homes, she said. “Just remember, hang your artwork two-inches apart and do everything in odd clumps, in threes and fives, for your accessories and pillows. It’s visually pleasing and stimulates the colors you’ve chosen.”

Bridgette Barnes is also a longtime interior designer in Colleton County. She owns Bridgette’s Interior Designs, based out of Walterboro. “Right now, the trendy thing is shades of white and greys, with pops of colors,” she said. Barnes

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recommends using different textures and colors of wood to create a warmer feel for inland homes, and to bring some life to the coastal homes that keep is simple with whites, pale blues and greens and cooler color palettes. “You don’t want anything to be busy, or overdone,” she said. “Your landscape beauty is your biggest accessory. Keep everything calm, with pops of color or hints of rich textures.”



BRINGING YOUR HOME TO LIFE. Bridgette Barnes with Bridgette Barnes Interiors shows rich colors and fabric textures that can make a coastal or country come to life.



MIX AND MATCH. The trend in decorating is using different shades of whites and greys as the base colors, but local interior designer Rocki Hovenga says to use pops of color and different textures to give that trend some flare.



BRINGING IT TOGETHER. Using accessories made of natural materials can bring together any side table or room, whether you have bought a coastal or country home in Colleton County.



IT’S ALL ABOUT ACCESSORIES. This handmade woven rug from India brings together blues, greens, soft whites and a bit of leather, all materials that can pop in a coastal Colleton home, says local interior designer and store owner Rocki Hovenga, who is shown in the photo.



COASTAL OR COUNTRY. Whether your home in Colleton County is inland or on the coast, using warm and cool color patterns with different textures is the way to create personality, whether you design a custom pillow or a new chair.



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There are also opportunities for the child who loves to volunteer: children and young adults can help to make Colleton County, and Mother Earth, a better place by donating their time in Edisto Beach oceanside beach sweeps, communitywide cleanup events, Habitat for Humanity projects and Boy and Girl Scout activities.

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1933 Anderson Field
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Lowcountry Regional Airport

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Anderson Field was dedicated in 1933, and by 1937 the town was able to purchase the airfield outright. Then began the process by local, state and federal agencies to fund the enlargement of the existing hangar and to pave the three runways. In February of 1942, the airfield was leased from the town by the United States Army Air Corps. An additional surrounding 3,712 acres were also purchased and combined to become the Walterboro Army Airfield, which opened in August of 1942. The base housed a many as 6,000 United States military troops as well as hundreds of German prisoners. This airfield was the largest sub-base in the 3rd Air Force and served as the last training base for pilots headed overseas for duty. Among these pilots were the famous "Red Tails" Tuskegee Airmen. Many of the "Doolittle Raiders" pilots were handpicked to come to the Walterboro Army Airfield to become instructors and role models for the new B-25 trainees. The Walterboro Army Airfield closed after the war in October, 1945, and the United States Army deeded the base back to the town and the county jointly, renamed as Lowcountry Regional Airport.

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