

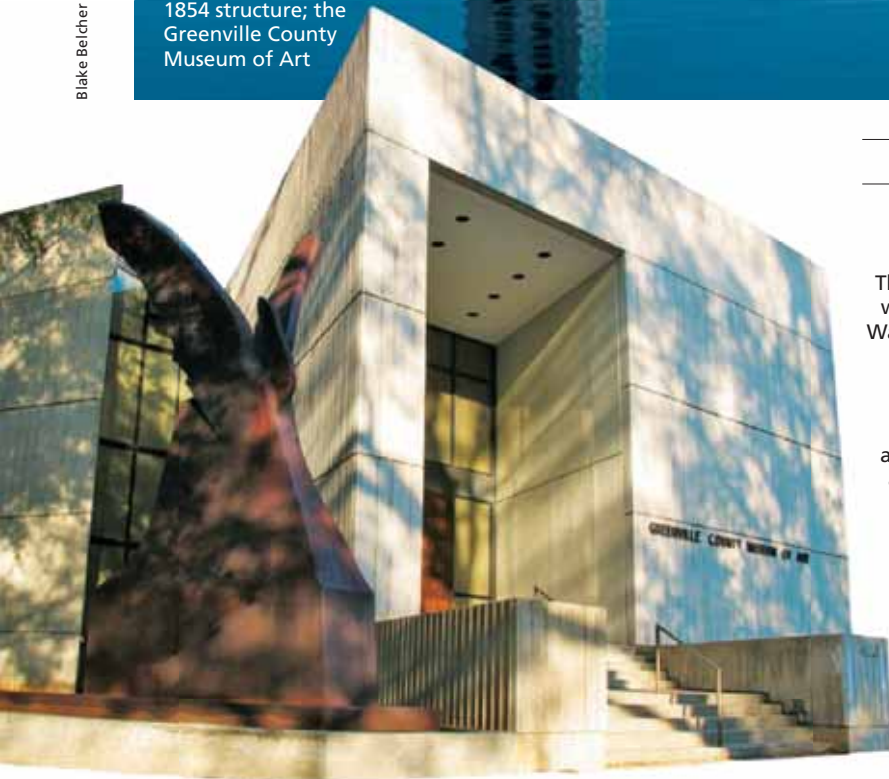
Blake Belcher Photography (bell tower)

From top: Furman University's Florentine bell tower, a 1965 recreation of the school's original 1854 structure; the Greenville County Museum of Art

Greenville, South Carolina

Three hours from Atlanta on the Crescent, this onetime textile town is finding new life as an arts destination and the capital of Upcountry cuisine

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SEE

Hampton Station

This former cotton warehouse in the Water Tower district was converted in 2016 into a multipurpose space housing artists' workshops, a brewery, a taco shop, and even an axe-throwing studio. The city is in the midst of redeveloping four more former textile mills into apartments and a skate park.

Swamp Rabbit Trail

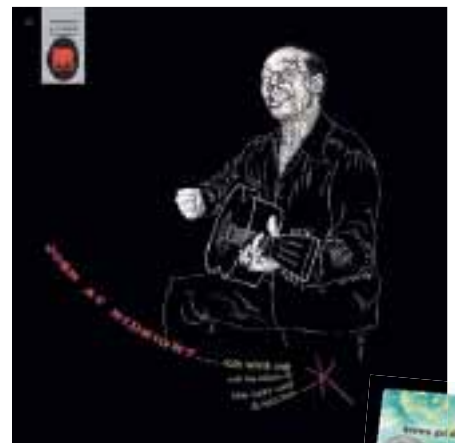
Explore Greenville's natural beauty on the 22-mile Swamp Rabbit Trail, which follows the Reedy River along an old railbed all the way to Travelers Rest, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Start in Falls Park and cross the Liberty Bridge for views of the 28-foot-high Reedy River Falls, which powered area textile mills for much of the 19th century.

Greenville County Museum of Art

Home to the largest public collection of Andrew Wyeth watercolors in the world, this American art museum also houses an array of works by South Carolinian artists like Jasper Johns and William H. Johnson. Arts patrons should also mark their calendars for mid-May, when the Artisphere festival spotlights local creatives with free performances, demos, and exhibits.



Left: The Anchorage's Atlantic oysters on the half shell. Below: a busy night at Sean Brock's Husk.



EAT & DRINK

The Anchorage

Local produce is the focus of the menu at The Anchorage, a bistro in artsy West Greenville that was a 2018 James Beard semifinalist for best new restaurant in the country. The list of rotating small plates makes creative use of regional ingredients with dishes like heirloom corn grits and grilled quail with carrot and fairy tale eggplant, complemented by a selection of natural wines.



Husk

In 2010, chef Sean Brock put Charleston, South Carolina, on the culinary map with the Southern-ingredients-only Husk. Last fall, Brock opened a Greenville outpost devoted to Upcountry cooking, with dishes inspired by traditional Appalachian preserves and the area's indigenous population, like Cherokee bean cakes made with white acre peas and sassafras-glazed pork ribs with pickled peaches.

Vault & Vator

Greenville's first modern speakeasy opened last fall, inside the basement of the old Dr Pepper Cola Co. bottling plant, which still features its original turn-of-the-century vault and elevator. Adventurous drinkers will want to try one of the signature cocktails, like Don't Fear the Reaper—a mix of blanco tequila, Aperol, grapefruit sherbet, lime, honey, and simple syrup—with a peppery kick from drops of Carolina Reaper tincture.

SHOP

Billiam Jeans

Founder Bill Mitchell began sewing jeans as a student at Clemson University. At his Greenville atelier, watch him stitch denim from North Carolina's Cone Mills, in Greensboro, and get fitted for a custom pair.



We Took to the Woods

With an atmosphere that's more mountain cabin than downtown boutique, We Took to the Woods offers a curated selection of antiques and clothing from emerging designers, as well as hand-poured candles in forest scents like cedarwood and pine.

READ & LISTEN

Brown Girl Dreaming

Jacqueline Woodson won the 2014 National Book Award for this memoir in verse based on her '60s and '70s childhood spent between Greenville, where her grandparents lived, and New York, where her mother moved and where she began finding her voice as a writer.

Josh at Midnight

Greenville guitarist Josh White inspired musicians from Bob Dylan to Jack White with his stripped-down version of the Piedmont blues, a style known for fast fingerpicking. This 1956 album features some of White's most influential songs, including his beloved Depression-era ballad "One Meat Ball," which became the first record by an African American man to sell a million copies.

STAY

Westin Poinsett

The Poinsett Hotel was one of the first high-rise buildings in Greenville when it opened downtown in 1925. Nicknamed "Carolina's finest," the property has hosted everyone from Amelia Earhart to Cornelius Vanderbilt to Liberace, who was fond of practicing on the dining-room piano.



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Tired of waiting in line for your week-end-getaway ride? Hit the road in minutes with two disruptive apps that put a fleet of Audis a few screen taps away. **Silvercar**, which launched with the charmingly

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William Crooks (oyster dish); Andrew Cebulka (Husk interior); Kevin Harrington (drink); courtesy of Billiam (jeans); Blake Belcher Photography (We Took to the Woods)