Anderson Meeting Planners Guide

Anderson, South Carolina

Visit Anderson
South Carolina's Bright Spot
Anderson County is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Upstate of South Carolina, located between Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina on Interstate 85. Anderson offers convention, meeting space and facilities of a larger city with the southern charm and hospitality of a small town.

You can choose from historic venues, which will transport you back in time to yesteryear or choose a modern venue such as the Anderson Civic Center or the Hilton Garden Inn & Destination Point Event Center. We have something for every size group.

Visit Anderson offers a professional, knowledgeable and experienced sales team to assist in locating the ideal venue for your event, reunion, meeting, or conference. Our team will assist with securing group accommodations, scheduling site inspections, locating vendors and other planning assistance.

Once your day is done, the play begins. There is so much to enjoy in Anderson any time of year. With our mild climate, enjoy a boat ride on beautiful Lake Hartwell, bring your clubs for a round of golf, have a farm to table meal at a variety of our local restaurants and enjoy sipping locally made moonshine.

We are excited to welcome your group to Anderson County!

We want to make you feel right at home!

Whitney Ellis is a pleasure to work with. She always has a smile on her face and will bend over backwards to make sure each guest has an outstanding experience.

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Capital Tours, West Columbia, SC

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We know that planning a meeting or convention is a big responsibility. In order to assist you, Visit Anderson is offering you the following complimentary services:

- Welcome table and information booth
- Contacting area hotels on your behalf to obtain room rates and set up room blocks
- Assistance in planning family tours and off site convention events
- Welcome bags
- Dine around assistance and bookings
- Catering arrangements
- Arrangement for technology equipment and support
- After Hours activities, socials, recreation and guided tours
- Referrals to companies in our area providing services that you may require
- Assistance in generating news media coverage for your event by utilizing press releases
- Arranging for community leaders to welcome your group to the Anderson community
- Assistance in arranging transportation for your conference

Get Started Today
Contact Whitney Ellis at whitney@visitanderson.com.
Hilton Garden Inn is a very clean, upscale hotel with southern personality. The staff at the desk, bar and restaurant are wonderful. The rooms are very clean and spacious. The amenities are upscale and high quality. The food is outstanding at the hotel and staff will customize meals for you.

Mill Hall

Hilton Garden Inn

HILTON GARDEN INN AND DESTINATION POINTE EVENT CENTER

115 Destination Boulevard
864-964-0100
864-964-0300 fax
Anderson-StayHGI.com
EventsDestinationAnderson.com

At the Hilton Garden Inn Anderson, choose from over 12,000 square feet of meeting space for your next business meeting or social event. Seat up to 600 in the Crystal Ballroom or use one of our boardrooms. Enjoy complimentary wireless Internet and a full-service restaurant at our hotel.

EVENT CENTER

5,615 square feet subdivides into several spaces

Crystal Ballroom
- Seats 500 theater style
- Seats 400 banquet style
- Seats 350 classroom style
- Subdivides into three rooms

Jade Ballroom
- 1,626 square feet
- Seats 120 theater style
- Seats 80 banquet style
- Seats 60 classroom style

Garnet Ballroom
- 1,812 square feet
- Seats 140 theater style
- Seats 100 banquet style
- Seats 80 classroom style

Onyx Ballroom
- 2,175 square feet
- Seats 200 theater style

Seats 140 banquet style
Seats 110 classroom style

HOTEL

Three meeting spaces
Two board rooms

The Crescent Room
- Seats 60 theater style
- Seats 50 banquet style
- Seats 30 classroom style

Jasmine and Sandpiper
- Each seats 50 theater style
- Seats 40 banquet style
- Seats 24 classroom style

Heritage and Pendleton Board Rooms
- Seats 12 conference table
ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY
300 North McDuffie Street
Anderson, SC
864-260-4500, x117
AndersonLibrary.org

1st Floor Conference Room
2nd Floor Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
Each seats 10

Rooms A, B, C
Each seats 75
Can be combined in a variety of ways
to seat up to 250

MCFALLS LANDING
1625 Broadway Lake Road
Anderson, SC 29621
864-231-7275
AndersonCountySC.org

A beautiful, intimate event facility located on Broadway Lake. Inside the
facility you will find a vaulted ceiling, wall of windows overlooking the
lake, a stacked stone fireplace and a preparation kitchen. Outside there is
patio seating and lovely landscaped grounds.

Meeting Space, Retreats,
Weddings, and Receptions
100 seated, 275 standing
14 round tables (60 in.)
with 100 chairs
3 rectangular tables (6 ft.)
The Bleckley Inn helped us celebrate our daughter’s rehearsal dinner, wedding and reception; as well as house the many family members that attended. The staff went above and beyond to make our special day even more special. I can’t say enough about their ability to accommodate our needs internally and to refer other area businesses to help us. If your travel brings you into or near Anderson, please consider the Bleckley Inn!

Mike D. Greer

THE BLECKLEY INN
151 East Church Street
Anderson, SC 29624
864-225-7203
BleckleyInn.com

Located in the heart of downtown Anderson, The Bleckley Inn offers guest a glance into Southern history and a journey into the elegance of a boutique hotel experience. The Inn stands on one of the most historic sites in Anderson. Wooden Floors and exposed brick from more than 100 years ago combined with the technology and conveniences of today create a perfect combination of simplicity and splendor.

The Carriage House
3,000 square feet
Seats 250 banquet classroom style

The Benson Room
1,500 square feet; 100 guests

The Courtyard and Outdoor Venue
1,000 square feet; 250 guests

The Pracht Alley Outdoor Venue
20 guests

The Bleckley Station
10,000 square feet
500 guests

Conference Room 1
Seats 16 guests

Conference Room 2
Seats 24 guests

Conference Room 1 and 2
Seats 40 guests

The Roof Top Outdoor Venue
50-75 guests

The Dining Room
75-100 guests
HOSPICE OF THE UPSTATE
1835 Rogers Road
Anderson, SC 29621
864-224-3358
HospiceHouse.net

The Sadler Bereavement and Education Conference Center offers an outstanding venue for conferences, meetings, receptions, and training areas for businesses, and organizations.

Bereavement and Education Conference Center
The 3,500 square foot high tech conference center will provide all the amenities for either a large business event or a smaller more intimate meeting.

Conference Room
Seats 250 theater style; Large Conference room can be partitioned for smaller meetings. Smallest section seats up to 100 theater style; 70 with tables. Larger section seats up to 150 theater style; 100 with tables.

CLEMSON OUTDOOR LAB
415 Charlie White Trail
Pendleton, SC 29670
864-646-7502
Clemson.edu/OutdoorLab

Kresge Hall - 150 guests
Bowfin - 25 guests
Betty’s Place - 40 guests
Katydid - 30 guests
Cannon Chapel & Pavilion - 250 guests
Hope Cabana - 15 guests
Eagles Nest - 12 overnight guests

CIVIC CENTER OF ANDERSON
3027 Martin Luther King Junior Blvd.
864-260-4800
864-260-4847 fax
AndersonEvents.com

Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center is located on 300 acres in the heart of the City. The Center plays host to concerts, sporting events, tournaments, festivals, trade shows, community meetings and more.

Meeting rooms
3 smaller conference rooms seating up to 40 people

Ballrooms
7,700 square feet subdivides into 4 different rooms
Seats 400-500 banquet style
Seats 700 theater style
Seats 200-250 classroom style

Arena
28,000 square feet
3,200 theater style
**Howard Johnson**

3430 Clemson Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
864-225-3721  
HoJo.com

- **Conference Meeting Room**
  - 300 square feet
  - Seats 10 banquet style
  - Seats 10 classroom style

- **Banquet Meeting Room 1**
  - 1400 square feet
  - Seats 75 theater style
  - Seats 50 banquet style
  - Seats 50 classroom style

- **Banquet Meeting Room 2**
  - 1400 square feet
  - Seats 75 theater style
  - Seats 50 banquet style
  - Seats 50 classroom style

**Holiday Inn Anderson**

3509 Clemson Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
864-226-1000  
HolidayInn.com/AndersonSC

- **Meeting Room**
  - 800 square feet
  - Seats 45 theater style
  - 25 banquet style
  - 25 classroom style
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I have been here on business for about six months. Everyone is wonderful and helpful, especially the breakfast staff in the restaurant. I keep coming back and the front staff is great. If you come through Anderson, South Carolina, stop by here!

Georgia M.

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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
107 Interstate Boulevard
Anderson, SC 29621
864-226-3312
HIEXSuitesAnderson.com

The Palmetto Room
672 square feet
Seats 45 theater style
Seats 35 banquet style
Seats 35 classroom style

MICROTEL INN AND SUITES
102 Electric City Boulevard
Anderson, SC 29621
864-224-9707

Meeting Room
24x20 square feet
Seats 50 theater style
Seats 40 banquet style
Seats 35 classroom style

COMFORT SUITES
118 Interstate Boulevard
Anderson, SC 29621
864-622-1200
gm.sc007@choicehotels.com
ComfortSuites.com

Meeting Room
546 square feet
Seats 57 theater style
Seats 45 banquet style
Seats 37 classroom style
THE MARSHALL ORR-HOUSE  C. 1883
809 West Market Street
Anderson, SC 29621
864-226-7576
MarshallOrrHouse.com

The Marshall Orr House was built in 1883 by Dr. Samuel Marshall Orr. Dr. Orr was a physician and pharmacy owner in Anderson for many years. It was passed down through the Orr family until 1973 when it was given to the Anderson Women’s Club and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Orr House can be rented for weddings, meetings and a host of other events throughout the year.

Parlor 1-4
324 square feet each
60 guests

ASHTABULA HISTORIC HOME C. 1825
SC Highway 88
Pendleton, SC 29670
864-650-0003
PendletonHistoricFoundation.org

The original two story brick house was built about 1790 on 320 acres of land. Lewis and Maria Gibbs of Charleston began to remodel and construct the large house in 1825. During the Civil War it served as a refuge to war torn Charleston. After the war was over, Ashtabula was bought and made into a dairy farm and planted in Pine Trees. Today Ashtabula serves as a beautiful home to rent for parties, weddings and other events. We welcome you to this glorious home of yesteryear!

The Piazza
The large, two-sided porch can accommodate 125 for standing receptions. The grounds can host 300 for receptions. 12x92
1,106 square feet
Seats 60 banquet style
WOODBURN HISTORIC HOUSE C. 1828
History Lane
Pendleton, SC 29670
864-650-0003
PendletonHistoricFoundation.org

Woodburn is a majestic four story clapboard house built before 1830 and was occupied during the summer months for most of the 19th century. The owner, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney from Charleston used this home to get away from the summer heat and the “fever”. The house was built to entertain many guests with its expansive porches, oversized doors, windows and high ceilings. It reflects the Caribbean plantation houses that were designed for coolness. Jane

Edna Hunter, an African American woman, who assisted in starting the Phyllis Wheatley Society, was born in a tenant farm house at Woodburn in 1882. Today the house museum offers several event venues for your meetings and after hours parties.

The Piazza
1050 square feet
Seats 50 banquet style

The Grounds of Woodburn can accommodate up to 400 guests. There are several event spaces on the grounds of Woodburn.
UNIQUE Venues

**ANDERSON COUNTY MUSEUM**

202 Greenville Street  
Anderson, SC 29621  
864-260-4737  
AndersonCountyMuseum.org

**Museum Gallery**  
250 guests

**Museum Theater**  
40-70 guests depending on various seating and dining arrangements

**Education Room**  
15-25 guests

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**

316 Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
864-622-6005  
AndersonUniversity.edu

Anderson University has a large amount of meeting spaces available to your group.

**Rainey Fine Arts Center**

**Henderson Auditorium**  
Seats 1,056

**Daniel Recital Hall**  
Seats 225

**Belk Theater**  
Seats 110

**Merritt Administration Building**

**The Theater**  
Seats 310

**Martin Dining Hall**  
Seats 170

**Thrift Library**  
State of the art Chapman Multi-Media Room with tiered seating, plus several other meeting rooms; Seats 110
ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER
1107 North Murray Avenue
Anderson, SC 29621
864-231-2232

Classroom
1,326 square feet; Seats 75

Multi-Purchase Room
1,258 square feet; Seats 50

Gymnasium (A) and (B)
Seats 200; Can be set up for many uses

FARMERS MARKET AND PAVILION
402 North Murray Avenue
Anderson, SC 29625
864-231-1924
AndersonFarmersMarket.org

Open Air Market
120x40
Seats 200
400 stand and sit reception

Pavilion
40x70
Seats 125
250 stand and sit reception

ARTS CENTER WAREHOUSE
110 Federal Street
Anderson, SC 29625
864-222-2787
AndersonArts.org

This amazing 33,000 square feet former warehouse is now home to a beautiful artisan center, galleries, studios, and classrooms, Anderson Genealogy Center, Anderson Genealogical Society and Visit Anderson. The building is available for parties, receptions, special events and meetings.
LILIA DAY SPA
116 East Benson Street
Anderson, SC 29624
864-225-4542
864-226-0818
LiliaDaySpa.com

Rooftop Venue
Offers views of downtown Anderson ranging in scale from intimate to grand. The third level terrace features a sun room, elevator, restrooms, and a skyline view; 3500 square feet; 150 guests

SULLIVAN’S METROPOLITAN GRILL
208 South Main Street
Anderson, SC 29624
864-226-8945
SullivansMetroGrill.com

Oxford Dining or Meeting Room
Seats 24

Palmetto Room
Seats 60 or can be combined with the Mezzanine for larger groups. This is one of the most popular set ups for rehearsal dinners, luncheons, or corporate events.

TUCKER’S RESTAURANT & BAR
3501 Clemson Boulevard
Anderson, SC 29621
TuckersRestaurant.net

Banquet Room
4,500 square feet
Seats 180 theater style
150 banquet style
100 classroom style
THE OAKS
325 Huitt Road
Anderson, SC
864-293-3906
TheOaksWeddingVenue.com

A beautiful 5,000 square feet, unique venue on over 200 acres of private gated estate lined with trees, wildlife, birds and various plants and flowers along the edge of a serene 20 acre lake. Enter the building through ten foot carved French Oak double doors from an 18th Century Carriage House, facing a 30 foot wall of glass that completely opens to a covered patio, with a short walk to a peaceful lakeside pavilion. Fully equipped catering kitchen, Bridal Suite, Grooms Room and limestone fireplace. Seating for 375, indoor/outdoor venue, multi-media and handicap capabilities.

Included with The Oaks:
- Use of the heated/cooled Oaks Venue with fireplace and veranda with rocking chairs
- Use of the lakeside terrace and deck with wrought iron chairs/tables/café lighting
- Twelve 60-inch round tables
- 100 chairs included (indoor use only)
- Use of our banquet tables (two 8 feet, two 6 feet and one 4 feet)
- Sweetheart table (42 inch round)
- Cake table (36 inch round)
- Use of two black floor easels
- Use of our glass top accent table for guest book and/or favors
- Use of decorative beverage station
- Unlimited parking with attendant
- The Oaks hostess on-site

OXFORD FARM
312 Five Forks Road
Anderson, SC
864-933-2802
OxfordFarm.com

Oxford Farm is located on 180 acres of rolling pastures and wooded trails. Oxford Farm is available for special events such as weddings, company meetings and night time events. The farm has the rustic outdoor private location, yet is close to hotels and restaurants in Clemson and Anderson.

The Lodge
Seats 200 at round and bar top tables
It’s amazing how much Anderson has grown over the past ten years, especially in the downtown area. With the economy, I’ve seen so many good places come and go; but one place that will stay for a very long time is Palmetto Distillery. It’s an amazing place inside. The staff is always full of smiles and eager to tell you a story. Not to mention the craftsmanship is amazing as well. If you are ever downtown, stop by and check them out. It is definitely worth the time. Great job, Palmetto Distillery.

Justin E.

After the meetings are over, it’s time to play! Anderson has many fun and exciting places for outdoor adventure and indoor fun!

Lake Hartwell has hosted the Bassmasters Classic in 2008, 2015, and 2018, FLW tournaments and many more. Learn how to fish like the “Pro’s” with fishing guides, take a boat cruise, or rent paddle boards, kayaks, canoes and more from our local vendors!

Stroll through the South Carolina Botanical Gardens on the Clemson University Campus. Visit the Fran Hanson Discovery Center, a former Southern Living Design House, and the Bob Campbell Geology Museum. Explore trails, get back to nature and enjoy living art in the gardens!

Tee off at one of the areas nine golf courses. Let us help you secure your tee times, transportation and lunch.

Just up the road, you can explore waterfalls, hike the trails or visit peach and apple orchards. Step back in time with a dinner or cocktail hour at Boxwood Manor, Ashtabula, Woodburn or the Mashall Orr House. These unique locations are wonderful sites to get away from the classroom and into the past! Enjoy dinner on the Veranda, walk the Magnolia scented grounds, or tour the home with a dressed docent retelling the tales of the Charleston Families that called these places home.
WHERE TO SHOP AND DINE

Anderson has some of the best barbecue in the state, so it’s no wonder that we have a YouTube video telling our barbecue tales and a barbecue brochure! If you like to eat, you’ve come to the right place! Anderson has everything: barbecue, grits, tomato pie, chicken and biscuits and more… hungry yet? And did we mention Anderson’s Breweries and Distilleries? Come hang out at the local breweries and sample the local favorites or take a tour of Palmetto Moonshine, the first legal Moonshine Distillery in the state.

Have some free time in between sessions? Shop local in Downtown Anderson! Walk up and down Main Street to find local merchants selling art, antiques, kitchen supplies, wine and much more! Grady’s Great Outdoors is a local outfitter that sells everything from fishing gear to mountain bikes. Stop by there to be fitted for Simms gear, Costa sunglasses or Columbia fishing shirts. Anderson has it all… it is the big city with a small town feel!
American Bass Anglers has not worked with a finer community than Anderson, SC. I have worked with Neil Paul of Visit Anderson and Anderson County representatives on several of our national events over the past few years. I cannot recommend a finer group of people to work with.

Evan Boutwell
National Marketing Director, American Bass Anglers

ELECTRIC CITY PLAYHOUSE
514 North Murray Avenue
Anderson, SC
864-224-4248
ECPlayhouse.com

Come and enjoy a play after your meetings are over for the day! Let us help you acquire theater tickets for your group. The Playhouse annually presents a full season of theatrical performances: drama, comedy and musicals.

RAINEY FINE ARTS CENTER
Anderson University
316 Boulevard
Anderson, SC
864-231-2000
AndersonUniversity.edu

After the meeting is over, come tour Anderson University’s campus. Enjoy the University’s College of Visual and Performing Arts Department as they produce plays, Chamber Singers, Wind Ensemble’s, Wind Symphony’s and more!
Take a journey to a totally different world as you float gently across the open sky as if you were a majestic bird! Experience the beauty of the South Carolina rolling hills and blue mountain profiles in the distance.

PALMETTO MOONSHINE DISTILLERY
200 West Benson Street
Anderson, SC
864-226-9917
PalmettoMoonshine.com

Have a tour and tasting of Palmetto Distillery in downtown Anderson. Palmetto Distillery is a labor of love for two brothers and entrepreneurs from Anderson, SC. They are dedicated business men, southern to the bone and most importantly spirit connoisseurs. Palmetto Distillery produces South Carolina’s First Legal Moonshine and continues to revolutionize the spirit industry. Palmetto Distillery’s mission is to honor the heritage of South Carolina’s liquor production by creating a whiskey of unparalleled taste and quality.

BOXWOOD MANOR
1790 Boxwood Manor
Pendleton, SC
864-261-8430
TheBoxwoodManor.com

Boxwood Manor is a 100 acre family farm that has been in the same family for 225 years. Come and visit this unique event venue that was built before George Washington was President of the United States. The farm house is the personal residence that is shared with the public for special events. The house and the grounds provide a venue for weddings, parties and life celebrations. There are several different locations to choose from for events. We would love to help you create a unique after hour’s celebration.
SKYSCAPES OF AMERICA
3300-D North Main Street
Anderson, SC
864-221-0552
SkyscapesOfAmerica.com

Get ready to experience a world that you have never seen before...a view from above the roof tops and tree tops. Fly like a bird in a hot air balloon ride with your clients and guests. Embrace the calming silence of the skies above as you gently float into the clouds. Get a bird’s eye view of beautiful Lake Hartwell, the Blue Ridge Mountains and city lights. This unique one or a kind experience will leave you speechless.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDENS
150 Discovery Lane
Clemson, SC
864-656-3405
Clemson.edu/Public/SCBG

The South Carolina Botanical Garden is a diverse 295 acres of natural landscapes, display gardens and miles of streams and nature trails. A nationally recognized nature-based sculpture collection, and the Bob Campbell Geology Museum, the SCBG is a premier site for experiencing nature and culture. The Garden is also home to over 300 varieties of camellias, as well as an extensive collection of hollies, hydrangeas, magnolias and native plants.
Originally constructed in 1913, this magnificent home passed through several prominent families and was known as Valley View. And now, this might be the most unique venue for hundreds of miles currently owned and operated by True Southern Events as the Rocky River Plantation House. “Spectacular” is the word most used by guests to describe this perfect setting for weddings, receptions, business events, holiday and other celebrations.

Have a tasting and a tour of Six & Twenty Distillery. Learn the process of a true grain to glass distillery, mash, ferment, distill, age and bottle. Each bottle is handcrafted by two brothers who love the making of Bourbon, Gin, Vodka, and Brandy! Shop, learn, taste and explore this unique facility!
HAPPY COW CREAMERY
332 McKelvey Road
Pelzer, SC 29669
864-243-9699
HappyCowCreamery.com

Happy Cow began with Farmer Tom! Farmer Tom is a graduate of Clemson University, raises Dairy Cows and his milk is beyond good. Happy Cow has farm tours and a farm store that sells local products from the Upstate of SC. Take your group on a tour of the farm to learn about Farmer Tom’s 12 April’s, his story from bankrupt to Happy Cows, and have a tasting of all the types of milk that the farm produces. I promise you will not leave disappointed or the thought “it’s just another farm tour.” This is not just a farm; it’s the best milk on earth.

WILDWATER ADVENTURE CENTER
1251 Academy Road
Long Creek, SC
1-800-762-2463
WildWaterRafting.com

Are you looking for team building, adventure or fun outdoor recreation? Wildwater has it all from Ropes Courses, Climbing Walls, Zip Lining and Whitewater Rafting all minutes from downtown Anderson. The Chattooga River Outdoor Adventure Center is loaded with endless possibilities for your group. They can provide lunch, instruction, photography and more. Let us help you plan your adventures on the 1996 Olympic whitewater river event center!