

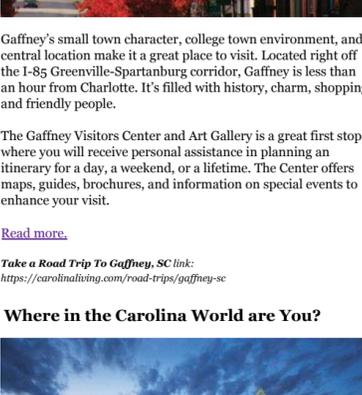


October 12, 2017 Below: Get Into Gaffney; Our Queen; We Salute You; The Upper Crust; Whirlyland; Whoa, Nelly; Too Tough to Tame; Cheese, Cheese, Please.

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Take a Road Trip To Gaffney, SC



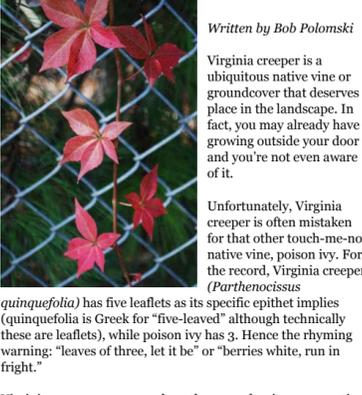
Gaffney's small town character, college town environment, and central location make it a great place to visit. Located right off the I-85 Greenville-Spartanburg corridor, Gaffney is less than an hour from Charlotte. It's filled with history, charm, shopping and friendly people.

The Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery is a great first stop, where you will receive personal assistance in planning an itinerary for a day, a weekend, or a lifetime. The Center offers maps, guides, brochures, and information on special events to enhance your visit.

Read more. Take a Road Trip To Gaffney, SC link: https://carolinainliving.com/road-trips/gaffney-sc



Where in the Carolina World are You?



The skyline may give away the identity of our royal city, but as darkness falls, the skyscrapers fade and the streets fill with happy folks headed for dinner, drinks, and entertainment. Sports is big here, as is shopping, history, and good times. Each neighborhood has its own vibe. World-class restaurants beckon. Double kudos if you can place this restaurant that looks out over it all.

Where are you? Where in the Carolina World are You? link: https://carolinainliving.com/traveling/where-are-you/skyline-overlook



Carolina Homegrown



Save This Creeper

Written by Bob Polomski Virginia creeper is a ubiquitous native vine or groundcover that deserves a place in the landscape. In fact, you may already have it growing outside your door and you're not even aware of it.

Unfortunately, Virginia creeper is often mistaken for that other touch-me-not native vine, poison ivy. For the record, Virginia Creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) has five leaflets as its specific epithet implies (quinquefolia is Greek for "five-leaved" although technically these are leaflets), while poison ivy has 3. Hence the rhyming warning: "leaves of three, let it be" or "berries white, run in fright."

Virginia creeper can creep along the ground or it can go vertical like Spiderman and climb, using tendrils equipped with adhesive discs. The flowers are inconsequential, but the blue berries offer visual interest to us and sustenance to birds.

Virginia creeper's greatest claim to fame is its brilliant red fall color. Whether it's growing up a tree trunk or scaling a chain link fence, its spectacular fall color can rival the autumn-colored leaves of black gum and sourwood. If you prefer yellow fall color, consider 'Yellow Wall.'

Virginia creeper is a tough, vigorous low maintenance vine that needs to be correctly identified and used in your landscape.

Photo by Bob Polomski, Ph.D.

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.

Carolina Homegrown link: https://carolinainliving.com/lifestyle/garden-carolina-grown https://www.quartknows.com/books/9781591865865/Carolinas-Month-by-Month-Gardening.html



We're Eclectic

Hello,

Are you chilling out? Not so much here, where we're out of tank tops, but still in shorts. One thing for sure, cooler weather brings out our love of sports and the outdoors. College football in full swing (SEC or ACC, it's all good and a great reason to party). Hiking and biking, accompanied by the prettiest fall colors you've ever seen. Horse events where hats still reign, and grandmother's silver may be on display on a folding table in a field.

It's not all Ralph Lauren and Guccis, however. We've also got a fair number of race tracks and NASCAR fans. (Full disclosure: never been to a race, despite growing up so close.) But sharing the news about a BBQ and race car event at Darlington Raceway seemed too much fun to exclude. I'd pay \$10 to ride in a pace car around that famous track. Maybe you'll want to play, too.

Point is, the Carolinas truly have it all. Mountains, beachfront, rivers and marshes, spectator sports, do-it-yourself pursuits, the sport of kings, the king of sports. No time like now to see the best of all lifestyles.

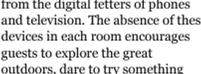
New information online, so check it out, especially Retirement - updated and most helpful.

See more via the CarolinaLiving.com GUIDE heads-up on discovering towns, lifestyle and cost of living, told by folks who've made the move.

Thanks for sharing a bit of time with us today. You are so very welcome here!



Katherine Pettit Executive Editor Center For Carolina Living Showcasing Carolina Life & Adventures



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PS: Our hearts go out to hurricane victims from Puerto Rico to Texas to Florida, as well as those impacted by the horrific events in Las Vegas, and now the wildfires in California. In an uncertain world, hold those you love close, and never forget to give a hug and share a kindness. We're in this together and together we'll persevere.

Last Call for Season 95



Off the Grid

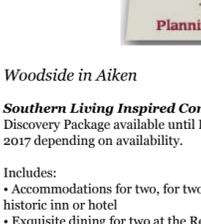
High Hampton Inn & Country Club Cashiers, North Carolina

Travelers will love these cozy accommodations, delicious food, ample outdoor recreational offerings, including 15 miles of hiking trails and mountain golfing. The inn also provides liberation from the digital fetters of phones and television. The absence of these devices in each room encourages guests to explore the great outdoors, dare to try something new, and simply enjoy the fall scenery. The property is tucked away across 1,400 acres in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, and resides at a 3,600-foot elevation that provides spectacular views of North Carolina scenery. The vibrant reds, bright oranges, and the soft yellows of fall foliage highlight the property's rustic and simplistic charm.

High Hampton Inn is currently running three packages, with rates starting at \$120/night, available until the resort's seasonal close on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Last Call for Season 95 link: https://www.highhamptoninn.com/packages.aspx?m=0%20

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Speed and Feed



Too Tough to Tame

Darlington Raceway will serve as the host for quality barbeque and classic cars when the Speed & Feed BBQ Cook-off and Car Show presented by Raldex returns to the track for a one-day event on Saturday, October 28.

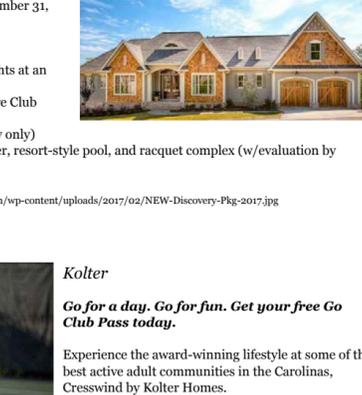
The event will be free and open to the public from 10am - 4pm. Individual tickets will be sold for the BBQ tasting, which starts at 11am. The Speed & Feed event will also feature a Trunk-or-Treat for kids in partnership with the Wilson High School (Florence) International Baccalaureate Program.

The BBQ cook-off will again be sanctioned by the South Carolina BBQ Association, one of the premier BBQ organizations in the country, and feature some of the top cook teams in the region. The teams will be vying to win the coveted \$2,000 first-place prize.

Additionally, the car show will feature an open show of cars and trucks on display for enthusiasts, along with a swap meet. Participants will have the opportunity to make a lap around the famous 1.366-mile raceway on that Saturday.

Speed and Feed link: http://www.darlingtonraceway.com/Articles/2017/10/Speed-and-Feed.aspx

Heroes Welcome Here



Sanderling Resort, the AAA Four-Diamond resort located in the Outer Banks, is honoring deserving service men and women with their annual "Heroes Welcome" program.

The coastal Carolina beachfront getaway will offer discounted rates to current and former military, fire and rescue, law enforcement, medical personnel and educators. Additionally, the resort will offer 20% off all food, spa and retail.

Sanderling Resort is also extending a "Heroes Supporter Rate," which invites all guests to donate a minimum of \$5 to benefit the Outer Banks Public Safety Auxiliary. Contributors will receive 20% off their nightly room rates.

The "Heroes Welcome" rate is limited to American service men and women who show valid identification upon arrival. Kicking off on November 13th, rooms will start at \$119 per night, which will run through March 15th. For "Heroes Welcome" reservations, visit www.sanderling-resort.com or call 1-877-650-4812.

Heroes Welcome Here link: https://www.sanderling-resort.com/

Round and Round They Go



Whirlygig Park, on two acres in the heart of Wilson, NC, attracts visitors and makes locals proud of their native son, the late Willis Simpson. Military veteran, son of a farmer, machine repairman.

He welded parts that once turned rich earth in tobacco fields into fanciful windmills and other imaginative contraptions, dubbed kinetic sculpture by art institutions such as Baltimore's America Visionary Art Museum. Each imaginative work is set in motion by the slightest Southern breeze.

A delight for the senses, Simpson's Whirlygigs bring out the child in all viewers, drawing up memories of yesteryear. Note: Stay nearby for lunch and try Parker's Barbecue or Bill's. Story written by Rachel Haynie Photo courtesy of City of Wilson Round and Round They Go link: http://www.wilsonwhirlygigpark.org/ https://www.facebook.com/Parkers-Barbecue-Wilson-834716046551869/ http://www.bills-bbq.com/

Carolina Cuisine



Say Cheese!

I've never met anyone who didn't love cheese. Fried cheese? Perhaps not our healthiest option for snacking, but it's difficult to turn down the gooey goodness that appears in the form of Mozzarella Cheese Sticks.

Thanks to our friends at J. Arthur's, one of Maggie Valley's favorite haunts. You can make this yummy nosh at home. Headed to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina for leaf season? Give them a try, and take the little ones. Children are their special guests - and always welcome at the restaurant.

Recipe. Carolina Cuisine link: https://carolinainliving.com/recipes/appetizers/mozzarella-cheese-sticks

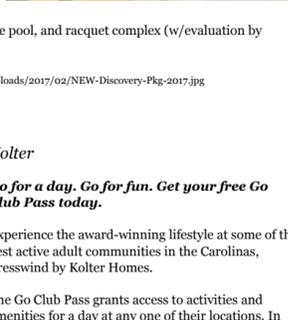


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Details: http://www.woodsidecommunities.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/NEW-Discovery-Pkg-2017.jpg

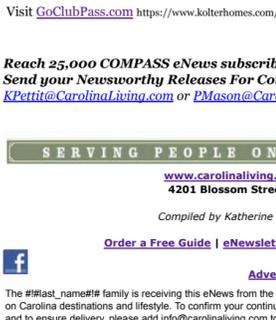


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