South Carolina’s mountains, midlands and coast are all within a short driving distance, so you can fish all three regions in a single weekend. To find out more about the top family fishing destinations, as well as what you can expect to catch while you’re there, visit FishinSouthCarolina.com.

**FRESHWATER FISHING**

Be sure to check with state parks, state lakes, city reservoirs, or county parks for special bag limits and regulations that apply to certain fishing areas throughout the state.

**STREAMS**

South Carolina is made up of more than 30,000 miles of streams and rivers that make their way through South Carolina’s Upstate around the mountains and into the Midlands. These streams are a popular destination for fly fishing. While this type of fishing does require some practice and skill, streams are a great place to begin learning about the sport. And what better classroom than the beautiful mountains of South Carolina’s Upstate? Make lasting memories with family and the people who matter most as you hone those fly fishing skills.

**RIVERS**

With thousands of miles of rivers throughout South Carolina, there is no shortage of great freshwater fishing spots. One of the Palmetto State’s top rivers for fishing is the Pee Dee River, which is not only full of catfish and red drum, but also a beautiful place to spend a day on the water. Another great fishing destination is Whitewater River, well known for its breathtaking waterfalls and trout fishing.

**LAKES**

Connect with family and friends to make lifelong memories at some of South Carolina’s most scenic and beloved destinations — its lakes! The Palmetto State is home to 14 major reservoirs, which all together cover nearly 370,000 acres. Some of the top lake destinations for fishing include Lake Greenwood, Lake Marion, Lake Thurmond, Lake Moultrie, Lake Jocassee, and Lake Murray. Just to name a few, Trout, bass, catfish, crappie, and shellfish can be found in the lakes. So make sure you bring plenty of bait!

**SALTWATER FISHING**

If you’re looking for a more laid-back fishing adventure with the family, visit the beach for a day of surf fishing. Some fish that are often caught while surf fishing include redfish, whiting, flounder, and sometimes even small sharks.

**SURF**

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway runs the full length of the South Carolina coastline. Flats fishing is a popular type of fishing that occurs along the waterway in shallow, saltwater inshore areas. Be on the lookout for redfish, cobia, and flounder when fishing along the Intracoastal Waterway.

**INSHORE FISHING**

Brackish water is made when freshwater and saltwater come together in bodies of water called estuaries. Both fresh and saltwater fish species mix in brackish water, which means you never know what you might catch!
**UPCOUNTRY**
South Carolina’s Upcountry region is one of natural beauty, outdoor adventures, and intriguing history. Follow the Cherokee foothills National Scenic Byway for a taste of all of these features. Begin your journey at Cowpens National Battlefield where a critical battle of the American Revolution was won by the Patriot forces. Driving west you’ll soon see peach orchards and strawberry fields before the road goes from flat to rolling. You’re now beginning to see the Blue Ridge Mountain range. Stop at roadside stands for peaches, strawberries, apples, or boiled peanuts. Take side trips to see rushing waterfalls, state parks, sparkling lakes, streams & rivers, and scenic view sheds.
www.UpcountrySC.com

**LAKE HARTWELL COUNTRY**
Lake Hartwell Country is an angler’s paradise. Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, Lake Hartwell are teeming with trout and bass, and rivers like the Chattooga, the Chauga, and the Eastatoe provide world-class fly-fishing experiences. There is no shortage of fishing waters in the region, Bass is king, Lake Hartwell now hosts four Bassmaster Classics, and Lake Keowee is home to some of the most crystal-clear waters and stunning views in the state. But you cannot forget Lake Jocassee, an undeveloped mountain lake where state-record trout roam. Add in one of the top fly-fishing waters east of the Mississippi on the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River, and you’ve found your home. www.LakeHartwellCountry.com

**OLD 96 DISTRICT**
The Old 96 District offers easy lake access and a variety of different fishing experiences and backdrops. Calhoun Falls State Park sits along several pine-covered points extending out into sparsely developed Lake Russell, which hosts many annual fishing tournaments. If bass fishing and catfish events pique your interest, then Lake Greenwood is a popular option to cast your line across the 11,400-acre lake. Outside the stillness of the woods at Baker Creek State Park sits Lake Thurmond, a 71,100-acre lake. This lake offers easy fishing access and is also home to Hickory Knob State Resort Park one of the best state park resorts in the southeast. Here you will find great fishing along with cabins, a lodge, a restaurant, and a bar. www.VisitOld96SC.com

**FRESHWATER/SALTWATER DIVIDING LINE**
The freshwater/saltwater dividing line on coastal rivers and creeks is typically located along US Highway 17.

*Map data consolidated from various sources. It should not be used as a strict navigational resource.*

**THOROUGHBRED COUNTRY**
Langling for a change of pace? Thoroughbred Country offers an array of opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. Grab your kayak and fish along the South Fork of the Edisto River; a natural cathedral of hardwoods and cypress, home to pirhunc, catfish, eels, largemouth bass, and the occasional alligator. Boat or perch on the Savannah River where beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife provide excellent fishing of hardy nutrient-rich fish. Don’t forget to check out the lakes at Aiken and Barnwell State Parks for a relaxing stay-and-play experience. In addition to fishing, this region has a variety of hiking, camping, disc golf, and equestrian activities to choose from. We’re Way More than Horses! www.TBCountry.org

**OLDE ENGLISH DISTRICT**
Natural beauty surrounds South Carolina’s waterways, and the Olde English District offers many adventures for a variety of water enthusiasts, from the leisurely angler to the seasoned kayaker. Drift beside blooming Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies at Landsford Canal in May and June for an exciting excursion. Rent a canoe at Cheraw State Park to experience the cypress wetlands of Lake Juniper or at Goose Creek State Park to paddle through a scenic forest. If the lake life is more your speed, opt for a visit to one of the many larger bodies of water in the region, including Lake Wateree, Lake Wylie, and Lake Monticello. It’s time to break out your paddles or fishing pole and begin your water-bound adventure.
www.OldeEnglishDistrict.com

**PEE PEE REGION**
The Pee Dee Region of South Carolina offers food, fishing, hiking, bird watching, camping and all the outdoor adventures you could imagine. We have the Big and Little Pee Dee Rivers, Lynches River, and Black River which all are known for their natural beauty, fishing, and kayaking. Travel the 66 mile stretch of blackwater tributaries known as the Revolution’s Rivers National Recreation Trail ending up near Snow’s Island. Francis Marion’s secretive headquarters. We also have three State Parks; Lee State Park, Little Pee Dee, and Woods Bay. After a day on one of our rivers or parks try some of the Pee Dee’s great BBQ that we are also known for. For more information go to www.PeeDeeTourism.com.

**MYRTLE BEACH & THE GRAND STRAND**
There are no limits on the types of fishing in the Myrtle Beach area, from the pier to deep-sea charter fishing, saltwater to freshwater, and inland fishing. The Myrtle Beach area is home to several piers, with excellent Spanish mackerel and bluefish fishing, and 60 miles of beaches, perfect for casting a line from the shore. Freshwater fishing includes catfish, bass, and more. Hop aboard a deep-sea charter and catch sah bass at a whole new level. Several restaurants will also cook your catch! Murrells Inlet, one of the 14 Grand Strand communities, is the “Seafood Capital of South Carolina” with fishing and shrimp boats bringing fresh catches to restaurants throughout Myrtle Beach for a true hook-to-plate experience. www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com

**HISTORIC CHARLESTON & RESORT ISLANDS**
A destination on the coast, surrounded by salt marshes, tidal creeks, and the Atlantic Ocean, the Charleston area’s abundance of activities offers something for everyone. Kayak with dolphins on Shem Creek, cast your line from a pier, book an offshore fishing charter, or dive into the Lowcountry’s culinary scene with fresh seafood on almost every menu. Whether you’re looking for the next family excursion or opting for a more laid-back getaway, there are endless opportunities to take in those sweeping views and salty breezes that Charleston and its surrounding beaches have to offer. www.CharlestonCVB.com

**CAPITAL CITY/LAKE MURRAY COUNTRY**
Capital City/Lake Murray Country is an angler’s paradise and a world-class fishing destination! With over 650 miles of shoreline, Lake Murray is home to the best freshwater fishing in the world. The Lake has broken numerous bass fishing records over the years and most recently was the first US location to host the XFL Black Bass World Championships. Twenty-five foreign countries competed on the waters of Lake Murray along with Team USA for gold medals in an Olympic-style championship. Lake Murray Country hosts many regional events and tournaments throughout the year - featuring fishing enthusiasts from striped bass, crappie, catfish, and crappie. Visitors love working with our talented local fishing guides to learn the latest in fishing trends and tips. www.LakeMurrayCountry.com

**SANTEE COOPER COUNTRY**
Santee Cooper Country is home to the largest lake system in South Carolina. Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie, Santee Cooper lakes, cover 171,000 acres of freshwater. The Santee Cooper lakes consistently rank as a top 20 best fishing lakes by Bassmaster. These lakes proudly hold several state records including the Arkansas Blue Catfish – 113.8 lbs. and Largemouth Bass – 16.2 lbs. The lakes vary from shallow meanders and blackwater ponds to vast open water with an abundance of underwater structures or fish habitats. The lakes do not freeze over in the winter making them available for fun all year long. www.SanteeCooperCountry.org

**LOWCOUNTRY**
The choice of a “sportsman’s paradise” is often used to lure fishermen in our SC Lowcountry, we have the bounty to affirm that claim. With upwards of 20 marinas, 56 boat ramps, 4 fishing piers, and 14 artificial reefs, it offers solid year-round fishing for freshwater species including largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, redbreast, and trout catch fish. Our marshes and estuaries showcase Remedies, fast-paced action for prized inshore species including seatrout, redfish, and flounder. Offshore bounty is plentiful. Commonly captains make short work of dolphin, king mackerel, snapper, groupers, tuna, wahoo, and more. Come choose from dozens of creeks & rivers, a beautiful little lake, or a great big ocean. If variety and versatility are your goals, we have it all www.SouthCarolinawatercountry.com