









## **Visitors** Guide

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## Welcome

From the moment you arrive in the "Prettiest Town in Dixie", get ready to

#### Live IT UP.

From the gorgeous architecture that predates the signing of the Declaration of Independence to our golf courses surrounded with woodlands and wildlife, Cheraw offers friendly faces, great times, and unique adventures.

However you choose to spend your time here, we want your stay to be enjoyable.

For personal assistance, stop by the Cheraw Town Hall at 200 Market Street or the Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce, located at 221 Market Street.

For more information, go to visitcheraw.com or call the Office of Tourism at 888.537.0014 weekdays 8:30-5.





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## Live LONG.



With over 300 years of history, Cheraw was named for the Cheraw Indians. Begun in the early 1700's as a small trading post on the Great Pee Dee River, Joseph and Eli Kershaw were granted part of present day Cheraw in 1768. The brothers formally laid out the present wide streets and town green, which is now the center of the town's 213-acre historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since Cheraw was at the head of navigable waters on the river, the town became a bustling river port during the 19th century, boasting the largest bank in South Carolina outside of Charleston and the largest cotton market between Georgetown and Wilmington.



Cheraw was in the forefront of the South Carolina secession movement and was also in the path of General William T Sherman's Union Army. Fortunately,

the town was not destroyed as many towns in Sherman's path, and numerous Civil War sites remain. Tree-lined streets with 18th and 19th century homes make the residential areas an enjoyable place to stroll.



## Live (our)



Before you begin your exploration of old Cheraw, head to the Cheraw Town Hall, the Lyceum Museum or the Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce office for a number of complimentary brochures.

#### **History & Heritage Tours & Attractions**

#### **Cheraw African American Heritage History Tour**

Downtown Cheraw

Discover the hardships and contributions African Americans made to Cheraw's history. With 45 historic sites highlighted, pick up a copy of the *Cheraw African American Heritage History Guide* and visit the churches, education sites, businesses, and homes that played an important role in the heritage of African Americans. Free.



#### **Cheraw Walking Tour**

Cheraw Historic District

One of the best ways to see Cheraw is on foot. Take advantage of a nice day and stroll through the 213-acre Cheraw Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The complimentary *Historic Cheraw Self-Guided Walking Tour* brochure is a great companion, whether you visit only a few sites or the entire tour of 75 homes, businesses, churches, and parks. Free.

#### **Dizzy Gillespie Tour**

300 block of Huger Street

Cheraw's most famous native son, *Dizzy Gillespie*, spent his early days in Cheraw. Pick up a copy of the *Dizzy Gillespie* brochure, and with this self-guided tour, see firsthand the places that shaped the life of this future jazz icon, beginning with the site of the Gillespie homeplace. Free.

#### **Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour**

Cheraw Town Green | 843.865.3002 | cheraw.com Cheraw's history comes to life with this complimentary selfguided cell phone tour. This leisure stroll through Cheraw's 10-block historic area includes 25 tour stops, providing over 50 historical tidbits of information. While the tour may begin at any stop, many visitors start the tour on the Cheraw Town Green. Free.

#### **Ingram's River Artifacts Room**

204 Market Street | 843.537.6565

Located behind town hall, this interesting collection showcases diving finds made in the Great Pee Dee River. Located in the Miller Ingram Law Office, enter through the law office door on weekdays and tell the receptionist you would like to see the display. Free.

#### Lyceum Museum

Cheraw Town Green | 843.537.8425 | cheraw.com This one-room museum features exhibits on Cheraw's history, from the pre-colonial area to the 1970's. A key to the museum is available weekdays at the town hall and the chamber of commerce. Free.

#### Old St. David's Church & Cemetery Tour

100 Church Street | 843.537.8425

Built in the 1770's, the graves of soldiers from most American wars and the first Confederate monument ever erected may be found in the church cemetery. A complimentary brochure shares the rich history of this special place in a self-guided tour. The church is open free to the public on request, and the sanctuary is available for a fee for weddings and special occasions.

#### Southern African American Heritage Center

125 Kershaw Street | 843.921.9989

Dedicated to preserving African-American contributions in Chesterfield County, the center also features an exhibit dedicated to jazz great Dizzy Gillespie. For admission costs and museum hours, contact the center.



## Live OUTSIDE.



#### **Cheraw State Park Golf Course**

100 State Park Road | 843.537.2215 | toll free 800.868.9630 Full pro shop. 18 holes. 6,928 championship layout designed by Tom Jackson. Designated as "Best Places to Play" and "Super Value" by Golf Digest. southcarolinaparks.com

#### **Moree's Cheraw Country Club**

2431 Old Cash Road | 843.537.3412 | cherawgolf.com Full pro shop. 18 holes. 6,459 yards. First nine holes designed by Donald Ross, one of the most significant golf course designers.

#### Hunting

Several Wildlife Management Area sites are located in the vicinity with one private preserve. For details on the Wildlife Management Area sites, visit dnr.sc.gov.

#### **Moree's Sportsman Preserve**

US Highway 52 South | 843.378.4831 | moreespreserve.com Unique outdoor experience for both the seasoned hunter and non-hunter. Located ten miles south of Cheraw on approximately 5,000 acres, the 25 to 50-acre ranges offer the best possible hunting environment and game availability. Lodging and meal packages are also available.

#### **Fishing**

The area provides a variety of fresh water fishing opportunities including the *Cheraw State Park, Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, Sand Hills State Forest*, and the *Great Pee Dee River* (access at Riverside Park on Church Street). For details about fishing rules and regulations and purchasing licenses, visit



## Live LARGE.



There are more than 96,000 acres of public land in Chesterfield County. In addition to the Cheraw State Park and Cheraw town parks, H. Cooper Black Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area, Sand Hills State Forest and Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge provide extensive facilities for a variety of outdoor activities. Maps, permits, and information are available at the sites. User fees may apply at some sites.

#### **Cheraw State Park**

100 State Park Road | 843.537.9656 | southcarolinaparks.com The oldest and largest park in South Carolina's park system, the park is located on US Highway 52, 4 miles south of Cheraw. Encompassing 7,361 acres, many activities await your visit. Enjoy a walk along the lake's boardwalk, camp by the edge of Lake Juniper at one of 17 camping sites or stay for a week in

one of the park's cozy cabins. Camp sites offer electric and water hook-ups, RV dumping station and showers. Horse camping sites and primitive tent camping are offered as well. Besides the championship golf course, you will find fishing, canoeing, kayaking, camping, picnicking, and a variety of trails for bridle, hiking, nature and mountain bikes. The park also features two large group camps.





#### Sand Hills State Forest

US Highway 1 South | 843.498.6478

A variety of recreational opportunities are available within the 46,000 acres, located 18 miles southwest of Cheraw. Enjoy fishing, hiking, and over 80 miles of equestrian trails as well as camping and picnic sites. The state forest is part of the Wildlife Management Area Program, and hunting is allowed in season. The red cockaded woodpecker, pixie moss and the pine barren tree frog are some of the rare plants and animals you will find here.

#### **Sugar Loaf Mountain**

Scotch Road

Towering 100 feet above the surrounding state forest, this mini mountain has been a favorite gathering place for generations. Site includes a 1.7-mile nature trail and primitive and horse camping sites. Sugar Loaf is part of the remains of the oldest mountain chain in North America. Blooming Mountain Laurel in May adds to the beauty of the area. Travel 17 miles on US Highway 1 South. Go north on Ruby-Hartsville Highway for approximately 3 miles, turn on Scotch Road, and follow signs.

## H. Cooper Black Jr. Memorial Field Trial & Recreation Area

279 Sporting Dog Trail | 843.378.1555 | southcarolinaparks.com One of the best field trial facilities on the east coast, both regional and national events are held here throughout the season. With over 20 miles of trails and sand roads for riding horses, the site also has a 24 stall horse barn, secured kennels, 63 corrals, 27 camp sites with electric hook-ups, 33 camp sites without electricity, showers, RV dump station, clubhouse, and arena. Accessible via US Highway 1 South or US Highway 52 South.

#### Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

US Highway 1 South, McBee | 843.335.8401 fws.gov/carolinasandhills

Within the 47,850 acres of the refuge are over 100 miles of hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing platforms, bird blinds and a number of ponds. Hunting and fishing are allowed during certain seasons, and the area provides an excellent site for bird watching. The refuge is one of the premier sites for viewing the rapidly diminishing longleaf pine/wiregrass ecosystem. Located 24 miles southwest of Cheraw.

#### Bird Watching

A number of great sites are available in the area to spot the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and the southern bald eagle in addition to over 200 species of birds. The Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge has observation towers, viewing platforms and a photography blind. A birding checklist, special events and brochures are available at the refuge. Cheraw State Park also offers birding opportunities, especially at the headwaters of Lake Juniper and along the hoardwalk trail

#### **Cheraw Fish Hatchery**

433 Fish Hatchery Lane | 843.537.7628 | hatcheries.dnr.sc.gov Operated by the SC Department of Natural Resources, this hatchery is one of five in the state serving a vital role in the management of South Carolina's fishery resources. Located five miles south of Cheraw on US Highway 1 South, the Cheraw Fish Hatchery is a warm water hatchery, producing approximately 2 million fish annually for stocking the state's public lakes and rivers to enhance recreational fishing activities. To schedule a tour, please call the hatchery manager.





#### **Parks & Recreation Centers**

Cheraw has a number of well-maintained parks and recreation facilities, and the town is known throughout the state for its Recreation & Leisure Services program.

#### **Cheraw Community Center**

200 Powe Street | 843.537.8421 Basketball court, banquet facilities, teen center, game room, Burr Art Gallery, and administrative offices

#### **Cheraw Gymnastics Center**

45 Powe Street | 843.537.8421 | cherawgymnastics.com

#### **Arrowhead Park**

989 State Road | 843.537.8421

Four lighted baseball fields, lighted soccer and football field, walking trail, landscaped playground, and picnic shelter

#### **Brown Park**

Tote Road | 843.537.8421 Neighborhood playground

#### **Caston Park**

Market Street & High Street entrances | 843.537.8421 Four lighted tennis courts, lighted youth baseball field, playground, and picnic shelter

#### **Centennial Park**

Corner of Market & Second Streets | 843.537.8421 Large fountain & gazebo; venue for seasonal events

#### **Foundry Hill Park**

Corner of Foundry Hill Road & Prestige Park | 843.537.8421 Neighborhood playground and basketball goal

#### **Huckleberry Park**

Huckleberry Drive | 843.537.8421 Neighborhood playground and picnic tables

#### Levi G. Byrd Park

Corner of Church & Front Streets | 843.537.8421 Basketball court and neighborhood playground

#### Long Park

West Greene Street | 843.537.8421 Neighborhood playground

#### **Riverside Park**

Northeast Church Street | 843.537.8421

Enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the Great Pee Dee River on the observation deck. Park includes dual lane boat ramp, picnic area, covered shelter, nature area, and walking trails.

#### **Southside Park**

Roddy Street | 843.537.8421 Baseball field & neighborhood playground



## Live to EAT.



#### Bill's BBQ

3566 Highway 9 West | 843.865.9177

#### **Bobo's Sports Tavern**

171 Second Street

#### Bojangles

881 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.1636

#### **Brady's Restaurant**

80 Powe Street | 843.537.4846

#### **Burger King**

1014 Chesterfield Highway | 843.921.2004

#### **Cabin Creek Restaurant**

2529 US Highway 1 | 843.537.4195

#### **China King**

157 Second Street | 843.537.8980

#### **China Town Buffet**

540 Chesterfield Highway | 843.921.9288

#### **College Inn Diner**

324 Second Street | 843.537.3535

#### **Country Kitchen**

908 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.3662

#### El-Sherif's House of Pizza

315 Second Street |843.921.0066

#### **Fatz Café**

973 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.4205

#### Fiesta Tapatia

803 Market Street | 843.921.0200

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#### Hardee's

801 Market Street | 843.537.3691

#### **Huddle House**

686 US Highway 1 | 843.537.0222

#### **Hunter's Lounge**

155 Second Street

#### Hwy. 55 Hamburgers

1624 Chesterfield Highway

#### Jesse's Subs

1153 West Greene | 843.537.6999

#### **Kentucky Fried Chicken**

428 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.3371

#### Mary's Restaurant

134 Market Street | 843.537.6790

#### McDonald's

300 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.4090

#### Oskar's

130 Second Street | 843.320.0303

#### Oslo's Spirits & Grill

302 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.6000

#### Pizza Hut

203 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.5206

#### River's Edge Restaurant & Bakery

162 Second Street | 843.537.1109

#### Seasons of Cheraw

129 Market Street | 843.537.3190

#### Sonic Drive-In

310 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.0134

#### Sub Station II

1040 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.5750

#### Subway

441 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.6804

#### The Shed

116 Second Street | 843.253.5282

#### **Tokyo Japanese Cuisine**

1040 Chesterfield Highway

843.537.6008

#### **Wendy's Hamburgers**

875 Chesterfield Highway 843.537.3347



## Live COMFY.



#### **Cheraw State Park Cabins & Campground**

100 State Park Road | 843.537.9656 | 866.345.7275 southcarolinaparks.com

#### Days Inn of Cheraw

820 Market Street | 843.537.5554 | 800.325.2525 daysinn.com

#### Executive Inn

710 Market Street | 843.537.2101 | 800.424.6423

#### **Inn Cheraw**

321 Second Street | 843.537.2011 | 800.535.8709 inncheraw.com

#### **Quality Inn**

885 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.5625 | 877.424.6423 qualityinn.com

#### **Spears Guest House**

228 Huger Street | 843.537.1097 | 888.424.3729 spearsguesthouse.com Properties include four bedroom guest house, two short term apartments and cabin

#### Shopping

Shop the brick-lined sidewalks of Cheraw's historic downtown district for a variety of retail and specialty shops, an antiques store, and locally owned restaurants. On the edge of downtown, along the SC Highway 9 corridor, you will find specialty shops, national retailers, and grocery chains.

## Live HERE.



#### Climate

Cheraw enjoys four distinct seasons and generally moderate temperatures:

- Average January Temperature: High 53° F/ Low 31° F
- Average April Temperature: High 74° F/ Low 48° F
- Average July Temperature: High 91° F/ Low 70° F
- Average October Temperature: High 74° F/ Low 50° F

#### Medical Care

Chesterfield General Hospital is a 59-bed hospital, offering a wide-range of healthcare services. CGH is located at 711 Chesterfield Highway. For more information, visit chesterfieldgeneral.com or call 843.537.7881. Emergency 911.

#### Location

Cheraw is located in the northeastern midlands of South Carolina, and is easily reached via US Highway 1, US Highway 52, and SC Highway 9.

- Florence, SC 40 miles
- Pinehurst, NC 45 miles
- Charlotte, NC 75 miles
- Columbia, SC 90 miles
- 100 miles Myrtle Beach, SC
- Charleston, SC 155 miles
- 205 miles Asheville, NC

#### Cheraw Farmers Market

Front Street, across from Old St. David's Church Area farmers share their delicious homegrown produce, generally beginning in the spring and ending in the late fall. During the summer, the market is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.



#### **Transportation**

#### **Cheraw Municipal Airport**

Lynch Bellinger Field | South Carolina Highway 9 843.537.6423 | 843.537.5091

5,000 ft. runway. Commercial airports are located in Florence, Columbia, Myrtle Beach, Charlotte.

#### **Enterprise Car Rentals**

697 Chesterfield Highway | 843.537.6250

#### **Amtrak**

Hamlet, NC | 800.872.7245

#### Media

The Cheraw Chronicle: 843.537.5261

The Link: 843.537.7887

WCRE 1420 AM | 93.9 FM: 843.537.7887

The Chesterfield County Shopper: 843.537.2791



#### Research

#### **Matheson Library**

227 Huger Street, Cheraw | 843.537.3571 | chesterfield.lib.sc.us

#### Genealogy

#### **Matheson Library History Room**

227 Huger Street, Cheraw | 843.537.3571 | chesterfield.lib.sc.us

#### **Chesterfield County Library**

119 Main Street, Chesterfield | 843.623.7489

#### **Chesterfield County Courthouse**

200 W. Main Street, Chesterfield

#### **Chesterfield County Genealogical Library**

2249 W. Main Street | 843.623.2244 - call first chesterfield.scgen.org

#### **Important Numbers**

Office of Tourism: 843.537.8425 | 888.537.0014 **Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce:** 843.537.7681

Town Hall: 843 537 7283

Fire Department: 843.537.5941 non-emergency

911 emergency

Police Department: 843.537.7868 non-emergency

911 emergency

Cheraw Community Center: 843.537.8421

## Live LIFE.



Visit cheraw.com and facebook.com/cheraw.carolina for updates and additional events. The Cheraw Arts Commission has a regular schedule of events. Call 843.537.8421 x12 for details.

#### Late March to **Early April**

#### **Cheraw Spring Festival**

Family entertainment, great food, arts & crafts, children's activities & more Cheraw Community Center & Downtown Cheraw 843.537.8421 | cheraw.com

#### **April**

#### Taste of Cheraw

The Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce hosts this annual social event. Ticketed event | 843.537.7681 cherawchamber com

#### May

#### **Third Thursdays**

Live band, dancing & fun Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street Admission charged 843.537.8421 | cheraw.com

#### June

#### Third Thursdays

Live band, dancing & fun Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street Admission charged 843.537.8421 | cheraw.com

#### **July**

#### Independence Celebration

Downtown children's parade and music and fireworks at dusk July 3 Free admission | 843.537.8421 cheraw.com

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#### **August**

#### **Third Thursdays**

Live band, dancing & fun Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street Admission charged 843.537.8421 | cheraw.com

#### October

## South Carolina Jazz Festival

Celebrate native son Dizzy Gillespie's birthday with great music, food & fun during the third weekend in October. Admission charged on some events | 843.537.8421 scjazzfestival.com

#### December

#### **Cheraw ChristmasFest**

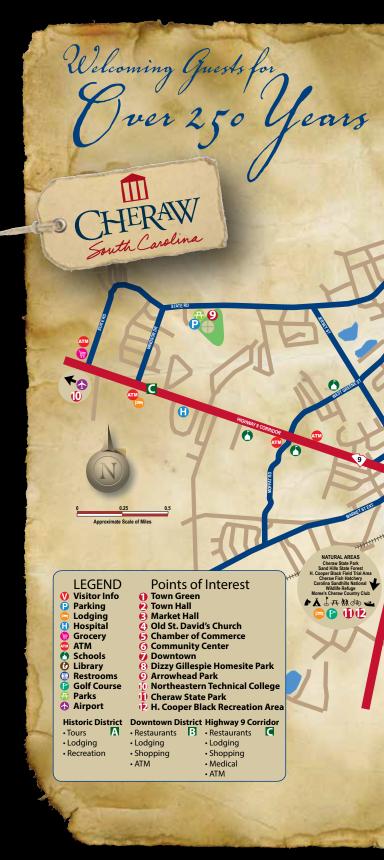
Celebrate Christmas with family fun. Santa, children's rides, activities & more Downtown Cheraw | Second Saturday | cheraw.com

#### Cheraw Christmas Parade

Downtown Cheraw cheraw.com

A number of Christmas concerts, movies, and events are planned throughout the month. Visit cheraw.com and facebook.com/ cheraw.carolina for dates & times.







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Dial (843)865-3002 and uncover Cheraw's fascinating past with our complimentary Historic Cheraw & Cell Phone Tour.

## AW'S HISTORY

– Queen Victoria



GISTORY omes to Life





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For more information come see us at the

#### **Cheraw Office of Tourism**

200 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520

Call us at 843-537-8425 or toll free at 888-537-0014 Visit our web site at

www. CHERAW.com

This guide is not an all inclusive listing of area businesses and attractions. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy.

