

Shadowmoss

INTRO

The West Ashley suburb of Shadowmoss is known for its laid-back, family-friendly vibe and convenient location.

HOUSING

Single-family homes here come in a variety of styles, including New Traditional, Colonial Revival and ranch. Prices start in the upper \$200,000s and go up to the mid-\$800,000s. Townhomes range from the upper \$200,000s to the low \$700,000s. Condos typically go for between the low \$200,000s and the mid-\$600,000s.

SHOPPING & DINING

Just a short drive away, you'll find grocery stores and locally owned restaurants like Charleston Coffee Exchange and Alvin Ord's Sandwich Shop.

PARKS & REC

Shadowmoss Golf & Country Club is in the middle of the neighborhood, offering some homes fairway views. The outdoor pool hosts a summer league swim team, and the clubhouse is a hub for neighborhood goings-on, from Mahjong to live music.

SCHOOLS

Kids can walk to the highly rated Drayton Hall Elementary. C.E. Williams Middle and West Ashley High are also highly rated.

TRANSPORTATION

Commuting downtown usually takes about 20 to 30 minutes outside rush hour, though traffic picks up when school's in session.

OUTRO

Shadowmoss offers an active and convenient suburban lifestyle, with a busy social scene, parks, shopping and more in easy reach.

Hanahan

INTRO

The small city of Hanahan offers residents a calm, suburban vibe close to the big regional employers and vibrant commercial areas of North Charleston.

HOUSING

Ranch-style homes are common in older neighborhoods. Newer developments, including Tanner Plantation and Heron Preserve, are full of New Traditionals and Colonial Revivals.

PARKS & REC

The city has a robust recreation scene, with playgrounds, gyms and athletic facilities scattered throughout. The Hanahan Amphitheater, which seats up to 4,000 people, hosts seasonal events, concerts and more.

SHOPPING & DINING

Residents are short drive from Northwoods Mall and the Park Circle district in North Charleston. LoLA is a favorite for Louisiana-inspired Southern food. Jackrabbit Filly does modern Chinese-American fusion. Fratello's serves seasonal Italian dishes.

SCHOOLS

This area is served by the highly rated Berkeley County School District serves students. Active-duty military families stationed at Joint Base Charleston can choose to send their kids to the two schools located on base: Marrington Elementary and Marrington Middle School of the Arts.

TRANSPORTATION/INDUSTRY

Many residents commute to Joint Base Charleston or Boeing, in North Charleston. That's about a 15-minute drive when there's no traffic. Downtown Charleston, a regional employment hub, is usually between a 20- and 30-minute drive from Hanahan, depending on traffic.

OUTRO

Life in Hanahan moves at a steady suburban pace, shaped by its convenience to busier sections of the Charleston metro.

North Charleston

INTRO

North Charleston is a high-energy city with tons of entertainment options, a vibrant downtown dining scene and competitive home prices.

HOUSING

The median price is \$336,000, much lower than Charleston's median of just under \$580,000. Townhomes and fixer-uppers typically sell for under \$200,000. Single-family homes top out at \$1.6 million for large waterfront properties.

ATTRACTIIONS

The city stays busy with festivals, concerts and sports at major venues like the North Charleston Coliseum and the Performing Arts Center.

EVENTS

{Seasonal celebrations, from St. Patrick's Day to the Christmas Parade, fill the calendar. Events during the annual North Charleston Arts Fest, held in late April and early May, are spread all over the city.}

SHOPPING & DINING

The Northwoods Mall and Tanger Outlets areas have big box stores and other chain retail options. Park Circle is the place to go for local hotspots. Favorites include Jackrabbit Filly, a Chinese fusion restaurant, and Pinky & Clydes, a retro bar and arcade with pop-up dining.

PARKS & REC

Riverfront Park offers shady views of the Cooper River and a historic memorial. Park Circle Playground has a sprawling playground, a turf baseball diamond and more.

SCHOOLS

North Charleston is served by three highly rated school districts: Dorchester Two, Berkeley County and Charleston County. It's also home to Trident Technical College, the College of Charleston's North Campus and Charleston Southern University, a private Christian school.

TRANSPORTATION

Most residents work nearby at places like Boeing, Joint Base Charleston or Trident Medical Center. Traffic is present but tends to be lighter than in Charleston proper.

OUTRO

With lively events, accessible housing and a good mix of culture and commerce, North Charleston is a dynamic Lowcountry community.

Sullivan's Island

INTRO

Sullivan's Island is a laid-back beach town with rich history, award-winning restaurants and tons of outdoor recreation. The absence of hotels and short-term rentals keeps the vibe exclusive and locals-only.

HOUSING

These coastal cottages, Cape Cods and Colonial Revivals are among the priciest in the Lowcountry. The median is more than \$4.3 million, but prices start just under \$2 million and quickly rise to around \$13.5 million. Boat slips run from the low \$200,000s to the mid-\$700,000s.

SHOPPING & DINING

Middle Street is the island's low-key version of a downtown, with municipal buildings, boutiques and restaurants. The dining scene is casual, with spots like The Long Board, known for light coastal dishes, and Poe's Tavern, which does pub fare. The Obstinate Daughter and Sullivan's Fish Camp are led by James Beard award-winning chefs.

PARKS & REC

Beaches line the island's windward side, and are busy year-round. Locals also spend time fishing or dolphin spotting at Thomson Park, or head to Stith Park and Poe Avenue Park for playgrounds, tennis courts and more. A two-mile trail connects the lighthouse and Fort Moultrie, a national historical park.

SCHOOLS

The island is served by the highly rated Charleston County School District, and kids are a short golf cart or bike ride from the highly rated Sullivan's Island Elementary.

TRANSPORTATION

Big employers in downtown Charleston, like hospitals in the Medical District, are roughly 10 miles away.

OUTRO

Sullivan's Island offers a relaxed, luxurious lifestyle that doesn't sacrifice convenience for resort-like amenities.

French Quarter

INTRO

Charleston's historic French Quarter offers a fast-paced, downtown lifestyle.

HOUSING

Colonial Revival, French Eclectic and Italianate rowhomes, as well as colorful condos, line narrow, cobblestone streets. The French Quarter's median sale price is \$1.6 million, more than double the city's median.

PARKS

Waterfront Park offers views of Charleston Harbor, plus walking paths that lead to the East Bay Dog Park. {It's also home to the famous pineapple fountain.}

ATTRACTIIONS

{Landmarks like the Pink House, Charleston's oldest-standing structure, draw tourists to the area for walking tours.}

EVENTS

{The French Quarter hosts several Piccolo Spoleto Festival events each spring, including poetry readings in Washington Square Park.} {It's also home to the historic Dock Street Theatre, which opened in 1736.}

SHOPPING AND DINING

Slightly North of Broad, Gingerline and more popular restaurants are scattered throughout the busy district, close to colorful art galleries and studios.

SCHOOLS

The neighborhood is zoned to the top-rated Charleston County School District. Top-rated private schools, including Charleston Day School, are nearby.

TRANSPORTATION

Parking can be tricky, but the area is walkable. The city offers bus service and a free downtown shuttle service.

OUTRO

Homebuyers are drawn to the French Quarter's rich history, artsy vibe and thriving food scene.

South of Broad

INTRO

South of Broad offers a walkable downtown lifestyle on the tip of the Charleston Peninsula.

HOUSING

A lot of these Colonial Revival, Georgian Revival and Charleston single-style homes are historic. Rainbow Row's sherbert-hued properties are a standout. The median sale price here hovers around \$2 million, about four times the city median.

SHOPPING & DINING

Broad Street is lined with hotspots like the Blind Tiger Pub, which has outdoor seating, and Oak Steakhouse, which serves locally sourced beef and seafood. Burbage's Grocery has been a neighborhood staple since the 1940s.

PARKS & REC

White Point Garden offers shady spots under old oaks and historic monuments. The Battery promenade runs along the Cooper River and connects to Waterfront Park, home of the iconic pineapple fountain.

ATTRACTIIONS

{Historic homes in the area, like the Nathaniel Russell House and the Edmondston-Alston House, have been turned into museums, and are popular walking tour stops.}

SCHOOLS

The top-rated Charleston County School District serves local students. {Charleston Day School, a top-rated private school, is within a mile of most homes.} {The College of Charleston is also nearby.}

TRANSPORTATION

While South of Broad sees a lot of tourist traffic, including slow-moving carriage tours, the area is walkable. Public transportation is also an option, with CARTA bus stops on Broad Street.

OUTRO

Homebuyers are drawn to South of Broad's fast-paced urban lifestyle, which is toned down by its elegant, historic homes and laid-back Lowcountry vibe.