

# Nature is Fun! Tour

## Region: Florence, SC

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- 8:30am** depart Myrtle Beach
- 10:00am** arrive Florence  
meet step-on guide
- 10:00am** depart for The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden  
watch "A Man Named Pearl" DVD
- 10:30am** arrive at The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden  
145 Broad Acres Road, Bishopville - 803.484.5581
- 11:30am** depart for lunch, following the South Carolina Cotton Trail
- 12:00pm** lunch at The Midnight Rooster  
136 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville - 843.383.0800
- 1:15pm** depart for Heritage Stables
- 1:35pm** arrive at Heritage Stables  
3603 W. John Paul Jones Road, Timmonsville 843.229.4636
- 2:35pm** depart for Pee Dee State Farmers Market
- 3pm** arrive at Pee Dee State Farmers Market  
2513 West Lucas Street, Florence - 843.665.5154
- 4:15pm** Depart to drop off step-on guide
- 4:30pm** Depart for The Grove Inn in Marion, SC
- 5:15pm** Tour The Grove Inn on Harlee  
408 Harlee Street, Marion, SC 29571 843.423.5220
- 6:00pm** Dine at Magnolias on Main  
400 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571 843.765.3077
- 7:00pm** depart for Myrtle Beach



### The Grove Inn on Harlee

408 Harlee Street, Marion, SC 29571 843.423.5220  
[www.grovebandb.com](http://www.grovebandb.com)

As a five acre working estate, The Grove is centered by a magnificent Eastlake Victorian manor house. It offers glimpses of fine furniture construction and restoration, histories and memorabilia concerning the American Revolutionary War (especially Francis Marion's Southern Campaign) and the War Between the States, and information about turn-of-the-20th-century aviation, banking, cooking, farming, law, and photography.

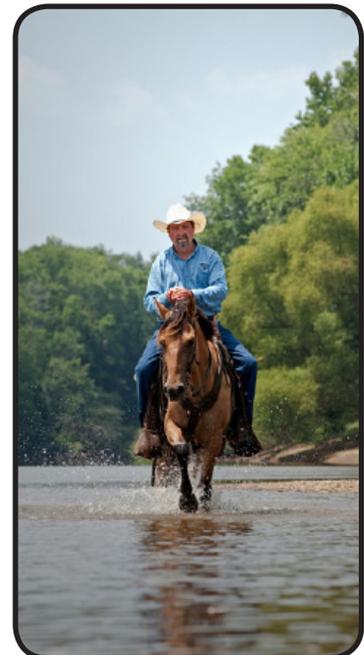
Groups enjoy the home-cooked Southern buffet with a twist of Mediterranean provided by Magnolias on Main, located in the old bank building on the corner of Main and Harlee. Dating back to the 1880s, the building features the original tin ceilings, balconies and the bank safe.



### Marsh Tacky - Heritage Stables

3603 W. John Paul Jones Rd., Timmonsville  
843.229.4636  
[fb.com/HeritageStables](https://fb.com/HeritageStables)

Marsh Tackies are the official SC State Heritage Horse. Although the exact origin of the Marsh Tacky horse is unclear, it can be attributed to Spanish stock that arrived on the coast and islands of South Carolina as "drop offs" by Spanish explorers and stock brought over by Spanish settlers in the 1500s. Until recently, the breed was thought to have become extinct during the 1980s and 1990s. This ancient breed has managed to hold on in the hands of the people committed to their long held family traditions of keeping Marsh Tackies.





### **The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden**

145 Broad Acres Road, Bishopville - 803.484.5581

[www.pearlfryar.com](http://www.pearlfryar.com)

Since the early 1980s, Pearl Fryar has been creating fantastic topiary at his garden in Bishopville, South Carolina. Living sculptures, Pearl's topiary are astounding feats of artistry and horticulture. Many of the plants in Pearl's garden were rescued from the compost pile at local nurseries. With Pearl's patience and skilled hands, these "throw aways" have thrived and have been transformed into wonderful abstract shapes. Pearl Fryar and his garden are now internationally recognized and have been the subject of numerous newspaper and magazine articles, television shows, and even a documentary, A Man Named Pearl.

Today, the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden draws visitors from around the globe. Visitors to the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden experience a place that is alternately beautiful, whimsical, educational, and inspiring. Pearl's garden contains over 300 individual plants, and few are spared from his skilled trimming. His extraordinary topiary is complemented by his "junk art" sculptures placed throughout the garden. Pearl's garden is a living testament to one man's firm belief in the results of positive thinking, hard work, and perseverance, and his dedication to spreading a message of "love, peace and goodwill."



### **The Midnight Rooster Coffee Shop, Courtyard & Eatery**

136 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville - 843.383.0800

[www.midnightrooster.com](http://www.midnightrooster.com)

This hip, eclectic spot offers healthy meals from hummus to free range chicken. You'll find delicious sandwiches and wraps, sushi, salads, homemade quiches, organic coffees, and a wide range of delicious desserts. Your earth-minded soul will be refreshed at the Rooster!



### **Pee Dee State Farmers Market**

2513 West Lucas Street, Florence - 843.665.5154

[www.pdfarmersmarket.sc.gov](http://www.pdfarmersmarket.sc.gov)

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is always bustling with people seeking the freshest produce, but the most popular days are those of the Spring (weekend after Easter) and Fall Flower Festivals. On any given day, you'll find local favorites like Blenheim Ginger Ale and Old Plantation Syrup. You'll also find a traditional southern snack that's hot and ready when you arrive - boiled peanuts!

Look for Trinity Farms in the front building. Not only do they have organically-grown produce, they have the most unusual assortment! Trinity Farms also offers organic meats and dairy products. McLeod Farm, in the same building, has a wide assortment along with fresh strawberries in the spring and peaches in the summer. Before you head out, stop by Hyman Vineyards' booth for a taste of muscadine juice, a southern favorite!