



GREENVILLE'S MAIN STREET

Small-town charm meets big-city style

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A DARLING AMONG URBANISTS, Greenville's Main Street has earned praise from *Travel + Leisure* and *Forbes* for resurrecting the South Carolina city's downtown. Here, plaid-clad hipsters and bike-riding families move seamlessly between restored restaurants, mixed-use hotels, and the Falls Park waterfront, where a sleek, suspended walkway, the Liberty Bridge, spans the Reedy waterfalls. Main Street's wide sidewalks are lined with modern sculptures and inspirational quotes ("Never cut what you can untie," advises one such passage). On weekends, a free trolley ferries visitors nearly two miles from end to end. Stay in the center of it all at the welcoming Courtyard Marriott, and time your visit to coincide with Artisphere (May 9–11), one of the country's top art festivals, complete with a street market and gallery shows.



DARK CORNER DISTILLERY

Open two years, Dark Corner's moonshine has won more awards than any other corn whiskey in the world. Tour the distillery and, for \$3, sample its hand-mashed corn whiskeys, gins, and absinthes. darkcornerdistillery.com



LYNN STRONG FINE ART JEWELRY

A Greenville native, Strong began crafting metals more than thirty years ago at Western Carolina University. She now creates fine jewelry in-store, specializing in ornate designs and rare stones like beryl and Burma peridot. llynstrong.com

MARY PRAYTOR GALLERY

A pioneer of Greenville's art scene, Praytor opened this Main Street institution in 1989. Peruse her collection of contemporary and folk art, mostly by regional artists with ties to the city. Find soft-sculpture owls, mixed-media paintings, and chairs built from cassette tapes. marypraytorgallery.com

NOSE DIVE

This new gastropub offers an ever-changing menu of imaginatively topped burgers and whimsical cocktails like the

Mountain Mary, made with bacon moonshine and homemade pork rinds. thenosedive.com

SOBY'S

Heralded by locals as a must-try, this New Southern restaurant is housed in an 1890s cotton exchange. Flip through the iPad menu and order the signature crab cakes made with sweet corn maque chou. sobys.com

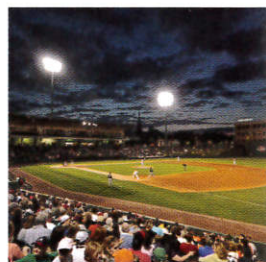


POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Find eighteenth-century armoires, Art Deco chandeliers, plush Alhambra bedding, and vintage Chanel necklaces at this high-end boutique styled as a posh Parisian apartment. postcardfromparis.com

PEDAL CHIC

Trick out your bicycle with a wicker basket and bamboo fenders from this women-specific cycling shop, one of only a handful in the country. It's an easy ride to the popular seventeen-mile Swamp Rabbit Trail. pedalchic.com



FLUOR FIELD

Home of the Greenville Drive Minor League team, this Fenway Park replica has its own Green Monster to honor the team's Major League affiliate, the Boston Red Sox. greenville-drive.com