



For more information, visit our Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum at 406 Park Avenue or call (803) 293-7846.
www.VisitAikensc.com

- 01 Walk with the Horses**
(Hitchcock Woods) Keep it natural with this local spot known as the biggest privately-owned, urban forest in America, you'll have an outdoor adventure meandering down all the trails and paths. Watch out! You'll be sure to see an example of Aiken's horse scene because this is our equestrian community's favorite spot to ride their horses in town.
444 South Boundary Avenue, SW • www.hitchcockwoods.org
- 02 Blast from the Past**
(Aiken County Historical Museum) So we have a history buff on our hands, eh? Come check out this one stop shop for all things Aiken County. From the inception of a railroad town to the winter colony era and all things related that will take you all the way to modern day even showcasing Savannah River Site and Aiken's ties to the cold war!
433 Newberry Street, SW • www.aikencountyhistoricalmuseum.com
- 03 All Aboard in Aiken**
(Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum) Make this incredible destination your first stop for exploring Aiken. The Visitors Center staff and volunteers can help you plan your adventures. And, updates, you'll find the coolest train you'll ever "ride!"
406 Park Avenue, SE • www.VisitAikensc.com
- 04 Home Grown**
(Aiken Farmer's Market) Get your veggies straight from the source. This outdoor market provides the perfect venue to get your food right from the guy who grew it. And don't just think it's about stuff from the ground, either. You can get your meats and other homemade products here too. (Seasonal hours.)
115 Williamsburg Street, SE • www.VisitAikensc.com

AIKEN BY DAY

- 05 So fresh and so clean**
(Magnolia's) Traveling is hard on the body with all that eating out. Need to get a healthy bite? Stop by Magnolia's for some healthy and organic eats. Make sure to check out their selection in the small market at the restaurant before cashing out.
210 York Street, SE • www.magnoliainaturalmarket.com
"My go to healthy lunch spot! Get the special, lemonade and a cupcake." - Malencia Johnson
- 06 Lunar Eclipse**
(New Moon Cafe) Do funky and free-spirited describe you? The New Moon is the place for you. With an incredible coffee selection and soups and sandwiches to die for this spot has all the right ingredients for an awesome breakfast or lunch!
116 Laurens Street, NW • www.newmoondowntown.com
- 07 Red Light, Green Light, Go!**
"Everything is so unique and fresh at New Moon. I hardly mind the lunchtime wait. Their tuna salad is delicious, but my favorite is the Garcia - ham, bris cheese, and honey mustard. And they have awesome daily specials which always pair great flavors together. Don't forget to grab a bag of their house roasted coffee beans as a parting treat!"
- Sarah Kinney
- 08 It's so SWEET!**
(Cyndi's Sweet Shoppe) The only mental breakdown you'll be having over this candy is what to choose! Bringing the old candy shop feel back to life you'll marvel at the selection and may feel a bit guilty as you head across the street to the drug store to stock up on floss.
146 Laurens Street, SW • www.cyndisweetshoppe.com
- 09 Generational throwback**
(Betsy's) Recently renovated, Betsy's has that old diner feel serving up some mean burgers and the best milk shake around!
159 Laurens Street, NW
- 10 Shop til you drop**
(Downtown's Shopping District) Blocks of everything under the sun! Stop at the hardware store to grab a needed tool or pop into Threads to see the latest fashions and pick out a whole outfit. There's shopping fun for everyone!
159 Laurens Street, NW



- 11 Picnic anyone?**
(Hopland's Garden) Rack a snack and stroll our brick paths that take you under monster oaks. The gardens are the place to go in town to unwind and enjoy nature. If you're here in the summer or during the Christmas holiday make sure to check the schedule and take advantage of the tree concert series and in December the glitter of Christmas lights.
1700 Whiskey Road • www.VisitAikensc.com
- 12 Take a sip**
(Coker Springs) Do you like Aiken? Do you want to ensure your return? If you're heading into the Hitchcock Woods, make sure to stop by this historic spring that was once used by Aikenites. The legend goes that if you take a sip of water from the spring you are sure to come back to Aiken. Today, however, save the sipping for the animals!
645 Coker Springs Road
- 13 Bring your appetite... and some cash**
(Track Kitchen) Are you planning a busy day of sightseeing and shopping? Make sure to stop by this local (seasonal) hot spot for THE best breakfast in town, cooked to order. These guys are keeping it old school, so make sure to bring a little cash to settle the bill. Afterwards grab your coffee to go and take a walk down the street to see some of the historical equestrian facilities in town, and of course a horse or two.
420 Mead Avenue
- 14 There is no "I" in team**
(Odell Weeks Recreation Center) Here with your friends? Need to blow off some steam? Head over to Aiken's state of the art recreation center where you can organize a basketball game, racket ball game, or even a friendly round of Frisbee golf. Whatever you're into they have the fields and open space to do it here.
1700 Whiskey Road • www.cityofaikensc.gov
- 15 Pony Up**
(Horse Racing Hall of Fame) Aiken is the place for equestrian activities. Go to this Hall of Fame to see all of the mentionable horses and characters that give you an insight into some of the greats that have come from the area.
135 Dupree Place • www.aikenracinghalloffame.com
- 16 Don't be mistaken, there's a lot more in Aiken!** This list is just a sample of the great shops, restaurants and places to enjoy while you're here!
For a full list of downtown businesses pick up one of these brochures!

There's (lots) more...

More Great Things to Do In Aiken

- Something to Grow About**
(Pat's Sub Shop) Ask anyone! If you like chicken salad, they practically invented it. This is the local's favorite spot to pick up a chicken salad sandwich. Oh yeah, they have other stuff too. If chicken salad isn't your thing try the egg salad.
728 E Pine Log Road
- Batter UP**
(Coach T's) This favorite spot for the locals cooks up all the traditional diner favorites. Sure to stick to your bones, eating there for lunch will give you the energy you need to keep pushing through the day.
1552 Whiskey Road - www.coachtadiner.com
- Upper Crust**
(Noble Bread) Fresh, organic... and off-the-chain are just some of the words used by the folks here in Aiken to describe this place. Whether you're stopping in for a sandwich or watching them carve up your beef fresh from the cow, this organic market has all things good. Just make sure to grab a cookie before you leave.
1625 Richland Avenue, E - www.noblebreads.com
- STRIKE!**
(Whiskey Bowl) Prove your prowess in the lanes at this hot spot. Enjoy an excellent menu and cold beer while you impress your friends with your kingpin skills.
2205 Whiskey Road
- What You'uns Doing**
(Local's)
This Steeler's Bar located on Whiskey is known for its crab Leg night and other seafood. With a big back patio and outside bar just make sure to bring your Terrible Towel to this casual drinking hole.
1208 Whiskey Road
- Wangs and Thangs**
(The Wing Place)
Located on Pine Log Road this local hangout boasts some of the best wings in town with a full menu and good beer list. Recently expanded, a great place to catch some live music... just call ahead!
732 East Pine Log Road - www.wingplace.net
- Spice it UP**
(Red Pepper Café)
Located off the beaten track on the Southside of town this eatery and bar arguably has the best patio in town. With live music on Thursday nights and a killer lunch menu, you can't go wrong anytime of the day at Red Pepper.
752-A Silver Bluff Road - www.redpepperaiken.com
- "I enjoy the Red Pepper experience. The staff is awesome, the food is great, and I always have a good time."



What, cha think?

"I revel in all that's shakin' in downtown Aiken!"
-- Avery Spears-Mahoney

"I know good Chicken Salad and Pat's Sub Shop by far has the best!"
-- Melissa Viola

Wanting to look your best and experience southern service and style? From horse races and polo to dinner and black ties, you will be dressed to impress at Lionel Smith, Ltd.
-- Jason Rabun

"Magnolia's is my favorite Saturday lunch spot!"
-- Newkirk Barnes

Yep, There's More!

- Keep your head down**
(Hole in One Golf) Mini golf fun for the whole family with the signature hippo watching over play. But mini golf isn't the only sport you'll find here. Take a whack in their batting cages or bring out your inner kid in the fully loaded arcade.
3197 Whiskey Road
- Get your Low Country Fix**
(JC's Seafood) Located in the parking lot of Hole in One, this fish market has the freshest catch from South Carolina's low country. Make sure to check it out at lunch for the South Carolinian's favorite meal, The Low Country Boil.
3197 Whiskey Road
- Peanuts and Cracker Jacks**
(USCA Sports Complex) Boasting state of the art facilities including the new baseball field and Convocation Center catching a game has never been more fun. Check out the schedules at www.pacersports.com
471 University Parkway - www.pacersports.com

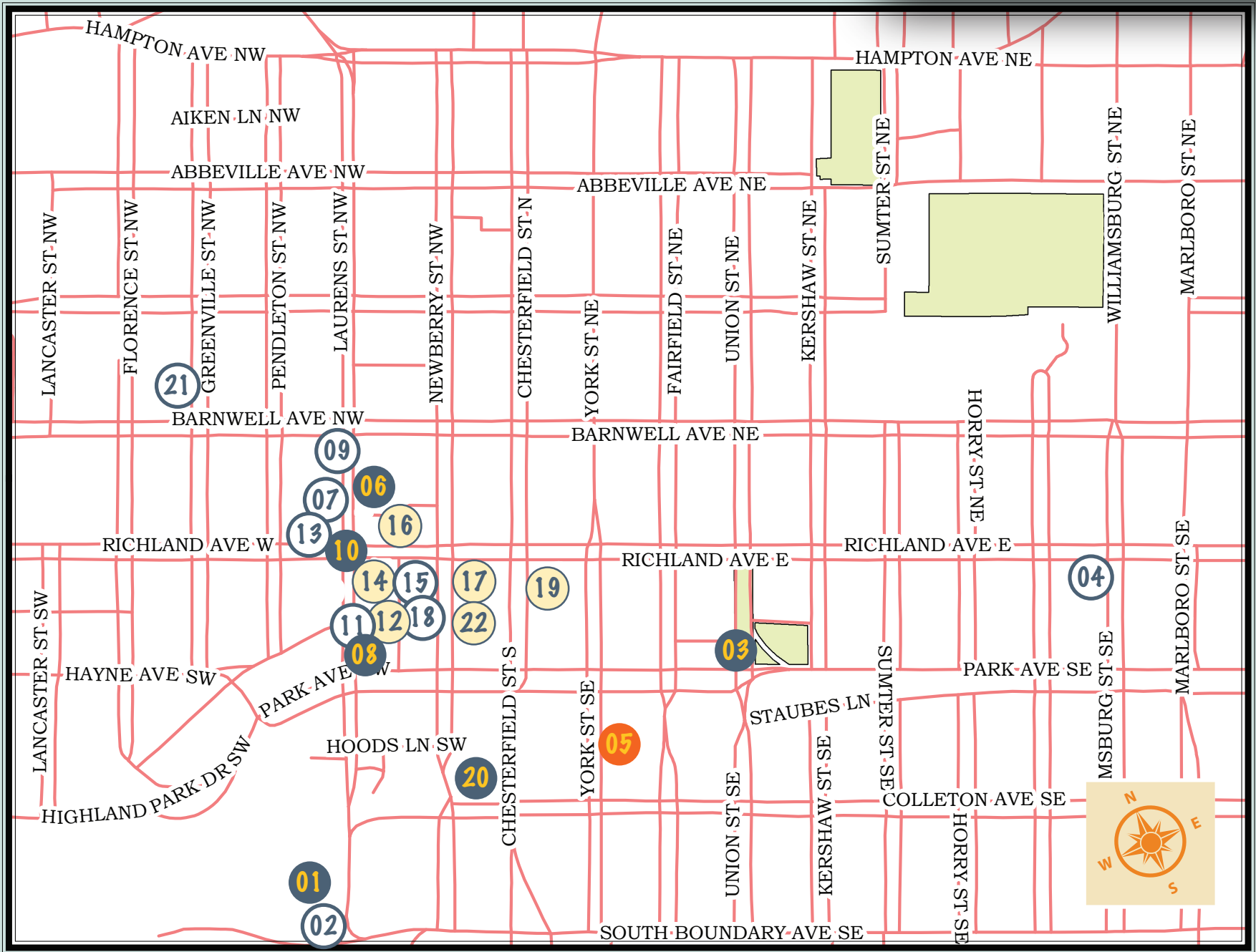


Thank you to the members of Aiken Young Professionals for helping identify these fun places to discover.

A Traveler's Guide Act Like a Local

Aiken SOUTH CAROLINA

What to do.



AIKEN BY NIGHT

- 11 Beer Me**
 (Aiken Brewing Company) Take a flight and try all that this microbrewery has to offer. If you have to settle on one maybe try their signature, you guessed it, the "Thoroughbred Red." Make sure to head upstairs to the Sports Bar for infinite TVs and some pool.
 140 Laurens Street • www.aikenbrewingcompany.com
- 12 Get Romantic**
 (Malia's) This fine dining isn't just for the couples. The chef owned restaurant incorporates a new spin on some traditional favorites. With an ever evolving menu you'll never have to get the same thing here. Whether with your loved one or a big group, this is a great place to get something dressed up and out of the box. Insider's tip - Head over for lunch and sample some of the best food in town at reasonable prices and ask to sit outside on their back patio.
 120 Laurens Street • www.maliasrestaurant.com
- 13 Sink Your Teeth In**
 (Prime Steakhouse) Need to do some impressing or just looking to get out of the dog house? Do it at Prime as it is Aiken's premier steakhouse. Fine dining at its best you'll be sure to get some points here. Looking for some extra credit? Order the crème brulee for dessert.
 316 Richland Avenue, W • www.primesteakhouseaiken.com
- 14 Bulls Eye**
 (Polo Tavern/Tiki Bar) If you're going out and have a big group this is a crowd pleaser. Offering something for everyone the Polo Tavern or "The Holley" as the locals call it has a dart room, outside tiki bar and on the weekends a loaded dance floor with DJs and Live music. The Holley is THE place to be for the party crowd.
 235 Richland Avenue, W • www.hotelaiken.com
- 15 Playoffs... you're kidding me, PLAYOFFS!?**
 (Playoffs Sports Bar) A place Jim Mora would surely approve. A cool atmosphere with TVs, pool tables and weeknight and weekend entertainment this place always has something going on, whether watching the game or doing a jig, get your fill here.
 205 Richland Avenue, W
- 16 Corner Pocket**
 (City Billiards) City B's as it's known around town is where you go to enhance those pool shark skills. With the most pool tables and the best burgers and hotdogs around this is a one stop shop. Guy code = Cold beer. Hamburger. Pool. Done
 208 Richland Avenue, W • www.citybilliardsaikensc.com


- 17 Pizza and Pilsners**
 (Pizza Joint) Pilsner isn't the only thing on tap at this pizzeria. With one of the largest beer selections in town and hand tossed pizzas for cheap this is a go to place for the younger crowd. Make sure to hit this place up on Tuesday for pint night!
 125 Richland Avenue, W • www.thepizzajoint.com

- 18 Fishy Fusion**
 (Tako Sushi) Love Sushi but your better half doesn't? Not a concern here, they can just order off the Mexican side of the menu. With great food and a solid saki menu this trendy spot is the place to see and be seen in the Alley.
 210 The Alley • www.tako-sushi.com

- 19 Momma Mia**
 (Casa Bella) The name of this Italian eatery says it all. Enjoy an upscale Italian feast in a beautifully restored mansion in the downtown district. If the weather is nice ask to be seated outside on the patio in the walled garden.
 120 Chesterfield Street, S • www.casabellaitalianrestaurant.com

20 Presidential paradise
 (The Willcox) - We're not lying here. One of the favorite places of past presidents to lay his head, The Willcox has been voted one of the best hotels in America. Stop off for a cocktail or dinner and revel in the awe of this restored turn of the century hotel.
 100 Colleton Avenue, SW • www.thewillcox.com

"The Willcox atmosphere makes me feel somehow elegant and at home at once, whether I'm enjoying dinner or reading a book in front of their beautiful fireplace." -- Alexandra Billings



- 21 Guten Tag!**
 (The Stables at Rose Hill) A fully restored stable that has been reincarnated as a restaurant is one of the best kept secrets in Aiken. With a full biergarten and some German inspired menu items this inside/outside venue host some of the best live entertainment on Friday nights in the summer.
 221 Greenville Street, NW • www.rosehillstate.com

- 22 Get Cultured**
 (URS Center for Performing Arts) This new community playhouse located in the heart of Aiken host a variety of shows throughout the year. From comedians to Community Theater this is a great place to see a show as there isn't a bad seat in the house.
 126 Newberry Street, SW • www.VisitAikenSC.com

Act Like a Local, Y'all!

Say "Hi, Y'all!" - In the south, especially in Aiken, we care about our neighbors...even the ones we may not know yet! Make sure to speak and say "hey" if you're window shopping downtown or grabbing dinner on Whiskey Road. You never know, you may just meet a new friend or find out about THE thing that is happening this weekend!

Get up on Social Media - Follow the Aiken Downtown Development Association (ADDA) on Twitter or "LIKE" Visit Aiken on Facebook! These posts are constantly being updated with insider information on places to see and events to go to (crucial info for your successful visit)!

Circle Go, Square No - Driving in downtown Aiken is not as tricky as it seems as long as you follow this local rule of thumb!

Is that your Final Answer? - Make sure to do your homework to find a bar or two for their trivia nights! You can be sure that locals are in attendance to help scope out your pick. We've never met an Aikenite without an opinion or suggestion either!

one, Two ways - Not too long ago SC still used mini bottles at the bars! In true southern fashion, bad habits die hard! At any bar in Aiken you can split shots! Don't want to be over served but still want the same great taste? Just ask for that shooter split two ways...or if you make new friends ask for "two split four ways!"

Pack your Manners in Your Bag - Sir, m'am, thank you and you're welcome are still important in the American South! Whether you are interacting with an 80 year old citizen or the person behind the counter at the fast food restaurant, people still appreciate good manners here. Even if we may not say anything in return, locals notice and appreciate your extra efforts!

If feels like a Sauna out There - Yup, it's hot! The only thing worse than a hot day in August is hearing about how hot it actually is. Take it in stride as part of our 5-month summer and just enjoy slipping into a cool shop or sipping a cold beverage!

