

various items that are unique to the Ridge! On your adventure, keep an eye out for these **hidden treasures** around town.



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Ridge Spring, a charming, small town in Saluda County, South Carolina, is rich in both history and community. Use this brochure to learn about the historical landmarks and art pieces located throughout the town.

Art Association of Ridge Spring

Ready to explore the history of the town? Let's start at the Art Association of Ridge Spring! Originally one of the Ridge Spring

E. Main St.



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Elementary schoolhouses, the building now supports and showcases local artists. How many pieces of art can you find around town today?

Ridge Spring Baptist Church 2)

Initially known as "The Ridge" since the land is situated on a fall line. the town changed its name to "Ridge Spring" because of a beautiful natural spring behind the church where baptisms were once held. Can you find the spring on the property?

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Make sure to look both ways before crossing the road!

Ridge Spring Water Tank

In the late 1800's, trains traveling between Columbia and Augusta relied on a huge water tank here by the tracks to resupply. A pond behind Asbill Street supplied water and was transferred by a gas-powered pump. A replica now stands to commemorate this halfway point and the origins of Ridge Spring.

Harvest Caboose

Every fall, this train caboose comes alive during the Harvest Festival! This event honors the agricultural

heritage of the town with food. dancing. music, and much more.



The Mosaic Tractor

This art installation, by local artist Barbara Yon, consists of a tractor and countless mosaic pieces.



It celebrates the town's roots in agriculture, and residents of all ages contributed to it. In 2004, the sculpture was dedicated to the farmers of the region.

Oak St.

Green St.

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Railroad St.

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100 Town Square 6

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Did you know this location was where the original town hall stood? If you could glimpse into the past, you'd see a bustling town square full of horse-drawn carriages. Large trees provided shade for those in the square and hitching posts and watering troughs were used by the animals. Can you imagine this place before the roads were paved?

4 618 Main Street

This iconic building has served many purposes, but in the early 1900's, it

first was the Farmers and Merchants Bank. Rena Jones Watson became the president of the bank in 1925 and is presumed the first female bank president in South Carolina.

The Nut House

The Nut House is where the Yon Family Farm sells pecans and homemade pecan candies, which are



world renowned for being delicious! The building was actually a service station in the past, with gas pumps and a mechanic garage. Stop in and show your brochure to receive a free sample in return!

