

Celebrate the season in the Upstate

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Holiday lights, ornate Christmas trees, arts and crafts, and carriage rides are a big part of the Christmas season around the Upstate.

Here's a look at holiday lights and more:

Lights

■ **Roper Mountain Holiday Lights**, 6-10 p.m. nightly, through Dec. 30, Roper Mountain Science Center. \$15 per car. www.ropermountainholidaylights.com

The drive-through light show has been around for more than 25 years, but this year is the last. There are 72 lights displays, plus the Winter Wonderland walk-through area featuring

Santa Claus and a changing schedule of entertainment, including Christmas caroling and visits by local mascots.

■ **Anderson Lights of Hope**, through Dec. 25, 520 Woodcrest Drive, Anderson. \$10 per car. www.andersonchristmaslights.com

This year marks the 24th annual Anderson Lights of Hope, a drive-through 2.4-mile display that also features a walk-through Santa's Village and nightly live entertainment.

■ **Holiday Lights Safari**, 6-9 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, Hollywild Animal Park, Inman. \$10 per vehicle, \$6 per person for Santa's Village. www.hollywild.org

The popular drive-through display returns, though Hollywild itself was closed during the summer season. The 100-acre park features a mix of festive and religious displays, and the walk-through Santa's Village has live ani-

mals, bonfire and lifesize nativity scene.

■ **Upstate Holiday Lights Show**, 6-10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, Greenville-Pickens Speedway. \$20 per car. www.upstatelights.com

This drive-through display features 32 million lights, and in addition to the illumination, there's a petting zoo and ice rink, and on Friday and Saturday nights, Santa's Workshop.

More

■ **Holiday Fair**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 2, TD Convention Center. \$5-\$6. www.holidayfairgreenville.com

Hundreds of vendors will showcase all manner of products. The list includes Christmas decorations, jewelry, glassware, pet products, gardening

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accessories, home décor, gourmet food items and lots more.

■ **Bob Jones University Tree Lighting**, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1, Bob Jones University. www.bju.edu The annual lighting ceremony features more than just plugging in the lights on the tree. There's carol-singing, children's activities and storytelling.

■ **St. Francis Festival**

of Trees, Dec. 1-31, various locations. Free. 864-255-1199.

The 32nd annual display of fabulous firs and extravagant evergreens will take place at three locations: Hyatt Regency Downtown, Courtyard Marriott Downtown, and Hampton Inn and Suites RiverPlace.

■ **Downtown Greenville Holiday Happening**, Dec. 2-10, downtown Greenville. www.downtownholidayhappening.com

Downtown Greenville will be positively jingling with activity during this

event, which features live music from several local artists and ensembles, and many local businesses will have special promotions.

■ **Mauldin's 12 Days of Christmas**, Dec. 1-12, Mauldin Cultural Center. www.mauldinculturalcenter.org

The holiday festivities begin with the tree-lighting ceremony on Dec. 1. Other events include breakfast with Santa, baking and painting classes, live music, the Holiday Market, and on Dec. 12, the Christmas time Wassail Walk.