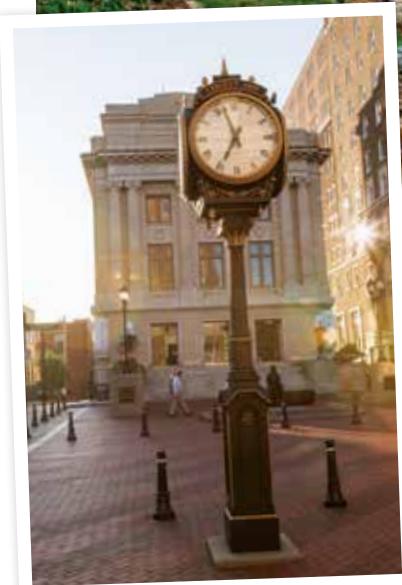


Get to Know Greenville

FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS THRIVING SOUTHERN CITY

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GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, IS A DELIGHT TO THE SENSES. The charming downtown district is filled with shops and restaurants that make up the booming culinary scene, and a stroll through it leads to Falls Parks on the Reedy, which is a stunning place to explore. The Greenville Health System (GHS) Swamp Rabbit Trail runs along the Reedy River to the quaint town of Travelers Rest, and it's perfect for a leisurely walk or bike ride. From the sights to the food to the things to do, Greenville offers something special for visitors of all kinds.



Roost



Grill Marks



Caviar & Bananas



Soby's

WHERE TO EAT

Greenville is filled with wonderful places to eat and offers something yummy for everyone to enjoy. **Roost** (roostrestaurant.com) is located in the heart of downtown and has lots of outdoor seating for a view of the bustling city center. Although they serve a tasty lunch and dinner, their breakfast is the perfect way to start a day of getting to know Greenville. The Fried Chicken Benny, made with local chicken, poached eggs, biscuits, gravy, hollandaise,

and grits or skillet potatoes, is a hearty Southern dish you won't forget and will keep you fueled for a full day of exploring the town.

Grill Marks (grillmarks.com) is another happening downtown spot, and there's no way you can enjoy lunch here and leave hungry. Start with an appetizer—such as the Sweet Potato Fries with an out-of-this-world orange cinnamon dipping sauce—and order a big, flavorful burger—such as the Low Country, which is topped with pimiento cheese, fried green tomato, coleslaw, and lettuce—for a flavor-packed entrée. The dessert options will take your meal over the top, whether you order a colossal “FreakShake” with towering toppings or a more subdued yet decadent milkshake like the Banana Puddin’.

Henry's Smokehouse (henryssmokehouse.com) isn't located in the heart of downtown, but it's still one of the most beloved joints in the area for a classic barbecue lunch. Their tender, fall-off-the-bone meat is cooked low and slow in open barbecue pits over hickory logs, and the sides, ranging from Hash and Rice to Brunswick Stew to Banana Pudding and a truly heavenly Sweet Potato Casserole, are well worth making room for on your plate.

Caviar & Bananas (caviarandbananas.com) is a downtown dining destination that's both modern and unique. It offers an espresso and tea bar, breakfast, weekend brunch, salads and sandwiches, a market with a wide variety of specialty food and drink products, prepared foods to take for a fresh, high-quality meal on the go or picnic in the park, charcuterie and cheese boards, and so much more to enjoy.

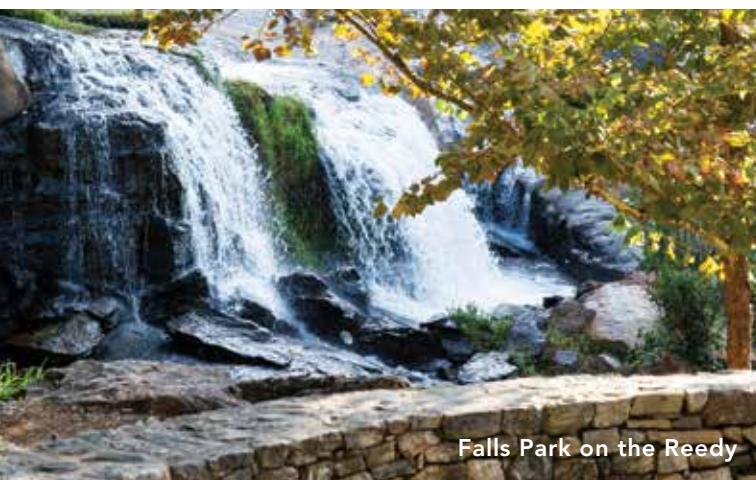
Soby's (sobys.com) was one of the first restaurants to open in the south end of downtown, before it became the thriving destination it is today, and the fine-dining establishment is beloved by locals and visitors alike. It's easy to see why the Fried Green Tomatoes with blackened haricots verts, pimiento cheese fondue, and crispy biscuits on top is a Soby's staple, as well as the signature White Cheddar Biscuits for the table and decadent White Chocolate Banana Cream Pie that is simply divine.



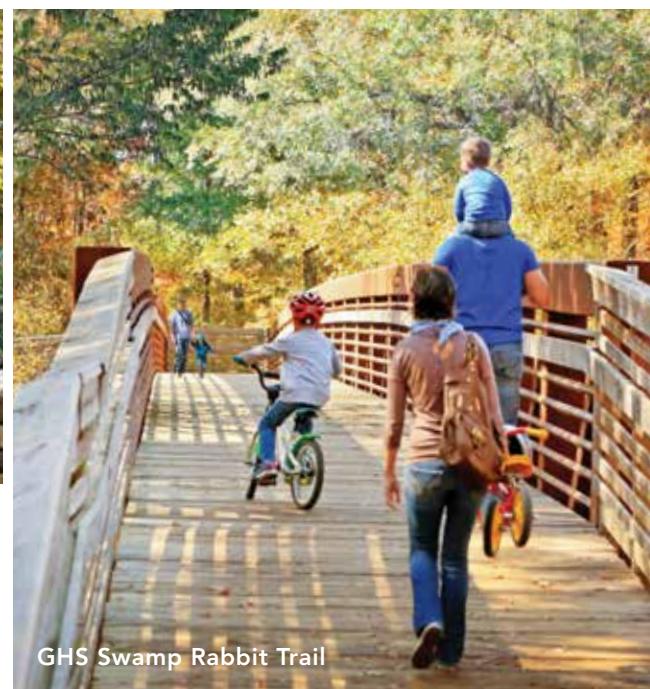
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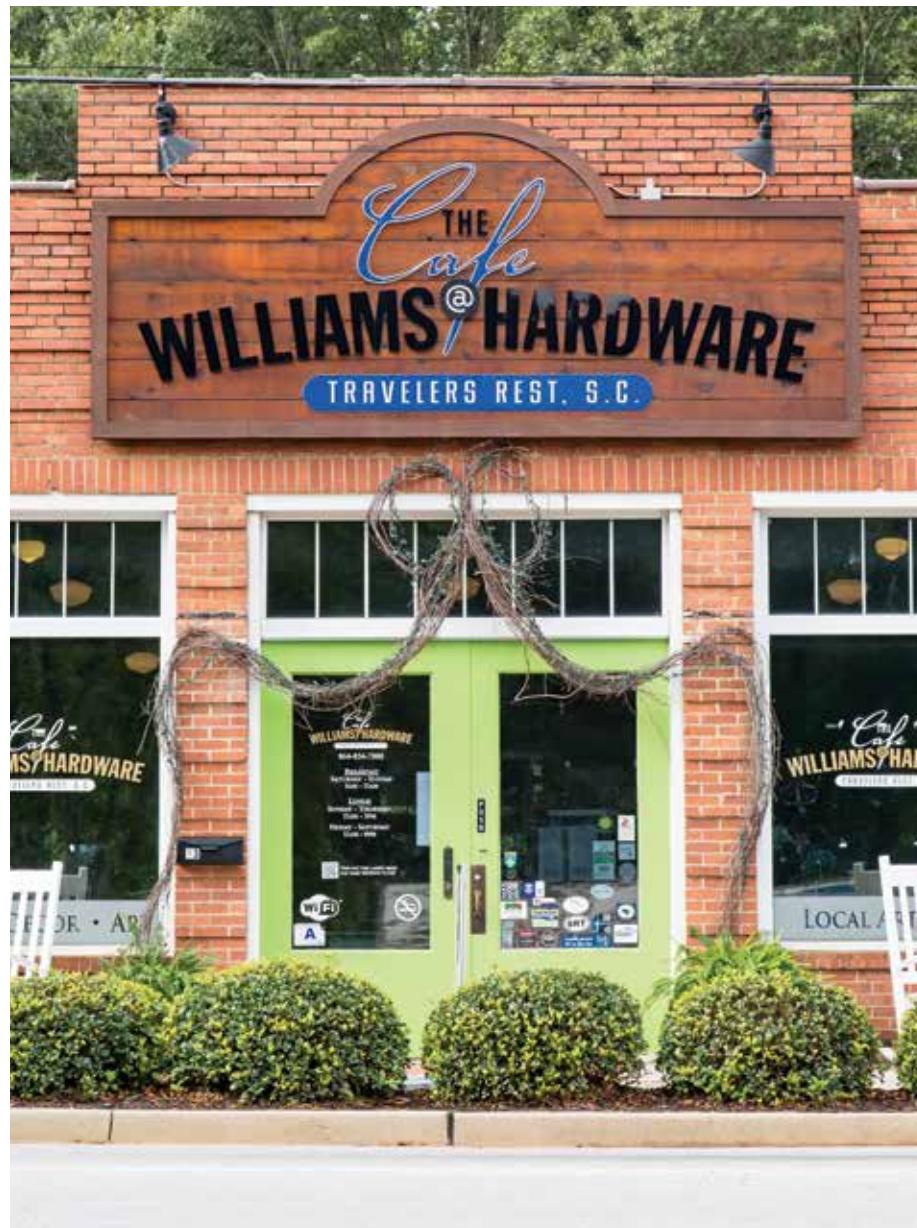
Magnolia Scents by Design



Falls Park on the Reedy



GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail



A TREK TO TRAVELERS REST

The GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail is 22 miles and easy to ride, and it takes you from downtown Greenville right to the little town of Travelers Rest (TR), which has exploded in popularity and become a hot spot to venture to by car or by bicycle.

Swamp Rabbit Cafe & Grocery

(swamprabbitcafe.com) is on the way to Travelers Rest, right off the trail, and visitors can park their bikes and grab a delicious bite to eat for breakfast, lunch, or dinner and shop for groceries and specialty products.

The Cafe at Williams Hardware

(cafeatwilliamshardware.com) was the first restaurant to really take advantage of the trail and help turn TR—which is what the locals call it—into what it is today. Even if you don't want to hit the trail, you can enjoy a view of it from the café's porch, where their signature Tomato Okra Soup will hit the spot on a cool, autumn day.

Another great option in TR for a meal is **Upcountry Provisions** (upcountryprovisions.com), but their decadent pastries, like sweet rolls and sandwich cookies, are the true treat and will be a wonderfully sweet ending to a visit to these charming South Carolina towns.

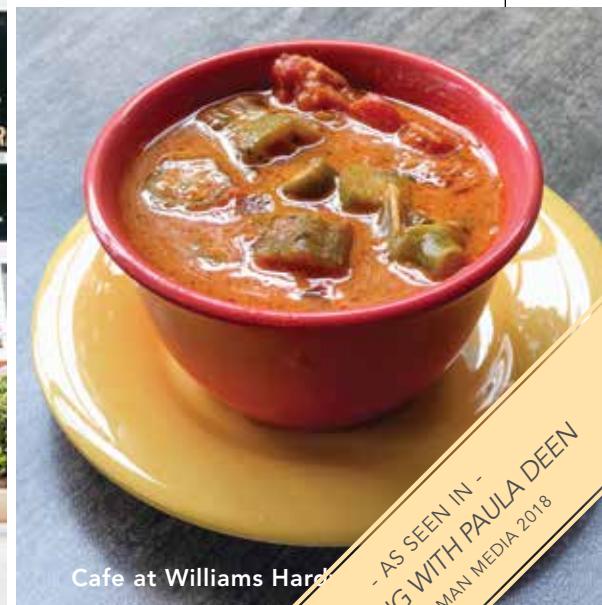
WHAT TO DO

Tourists and locals of all ages love spending time in downtown Greenville, and there are always lots of things to do and see. Even if all you plan to do is peruse the city's streets, there are fun treasures hidden along the way, such as the **Thoughts on the Walk** and the **Mice on Main** (miceonmain.com). Reflect on the Thoughts on the Walk, a series of 28 tiles embedded into the sidewalk that have well-known quotes and messages printed on them, and find all of the little mice sculptures hidden along Main Street for a fun scavenger hunt. The Mice on Main started as a senior project for a local student, and a Greenville sculptor created the nine unique bronze mice, each of which has its own special place on Main Street.

If you're looking for the warmth of an indoor activity downtown, walk into **Magnolia Scents by Design** (magnoliascents.com), where the aromas of their many soy candles made in-house will make you excited to take one or two home, such as the ever-popular Pumpkin Crunch Cake candle. The shop also offers candlemaking

classes, allowing guests to choose their scent, create their own color, pour in the wax, and take home their very own candle as the perfect Greenville souvenir.

A walk down Main Street will eventually take you to the breathtaking **Falls Park on the Reedy** (fallspark.com) where waterfalls in the Reedy River and sweeping bridges across it are a sight to behold. There are always plenty of events and activities held in the park as well as runners and walkers getting some exercise, but riding bikes on the **GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail** from the park is one of the most popular things to do. Riders of all skill levels are welcome to partake, and you're sure to see everything from skilled cyclists training to families taking a leisurely ride and enjoying the scenery of the city.



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