



Fairfield County

Located centrally in South Carolina, Fairfield County was established in 1785. Some say the county was named from a statement made by General Cornwallis, "How Fair These Fields." The seat of Fairfield is Winnsboro which was named for Colonel Richard Winn, a Revolutionary officer. The county has a land area of 696 square miles.

At Winnsboro, the town clock was made in France before the War Between the States and was transported from Charleston to Winnsboro by wagon. The Fairfield County Museum on historic Congress Street has been restored recently to its Federal style elegance.

settled by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and for a ridge which bisects the county between Broad and Wateree Rivers. Confederate General Pierre G.T. Beauregard stationed his headquarters here at Century House after he evacuated Columbia due to Sherman's advancing Union Army.

The Sumter National Forest covers a portion of western Fairfield County, and south of it lies Monticello, a 300 acre fishing lake. At the lake are available are boat launching ramps, picnic grounds with grills, swimming, and parking. On the eastern side of the county, Wateree Lake provides an abundance of beautiful scenery for all types of outdoor recreation.