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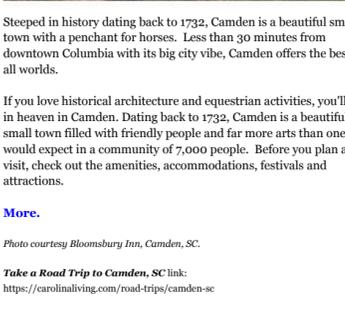


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Take a Road Trip to Camden, SC



Steeped in history dating back to 1732, Camden is a beautiful small town with a penchant for horses. Less than 30 minutes from downtown Columbia with its big city vibe, Camden offers the best of all worlds.

If you love historical architecture and equestrian activities, you'll be in your element in Camden. Dating back to 1732, Camden is a beautiful small town filled with friendly people and far more arts than one would expect in a community of 7,000 people. Before you plan a visit, check out the amenities, accommodations, festivals and attractions.

More.

Photo courtesy Bloomsbury Inn, Camden, SC.

Take a Road Trip to Camden, SC link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/road-trips/camden-sc>

Where in the Carolina World are you?



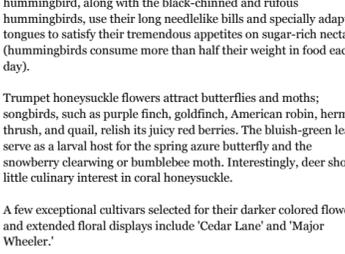
Don't let the grand facade fool you. Sure there are rooms that look as if they'd been lifted from Europe royal family estates, or vice versa, but there are also nooks and crannies, an amazing rooftop vantage point and don't get us started on the gardens or indoor pool. If you've never been, you should. If it's been a while, plan a visit when you next travel to the Appalachian Mountains.

Where are you?

Photo: VisitNC.com

Where in the Carolina World are you? link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/traveling/where-are-you/grand-estate-in-mountains>

Carolina Home Grown



Coral Honeysuckle is not a Thug

Whenever I write or speak about coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), I rankle someone who immediately assumes that all honeysuckles behave like Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), an invasive, noxious weed that has escaped cultivation and has become an ecological threat. For the record: coral honeysuckle is not a thug. In fact, this semi-evergreen twining vine attracts both people and wildlife.

I have witnessed coral or trumpet honeysuckle blooming for up to 9 months in full sun locations. Its two-inch long, scarlet to orange-red tubular flowers with yellow throats are hummingbird magnets. The most common visitor to the Carolinas, the ruby-throated hummingbird, along with the black-chinned and rufous hummingbirds, use their long needlelike bills and specially adapted tongues to satisfy their tremendous appetites on sugar-rich nectar (hummingbirds consume more than half their weight in food each day).

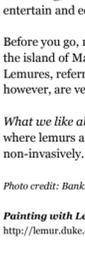
Trumpet honeysuckle flowers attract butterflies and moths; songbirds, such as purple finch, goldfinch, American robin, hermit thrush, and quail, relish its juicy red berries. The bluish-green leaves serve as a larval host for the spring azure butterfly and the snowberry clearing or bumblebee moth. Interestingly, deer show little culinary interest in coral honeysuckle.

A few exceptional cultivars selected for their darker colored flowers and extended floral displays include 'Cedar Lane' and 'Major Wheeler.'

Consider adorning trellises, split-rail fences, and arbors with this carefree majestic vine. Coral honeysuckle nurtures my spirit and sustains wildlife.

Writer's note: I would not recommend consuming the fruit of this native vine. However, there are other edible species of *Lonicera* that friends of mine are cultivating. [Honeyberry](#) (*Lonicera caerulea*) is a popular edible honeysuckle.

Best of Carolina Grown Beauties



Learn more about Carolina gardening from Dr. Polomski's new book, *Carolinas Month by Month Gardening*.

Available wherever books are sold.

Photo by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

Carolina Home Grown links:
<https://carolinainliving.com/lifestyle/garden-carolina-grown>
<http://honeyberrys.com/about-honeyberry.html>

Painting with Lemurs



And other great ways these animals have fun! The Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC

Some of them are loners; others crave companionship. And they are soooooo cute! Located about two miles from Duke's campus in Durham, NC, researchers study lemurs and their close cousins. Visitors are welcome, with prior reservations.

Duke Lemur Center's behavioral enrichment program is the focus of Tour #6, where you'll go behind the scenes into one of their lemur housing areas. You'll observe activities they offer to improve the daily lives of the lemurs. Painting is very popular. If you're lucky, you can observe as well as take your own, unique masterpiece home. \$260 per group/four participants.

Not an arts enthusiast? With nine tour options, you can find something, including photography or behind the scenes, that will entertain and educate.

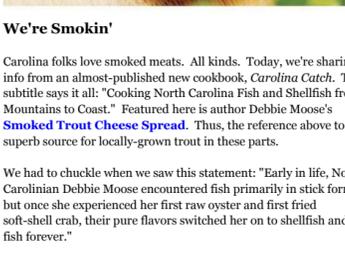
Before you go, read a bit about these fascinating creatures who call the island of Madagascar home. Their name comes from Latin, Lemures, referring to ghosts or spirits. These little creatures, however, are very much alive and very active.

What we like about it. The Duke Lemur Center is a living laboratory where lemurs and their close relatives can be studied intensively and non-invasively. [Read more.](#)

Photo credit: Banks Clark for the Duke Lemur Center

Painting with Lemurs link:
<http://lemur.duke.edu/>

Fort Hill



Go Tigers!

Located on Clemson University campus, in the college town of Clemson, SC, Fort Hill plantation offers an incredible look into the lives of the families who were early influencers of how South Carolina grew during the nineteenth century.

It was the home of John C. Calhoun during his later years, and is a National Historic Landmark. The property was bequeathed to the state for the establishment of a "scientific and agricultural college." Today, it's a piece of living history that can be enjoyed by visitors year round.

You'll find desks, beds, dining, the tables and even Mr. Calhoun's traveling trunk. Don't miss the Duncan Phyfe-designed banquet table and chairs, or the sideboard, made of mahogany from the *U.S.S. Constitution*, the frigate also known as "Old Ironsides."

Intimate family treasures are on display, including Anna Calhoun Clemson's doll bed and bathing items that belonged to both the Clemson and Calhoun families.

www.clemson.edu/historic-properties

Fort Hill link:
<https://www.clemson.edu/about/history/properties/>

That's some Tasty Trout



Sunburst Trout Farms, in Waynesville, offers third generation sustainable, healthy trout farming, with delicious results.

We really like these folks and their commitment to growing healthy fish for our Carolina consumption. Their name has spread and the company and its products have been featured in the likes of *Bon Appetit*, *Forbes*, *Garden & Gun*, *Southern Living*, *USA Today*, *CarolinaLiving.com* and on the *Food Network*.

Because we're featuring a smoked trout recipe in this issue, we'd thought it helpful to remind you of the local North Carolina trout that's available fresh, hickory smoked or cold smoked. They have trout caviar, too.

www.sunbursttrout.com

That's some Tasty Trout link:
www.sunbursttrout.com

Carolina Cuisine



We're Smokin'

Carolina folks love smoked meats. All kinds. Today, we're sharing info from an almost-published new cookbook, *Carolina Catch*. The subtitle says it all: "Cooking North Carolina Fish and Shellfish from Mountains to Coast." Featured here is author Debbie Moore's [Smoked Cheese Spread](#). Thus, the reference above to a superb source for locally-grown trout in these parts.

We had to chuckle when we saw this statement: "Early in life, North Carolinian Debbie Moore encountered fish primarily in stick form, but once she experienced her first raw oyster and first fried soft-shell crab, their pure flavors switched her on to shellfish and fish forever."

Fish sticks in the school cafeteria on Fridays. We've all been there, Debbie.

Note: A great addition to this cookbook is her list of fish and shellfish, noting when each is available. My review copy has a sticky note marking the page for frequent reference.

Carolina Cuisine link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/recipes/appetizers/smoked-trout-cheese-spread>

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