An Informal Guide to Connections Beyond Work

Diverse and Welcoming Greenville: Top Picks from Furman Faculty and Staff

It can take a while to find your way around all that Greenville has to offer, so we’ve put together an informal guide of a few favorites that highlight a diversity of organizations, shops, restaurants, coffee houses, religious institutions, and more. This is not all-inclusive; it’s just a sample of some places we enjoy. We begin our list with the essentials: great food!

RESTAURANTS, CAFES

Armandos Burritos
206 A Pine Knoll Dr, Greenville

Bar Margaret – “gayest bar in Greenville”

Comal 864
Mexican food by James Beard nominated chef; queer-owned
1112 Woodside Avenue, Greenville

El Pilon sabor latino
1743A White Horse Rd, Greenville

Greenfield’s Bagels & Deli
101 Verdae Blvd #180, Greenville
“They also provide kosher catering!”

Jamaica Mi Irie
28 South Main St., Greenville

La Choza Restaurant
6245 White Horse Rd

M & J’s Wings & Plenty
1000 Easley Bridge Road, Greenville

Mac’s Speed Shop (BBQ)
930 S Main St, Greenville

Modal, Boutique Hostel & Coffee Shop
813 Augusta St, Greenville

OJ’s Diner, Southern Soul Food
907 Pendleton Street, Greenville

Saffron Indian Cuisine
1178 Woodruff Rd #16, Greenville

Sachas Café, Latin (Colombian) food
598 Pendleton Street, Greenville

Wakanda Lounge Bar & Restaurant
African and Caribbean cuisine
620 Howell Rd, Suite 12, Greenville

SPECIALTY GROCERY STORES

Asia Pacific Restaurant & Supermarket
420 N. Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville

HolyLand International Grocery & Halal Meat
200 N Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville

Radha Indian Grocers
9 Hendrix Dr, Greenville

La Unica SuperCenter, Mexican groceries
6119 White Horse Rd, Suite 3, Greenville

Pereira Bakery
1100 E. Lee Road, Taylors

Pita House
495 S Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville
Middle Eastern dishes & ethnic groceries

Prostor European Food & Deli
225 W Blackstock Rd, Suite 100, Spartanburg

Tampopo, Japanese Grocery Store
8590 Pelham Rd #7, Greenville

Greenville boasts several Farmer’s Markets

Farm to Table during the summer and year-round

MORE THAN 200 restaurants in downtown Greenville, 25% of which are international

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Greenville Jewish Federation
Hispanic Alliance of Greenville
Indian Association of Greenville
Upstate International
Upstate Pride
FAMILY
Furman Child Development Center
Furman University, Ages 3-K

UU World of Children, Montessori School
Unitarian Universalist Church, ages 3-6
1135 State Park Road, Greenville

Blythe Academy, elementary magnet school, partial French or Spanish immersion

WELLNESS
Greenville Yoga
3221 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville

Queer Wellness Center and 864Pride – wellness and medical resources

Vaughn Newman Dance Studio
3906 Augusta Rd, Greenville
workshops, classes, performances

ENTERTAINMENT
Blues Boulevard Jazz
300 River St., Ste 203, Greenville
“Great jazz and ambiance”

No Dreams Deferred Theatre
Simpsonville Art Center
110 Academy St., Simpsonville
“Our stories are told by us.”

HAIR STYLISTS
Brianna Hawthorne
637 Congaree Road, Greenville
“Full-service stylist: braiding & installations”

Josie McGraw
Turning Heads Salons
5 Beverly Ln, Suite A, Greenville

Salon Unity
108 W Broad St, Greenville
“No matter your gender or hair texture”

ACCESSIBILITY
Greenville recently launched its new app
AccessGVL

RELIGIOUS CENTERS
Allen Temple AME
109 Green Avenue, Greenville

Bahá’í Community of Greenville
132 Greenacre Road, Greenville

Bethlehem Baptist Church
4 Harrison Bridge Road, Simpsonville
Dr. Phillip M. Baldwin, Pastor

Congregation Beth Israel
425 Summit Dr, Greenville

Jubilee Baptist Church
525 Old Rutherford Road, Taylors

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
406 North Academy Street, Greenville

St. Mark United Methodist Church
911 St. Mark Road, Taylors

Temple of Israel
400 Spring Forest Rd, Greenville

Upstate Islamic Center and Masjid
96 Meridian Ave, Taylors
Daily prayers and weekend school

Upstate Islamic Center
1601 Clement Rd, Greer
Two jumuah prayers and K-5 school

Vedic Center
520 Bethel Drive, Mauldin

Furman University
3300 Poinsett Highway
Greenville, SC 29613

“Not sure how to include this, but there are active soccer teams and pickup games organized by Latino men that have been a huge support!”

“Visit Greenville” website has an extensive international food guide
See Upstate LGBT+ Chamber of Commerce for more resources

President Elizabeth Davis recommends tamales from La Unica (SuperCenter). “We get them each year for Christmas Eve dinner.”