2009 Charleston Guide for Elon Alumni

Charleston Chapter Contacts

- **Charleston Area Alumni Chapter** – Holds social events throughout the year. Great place to meet new alumni, network to find a new job, or catch up with old friends.
- **Email**: [Elonalumnicsc@aol.com](mailto:Elonalumnicsc@aol.com) to get on the email list for events or to get involved with the chapter.
- **E² Group**: “Charleston, SC Alumni Chapter”
- **Facebook Group**: “Elon Alumni in Charleston!”
- **President**: Alan L. Wilson, ’79 - [AWprin@aol.com](mailto:AWprin@aol.com)
Areas to Live & Websites

Charleston is a city in Berkeley and Charleston counties South Carolina. It is the largest city and county seat of Charleston County. The city proper consists of six distinct areas: the Peninsula/Downtown, West Ashley, Johns Island, James Island, Daniel Island, and the Cainhoy Peninsula. The metropolitan area population of Charleston and North Charleston, which includes the entire populations of Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties, was estimated to be 603,178 in 2006.

The following is a list of areas located in Charleston, NC:

- Town of Awendaw
- City of Folly Beach
- City of Hanahan
- City of Isle of Palms
- Town of James Island
- Town of Mount Pleasant
- City of North Charleston
- Town of Sullivan's Island
- Town of Summerville
- City of Goose Creek
- Town of Moncks Corner
- Town of Hollywood
- Town of Jamestown
- Town of Ridgeville
- Town of Rockville
- Town of McClellanville
- St. Andrews Parish

2008 Average Rents in Charleston, South Carolina

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Relocation Guides and Websites

- **Chamber of Commerce**: website for relocating to. Includes information on house options, job options, schools, and much more Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce. [www.charlestonchamber.net/splash.asp](http://www.charlestonchamber.net/splash.asp)
- **City of Charleston Website**: offers great information on job opportunities, leisure activities, current projects and general city info. [www.charlestoncity.info/home/default.aspx](http://www.charlestoncity.info/home/default.aspx)
- **Charleston County Website**: [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org)
- **Mt. Pleasant**: [www.sciway.net/city/mtpleasant.html](http://www.sciway.net/city/mtpleasant.html)
- **North Charleston Website**: [www.northcharleston.org](http://www.northcharleston.org)
- **Summerville**: [www.sciway.net/city/summerville.html](http://www.sciway.net/city/summerville.html)
- **Craig’s List**: Good sites for apartments, housing, jobs. [http://charleston.craigslist.org](http://charleston.craigslist.org)
- **Additional Website**: [http://charleston backpage.com/online/classifieds/index](http://charleston.backpage.com/online/classifieds/index)

Job Guides & Websites

- **The Post and Courier**: Charleston’s main newspaper. [www.charleston.net](http://www.charleston.net)
- **Tri-county Jobs**: [www.sciway.net/jobs/charleston.html](http://www.sciway.net/jobs/charleston.html)
- **Nonprofits**: [www.sciway.net/org/community/charleston.html](http://www.sciway.net/org/community/charleston.html)
- **Education**: Berkeley [www.berkeley.k12.sc.us/Personnel/bcsdjobs/bcsdjobs.htm](http://www.berkeley.k12.sc.us/Personnel/bcsdjobs/bcsdjobs.htm)

Newcomers, Social and Civic Clubs

- **SERTOMA**: National Service Organization, “SERvice TO Mankind.” [www.wcsertoma.org](http://www.wcsertoma.org)
- **Rotary Club of Charleston**: call (843) 971-4353 for info.
- **Exchange Club**: [www.exchangeclubofcharleston.com](http://www.exchangeclubofcharleston.com)

Places to Go Out

Charleston has so many restaurants, clubs, bars, you will never have to look more than a block or 2 to find one.

- **Charleston’s Finest**: This site has several of the most popular places to go out: [www.charlestonsfinest.com/sc/night.html](http://www.charlestonsfinest.com/sc/night.html)
- **Dock Street**: is the most well known in the historic district where there are several theater companies including Charleston Theaters and Theater Groups. The following website will provide more information: [www.sciway.net/tourism/shows-charleston.html](http://www.sciway.net/tourism/shows-charleston.html)
- **Charleston Music Hall**: Small venue, blue grass to Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- **North Charleston Performing Arts Center**: Best of Broadway, concerts (link above)
Outdoor Activities

- **Golf:** A good guide to Charleston golf. [www.charlestongolfguide.com/course_list.shtml](http://www.charlestongolfguide.com/course_list.shtml)
  - **Kiawah Island Golf Resort's:** Ocean Course hosted the 1991 Ryder Cup matches, the 2007 Senior PGA Championship and is scheduled to host the 2012 PGA championship

Parks

- Brittlebank Park & Fishing Pier
- Cannon Park
- Charleston Battery
- Charles Towne Landing (state historic site)
- Hampton Park (Large park near the Citadel)
- Harmon Park
- Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park
  - (Home of the Charleston RiverDogs)
- Waterfront Park
- West Ashley Park
- White Point Gardens or "Battery Park"

Boating

- Ashley Marina - Downtown
- Bohicket Marina - John's Island
- Buzzard's Roost - John's Island
- Charleston Harbor Resort Marina - Mount Pleasant
- Maritime Center - Downtown
- City Marina - Downtown
- Cooper River Marina (Operated by Charleston County Parks & Recreation) - Downtown
- Daniel Island Marina - Daniel Island
- Duncan's Boat Harbor - North Charleston
- Isle of Palms Marina - Isle of Palms
- Mariner's Cay - Folly Beach
- Ripley Light Marina - West Ashley
- Stono Marina - John's Island
- Patriot's Point - Mount Pleasant
- Toler's Cove - Sullivan's Island
- Wild Dunes Yacht Harbour - Isle of Palms
Sites to See

- **The Old Exchange and Customs House**: Located in downtown Charleston and is one of the most important Colonial buildings in the nation. The building features a dungeon which held various signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- **Fort Moultrie**: Instrumental in delivering a critical defeat to the British.
- **Fort Sumter**: The reputed site of the “first shot” of the American Civil War.
- **Patriot’s Point**: Home of the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as well as several other naval vessels.
- **Plantations**: Boone Hall Plantation, Drayton Hall, Magnolia Plantation, and Middleton Place.
- **The Charleston Tea Plantation**: Located just south of the city on Wadmalaw Island, a true working tea farm.
- **Gibbes Museum of Art**: Charleston's premier art museum that is one of the country's oldest art organizations and home to over 10,000 works of fine art.
- **Additional Sites to See**: South Carolina Aquarium, Audubon Swamp Garden, Cypress Gardens and Charles Towne Landing.

Sports Teams Information

- **SC Stingrays Hockey Team**: Their season runs from September through April. For more information about this team, visit the website at [www.stingrayshockey.com](http://www.stingrayshockey.com)
- **Charleston River Dogs Baseball**: Minor league baseball team. Tickets are only $6-$12 and the season runs from April through September. Friday night fireworks. For additional information you may visit the following website: [www.riverdogs.com](http://www.riverdogs.com)
- **Citadel Sports**: All major sports – plays Elon in Southern Conference. [www.citadelsports.com](http://www.citadelsports.com)
- **College of Charleston Sports**: No football- Also Southern Conference. [www.cofcsports.com](http://www.cofcsports.com)
- **Charleston Southern**: All major sports. [http://csusports.athleticsite.com](http://csusports.athleticsite.com)
Annual Events

- **Spoleto Festival USA and Piccolo Spoleto Festival- Arts festival:** Music, dance, visual arts, theatre and more! Last week of May to first week of June.
- **MOJA Arts Festival:** A major, two-week celebration of African-American and Caribbean arts, music, and culture.
- **Coastal Carolina Fair:** Yearly fair. Located at the Fairgrounds in Ladson, the fair runs for two weeks each October.
- **Family Circle Tennis Cup:** Every spring, the City of Charleston and Daniel Island serves as a backdrop to one of the richest and most traditional events in women's professional tennis.
- **Southeastern Wildlife Exposition:** Now in its 26th year, Southeastern Wildlife Exposition is the largest wildlife art and nature event in the nation.
- **Cooper River Bridge Run/Walk:** One of the most popular races in the southeast. Last year the race had over 38,000 participants.
- **Food + Wine Festival:** Held annually during late February to early March. Score a ticket to the Culinary Village or pay for individual events. Includes meals, wine seminars, cooking demonstrations, book signings, and a cooking competition. [www.charlestonfoodandwine.com](http://www.charlestonfoodandwine.com)
- **Maritime Festival:** Held annually in May and features tall ships, boatbuilding, and the Charleston to Bermuda Race
- **Fall Candlelight Tours of Homes and Gardens:** [www.preservationsociety.org](http://www.preservationsociety.org)

Higher Education in Charleston

- **The College of Charleston-** The nation's thirteenth oldest university
- **The Citadel-** The state's military college
- **Charleston Southern University-** Affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention
- **Springfield College**
- **Charleston School of Law**
- **Medical University of South Carolina**
- **The Art Institute of Charleston:** Located downtown on North Market Street and is the newest school to come to Charleston