

Here's what Columbia offers during November 5 - 6, 2009...

South Carolina State Museum

The museum, 301 Gervais Street, is located beside the historic Gervais Street Bridge and just a few blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Columbia. Visit the museum and be entertained in one of our special program areas, where you can be awed by electricity, experience the power of an erupting volcano or explore grandma's attic!

The Columbia Museum of Art

The Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street, in downtown Columbia on the corner of Main and Hampton Streets. The Columbia Museum of Art seeks to inspire, educate and enrich the lives of the community, South Carolinians, tourists and visitors by collecting and preserving fine and decorative art from around the world, exhibiting highly regarded work from a broad range of cultures, and providing dynamic educational and cultural programs.

Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Riverbanks is home to more than 2,000 magnificent and fascinating animals and one of the nation's most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens. The lush 170-acre site features dynamic natural habitat exhibits, scenic river views, spectacular valley overlooks and significant historic landmarks. Riverbanks Main Entrance is located at 500 Wildlife Parkway, just off I-126 at Greystone Boulevard. Hours of operation are from 9-5 daily.

Columbia House Tour

There are several houses in the historic area of Columbia that are open to the public for tours.

Robert Mills House and Park

The Robert Mills House, 1616 Blanding Street, exemplifies the skill of the United States' first Federal architect. Robert Mills designed some of the nation's most prominent buildings, including the Washington Monument.

Hampton – Preston Mansion and Gardens

The Hampton-Preston Mansion, 1615 Blanding Street, epitomizes the lives of the planter elite in antebellum South Carolina. Both the Hamptons and the Prestons moved in the highest social and political circles of Columbia society.

Mann-Simmons Cottage

The Mann-Simmons Cottage, 1403 Richland Street, has statewide significance as one of only a few houses in South Carolina once owned by free blacks in antebellum days and now preserved as a historic house museum.

Woodrow Wilson Family Home

The Woodrow Wilson Family Home, 1705 Hampton Street, is the only house the Wilson family ever owned. When the family arrived in Columbia in 1870, they intended to make the city their permanent home. Thomas Woodrow Wilson spent his teenage years here, a period that had a profound influence on his political views.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Last tour at 3:00 p.m.)

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Last tour at 4:00 p.m.)

Admission

All tickets purchased at the Museum Shop on the grounds of the Robert Mills House.