

SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR OF THE LOWCOUNTRY



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Guiding You Home in The Lowcountry

WELCOME

We're so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for a few days or beginning your search for a home in the Lowcountry, this tour was created to help you see the places that make this region so special – the neighborhoods, small towns, and hidden gems that tell the story of coastal life.

As you make your way through Bluffton, Hilton Head, Beaufort, Savannah, Hardeeville, and Okatie, we hope you'll take time to explore beyond the listings – stroll the shaded streets, linger by the water, and imagine what life might feel like here each day.

At Coastward Realty, Guiding You Home in the Lowcountry isn't just our tagline – it's our purpose. We've made this move ourselves, and we know how exciting (and sometimes overwhelming) it can be. This guide is meant to make it easier, giving you a sense of the lifestyle, community, and rhythm of each place.

So grab your coffee, set your GPS, and let's hit the road.



We'll meet you somewhere between the marshes and the tides – right where the Lowcountry feels like home.

Warmly,

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How to Use This Guide

- Follow the route: Start on 278 going towards Hilton Head Island. You will turn onto SR 46 towards Old Town (there is a sign that says Bluffton). This guide will take you on a loop from 278 through Old Town, May River Rd, New Riverside, and Buckwalter. You will end back on 278.
- Go at your own pace: Take detours, stop for coffee, and explore side streets — that's where you'll find the magic.
- Look for the lifestyle fit: Notice how each area feels. Picture your daily life here — morning walks, favorite shops, or dinner spots.

Pro Tip

The best time to take this drive is midweek, when traffic is lighter and you can linger in town centers or along the waterfront.

Bring your camera, a good playlist, and an open mind — because somewhere on this route, your next chapter might begin.



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Bluffton

The Heart of the Lowcountry

There's a reason Bluffton is called the Heart of the Lowcountry.

It's where history, hospitality, and the easy rhythm of coastal life all meet beneath centuries-old live oaks.



Old Town Bluffton

Stop 1 – Old Town Bluffton

📍 Start: **Heyward House Museum & Welcome Center** – 70 Boundary St

Park once and wander. Stroll Calhoun Street beneath centuries-old oaks, browse local art galleries, and step inside The Church of the Cross for May River views.

☕ Good Breaks:

- **Corner Perk Café** – locals' favorite coffee and brunch.
- **The Cottage Café** – Southern comfort classics on the porch.
- **Agave** – Great place to sit outside, enjoy a drink and some fresh mexican food. Located about half way when walking Calhoun Street

🛍️ Boutiques & Art Stops: **Society of Bluffton Artists, Preston Pottery, Spartina, Bluffton Candles, The Red Piano, and more.**



May River Road - Palmetto Bluff

Stop 2 – May River Road to Palmetto Bluff

📍 Route: From Calhoun St, turn left on May River Rd (SC-46). Follow the scenic drive ~6 mi toward Palmetto Bluff.

This stretch shows the marsh, live oaks, and the quieter side of Bluffton. Before the gatehouse at Palmetto Bluff, turn right onto New Riverside Drive to continue the loop –or, if you have time, continue through the gate for a short visit inside the resort community.

☀️ If you go into Palmetto Bluff:

Park at **Wilson Village** and walk the riverfront. Grab a coffee or ice cream in Wilson Village and enjoy the view.

🍴 Lunch Ideas

- **Cahill's Market & Chicken Kitchen** (1055 May River Rd) – local favorite for Lowcountry plates.



New Riverside

Stop 3 – New Riverside Corridor

📍 Route: Turn right onto New Riverside Drive before the **Palmetto Bluff** guard gate.

You'll pass a growing collection of new communities on both sides—**The Lakes at New Riverside, The Haven, Midpoint, Southern Oaks, The Meadows, The Landings**

Before the roundabout, stop at **New Riverside Village**, Bluffton's newest retail and mixed-use center.

🔧 Coming Soon: A new town park across the street—future home to Bluffton's festivals.

"Gateway to Bluffton - a passive use park for gathering and celebrating the Lowcountry"



Bluffton is going to have a new park located near the intersection of May River Road and Okatie Highway and will serve as Bluffton's Welcome Center for travelers coming into Bluffton from the Savannah, GA, area!

This park, which will be the Town's first park in the New Riverside section of Bluffton, is 37-acres and is located at the intersection of Highways 46 & 170. The park will feature large open spaces, perimeter trails, a large playground for diverse ages, as well as the 2,700 square-foot iconic barn. This passive park and its barn have the potential to host private and large-scale public events, an extensive event rental space, public trails, playground, picnic shelters, restrooms, and an area for Food Trucks.

Buckwalter Corridor

Stop 4 – Buckwalter Place

📍 Route: From the New Riverside traffic circle, take the 2nd exit to stay on SC-170 North. Follow 170 ≈ 4 mi, then turn right onto Bluffton Parkway. After Mystic Bluff, look for the Buckwalter Place entrance on your left. On the way (on 170) you will pass **Four Seasons at Carolina Oaks, Lawton Station, Palmetto Pointe, and Cypress Ridge.**

Buckwalter Place is the main entertainment hub of the Lowcountry—walkable, lively, and surrounded by neighborhoods like **Hampton Lake, Townes at Buckwalter, Woodbridge, and Washington Square.** Hampton Hall and many other communities are also very nearby.

🎬 Things to Do:

Cinemark Bluffton – new-release theater.

Southern Barrel Brewing Co. – craft beer & pub menu.

Tio's Latin American Kitchen – casual dinner spot with outdoor seating.

Station 360 – Bowling Food and Fun

Frankie Bones – (our favorite restaurant)

You will also find the **Kroger Marketplace** here.



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Optional Extension - Hilton Head Island

Leaving Buckwalter Place, turn left. Notice more retail, restaurants, and communities on both sides of the street. At the intersection of 278 and Buckwalter Parkway you have completed the loop.

Optional Extension – Toward Hilton Head

If time allows, continue east on Bluffton Parkway or US-278 for a short bridge drive toward Hilton Head Island. Stop at Coligny Beach Park for a coastal preview before heading back.

Summary Route

Old Town Bluffton → May River Rd → Palmetto Bluff (quick visit or gate stop) → New Riverside Village → Buckwalter Place → (Optional Hilton Head Island)



Thank You

We hope you enjoy your self guided tour of the Bluffton Area. Let us know what you think!



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