

MOVING & LIVING

A RELOCATION GUIDE

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What to *expect*



Chapin, SC

WHAT IS IT KNOWN FOR

Chapin, South Carolina is primarily known for its close proximity to Lake Murray, often referred to as the "Capital of Lake Murray." This beautiful lake offers a variety of water activities, including boating, fishing, and swimming, making it a popular destination for both residents and visitors. The town is very "Small town feel" but still a close drive to Columbia, SC .

HISTORY

Chapin, a charming South Carolina town, traces its roots back to the 18th century. Originally settled by German immigrants, it grew alongside the Dutch Fork region. The arrival of the railroad in the late 19th century further stimulated its development. However, the construction of Lake Murray in the early 20th century significantly reshaped the area. Today, Chapin is renowned for its proximity to the lake, offering various water activities and a serene environment. It's a popular choice for families and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Chapin is growing everyday and is adding new neighborhoods, small business and schools.

Things to do in Chapin, SC

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BOATING ON LAKE MURRAY

Lake Murray is home to many residents and covers roughly 50,000 acres of land and 650 miles of shoreline. Lake Murray is a freshwater man-made lake. No sharks here!

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CAMPING ON DREHER ISLAND

Dreher Island State Park is a popular location for national fishing tournaments and a great weekend getaway spot. RV park, Lakefront villas, and campgrounds are available.

3

LAKE MURRAY DAM

The Lake Murray Dam stretches from the Lexington side to the Irmo side of Lake Murray Blvd and offers walking/ running lanes overlooking the views of the lake. On a clear day, you can see Columbia!

4

MARKETPLACE OF CHAPIN

The market place of Chapin is the perfect place to find vintage items, collectible and antiques. New arrivals daily!

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SHOPPING

Chapin is home to many small businesses and retailers including boutique's, gift stores, decor and more. Check out the Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce for a vendor list!

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FUN EVENTS

The town of Chapin's website is a great resource if you are looking for a weekend specific event- there is always something fun going on!

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RUSTY ANCHOR BAR & GRILL

Rusty Anchor, is a waterfront restaurant located in Chapin, SC with Live music and great food! Huge parking lot and boat slips are available for rent and first come first serve.

Annual Events



TASTE OF CHAPIN

Chapin's version of restaurant week- multi-course tasting tours for lunch/dinner!

📍 Chapin, SC



LABOR DAY FESTIVAL & PARADE

Chapin's Labor Day Festival with a parade, vendor fair, concert and more!

📍 Chapin, SC



LAKE MURRAY POKER RUN

80+ boats register for the poker run and is one of the largest charity events in the area!

📍 Chapin, SC



HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON THE RIVER

The Midland's largest drive-thru light show at Saluda Shoals Park!

📍 5605 Bush River Rd
Columbia, SC



LAKE MURRAY 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

South Carolina's largest firework show- display at two locations!

📍 Lake Murray, SC



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

Multiple week event with rides, concerts, vendors, food & more!

📍 South Carolina
Fairgrounds

Chapin, SC || Places to Eat

Depending on your taste, there is a restaurant for everyone in Chapin, SC! These are a few of my favorite places to eat around town!



HIGHER GROUND

Located in the heart of Chapin, Higher Ground Char House is a great spot & voted the best burger in town! Both indoor and outdoor seating available!

📍 211 Chapin Rd, Chapin SC 29036



GROUCHO'S DELI

Groucho's Deli is one of our favorite lunch spots! Quick but always delicious. Great sandwiches and salads, the 45-sauce is a must!!

📍 138-B Amick's Ferry Rd, Chapin SC 29036



CHOPHOUSE OF CHAPIN

Chophouse of Chapin is locally owned and a great new date night spot in town. Fabulous drinks, affordable food prices, and an awesome atmosphere.

📍 105 A Ellett Rd Ste 104 Chapin, SC 29036



ZORBA'S

Zorba's has both authentic greek and italian food and has been serving the midlands for over 39 years!

📍 1260 Chapin Rd, Chapin SC 29036

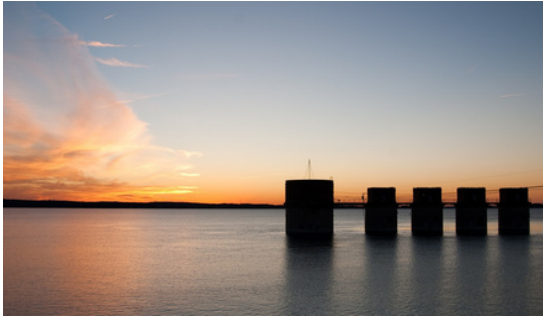


RUSTY ANCHOR BAR & GRILL

Rusty Anchor is one of the waterfront restaurants available on Lake Murray! Great spot for the whole family to enjoy live music and great food!

📍 1925 Johnson Marina Rd, Chapin SC 29036

Chapin, SC || Parks & Recreation



LAKE MURRAY

Lake Murray is a man-made lake offering tons of recreational activities including boating, swimming, sailing & fishing. Public access ramps, swimming areas, and campgrounds are located around the lake and most are open year round. The purple martins on bomb island are a must see when visiting!!

CROOKED CREEK PARK

Crooked Creek Park has something for all ages, including walking trails, racquetball courts, fitness area, and a 27-hole disc golf course.



MELVIN PARK

Melvin Park is a new addition to the Chapin area and includes baseball fields, tennis courts, splash pad and a pavilion.

DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK

Dreher Island State Park is 348 acres and over 12 miles of shoreline on Lake Murray. Campgrounds, nature trails, and the best bass fishing spots on the lake!



Chapin, SC || Family-Friendly Places



EDVENTURE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

EdVenture is located in Columbia, SC and is the largest children's museum in the southeast & home to the world's largest 10 year old- Eddie! Interactive exhibits and fun for the whole family!

📍 [211 Gervais Street, Columbia SC 29201](#)

RIVERBANKS ZOO

Riverbanks Zoo is ranked on *TripAdvisor's America's Top 10 Zoo in the Nation* list and home to over 2000+ animals. Summer camps, Boo At the Zoo, and Lights at Riverbanks are a few seasonal events to check out. If you visit- be sure to stop and feed the giraffes.

📍 [500 Wildlife Pkwy Columbia, SC 29210](#)



SALUDA SHOALS PARK

Saluda Shoals Park is a 480 acre riverfront park with miles of walking trails, boat/ kayak river access ramps, 18 hole disc golf course, dog park, and more! The lights at Saluda Shoals Park are a holiday favorite!

📍 [5605 Bush River Road Columbia Sc 29212](#)



Chapin, SC || Schools

For a full list of schools within Chapin please visit the district's website

Public Elementary Schools:

- Lake Murray Elementary School
- Chapin Elementary School Piney
- Woods Elementary School

Public Intermediate School:

- Chapin Intermediate School

Public Middle Schools:

- Chapin Middle School

Public High Schools:

- Chapin High School
- Spring Hill High School



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