

# GREENVILLE, SC

The charming city of Greenville, South Carolina boasts first-class facilities and the energy of a Southern town.

## **Top Facilities and Scenery Lure Sports Events to Greenville**

#### 1. Bon Secours Wellness Arena

Sports: Hockey, basketball, martial arts, wrestling, boxing, cheerleading, dance

Greenville is one of the region's great event destinations. In addition to being a hotspot for summer concerts like the Pearl Jam, Gucci Mane and Meghan Trainor, the Bon Secours Wellness Arena plays host to hockey's Greenville Swamp Rabbits of the ECHL and the Clemson Tigers men's basketball team. The Arena seats up to 15,000 and has 30 luxury suites and over 800 club seats. This year's big sports event will be the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament. Regulation-size basketball court and hockey rinks are available as well as concessions, drink vendors and ample parking.

#### 2. Fluor Field at the West End

Sports: Baseball

A little bit of Boston in South Carolina. Fluor Field, home of the Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, is nearly identical to Fenway Park. With its own 30-foot-tall "Green Monster" in left field and "Pesky's Pole" in right field, Fluor Field has the same dimensions of Boston's classic Fenway Park – 310' to left, 302' to right and a whopping 420' to center. The field is Bermuda grass and was renovated in 2012.

#### 3. Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center

Sports: Tennis

**Furman tennis** has long been a powerhouse in the South, and the men's former head coach **Paul Scarpa** was the winningest head coach in America when he retired with 853 victories in 2011. The **Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center** boasts a 41,000-square-foot building that contains four indoor courts, locker rooms for visiting and home teams, coaches' offices, a lounge and a viewing area for the courts. The stadium court outside can seat 400 people, and there are an additional 15 outdoor courts.

#### 4. Pepsi Softball Stadium

Sports: Softball

The stadium features **enclosed brick dugouts**, a **Bermuda- grass outfield**, a padded outfield fence that measures 200 feet
down the lines and 220 feet to center and a row of hedge along the
outfield fence as a cherry on top. Its Southern charm is consistent
with the rest of campus. The newest addition to the stadium is the **2,700-square-foot press box** that was added in 2013. The two-story
structure features a coaches' office, press area and concessions
stand. Lighting was installed recently to allow for night games.

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#### 5. Eugene Stone Soccer Stadium

Sports: Soccer

Furman University's soccer stadium seats more than its baseball, softball and tennis facilities combined – over 3,000. The stadium, lined by a brick-and-wrought-iron fence, features a fully automated scoreboard, press box and complete lighting. Spinks Field House was completed in 2015 and boasts locker rooms, expanded public restrooms, a permanent concession area, referees room and storage space.

#### 6. Westside Aquatic Complex

Sports: Swimming, diving, water polo, kayaking, triathlons

Located on the western side of **downtown Greenville**, the aptly named **Westside Aquatic Complex** offers everything your swim and dive competition needs. The complex features **20 lanes of a 25-yard**, **50-meter swim competition pool** and a **five-lane**, **25-yard heated therapy pool**. The complex also offers amenities like fun zones, new locker rooms, concessions and aerobic equipment. The complex offers programs for youth, adults and seniors and features ample parking.

## Leisure Activities: Minor League Ball and Major State Parks

In Greenville, take your group to Fluor Field at the West End. Here the Greenville Drive (a Red Sox Class A affiliate) play their games in a replica of Boston's historic Fenway Park complete with a Green Monster and shallow porch in right field. Or spend the day in the area's picture-perfect parks: Falls Park on the Reedy and three major state parks (Paris Mountain, Caesars Head, and Jones Gap).

## **Greenville is Easy to Reach**

Located between **Atlanta** and **Charlotte**, **Greenville** is one of the most accessible cities in the South. It sits off several major highways and can be reached with ease if you have to fly in. Located less than a day's drive for a majority of the U.S. population, Greenville is near the intersections of I-85 and I-385, and the **Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport** is 15 minutes away from downtown.

### **Planner Perspective**

"Greenville hits all of our marks when we're looking for a site to host our events. It has the accommodations we need, it has the facilities and it has the nightlife."

— Christian Smith

**Director of Div. II National Club Baseball Association** 











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