

# Recreation and Culture

Spartanburg County has a wide variety of features, attractions, recreational opportunities and a diverse culture, rich in history. Spartanburg is host to multiple festivals, bike races, arboretums, gardens, entertainment events and sites of historical significance, such as the Walnut Grove Plantation. Many of our sites are geared towards children, including Cleveland Park, Hollywild Animal Park, orchards, playgrounds, etc. and the opening of Tyger River Park in the fall of 2011. Ground breaking was March 23, 2010. *(Cleveland Park pictured to the right)*



For sports fans, the Carolina Panthers Training Camp is held at Wofford College each summer. Multiple athletic complexes are spread throughout the county, providing public facilities for baseball, soccer, football, softball, basketball, tennis, etc. College sports events are offered by all three (3) four-year colleges and over 100 golf courses are located throughout the Upstate. Outdoor opportunities are furthered by our numerous lakes, walking trails and equine trails in Croft State Park. Croft State Park also offers camping facilities.

The Chapman Cultural Center opened in October of 2007 and is a three building complex which is owned and operated by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg. It serves as the anchor of Spartanburg's vast cultural interests. It houses the Spartanburg Art Museum, Science Center, Youth Theatre, Repertory Company, County Regional History Museum, Artists' Guild Galley, Music Foundation and Ballet Spartanburg.

Spartanburg is rich in history that dates back to Colonial times with numerous historical sites to enjoy with the entire family. The Magnolia Street Train Depot is one of the oldest buildings in the city and explains why Spartanburg was called the "Hub City." It now serves as home to Amtrak, Spartanburg County Visitor's Bureau, and Hub City Farmer's Market. Walnut Grove Plantation, The Seay House, and The Price House are 18<sup>th</sup> century homes that allow visitors to experience life during Revolutionary times. There are also numerous buildings downtown on Morgan Square that date back to the 1880's. The square was named for Daniel Morgan, the general who led the American troops at the Battle of Cowpens.

For more information regarding Spartanburg County and its offerings, visit [www.visitspartanburg.com](http://www.visitspartanburg.com).