



THE LIBERTY BRIDGE AT FALLS  
PARK IN GREENVILLE



A TREETOP ADVENTURE NEAR GREENVILLE

*Photos courtesy Visit Greenville SC*

## BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

Nestled amid the Blue Ridge Mountains, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, welcomes nature lovers with a host of outdoor activities and attractions, from treetop ropes courses at High Gravity Adventures to the Mile High Swinging Bridge overlooking Grandfather Mountain. At Moses Cone Memorial Park, groups can tour Flat Top Manor — an estate mansion with white pillars — and explore 25 miles of carriage trails through forests and fields. Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Price Lake presents an inviting location for water recreation such as canoeing, kayaking and fishing.

“Blowing Rock has this contained villagelike atmosphere, but within 10 minutes, you can be somewhere that feels totally off the map,” said Amanda Lugenbell, assistant director of the Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority. “It’s one of the things that makes it so special.”

Throughout the year, Blowing Rock hosts a number of city-

wide festivals and events, such as Art in the Park, the Monday Night Concert Series and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, a celebration of Scottish culture. Many visiting families enjoy a trip to Tweetsie Railroad, a Wild West theme park with amusement rides, gold-panning activities, a petting zoo and a three-mile ride aboard a historic steam engine train.

Travelers can choose from a variety of cafes and pubs in town for lunch or dinner, though Timberlake Restaurant at Chetola Resort and the Chestnut Grille at the Green Park Inn are the two that cater most to groups, enabling larger groups to stay at the hotels and dine on-site.

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## GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenville, South Carolina, has experienced tremendous economic growth over the past decade, with a barrage of new hotel properties, attractions and award-winning restaurants opening every year.

Groups will find numerous ways to explore this cultural hub, from Segway tours to architecture tours and culinary tours. Beyond the city, travelers can drive a short distance north to hike Paris Mountain or lounge by the crystal-clear waters of Lake Jocassee.

“Part of Greenville’s charm is that you can have both the city feel and the country feel,” said Taryn Scher, spokesperson for Visit Greenville, SC. “You could spend the day on a pontoon on Lake Jocassee and then come back and have a world-class dinner at Husk and catch a Broadway performance at the Peace Center.”

Greenville also boasts a thriving food scene that features over 100 restaurants on Main Street alone and nearly 600 countywide.

More active groups can take advantage of the 20.6-mile Greenville Health System Swamp Rabbit Trail, which starts in downtown Greenville and extends to the outlying town of Travelers Rest. Many cafes, coffee shops and other businesses have sprung up along the trail, enabling cyclists and walkers to hop off at their leisure and grab a bite to eat.



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