

# WERE WAY MORE THAN HORSES

## *Our History ...*

Experience four beautiful counties in western South Carolina where yesterday is preserved for today. History from every American era is evident throughout this region known as Thoroughbred Country. Learn about Colonial Times through demonstrations in pottery, frontier trading and blacksmithing. Come explore Civil War battle sites and historic plantation homes. Visit our small, quaint towns where you will find museums rich with history and festivals that display local culture. Churches of the past and stories of the Charleston to Hamburg rail line can also be found.

## *Our Nature ...*

While history abounds, Thoroughbred Country is also a place of natural beauty. Notice the Spanish moss gracing enormous live oak trees. Take in the local flora and fauna at a sanctuary. Ponder over the unusual elliptical phenomenon known as a Carolina Bay. Hike through an urban forest or let the elegance of a local garden carry you to another time. If you desire more active recreation, then paddle the longest free-flowing, blackwater river in the world. Cool off with a drink from the Healing Springs, whose waters are believed to have curative powers.

## *Our Shopping ...*

“Shopper’s Paradise” would also be an accurate description of this diverse region. Here you can shop for antiques and local crafts, such as locally-thrown pottery or Mennonite quilts. Unique gifts and art galleries including that of a nationally-known artist can also be found.

## *Our Food ...*

Take a break from your adventures and enjoy our cuisine. Roadside stands, cozy cafes, freshly-baked Mennonite goods and full-scale dining, as well as everything in between, can be found here. Of course, we still have your southern favorites such as barbeque, grits, collards and fried chicken.

## *And Rest.*

After a full day of experiencing our history, our nature, our shopping and our food, rest your head at a quaint bed and breakfast or a historic hotel. Awaken the next day refreshed and ready for the next adventure.

# TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN...

## THOROUGHBRED COUNTRY SOUTH CAROLINA

1. House Tour at  
Redcliffe Plantation  
State Historic Site



2. Salkehatchie Stew at  
The Carolina Theatre  
or Shop at the  
Salkehatchie Arts Center

3. Relive Colonial Times  
at the Living History Park



4. Tour the Civil War  
Battlefield at Rivers Bridge  
State Historic Site

5. Check the Time  
at Barnwell's Vertical  
Sundial on the Circle



6. Learn about SC Face  
Jugs at the  
Little Red Barn Gallery

7. Paddle the Edisto  
River Canoe Trail  
at Aiken State Park



8. Travel Back in time  
at Model T's to Olar  
Festival

9. Discover Mennonite  
Food and Culture

10. Cast a Line and Camp  
at Barnwell State Park

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