

Transportation

Roads

Spartanburg County is served by Interstates 26 (I-26) and 85 (I-85). Major United States highways serving the county include US 221, US 29, and US 176. Major South Carolina highways include SC 9, SC 56, SC 295, SC 296, SC 101, SC 358, and SC 357.

Bus/Transit

Bus transit service is provided by the Spartanburg Regional Transportation Authority (SPARTA) as a fixed route bus system within urban areas in and adjoining the city of Spartanburg, and as a demand-response system for areas outside the city operated by the Spartanburg Regional Hospital System. Interstate bus travel is provided by Greyhound bus lines.

Air

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is located in Upstate South Carolina, midway between the cities of Greenville and Spartanburg on I-85 (Exit 57). GSP has grown into one of the finest airports in the country, steadily meeting the Upstate's ever-increasing needs. (<http://www.gspairport.com>). GSP serves approximately 1.4 million passengers and handles 22,000 tons of cargo, with two Federal Inspection Stations (FIS). It has an 11,000-foot runway, with a recent expansion to accommodate such major corporations as BMW Manufacturing Company, LLC. There is more than 42,000 square feet of cargo terminal space. Commercial airlines, including American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United Express, US Airway, and a new low-cost carrier Allegiant Airlines was added in 2006. These airlines provided approximately seventy (70) departures, including non-stop service to a number of major cities. (<http://www.spartanburgscedc.com>)

The **Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport** is located in the southwest section of the city of Spartanburg off of Ammons Road. The airport serves over 100 local aircraft, as well as corporate jets representing many of Spartanburg's largest companies (<http://www.cityofspartanburg.org>.)

Train

Rail traffic is furnished by Norfolk Southern and CSX for freight and Amtrak for passenger travel.

Ports

The Port of Charleston, the Georgetown Port, and Port Royal are located three (3) to four (4) hours from Spartanburg County and easily accessible via major interstate. These ports are operated by the South Carolina Port Authority and all of them provide container loading facilities.

Education

Spartanburg County is served by seven (7) School Districts. Each school district is governed by elected school board members, who appoint the District Superintendent. The Spartanburg County School Districts have their own taxing authority and annual budgets are approved by the School Board members. Those wishing to learn more on each individual school district will find the following information helpful:

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FY 2008/09 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**

District	Website	Phone Number (Main Line)
District 1	http://www.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us/	(864) 472-2846
District 2	http://www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us/	(864) 578-0128
District 3	http://www.spa3.k12.sc.us/	(864) 279-6000
District 4	http://www.spartanburg4.org/	(864) 476-3186
District 5	http://www.spart5.k12.sc.us/	(864) 949-2350
District 6	http://www.spartanburg6.k12.sc.us/	(864) 576-4212
District 7	http://www.spart7.org/home.aspx	(864) 594-4400

In addition, Spartanburg County is the home to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. SCSSDB offers programs for preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, sensory multi-disabled, vocational and postsecondary educational students, as well as a variety of outreach and support services. The main campus is in Spartanburg, and regional centers are located throughout the state. The website for the school is <http://www.scsdb.k12.sc.us/>, and their phone number is (864) 585-7711.

Spartanburg County is also the home to six (6) institutions of higher learning Spartanburg Community College and Spartanburg Methodist College offer two-year degree programs, while Wofford College, Converse College, and the University of South Carolina – Upstate offer four-year and advanced degrees. Sherman Chiropractic College is also located in the county.

Recreation and Culture

Spartanburg County is home to a wide variety of features, attractions, recreational opportunities, and a diverse culture, rich in history. Spartanburg is host to multiple festivals, bike races, arboretums, gardens, entertainment events, and sites of historical significance, such as the Walnut Grove Plantation. Many of our sites are geared towards children, including Cleveland Park (*Cleveland Park Events Center pictured to the right*), Hollywild Animal Park, orchards, playgrounds, etc.



For sports fans, the Carolina Panthers Training Camp is held at Wofford College each summer. Multiple athletic complexes are spread throughout the county, providing public facilities for baseball, soccer, football, softball, basketball, tennis, etc. College sports events are offered by all three (3) four-year colleges and over 100 golf courses are located throughout the Upstate. Outdoor opportunities are furthered by our numerous lakes, walking trails, equine trails in Croft State Park, which also offers camping facilities.

The Chapman Cultural Center opened in October of 2007. It is a three building complex which is owned and operated by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg and serves as the anchor of Spartanburg's vast cultural interests. It houses the Spartanburg Art Museum, Science Center, Youth Theatre, Repertory Company, County Regional History Museum, Artists' Guild Gallery, Music Foundation, and Ballet Spartanburg.

Spartanburg is rich in history that dates back to Colonial times with numerous historical sites to enjoy with the entire family. The Magnolia Street Train Depot is one of the oldest buildings in the city and explains why Spartanburg was called the "Hub City." It now serves as home to Amtrak, Spartanburg County Visitor's Bureau, and Hub City Farmer's Market. Walnut Grove Plantation, The Seay House,