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# 2010



# Where to Go Camping

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## Santee Lodge 116

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## **About The Where To Go Camping Book**

The Santee Lodge Where To Go Camping Guide has been designed to evolve as you use it. The loose-leaf format without page numbers allows you to add pages as you wish. If you find information that is useful to your unit, feel free to include it. Your input is very valuable, so please share with us information that you think would be useful to other units. Please keep this book so that Santee Lodge can send you annual updates.

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Scouts and Scouters:

As one of the goals of the Order of the Arrow, Santee Lodge takes great pride in fulfilling the obligation to support scout camping. To this purpose, we of Santee Lodge hope that you enjoy this 2010 Where To Go Camping Guide.

This guide features South Carolina State Parks, trails, and waterways and some North Carolina camping opportunities. We are also featuring some of the nations High Adventure camps. Additionally, we have included a reference to the Guide to Safe Scouting that we hope you will find useful. Finally, there are some forms and documents to ensure successful camping in the Boy Scouts Program.

Santee Lodge and the Pee Dee Area Council have a proud tradition of scout camping. We hope this guide serves you well in your unit's camping program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any brother or call me.

Yours in WWW,

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# **CAMP COKER**

Pee Dee Area Council's Scout Camp

Home of Santee Lodge #116

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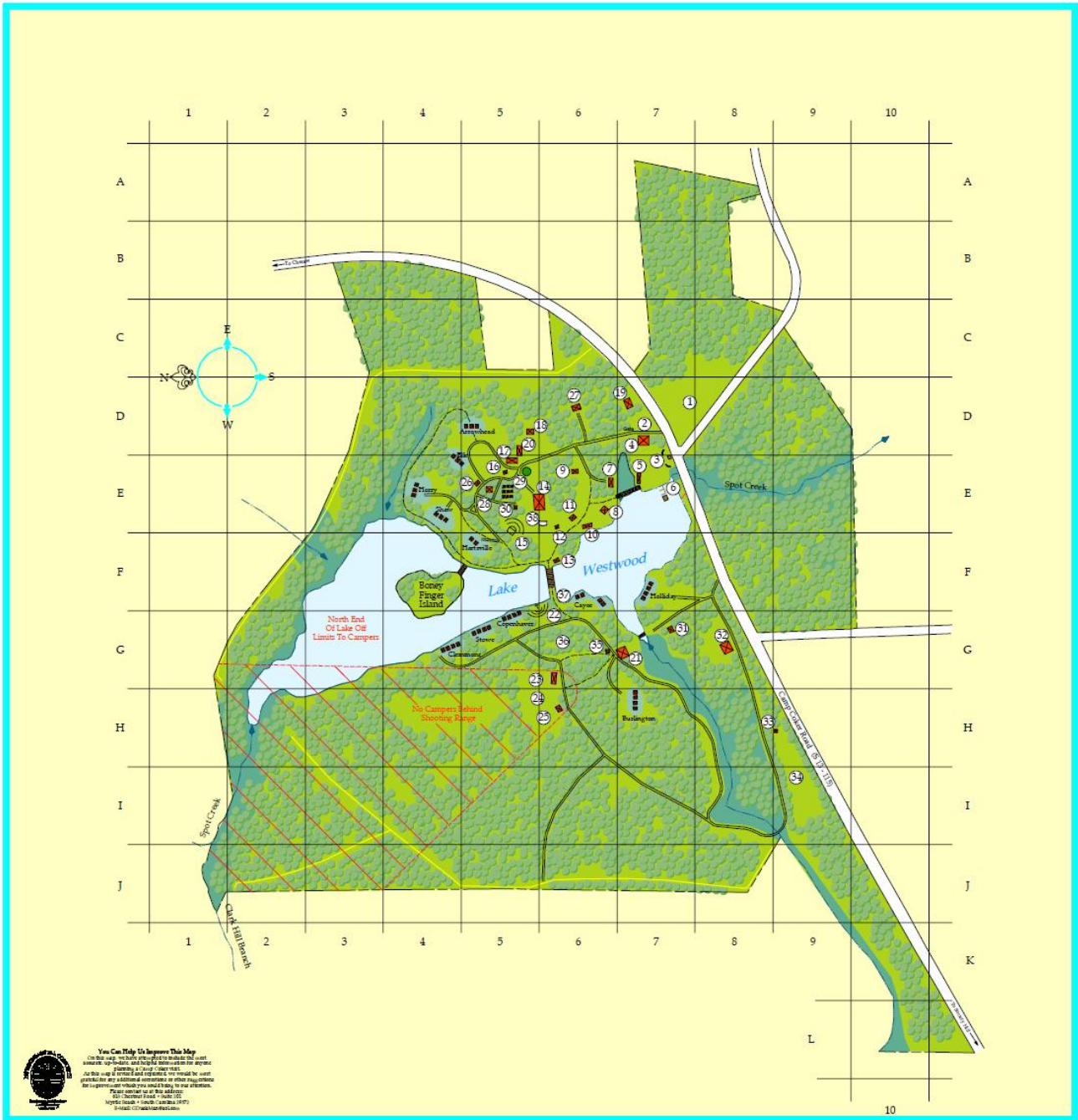
## **Pee Dee Area Scout Camp**

Camp Coker, nestled in nearly 300 acres outside of beautiful Society Hill, SC is the camping and training facility operated by the Pee Dee Area Council. Camping takes place during the scheduled summer camp season, or during the off season when there is no hired camp staff.

Camping during the summer sessions is accomplished by the troop members paying the camp fee. A program is supplied and manned by a trained staff in Ecology-Conservation, Handicraft, Scout Craft, Aquatics, First Aid, and Field Sports. The Camp Coker staff offers over 25 merit badges, many of which are required for Eagle, and a great “new scout” program for rank advancement.

There is more to Camp Coker than merit badges and there is time for making crafts, troop competition, fishing, archery, shotgun and rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, rowing, canoeing, sailing, swimming and many additional activities. Three balanced meals are provided each day by the food service staff, and qualified first aid personnel are on call 24 hours a day.

The camp is available for use by troops during the remainder of the year simply by obtaining a camp permit from the Council Service Center (Phone number is 843-662-6306) in advance. The phone number of Camp Coker is 843-378-4646. Our Camp Ranger, Nick Newton, can be reached at 843-378-4892. Our Camp Director, Brian Davidson, can be reached at 843-319-0517.



**You Can Help Us Improve This Map**  
 On this map, we have attempted to include the most accurate, up-to-date, and helpful information for anyone planning a camp visit.  
 As the map is revised and updated, we would be most grateful for a list of corrections or other suggestions. For suggestions, please contact us at this address:  
 101 North End • Camp Coker • SC 29527  
 803-785-2400 • FAX 803-785-2401  
 E-mail: Coker@scbsa.org

**Facilities**

- |                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. East Parking               | 20. Warehouse                   |
| 2. Parking                    | 21. West Central Showers        |
| 3. Front Lawn: Flag Poles     | 22. Chapel                      |
| 4. Stallworth Lodge: Check In | 23. Rifle Range                 |
| 5. Locker Rooms               | 24. Shotgun Range               |
| 6. Swimming Area              | 25. Archery Range               |
| 7. Trading Post               | 26. East Central Showers        |
| 8. Old Camp Office            | 27. Training Center             |
| 9. Handicraft Lodge           | 28. Staff Showers               |
| 10. Boat House                | 29. Staff City                  |
| 11. Health Lodge              | 30. O.A. Restrooms              |
| 12. Ecology Hut               | 31. Santee Tower                |
| 13. Director's Cabin          | 32. C.O.P.E. Training Center    |
| 14. Dining Hall               | 33. Climbing Tower              |
| 15. Council Ring              | 34. Activity Field              |
| 16. O.A. Hut                  | 35. West Commissioner / The Box |
| 17. Shop                      | 36. Outdoor Skills              |
| 18. Sleepy Hollow             | 37. Causeway Bridge             |
| 19. Ranger Quarters           | 38. Flag Pole Assembly          |



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 Camp Map  
 Of  
**CAMP COKER**  
 Pee Dee Area Council, BSA  
 Chesterfield County • South Carolina



**Legend**

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|-------------------|--|----------|--|
| Tree Canopy       |  | Creek    |  |
| Campsite          |  | Fireline |  |
| Camp Road         |  | Wetland  |  |
| Camp Trail (Feet) |  | Lake     |  |
| Boundary          |  | Building |  |

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# High Adventure Camps



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# High Adventure

## Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

Through this gateway you have your choice of year-round aquatic activities. You can canoe where the Seminole Indians roamed. You can cruise the Gulf of Mexico on a 38-meter square-rigged brig. You can explore the coral reefs of the Florida Keys and the Bahamas on smaller vessels and you can scuba drive the crystal-clear water of the Gulf of Mexico. For more information, contact:

National High Adventure Sea Base  
P. O. Box 1206  
Islamorada, Florida 33036  
(305) 664-4173



<http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

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## **Adirondack Adventure Area**

Explore miles of lakes, trails, mountains, and rivers through the 14 bases of the Adirondack Association. This includes 46 mountain peaks over 4000 feet in height, and flexible programs allow you to select the type and length of your adventure. For more information, contact:

Adirondack Adventure Area  
474 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14607  
(518) 359-2281

<http://www.highadventurecommittee.org/Adirondack.html>

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## **Northern Tier**

One of the most beautiful and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing and winter camping in and around the lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada. For more information, contact

Northern Tier  
P. O. Box 509  
Ely, Minnesota 55731  
(218) 365-4811

<http://www.ntier.org>

# Philmont Mountain Treks

Mountain Men and Mountain Women treks are backpacking expeditions that provide the opportunity to experience the rugged challenges of Philmont's Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Mountain Trek crews hike 20 to 30 miles into the backcountry, where participants stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs, along with time to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Philmont.

The Mountain Trek program is for young men and women who are 14 years old, but not yet 21. All Mountain Trek participants must complete and return the Mountain Trek application included in your participant's packet. Participants are organized into male or female crews and are placed under the supervision of two of Philmont's highly qualified Rangers.

On Sunday afternoon, Mountain Trek participants check in at the Philmont Training Center and meet at 2 P.M. prepared to leave for the trek. (If you cannot arrive by 2 P.M., please place your teen in the Los Jovenes program.) After a short orientation meeting with the Mountain Trek Rangers, the participants will be divided into crews based on their age and ability and prepare for departure into the backcountry. Participants will return Saturday morning after breakfast.

A Philmont Health and Medical Record (signed by a physician within the past 12 months and the parent or guardian) is required. Philmont provides crew gear, but you will need the personal gear listed on the Mountain Trek equipment list.

**Note: the Mountain Trek program is not available during the first week of summer conferences.**

<http://www.scouting.org/philmont>

<http://www.philmont.com/>

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# South Carolina



# State Parks

For more information about South Carolina State Parks, visit the following web site

**<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>**

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## AIKEN STATE NATURAL AREA



Four spring-fed lakes and the meandering South Edisto River make Aiken State Natural Area a popular destination. The park is a combination of a river swamp, bottomland hardwood forest and dry sandhill pine forest; the latter provides evidence of an era when the sea reached this far inland. Built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, this 1,067-acre park has a variety of animal and plant life, making it an excellent location for nature study and birding. The park also

offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities such as canoeing the Edisto River, fishing in one of the park lakes, picnicking, camping and hiking trails.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Aiken State Natural Area was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.  
The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday during daylight savings time.)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Sixteen miles east of Aiken off US 78 or off 302 from Columbia.
- *Driving Directions:* Sixteen miles east of Aiken off US 78 or off 302 from Columbia. From Hwy. 302: turn onto Mackney Scott Rd. and follow signs for the park. From Hwy 78: turn onto State Park Rd. and follow park signs.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK



Photo Credit: Brian Gomsak

This 360-acre park was established to honor the seventh President of the United States, Andrew Jackson. The museum (temporarily closed for renovations) tells the story of Jackson's boyhood experiences during the Revolutionary War and highlights life in the South Carolina backcountry from Andrew Jackson's birth in 1767 until he left South Carolina in 1784. The focal point of the grounds is an equestrian statue of young Andrew Jackson by famed sculptress Anna Hyatt Huntington, cofounder of Brookgreen Gardens. A replica of a late 18th-century one-room schoolhouse plus an herb garden and orchard enhance the historical aspects of the grounds. Recreational opportunities include a campground, fishing lake, picnic shelters and nature trails.

Andrew Jackson is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Standard Time: M-Su 8am-6pm; Daylight Savings Time: M-Su 9am-9pm
- *Office Hours:* 11am -noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Nine miles north of Lancaster on US 521.
- *Driving Directions:* Exit I-77 onto Hwy. 5 E. Follow Hwy. 5 until it intersects with Hwy. 521 N. The park is located ½ mi. on the right, 9 mi. N. of Lancaster. Exit I-77 onto Hwy. 9 in Richburg: take Hwy. 9 until it intersects with Hwy. 521 N. in Lancaster. Park is 9 mi. N. of Lancaster.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## **BAKER CREEK STATE PARK**



Developed primarily for and offering among the best public access on Lake Thurmond, Baker Creek provides water recreational opportunities near scenic lakeside campsites. The lakefront pavilion accommodates large group gatherings. The 10-mile mountain bike trail also opens up the park's vistas of serene Piedmont forest, land and waterfowl and wildlife, including abundant wild turkey. Located along the South Carolina Heritage Corridor, Baker Creek provides a relaxing, out-of-the-way venue for experiencing quality recreation among undisturbed natural resources.

### **Hours**

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6 am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time).
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### **Admissions**

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 U.S. seniors; age 15 & younger free

### **Location**

- *General Directions:* Four miles west of McCormick on US 378
- *Driving Directions:* From McCormick: take US 378 W for 3 miles, take a right at the park sign, go 1 mile, then take a left at the park entrance.

### **General**

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## BARNWELL STATE PARK



Acquired in 1937, Barnwell State Park is a 307-acre park situated along the coastal plain in Barnwell County. Known for its lake fishing and large meeting facility, Barnwell features five vacation cabins, a 25-site camping area and a nature trail. The two park lakes provide day-visitors and overnight guests the opportunity to appreciate the natural features while enjoying the recreational opportunities on the park. The park was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a public works program set up in the 1930s by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Examples of its work can be seen at the spillway, picnic shelters and the lower lake.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Barnwell State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday during daylight savings time.)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Seven miles northeast of Barnwell off SC 3 near Blackville.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-20: Take exit 18 or 22 to Aiken. From Aiken take Hwy. 78 E. to Blackville, turn rt. onto Hwy. 3 and go 2 mi. From I-95: Southbound - Take exit 77 and follow Hwy. 78 to Blackville, turn rt. onto Hwy. 3 and go 2 mi. Northbound - Take exit 57 and follow Hwy. 64 to Barnwell, park is 7 mi N.E. of Barnwell.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabins areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## CAESARS HEAD STATE PARK



Caesars Head, along with Jones Gap State Park and other wildlife preserves in upper Greenville County, create the protected Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area. With more than 50 miles of easy to strenuous hiking trails dotted by trailside camping, visitors to Caesars Head can avail themselves of majestic Blue Ridge Mountain panoramas in the verdant, secluded valleys of the area. Marvel at the beauty of Raven Cliff Falls, the excitement of mountain river fishing in the Middle Saluda, or just enjoy the sights and sounds of abundant wildlife during a picnic outing with family and friends.

Caesars Head is part of the State Park Services' Project Green Program, designed to reduce trash and encourage recycling. Trash cans have been removed to improve the appearance and to ensure a more enjoyable experience for visitors. Pack it in, pack it out.

Caesars Head is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during daylight savings time)
- *Office Hours:* 9am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* Trail access fee: \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* On US 276, 30 miles northwest of Greenville near the SC/NC border and 5 miles from SC 11
- *Driving Directions:* From Greenville: take Hwy. 276 W. for about 30 mi. Park is located at the top of the mountain right off the Hwy. The North Carolina border is 3 mi. away.

### General

- *Significant Natural Features:* Caesars Head is one of South Carolina's most famous natural landmarks. At 3,266 feet above sea level, Caesars Head provides a panoramic view of the mountain country.

Another significant landmark in the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area includes Raven Cliff Falls, a 420-foot mountain cascade that awaits day-hikers at the end of a moderately strenuous two-mile trail.

This area of the Blue Ridge Escarpment ends in South Carolina with an abrupt drop of some 2,000 feet to the foothills below, where the state's Piedmont region begins. This escarpment affords spectacular scenic vistas and waterfalls, and provides a protected environment for many rare and endangered plant and animal species.

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## CALHOUN FALLS STATE RECREATION AREA



Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area is located on Lake Russell, one of South Carolina's most popular fishing lakes. Coves around this 26,650-acre lake create excellent fish habitats that provide an abundance of bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish and others. Lakeside camping is a popular amenity at this park, as well as a hiking trail, picnic area, tennis court and seasonal swimming area.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* 6am-6pm daily (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 8am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 U.S. seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Two miles N. of Calhoun Falls off Highway 81.
- *Driving Directions:* From Hwy. 72, take Hwy. 81 N. at the intersection in Calhoun Falls. Proceed approximately 1 mile, the park will be on the left.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## CHARLES TOWNE LANDING STATE HISTORIC SITE



History comes alive at Charles Towne Landing, where Native Americans, English, Africans and Barbadians came together to create the first successful English colony in Carolina in 1670. Interacting with each other and the land, these groups each made important contributions and shaped the history of the region. Visitors can learn more about this history by visiting the park's unique attractions, including the ADVENTURE, a reproduction of a 17th-century coastal trading vessel; and the Animal Forest, a natural habitat zoo that displays animals indigenous to Carolina in 1670. Scheduled programming

that includes archaeological excavations, festivals and living history demonstrations will enhance the visit.

### Designations

- *Designation:* Listed on the National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 8:30am-5pm (extended to 6pm Memorial Day to Labor Day).
- *Office Hours:* Su-M 8:30am-5pm
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* Christmas Eve/ChristmasDay

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$5/adult; \$3.25/S.C. Senior; \$3/youth age 6-15

### Location

- *General Directions:* West of the Ashley River on SC 171, 3 miles northwest of Charleston at 1500 Old Towne Road.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-26 E.: Take exit 216A to Hwy. 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd.) to Hwy. 171 (Old Town Rd.) Follow signs for Charles Towne Landing.

### General

- *Historical Significance:* Just a few historic highlights include the Animal Forest a 22-acre zoo home to animals the original settlers encountered, including pumas, bison, alligators, black bears, otters, bobcats and wolves.  
The Adventure which is a life-size reproduction of a typical trading ship of the 17th century, docked on Old Town Creek.  
The Experimental Crop Garden features plants the Lords Proprietors, the colony's British investors, instructed the settlers to investigate, including indigo, rice, oranges, sugar cane and cotton.
- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the Animal Forest and on the Adventure. However, pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## CHERAW STATE PARK



Cheraw State Park uniquely combines outstanding recreational opportunities: equestrian trails, hiking and biking trails, rustic cabins with full amenities, group camps and family campsites near Lake Juniper from which you can enjoy boating, sailing and fishing. Cheraw also provides a championship 18-hole golf course designed by Tom Jackson, with a layout so unique that no two fairways are adjacent to the other. The park also protects habitats for the threatened Red Cockaded woodpecker and migratory birds.

### Designations

- *Designation:* Cheraw State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Standard Time: M-Su 7am-7pm;  
Daylight Savings Time: M-Su 7am-8pm, extended to 9 p.m. April to August
- *Office Hours:* 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Four miles south of Cheraw US Hwy 52.
- *Driving Directions:* Take Hwy. 52 S. from Cheraw for approximately 4 miles, turn right at the park entrance.

### General

- *Significant Natural Features:* Cheraw State Recreation Area contains an extensive longleaf pine forest that supports Red-cockaded woodpeckers and significant wetlands with stands of Atlantic white cedar trees.

The Hudsonia Flats Heritage Trust Site protects populations of rare plants including golden heather, pixie moss as well as other species.

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## CHESTER STATE PARK



Photo Credit: Brian Gomsak

Chester State Park rests in the quiet hills of the South Carolina Piedmont and for generations has offered retreat and recreation to the surrounding communities.

The park's 523 acres include a 160-acre lake, itself surrounded by a two-mile nature trail through the pine forest. Jon boat rentals are popular in the warmer months and the park also offers picnicking, camping, archery and a place to simply enjoy the serenity of the placid setting. The Civilian Conservation Corps built the park and its work can still be seen and enjoyed today. The community building is heavily used year-

round, adding to the secluded park's value as a place to both gather and get away

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Chester State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

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### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9 pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Three miles southwest of Chester on SC 72.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-77 take Hwy 97 or Hwy 9 to the town of Chester. The park is located on Hwy 72. 2 mi W. of town.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet

## COLLETON STATE PARK



Only five minutes from I-95, this 35-acre park was originally built as a wayside park in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Campers, fishermen, canoeists and other outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the peaceful and relaxing blackwaters of the Edisto River. Colleton is on a portion of the river that has been designated as an official canoe and kayak trail, which carries paddlers into a rare, natural world of wildlife and scenic beauty.

The park hosts the Edisto Riverfest, an annual weekend festival held in June, which offers numerous guided canoe trips, educational programs, workshops, exhibits and music. Guests also have the opportunity to camp, hike or picnic in this scenic regional park.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Colleton State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

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### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.50 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *Driving Directions:* Located off I-95, exit 68. Head E. toward Charleston/Canadys on Hwy. 61. Go 3 mi. to Hwy. 15. Take Hwy. 15 N. (left) for .5 mi. The park is on the left.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## COLONIAL DORCHESTER STATE HISTORIC SITE



Photo Credit: Ted Borg

irreplaceable piece of the nation's early history. Colonial Dorchester offers visitors the rare opportunity to join with park staff in hands-on archaeology work. Their findings, combined with the extensive written record of the town's history, provide a deeper understanding of life in Dorchester and a look into the process of archeological discovery as it takes place. Colonial Dorchester is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm
- *Office Hours:* 9am-6pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Northwest of Charleston on SC 642 and 4 miles south of Summerville via SC 165.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-26: take exit 199-A. Travel 3 mi on Hwy 17 through downtown Summerville to Hwy 165. Turn left onto Hwy. 165 and travel 2.75 mi to Hwy 642. Turn left on Hwy 642 and travel 1.75 miles. Park entrance will be on the right.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Visitors can observe and even participate in archaeological digs revealing well-preserved building foundations, street systems and other evidence of colonial life in the old town.
- Hands-on educational programs are held regularly on weekends. *Historical Significance:* Colonial Dorchester is 15 miles upriver from Charleston on the State Scenic Ashley River. It's also on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The church was built in 1719; the bell tower was added in 1751. The fort overlooking the river was built in 1757. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War Dorchester was a fortified post for the Americans, its garrison briefly commanded by Francis Marion, who later became famous as the Swamp Fox. Near the war's end, the village was a British post, occupied until the approach of an American force prompted the British to evacuate.
- The town was abandoned after the Revolution, and as the surrounding forest reclaimed the site it preserved the town's archaeological remnants under the surface.
- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.
- *Restrictions:* Colonial Dorchester is a protected site. Metal detecting and removal of artifacts are prohibited. Grills are not allowed and visitors are asked to take out what they bring in, because of the unique nature of the site.

## CROFT STATE NATURAL AREA



Photo Credit: Brian Gomsak

Once part of a World War II Army training camp known as Camp Croft, this area continues to play an important role in preserving greenspace in Spartanburg County. Croft's rolling terrain of 7,054-acres and two lakes support an excellent habitat for a variety of flora and fauna. The park also offers diverse recreational opportunities for the adventurous guest that includes a hiking trail, fishing, picnicking, seasonal swimming, camping, equestrian facilities and more. In addition to its history as a military installation, the park's cultural features include remnants of a Native American soapstone quarry, registered as a

Heritage Trust Site.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Standard Time Hours : 7am- 6pm; extended to 8pm on Fri;  
Daylight Savings Time Hours: M-Su 7am -9pm
- *Office Hours:* 11am -noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off SC 56, five miles southeast of Spartanburg
- *Driving Directions:* From I-85: take exit 78. Get on Hwy. 221 and take Hwy. 176 to Country Club Rd. Turn right on Country Club Rd. Turn left at the light (Hwy. 56). Stay on Hwy. 56, turn left onto Dairy Ridge Rd. and follow signs. From I-26: take exit 22, go east on Hwy. 296. for approximately one mile, turn onto Hwy. 295 until it intersects with Hwy 56. Turn right onto Hwy. 56, then take a left at Dairy Ridge Rd. and follow signs.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## DEVILS FORK STATE PARK



Located along the southwestern shore of Lake Jocassee, this park provides outdoor recreation amid the beauty of the Blue Ridge at the Jocassee Gorges.

Lakefront camping, hiking and picnicking are among some of the favorite activities, along with vacationing in the park's contemporary mountain villas.

The park provides access to the cool deep waters of the Jocassee, where anglers try their luck for trout and other species, and boaters drive to remote islands or sites of waterfalls spilling into the lake.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Villas](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Standard time hours Su-Th 7am-7pm extended to 9pm F-Sa; Daylight Savings Time hours - daily 7am-9pm.
- *Office Hours:* 9am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Five miles north of Salem off SC 11 on Jocassee Lake Road and 15 miles northwest of Pickens.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-85: Exit 1 to Hwy 11 N. Take Hwy. 11 for approx 40 miles, turn left on Lake Jocassee Rd, and travel 3 mi. From I-26: Take exit 5 onto Hwy 11 to Campobello. Travel for approximately 60 mi. Turn rt. on Lake Jocassee Rd., and travel 3 mi.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the villas or the villa areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## DREHER ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA



Dreher Island State Recreation Area is located on Lake Murray, a 50,000-acre reservoir in the Midlands. The park consists of three islands linked to the mainland by a causeway and two bridges. Its 348 acres and 12 miles of shoreline provide guests with a variety of outdoor water recreation opportunities. The park offers lakeside camping, picnicking, lakeside villas and a nature trail.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Villas](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-6pm (extended to 9 pm during Daylight Savings Time).
- *Office Hours:* 9am-6pm (extended to 8 p.m. in peak season)

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Dreher Island is 30 miles from Columbia and 12 miles off I-26 (via Chapin exit #91).
- *Driving Directions:* From I-26: Take exit 91 (Chapin exit- Hwy. 48) to Chapin. Turn rt on Hwy 76 for 1/8 mile, then turn left onto St. Peter's Church Rd (Hwy. 29) for 4 mi. Turn left onto Dreher Island Rd (Hwy 231) for approximately 3 mi. Then turn onto State Park Rd for 2 mi. to the park entrance.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the villas or the villa areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK



Edisto Beach State Park, located on a remote sea island rich in Native American history, was originally developed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. A variety of shells dot the 1.5 mile beach and some of the tallest palmetto trees in the state can be seen throughout the park and Edisto Island. This 1,255-acre park includes a dense maritime forest and an expansive salt marsh where visitors can explore the wonders of nature. The park offers a day-use area for beach access and a four-mile nature trail that winds through the maritime forest with beautiful vistas overlooking the salt marsh. For overnight guests the park offers vacation cabins and a campground.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Edisto Beach State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.  
The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 8am-6pm (extended from 6am to 10pm during Daylight Savings Time )
- *Office Hours:* M-Fr 9am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$4/adult; \$2.50 SC seniors; \$1.50/ child age 6-15

### Location

- *General Directions:* On SC 174 at Edisto Island, 50 miles southeast of Charleston off US 17.
- *Driving Directions:* From Hwy. 17 : take Hwy 174, 28 mi. to entrance of the town of Edisto Beach. As you enter the town limits, the entrance to the park will be on your left.

### General

- *Significant Natural Features:* Edisto Beach State Park is a part of the ACE Basin buffer zone around the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The ACE Basin boundaries include the watersheds of the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto Rivers.
- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## GIVHANS FERRY STATE PARK



By land or by water, Givhans Ferry State Park has been a favored destination since the Civilian Conservation Corps built it among the limestone bluffs along the Edisto River in the 1930s. The Edisto is the longest free-flowing blackwater river on the continent, and Givhans Ferry State Park is on the 56-mile stretch known as the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail. It's at the end of a popular 21-mile paddle from Colleton State Park upstream. Overland travelers used a ferry at the site to go to and from Charleston and the inland in the area's early days, while the 988-acre park – with its cabins, camping, fishing, scenic beauty and diverse wildlife – attracts local residents and visitors from far afield year round to this day. The park's riverbanks are protected as a Heritage Trust site because of several species of rare plants that live there. The park also is in the National Heritage corridor that extends more than 240 miles through the state.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Givhans Ferry State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

The park's riverbanks are protected as a Heritage Trust Site.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11a.-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off SC 61, 16 miles west of Summerville.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-95: Canadys exit. Turn left and drive 17 mi. Turn left onto Givhans Ferry Rd. From I-26 take exit 187 to Hwy. 27. Follow Hwy. 27 to Hwy. 61. Look for park signs. Park is 3 mi. on the right

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## GOODALE STATE PARK



This 763-acre day-use park is a popular get-away for area residents. The park lake, formally a mill pond that dates back to the Civil War days, features cypress trees, numerous species of birds and a variety of wildlife and plant life. This regional state park offers seasonal boating, fishing, picnicking and a meeting building.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* 9am-6pm
- *Office Hours:* M-Su 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off US 1, five miles northeast of Camden off Old Wire Road.
- *Driving Directions:* Five miles N.E. of Camden off Hwy. 1 and Old Wire Road

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## HAMILTON BRANCH STATE RECREATION AREA



Hamilton Branch is located in the western Piedmont of South Carolina on Strom Thurmond Lake, a popular fishing, boating and water recreation destination.

The park covers an entire 731-acre peninsula that provides ample shoreline for fishing. It's also the reason why most of the park's campsites are lakefront and spacious. The park's rolling terrain supports a variety of wildlife and provides an excellent setting in which to see the natural beauty of the Savannah Valley region.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-6pm (extended to 10pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 US seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Twelve miles south of McCormick on US 221.
- *Driving Directions:* From Columbia: take Hwy. 1 S. to Batesburg-Leesville, then take Hwy. 23 towards Johnston, Edgefield and Modoc. Hwy. 23 ends at Hwy 221 and Hwy 28. Go N. on Hwy 221 and look for park signs.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## HAMPTON PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE



Hampton Plantation is a quiet and serene state historic site, but in the 18th and 19th centuries it was a working rice plantation bustling with activity. Interpretive programming at this site focuses on the Lowcountry rice culture and plantation system that shaped the lives of Hampton's residents. Park interpreters conduct regular tours of the plantation's Georgian-styled mansion (ca. 1750), an architectural monument to the skills of enslaved African laborers and the social prominence of the Horry, Pinckney, and Rutledge families. Outside the mansion, a historic kitchen building, enormous live oaks, camellia gardens and archeological sites all

record the story of the rise and decline of the Lowcountry rice culture. Visitors to Hampton can explore the mansion, wander the grounds or simply stand on the banks of Wambaw Creek and view the remains of centuries-old rice fields, which once stretched almost as far as the eye could reach. Hampton is also an ideal place to discover the surrounding Santee Delta's natural beauty, inspiration of South Carolina's Poet Laureate, Archibald Rutledge. Though no Revolutionary War battles were fought at Hampton, a large number of women and children sought refuge at relatively isolated Hampton. These included members of important South Carolina families such as the Pinckneys, Rutledges, Draytons, Middletons, Hegers and Izards. For this reason Hampton is a good example of life on the Patriot "homefront." Hampton Plantation is on the National Register of Historic Places as well as a National Historic Landmark. Hampton Plantation is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Historic Landmark

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Ground Hours: From Memorial to Labor Day the park grounds are open daily from 9am-6pm. The remainder of the year, the park is open Th-M 9am-6pm. Mansion Hours: From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the mansion is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The remainder of the year, hours are Thursday through Monday, 1 to 4 p.m. Guided tours are offered on the hour with the last tour at 3 p.m.
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* Tues&Wed

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* Grounds are free. House admission fee is \$4 age 16+; \$2.50 SC Senior; \$3/child or youth age 6-15.

### Location

- *General Directions:* 16 miles southwest of Georgetown off US 17.
- *Driving Directions:* From Georgetown: Travel S. on Hwy 17 for approximately 16 mi. After crossing the two Santee River bridges, turn rt. at the first intersection onto Rutledge Rd. Go three miles and the park entrance will be on the rt. From Charleston: Travel N on Hwy 17 for approximately 35 miles. Turn left onto Rutledge Rd, go three mi. and the park entrance will be on the rt.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Historic house museum tours, interpreting colonial architecture and rice plantation life, are held Thursday through Monday from 1 to 4 pm.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Monday, tours are held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guided tours are offered on the hour with the last tour at 3 p.m.

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## HICKORY KNOB STATE RESORT PARK



Hickory Knob State Resort Park covers 1,091 acres alongside Strom Thurmond Lake in South Carolina's Savannah Lake region. As the only resort park in the state park system, Hickory Knob offers outstanding recreational opportunities which include a beautiful 18-hole championship golf course, trails for hiking, walking and biking; tennis courts, and facilities for archery and skeet shooting. In addition to access to a 70,000-acre lake for fishing and boating, Hickory Knob features a motel, park cabins, a restaurant and meeting facilities.

Hickory Knob has become a favorite destination for outdoorsmen seeking unique vacations and also a popular retreat for business meetings.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping, Cabins and Motel Rooms](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Open 24 hours
- *Office Hours:* 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

### Location

- *General Directions:* Two miles off US 378 on County Rd 7, seven miles west of McCormick at the SC/GA border.
- *Driving Directions:* Take Hwy. 378 W. from McCormick. Proceed approximately 6 mi. and turn ri. on Hwy 7. Proceed approximately 2 mi. and turn left at the park entrance. Continue for 3 mi to park lodge.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the motel rooms, cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK



This popular state park, located near historic Beaufort, is a 5,000-acre secluded barrier island of semitropical beauty. As the name implies, the island was once used for hunting deer, raccoon, waterfowl and other small game. As a state park, the island serves as a preserve for its abundant wildlife. With more than four miles of beach, a maritime forest and extensive saltwater marsh, the island is also a retreat for people who love a natural coastal environment.

An historic 19th-century lighthouse is Hunting Island's most popular landmark, where guests can climb to the top for a spectacular view of the coastline. The lighthouse and its complex are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hunting Island is a "[Discover Carolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Hunting Island State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

The park is listed on the National Register.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* M-Fri 9am-5pm Sat&Sun 11am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$4/adult; \$2.50 SC seniors; \$1.50/ child age 6-15

### Location

- *Driving Directions:* Hunting Island is 16 miles east of Beaufort on Hwy. 21. or 42 mi. E. of I-95 on Hwy 21

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Barrier Island educational programs and tours of the historic lighthouse complex are held March through November.
- *Significant Natural Features:* Hunting Island is always changing. Migrating creatures in air and sea come and go with the seasons, and the natural forces of erosion constantly re-shape the island.
- In addition to some 3,000 acres of salt marsh and more than four miles of beach, a large lagoon, created by sand dredging in 1968, has become a natural wonderland and home to such unexpected species as seahorses and barracuda.
- The park's upland areas contain one of the state's best examples of semi-tropical maritime forest, ancient sand dunes now dominated by such vegetation as slash pines, cabbage palmetto (the state tree) and live oak.
- Animal visitors include loggerhead turtles, which nest on the island in the summer months. On dry land and in and around freshwater ponds can be found deer and alligators, raccoons and even eastern diamondback rattlesnakes.
- Hundreds of species of birds also are resident on or visit Hunting Island, including painted buntings, tanagers and orioles, along with pelicans, oystercatchers, skimmers and terns, herons, egrets and wood storks.
- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK



Huntington Beach offers its visitors the best preserved beach on the Grand Strand. The park's freshwater lagoon, saltmarsh, maritime forest and beach are outstanding examples of the state's natural coastal environment. These also provide such prime habitat for birds that the park is widely recognized as one of the best birding sites along the East Coast.

Huntington Beach is also the site of the historic "Atalaya" castle. The former winter home and studio of noted American sculptress, Anna Hyatt Huntington, and her husband, Archer Milton Huntington, Atalaya is also listed as a National Historic Landmark.

A prestigious juried arts and crafts festival held at the castle attracts thousands of visitors to the park each September. Huntington Beach is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Sat-Th 6am-6pm; Fri 6am-8pm (hours are extended to 10pm daily during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 9am-4:30pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$5/adult; \$3.25/ S.C. Senior; \$3/youth age 6-15; Free for children 5 and younger.

### Location

- *Driving Directions:* Located on Hwy 17, 3 mi. S. of Murrells Inlet, 17 mi. S. of Myrtle Beach and 20 mi. N. of Georgetown.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* The park also features its Coastal Exploration program.

From March to November, "field trips" allow visitors to join staff educators for alligator viewing, marsh and nature trail exploration and more, including a close-up look at the history and mystery of Atalaya.

- *Historical Significance:* Atalaya, a National Historic Landmark, stands as monument to the creativity and generosity of Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington.
- A noted scholar of Spanish culture and art, Archer Huntington modeled the couple's winter home in the style of the Moorish architecture of the Spanish Mediterranean coast.
- *Significant Natural Features:* Perhaps the best known "studiers" of wildlife at Huntington Beach State Park are the birders who for years have been coming to see some of the more than 300 species that have been recorded here, giving the park a reputation as a top spot on the East Coast.

In addition to three miles of beach, much of the park is salt marshes, one of the world's most productive eco-systems.

Much of Huntington Beach's marsh is now registered under the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program to help preserve its unusually pristine nature.

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## JONES GAP STATE PARK



Trailside camping in one of South Carolina's most pristine wilderness areas in the Upcountry can be enjoyed at this 3,346-acre park. Located in the 10,000-acre Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, this park encompasses the Middle Saluda River, designated the state's first scenic river. In addition, the park is an access point to the Foothills Hiking Trail. More than 400 species of flora including rare and endangered plants and state record trees, are also found here. The park's Education Center offers nature exhibits and a lab area. Portions of the old Cleveland Fish Hatchery have been restored and are stocked with trout for observation

only. Jones Gap is part of the State Park Services' Project Green Program, designed to reduce trash and encourage recycling. Trash cans have been removed to improve the appearance and to ensure a more enjoyable experience for visitors. Pack it in, pack it out. Jones Gap is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 age 16+; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 25 miles northwest of Greenville off US 276 and 11 miles northwest of Marietta
- *Driving Directions:* From Greenville take Hwy 276 through Travelers Rest, Marietta and Cleveland. Approximately two miles N. of Cleveland turn right at park sign onto River Falls Road. Stay on River Falls Rd. until the name changes to Jones Gap Road. The park is six miles off Hwy. 276.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## KEOWEE-TOXAWAY STATE NATURAL AREA



This 1,000-acre park features outstanding rock outcroppings and views of the Foothills and Blue Ridge mountains. Rhododendron, mountain laurel and other mountain vegetation can be found along the streams in the park.

A museum tells the story of the Cherokee Indians who once roamed this area and their relationship with the European settlers of South Carolina.

A large rental cabin in a wooded area features an upper deck porch overlooking Lake Keowee and a private floating courtesy dock.

Other facilities include picnic areas with shelters, a campground, lake fishing and trails.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabin](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Sa-Th 9am-6pm; Fri 9am-8pm (extended to 9pm M-Su during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Twelve miles northwest of Pickens at the intersection of SC 133 and SC 11 at Lake Keowee.
- *Driving Directions:* 12 mi. N.W. of Pickens at the intersection of SC 11 and SC 133

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabin or the cabin area. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



Photo Credit: Brian Gomsak

Kings Mountain State Park rests in a picturesque setting adjacent to Kings Mountain National Military Park, a prominent Revolutionary War battle site. This traditional state park, which encompasses 6,883-acres, offers outdoor recreation activities such as hiking trails, picnicking, fishing from a rental jon boat, seasonal canoe rentals, equestrian trails and more. Guests can also re-live the life styles of early pioneers by visiting the Living History Farm. The park was originally built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps and evidence of their stonework and craftsmanship is still present today.

Kings Mountain is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* Kings Mountain State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 8am-6pm (extended from 7am to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon & 4-5 pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2/adult; \$1.25 SC Seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 14 miles northwest of York on SC 161
- *Driving Directions:* Located 14 miles N.W. of York on Hwy 161. From I-85, take exit 8, turn left onto Hwy 161, go across NC/SC state line and park entrance will be on the right. From I-77 take exit for Hwy 5 toward Rock Hill. Follow Hwy 5 through Rock Hill to York. In York, turn N onto Hwy 321, then bear left onto Hwy 161, entrance will be on the left.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Self-guided tours of the Living History Farm are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day and on weekends in April, May, September and October.

The farm is an 1840's homestead-homeplace, with a barn, cotton gin, blacksmith/carpenter shop, gardens and livestock. School group tours available by appointment.

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LAKE GREENWOOD STATE RECREATION AREA



The beautiful Lake Greenwood lends its name to this park in South Carolina's western Piedmont region.

This 914-acre park covers five peninsulas that provide 212 miles of shoreline for lakeside camping, fishing and picnicking.

Boating and hiking are other popular activities at the park.

Built in 1938 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park still boasts evidence of the CCC craftsmanship in two picnic shelters, the retaining wall at the lake, a boathouse and a water fountain.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Lake Greenwood State Recreation Area was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.
- The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-6pm (extended to 10pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 17 miles east of Greenwood off SC 702 on Hwy 702
- *Driving Directions:* From Greenwood: Take Hwy 72 for approximately 6 mi., turn right onto Hwy 246. Travel approximately 5 mi. and turn left onto Hwy 702, the park is located 7 mi. on the left.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LAKE HARTWELL STATE RECREATION AREA



Photo Credit: Tony Smith

Fourteen of Lake Hartwell's 962 miles of shoreline are included within this park, a popular destination for boaters, fishermen and campers who enjoy easy access to the lake. With its location on S.C. 11 just off I-85, Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area also serves as a gateway to the Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Highway and South Carolina's mountain country. An impressive collection of fishing equipment is on display in the park's information center. Modern-day fishermen, meanwhile, can attest to Lake Hartwell's reputation for top-flight angling for sought-after species such as striped bass, hybrid bass, largemouth, crappie, bream and catfish.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* During Standard Time: 7am-6pm (extended to 8pm on Fri.)  
During Daylight Saving Time: 6am-8pm (extended to 9pm Fri-Sat)
- *Office Hours:* 10am-4pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 U.S. seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* On SC 11 near Fair Play, at the SC/GA border
- *Driving Directions:* Located adjacent to the interchange of I-85, exit 1, and Hwy. 11 at Fair Play, near the SC/GA border.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LAKE WARREN STATE PARK



Picnic facilities, a 200-acre lake and community building are prominent features of this state park. Perhaps the most intriguing aren't manmade, however.

This 440-acre park has a floodplain forest that supports four species of pines, and other large tracts of wetlands and woodlands that are home to a variety of plants and animals.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm on Friday and Saturday during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Five miles west of Hampton between SC 363, and US 601 on secondary road 501 (Lake Warren Road).
- *Driving Directions:* Travel on Hwy 601 S. from the town of Hampton for 5 mi., then turn rt onto Lake Warren Rd at the highway sign for Lake Warren State Park. Travel one more mile to arrive at the park's gate on the left side of the road.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LAKE WATREE STATE RECREATION AREA



Lake Wateree is one of South Carolina's premier fishing and boating destinations, and Lake Wateree State Recreation Area provides ideal access to the 21-mile long, 13,700-acre reservoir. The park's serene setting on the lake's Desportes Island just off U.S. 21 near Interstate 77 in the northern Midlands/Lower Piedmont makes it convenient to the Columbia, Camden and Rock Hill areas and an easy drive from much of the rest of the state. The 238-acre park's offerings include a tackle shop/park store with refueling dock and public boat ramp. A large population of crappie, bream, largemouth bass, catfish and later, striped bass, has made the lake a popular fishing spot since the dam was built in 1919 (making it one of the state's oldest). The park's wooded, lakeside campground has 72 sites, including many that can accommodate large RVs and all with water and electrical service. Day visitors and campers also can enjoy the numerous picnic tables, playground and the mile-long nature trail through the quiet woods.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-6pm (extended to 10pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 9am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 15 miles east of Winnsboro off US 21 on River Rd and 11 miles off I-77.
- *Driving Directions:* On I-77, take exit 41, follow secondary 41 N. to stop sign at Hwy 21. Turn left and go approximately 2-3 mi. to the first paved road on the rt. Turn rt. on Rd. 101 (River Rd.) The park is 5.5 mi. on the left.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LANDSFORD CANAL STATE PARK



Landsford Canal, the best preserved of numerous 19th-century South Carolina river canals, retains remnants of all its major structural features. It is the uppermost of four canals constructed on the Catawba-Wateree river system from 1820-1835. During this period, boats used the canals to bypass rapids while carrying goods to and from the coast.

This 460-acre park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes historic ruins of canal-culverts, stone bridges, locks, an historic mill site and a lockkeeper's house, which contains interpretive exhibits about the canal system in South Carolina.

Land's Ford also is associated with the Revolutionary War. Thomas Sumter's troops crossed here on their way to the Battle of Hanging Rock. And the main British army under Lord Cornwallis crossed the Catawba here in October 1780 when it fell back from Charlotte after the Battle of Kings Mountain. In addition to its rich cultural history, Landsford Canal offers visitors an abundance of natural beauty. The rocky shoals on the Catawba River are home to one of the world's largest populations of rocky shoals spider lilies.

The park is located along the fall line of South Carolina. This geological feature gives the Catawba River its elevation change, producing the shoals or rapids in the river.

Landsford Canal is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based social studies and science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Th-M 9am-6pm
- *Office Hours:* 11 am-noon Th-M
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* T-W

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 15 miles west of Lancaster off US 21
- *Driving Directions:* From Charlotte: take I-77 exit 77 to Highway 5 & 21. Turn left (south), travel 16 miles to the Landsford Canal State Park sign and turn left. The park entrance is on the left. From Columbia: take I-77 north to exit 65 to Highway 9. Turn right and travel 2 miles to Highway 223. Turn left on Highway 223 and travel 9 miles to Highway 21. At Highway 21 turn left and travel 2 miles to the State Park sign. Turn right and the parks entrance is on the left.

### General

- *Significant Natural Features:* This area is home to the largest population of the Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies in the world.
- This large plant has adapted to live in a very harsh environment and puts on one of the greatest natural "shows" on the east coast. During their peak bloom from about mid-May to mid-June, these plants cover the river in a blanket of white.
- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LEE STATE NATURAL AREA



Photo Credit: Ted Borg

Lee State Natural Area is a gateway to the Lynches River, a designated state scenic river. The park encompasses 2,839 acres of diverse habitat that includes a vast hardwood floodplain forest, numerous artesian springs, a millpond and sandhills. Visitor amenities include a campground, nature trails, equestrian facilities and picnic area. The park was originally built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a New Deal program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to help young men learn new skills and provide jobs. Lee is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Lee State Natural Area was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Seven miles east of Bishopville and one mile off I-20 (exit 123).
- *Driving Directions:* Take I-20 to exit 123 (Lee State Park Rd). Go 1 mi. N. and turn left into the park entrance.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## LITTLE PEE DEE STATE PARK



Photo Credit: Brian Gomsak

The blackwaters of the Little Pee Dee River provide a tranquil setting for guests to enjoy at this regional state park. The river, named for the Pee Dee Indians who once roamed this area, is accessible from the park for fishing or just relaxing. In addition to the river, the park includes a small river swamp, features of the Sandhills region and a tract of a Heritage Trust Site, which includes a Carolina Bay.

Diverse ecosystems, from the flood plain along the river's edge to the dry sandy areas, provide habitat for a variety of flora and fauna.

This 835-acre park includes a campground, natural trail and picnic area. The park's 54-acre Lake Norton offers anglers the opportunity to try their luck for bream, bass and catfish. Located near I-95, the park is popular with interstate travelers as well as local residents.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off SC 57 on State Park Road, 11 miles southeast of Dillon (exits 190 & 193 off I-95)
- *Driving Directions:* From I-95: Take Exit 193 onto Hwy 9 through Dillon. From Hwy 9 take a right onto Hwy 57 for approximately 11 miles. Turn left onto county road 22 (State Park Road), cross two bridges over the Little Pee Dee River and the park will be one mile on the right.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## MUSGROVE MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE



Musgrove Mill State Historic Site captures a moment that shows what a true "civil war" the American Revolution was, a bloody struggle that in that particular encounter may have included only one British-born soldier among hundreds of combatants from across the Carolinas upcountry. The state park and its interpretive center are now a hub for the Cradle of Democracy project, which seeks to further the understanding of South Carolina's pivotal role in the creation of the nation. The battle occurred on Aug. 19, 1780, after about 200 Patriot militiamen rode hard all night to strike what they thought was an equal number of

Tories encamped at Musgrove Mill on the Enoree River in South Carolina's Lower Piedmont. Instead, they found themselves badly outnumbered, the Tories having been joined by 300 provincial regulars from the British post at Ninety Six.

Retreat was impossible, a frontal assault suicidal. So the patriot force took a strong defensive position and lured the Loyalists into a fierce fight that turned into a near rout after the British attack collapsed. The victory marked one of the few times that Patriot militia bested a larger force of provincial regulars and Tory militia. It also exemplified the hit-and-run tactics that marked the struggle in the upcountry.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Th-M 9am-6pm
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* T-W

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off State Highway 56, approximately seven miles northeast of exit #52 on I-26

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK



Located in the heart of the Grand Strand, Myrtle Beach State Park is one of the most popular public beaches along the South Carolina coast. This 312-acre oceanfront park plays a major role in preserving and maintaining a portion of the natural heritage of South Carolina's coastline. This traditional state park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and has the distinction of being the first state park open to the public in South Carolina. Myrtle Beach State Park includes a campground, cabins, nearly a mile of beach, picnic areas, a fishing pier and nature center. In addition, a nature trail provides a rare opportunity

to see one of the last stands of maritime forest on the northern coast of South Carolina. Because of this distinction, the forest has been declared a Heritage Trust Site. Myrtle Beach State Park is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Myrtle Beach State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-10pm
- *Office Hours:* M-Su 8am-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$4 adults; \$2.50 SC seniors; \$1.50/ child age 6-15

### Location

- *General Directions:* Four miles south of Myrtle Beach on US Business 17.
- *Driving Directions:* Located on Hwy 17, 4 mi S. of downtown Myrtle Beach.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Enjoy Coastal Appreciation Programs held Tuesday through Saturday in June and July.

Whether you are a visitor or a resident, our fascinating and exciting programs are perfect excursions for all ages.

Learn about whales, sharks, sea turtles; catch a crab; search for shells; touch a snake and more.

Children, age 10 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult.

Programs are free with park admission.

Contact the park for a program schedule. Groups of ten or more should call ahead.

- *Significant Natural Features:* The maritime forest has been declared a Heritage Trust Site.
- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the apartments, cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## OCONEE STATE PARK



Photo Credit: Tony Smith

This popular Upcountry state park rests on a high plateau among tall pines and hardwoods in the foothills of the Blue Ridge.

Among the park's 1,165 acres are two mountain lakes and a variety of recreational facilities for visitors to enjoy, including campgrounds, cabins, picnic areas and hiking trails.

The park also serves as the western terminus for the 85-mile Foothills Trail, which crosses the state's crown and ends at Jones Gap State Park.

Developed in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Oconee State Park still features the craftsmanship of the CCC in preserved buildings and stonework.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Oconee State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Su-Th 7am-7pm; Fri-Sa 7am-9pm (extended to 7am-9pm daily during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* M-Fri 9am-5pm; Sa-Su 11am-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC Seniors; free for those 15 and younger

### Location

- *General Directions:* Twelve miles northwest of Walhalla off SC 28 onto SC 107.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-85: take exit 1 to Hwy 11 toward Walhalla. From Hwy. 11 take Hwy 28. Travel through Walhalla and continue for approximately 10 mi. Turn rt onto Hwy 107 and the park will be 2 mi on the rt.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## OCONEE STATION STATE HISTORIC SITE



This 210-acre park, on Oconee Creek in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, contains two historic structures: a stone blockhouse (fort) known as Oconee Station and a two-story brick residence known as the William Richards House.

The blockhouse was constructed around 1792 as one of a chain of such buildings established during a period of tension between white settlers and the Indians.

Oconee Station was the last blockhouse to be decommissioned in the state. The troops were removed in 1799. The brick house at Oconee Station, which sits near the blockhouse, was built in 1805 by William Richards, a native of Ireland. Richards established a successful trading post at Oconee Station. After the death of William Richards, along with the western movement of the frontier, Oconee Station's importance began to decline. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Oconee Station is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* March-December Th-Su 9am-6pm
- *Office Hours:* 11 am- noon
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* January & February

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.50 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* 2½ miles off SC 11 on Oconee Station Road
- *Driving Directions:* Located on Oconee Station Rd. 2.5 mi. off of Hwy. 11. The site is 10 mi N.E. of the town of Walhalla

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* The Station House and Richard's House are open for tours on Saturday & Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.
- *Significant Natural Features:* Gateway to Station Cove Falls in Sumter National Forest.
- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



One of the oldest protected areas in the state is gaining popularity as a beautiful retreat in a metropolitan area.

Formerly a watershed for the city of Greenville, the 1,275-acre Paris Mountain features large stands of old growth hardwood forests that canopy over hiking and biking trails, a family campground, picnic areas and Camp Buckhorn, a group-camp complex.

The hardwoods are even more spectacular in the fall, when they produce the golds, reds and oranges of autumn. Developed in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park continues to display CCC craftsmanship in several buildings and structures.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Paris Mountain State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks.
- A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930s that are still in use at the park along with the lakes and dams built by the Paris Mountain water company in the late 19th century make this park a historic district on the National Register.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* 9am-6pm (extended to 8pm on Fri ); hours are extended daily to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2/adult; \$1.25 SC Seniors; free for those 15 and younger

### Location

- *General Directions:* Six miles north of Greenville on SC 253.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-385: take exit onto N. Pleasantburg Rd (Hwy 291) for approximately 4 mi. Take a rt on Piney Mountain Rd. Go to the 1st light and turn rt. Park is 2 mi. ahead on the left.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## POINSETT STATE PARK



Poinsett State Park is located in an outlying area of the Sandhills, yet it is still within the coastal plain.

This unique position on the edge of diverse terrain makes for habitat diversity that supports a wide range of floral life. Within the park's swamp, Sandhills, mountain bluffs and hardwood forests are plants that typically thrive in Upcountry habitats and species that are normally found in Lowcountry habitats. The park's cabins, picnic shelters and other historic structures are excellent examples of the quality craftsmanship of

the Civilian Conservation Corps, which built the park in the 1930s. This 1,000-acre park also features a family campground, equestrian campground, fishing lake, trails and access to the Palmetto Trail system, which links to adjacent Manchester State Forest.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Poinsett State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon & 4pm-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off SC 261, 18 miles southwest of Sumter near Wedgefield
- *Driving Directions:* From I-95: Take exit 119 (Manning exit) onto Hwy 261 towards Columbia until you see signs for Poinsett. From Columbia: Take Hwy 378/76 toward Sumter. After crossing over the Wateree River proceed to the top of the hill and turn rt. on Hwy. 261 toward Wedgefield. Continue on Hwy 261 until you see signs for Poinsett. Park will be on the rt. From I-20: Take exit 98 (Camden exit) onto Hwy 521 S. toward Sumter. Go 2 mi. on Hwy. 521 to Hwy. 261, bear rt. and follow the rd. for approximately 35 mi.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## REDCLIFFE PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE



Completed in 1859, Redcliffe's Greek-Revival mansion was the home of James Henry Hammond and three generations of his descendants. Hammond, whose political career included terms as a United States congressman, governor of South Carolina, and United States senator, was perhaps best known during his lifetime as an outspoken defender of slavery and states' rights.

It was Hammond who coined the phrase that "Cotton is King" in an 1858 speech to the Senate.

A successful cotton planter, Hammond designed Redcliffe to be an estate for relaxation, entertaining and agricultural experimentation. Soon after its completion, Redcliffe quickly became the physical and emotional center of Hammond family life.

In 1935, James Henry Hammond's great-grandson, John Shaw Billings, began restoring the mansion to its 19th-century grandeur. Billings, an editor of Time, Life and Fortune magazines, donated the estate and its collections to the people of South Carolina in 1973, ensuring that his family's beloved home place would be preserved. Redcliffe Plantation is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Redcliffe Plantation is a ["DiscoverCarolina Site"](#), which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Grounds: Th-M 9am-6pm; House Museum Tours are held on the hour Thursday through Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* Park admission is free. House tours are \$4 age 16+; \$2.50 SC Senior; \$3/youth or child age 6-15

### Location

- *General Directions:* Two miles southeast of Beech Island off US 278.
- *Driving Directions:* Located two miles east of Beech Island, SC. Visitors may access site from Hwy. 278 or Hwy. 125.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## RIVERS BRIDGE STATE HISTORIC SITE



Site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against Gen. William T. Sherman's sweep across the South, the earthen fortifications at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site are silent monuments to the fierce resistance that raged there on Feb. 2-3, 1865. The vastly outnumbered Southerners held on for two days, marking the only major resistance the Union army faced as it marched from Georgia through South Carolina, culminating a few weeks later with the burning of Columbia. The war itself ended soon after.

Today, Rivers Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the only state historic site in South Carolina that commemorates the Civil War. In addition to camping and picnicking, Rivers Bridge offers educational programs about the battle and military life during the Civil War.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Th-M 9am-6pm (extended to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Seven miles southwest of Ehrhardt and 13 miles east of Allendale off SC 641.
- *Driving Directions:* Off SC 641, 7mi. S.W. of Ehrhardt and 13mi. E. of Allendale

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.
- *Restrictions:* The earthen fortifications at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site are over 130 years old. We ask you to help us ensure that they remain a stark monument for generations to come.
- When you visit, please stay on the designated path and do not climb, or walk through, the structure or the trenches, as they are very prone to erosion.
- The use of a metal detector, or relic hunting in any fashion is strictly prohibited at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site.

## ROSE HILL PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE



Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site offers a look at antebellum South Carolina in a serene, rural setting. It's also the historic home of South Carolina's "Secession Governor," William H. Gist. Rose Hill's restored mansion and period furnishings, beautiful gardens, historic trees and nature trail on the Tyger River in the old Union District provide a peaceful contrast to the history of the Gist family in South Carolina.

Gist was the grandson of an embattled Loyalist during the Revolutionary War and he himself was a devout defender of States' Rights. He led South Carolina into secession which encouraged other states to follow, and form the Confederate States of America. Rose Hill Plantation grew from a family homestead into a prosperous Upcountry plantation under the labor of enslaved African-Americans.

The site is an ideal place to explore the prosperous Antebellum lifestyle of upcountry planter families and the role of cotton, slaves and tenant farmers in South Carolina's history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rose Hill Plantation is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

### Designations

- *Designation:* National Register

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Th-M Grounds:9am-6pm; house tours 1-4pm (closed Tues & Wed)
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* Grounds are free. House tours: \$4 age 16+; \$2.50 SC Senior; \$3 age 6-16; children under 5 are free.

### Location

- *General Directions:* Eight miles south of Union off US 176 on Sardis Road. The park is located on the left.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-26: take exit 44 to Hwy. 49 to Union. Pass through the town of Cross Anchor to Cross Keys (approx. 5 mi.), take the rt hand fork onto Old Buncombe Rd. Go 5 mi. on Old Buncombe Rd to Galilee Church Rd. Turn left onto Sardis Rd. You will pass the Gist Cemetery on the left, continue straight on Sardis Rd. The park will be on the rt.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* Historic house museum tours focus on plantation life from 1828-1960.
- Held Thursday through Monday 1pm to 4 pm. Large groups are requested to call ahead. House tour is \$4/adult; \$3.25/SC Senior; \$3/youth 6-15.
- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## SADLERS CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA



Photo Credit: Tony Smith

Outdoor water recreation and wildlife observation are popular activities at this 395-acre park, which sits on a peninsula extending into Hartwell Lake.

Sadlers Creek features a lakeside campground, fishing, picnicking, hiking, a meeting facility and boat access for those who wish to explore the 56,000 acres of Hartwell Lake.

Its peaceful surroundings and convenient proximity to I-85 make it a great stop for travelers and residents.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* 7am-6pm; (extended to 8pm on Fri); Daily hours during Daylight Savings Time 6am-10pm.
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 age 16+; \$1.25 U.S. seniors age 65+

### Location

- *General Directions:* Twelve miles southwest of Anderson off SC 187 and 14 miles from I-85, (exit 14)
- *Driving Directions:* From I-85 N & S: take exit 14 to Hwy 187 S. for 14 miles turn rt. onto Sadlers Creek Rd. Park is 1.1 mi off Hwy. 187.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## SANTEE STATE PARK



Santee State Park serves as headquarters for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers of all kinds from its ideal location near Interstates 95 and 26 on Lake Marion in the nationally known Santee Cooper Country. The 2,500-acre park opened in 1949. Santee State Park is in Orangeburg County on the south shore of Lake Marion, one of the two Santee Cooper lakes (along with Lake Moultrie) that were created when more than 100,000 acres were flooded for electric power. Lake Marion's flooded forest is across from the park, just one of the natural attractions that make the area a national draw for anglers

(landlocked striped bass fishing was born on the Santee Cooper lakes) and other sportsmen as well as bird watchers, swamp lovers and boaters under power and sail.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 6am-10pm (year-round)
- *Office Hours:* M-Su 9am-6pm (Hours may extend during peak season)

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off SC 6, three miles northwest of Santee and I-95.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-95: take exit 98 to Hwy 6 toward Elloree, the park is located 1 mi. W. of the town of Santee. From Columbia: Take I-26 to Hwy 6, exit 136, travel through St. Matthews, continue on Hwy 6 for approximately 15 mile to Elloree and follow signs.

### General

- *Tour and Programs Information:* A nature-based boat tour of Lake Marion departs daily from the Tackle Shop at Santee State Park (times may vary).
- Call Fish Eagle Tours at 803/854-4005 for additional information. Group fees available.
- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK



This 1,419-acre park, situated in the middle of the sandhills region, features a beautiful 30-acre lake surrounded by trails and picnic areas. The park's proximity to downtown Columbia and three major interstate highways attracts both local residents and travelers. Sesqui is often the site of family reunions and group campouts. Interpretive nature programs is a major attraction to the park. The park also contains a two-story log house, dating back to the mid 1700's, which was relocated to the park in 1969. This house is believed to be the oldest building still standing in Richland County.

The park was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. Evidence of their craftsmanship is still present today. Sesquicentennial is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Sesquicentennial State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 8am-6pm (extended from 7am to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)
- *Office Hours:* 11 am-noon & 4-5pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* On US 1, 13 miles northeast of Columbia and 3 miles from I-20 and 1.5 mi from I-77.
- *Driving Directions:* From I-20: take exit 74, turn left onto Hwy 1 (Two Notch Road ), travel 3 mi, park will be on the right. From I-77: take the Hwy 1 (Two Notch Road ) exit, go N on Hwy 1 for 1.5 mi. Park will be on the right.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## TABLE ROCK STATE PARK



Table Rock Mountain provides a towering backdrop for an upcountry retreat at the edge of the Blue Ridge Escarpment. This 3,083-acre state park encompasses challenging hiking trails, two park lakes, a campground, rustic mountain cabins, meeting facilities and many other quality outdoor activities. The view at Table Rock is as breathtaking today as it was to the Cherokee Indians who once inhabited this area. Built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park still features many of the quality architecture and stonework of the CCC.

The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a South Carolina Heritage Trust Site. Table Rock is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Park Accommodation Information

- *Park Accommodations:* [Camping and Cabins](#)

### Designations

- *Designation:* Table Rock State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park. The park is listed on the National Register.

### Notifications

- *Notifications:* The Table Rock Restaurant is temporarily closed for renovations. Contact the park for more details.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* M-Su 7am-9pm (year-round)
- *Office Hours:* M-Su 8am-6pm

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 age 16+; \$1.25 SC Seniors; age 15 and younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Twelve miles north of Pickens on S.C. 11
- *Driving Directions:* Located off Hwy 11. From Greenville: take Hwy 276 to Hwy 11 and look for signs. Table Rock State Park is 12 mi. N. of Pickens on Hwy 11.

### General

- *Pets:* Pets are not allowed in the cabins or the cabin areas. Pets are allowed in most other outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

## WOODS BAY STATE NATURAL AREA



Photo Credit: T. Borg

Woods Bay State Natural Area offers a close-up look at the unique geology of the Carolina bays of the Atlantic coastal plain, along with the mystery and diverse ecology of a southern cypress-tupelo swamp. Habitats at 1,540-acre Woods Bay also include marsh, sand hills, oak-hickory forest and a shrub bog. More than 75 species of mammals, reptiles and amphibians are found here, along with more than 150 species of birds, changing with the seasons. Visitors enjoy canoeing, fishing, walking, hiking and photography on the 500-foot boardwalk, canoe trail and nature trail. Woods Bay was registered as a Heritage Trust Site in 1981 for its outstanding example of a Carolina bay. Woods Bay is a "[DiscoverCarolina Site](#)", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

### Hours

- *Park Hours:* Th-M 9am-6pm
- *Office Hours:* 11am-noon
- *Days and Holidays Closed:* Tues and Wed

### Admissions

- *Admissions:* \$2 adults; \$1.25 SC seniors; age 15 & younger free

### Location

- *General Directions:* Off I-95 (exit 146) and US 301, 3 miles west of Olanta.
- *Driving Directions:* Off I-95 (exit 146) and US 301, 3 miles west of Olanta.

### General

- *Significant Natural Features:* Located throughout the Atlantic coastal plain, most Carolina Bays are found in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. The bays themselves are elliptical depressions of unknown origin. Oriented in a northwest-southeast direction, Carolina Bays range in size from less than an acre to several thousand acres or more.

A sand rim is characteristically associated with these features and is most visible along the southeastern edge. Several theories exist about their formation.

The most popular include sea or underground springs, meteorites or tidal eddies.

- *Pets:* Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

# North Carolina



# State Parks

For more information on parks in North and South Carolina, visit <http://www.carolinanow.com/recsites/stateparks.htm>

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## Carolina Beach State Park



**Description** - This beautiful coastal state park was established in 1969 in order to preserve the unique environment along the inter coastal waterway. A portion of the land was acquired with the first state expenditure for parkland since the purchase of Mount Mitchell in 1916.

The park is home to the rare Venus flytrap and other species of insect-eating plants. There are a variety of habitats where you will be able to identify more than 30 species of coastal trees, shrubs and flowering plants.

Park Hours: November-February 8 am-6 pm; March/October 8 am - 7 pm; April, May, September 8 am - 8 pm; June-August 8 am-10 pm. Office hours: 8 am-5 pm daily. Gates will remain locked, except in emergency situations, when the park is not in operation. Please plan accordingly. The park is closed Christmas Day.

**Recreation** - The park offers a marina that will enhance your enjoyment of the Cape Fear River and adjoining waterway where excellent fishing and boating opportunities await.

There are five miles of easy trails throughout the park.

A picnic area located near the bank of Snow's Cut between the campground and the marina. Twelve tables and 12 grills supply all the necessities for dining under the shade of large oak trees. Water and modern restrooms and parking are conveniently located nearby.

Two camping areas for organized groups are located along the Swamp Trail and are available with advance reservation through the marina office. Each area will accommodate up to 35 people. These areas are equipped with picnic tables, fire circles and pit toilets. Water can be obtained at the marina or park office. These areas are not accessible by vehicle. To reach the areas, campers must walk about 400 yards. Camping is available all year. The family campground is located in a wooded area near Snow's Cut. Pine and oak provide shade for 83 campsites, each of which is equipped with picnic table and grill. Drinking water as well as restrooms and hot showers are located nearby. There is a dump station for recreational vehicles but no hookups. Camping is available all year.

Fish from the river bank or launch your boat at the marina. Spot, flounder, sheepshead and striped bass are waiting to be caught at this park. Carolina Beach State Park offers access to a variety of waters: the fresh waters of the Cape Fear River, the estuarine waters of Masonboro Sound and the salt water of the Atlantic Ocean. A marina with two launching ramps and more than 40 boat slips is located at the junction of Snow's Cut and the Cape Fear River. Fuel, snacks, fishing, camping supplies and restrooms with showers are available. Tidal waters may be rough, exercise cautious seamanship.

Carolina Beach State Park is one of the few places you can spot the rare insect-eating plant, the Venus flytrap. A park ranger is available to help point them out. Special programs are also held throughout the year. Check with the park office for details. Environmental Educational Learning Experience (EELE)--Plants that Bite Back. Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8. Introduces students to basic plant biology, focusing on carnivorous plants. Major concepts covered include: plant adaptations, endemic species, habitat, endangered species, prescribed burning and other resource management techniques, land use planning, and stewardship. The marina complex is wheelchair accessible. There's an accessible fishing pier and a campsite in Area 2 available for persons with disabilities.

**Climate** - Winter daytime temperatures average above 44 degrees Fahrenheit (above 7 Celsius). Summer daytime temperatures average above 80 degrees Fahrenheit (above 27 Celsius). The state has a fairly wet climate with an average precipitation for this area averaging above 52 inches (above 132 centimeters).

**Location** - Ten miles south of Wilmington off NC Highway 421, in New Hanover County.

## Crowders Mountain State Park



**Description** - Crowders Mountain State Park is one of North Carolina's busiest parks due to its close proximity to Charlotte, the tremendous scenery and its rock climbing opportunities. There are two major summits, Crowders Mountain at 1,625 feet and Kings Pinnacle at 1,705 feet. There is no climbing on Kings Pinnacle while Crowders Mountain's major feature is climbing.

Because of the summits, this is a favorite spring time location for bird-watchers.

Park Hours: November-February 8 am-6 pm; March / October 8 am - 7 pm; April, May, September 8 am - 8 pm; June-August 8 am - 9 pm. Office hours: 8 am-5 pm daily. Gates will remain locked, except in emergency situations, when the park is not in operation. Please plan accordingly. The park is closed Christmas Day.

**Recreation** - The park offers a small 9-acre lake offering bass and bream fishing and canoe rentals during the summer months. Swimming is not permitted. There are wonderfully secluded single unit and group camp sites. However, there is no RV camping. Hiking and climbing are major features of this park, but there are no bridle or mountain bike trails.

Join a ranger for a regularly scheduled hike or educational program. Environmental Educational Learning Experience (EELE)--Twin Peaks Monadnock. Grades: 5, 6, & 7. Introduces students to basic geologic concepts and processes using the Kings Mountain range. Major concepts covered include rock cycle, rock and mineral identification, weathering and erosion, resource use and stewardship.

Handicapped facilities include: parking, pathways, restrooms and the two covered shelters in the picnic area. As of June 1999, there is a new accessible fishing pier.

**Climate** - North Carolina has a temperate climate with mild winters and long fall and spring months. Summers can be hot and humid, especially in the piedmont and coastal plain region, which don't get relief from coastal breezes or higher elevations. The mountains tend to be substantially cooler and receive some winter snow.

In the Piedmont Region, winter daytime temperatures normally range from the upper 30's to the upper 40s. Summer daytime temperatures range from the high 70's to the low 90's. The state has a fairly wet climate with an average precipitation for this area averaging 44-52 inches (112-132 centimeters).

**Location** - From I-85 take Exit 13 (Edgewood Road) about six miles west of Gastonia. Cross over I-85 and turn right onto Highway 29/74. Go two miles and turn left on Sparrows Spring Road and follow the road 2.7 miles into the park.

## Eno River State Park



**Description** - The Eno River Valley is rich in biological and cultural resources, with hardwood forests lining the river banks. Indians of the Eno, Shakori and Oconeechee tribes, lived along the river prior to European settlement. Some of the tribes merged in the late 17th century and established a village near present-day Durham. Settlers moved in later to set up farms and gristmills. More than 30 mills were located along the length of the Eno River. The area became a state park in 1965, when the city of Durham proposed building a reservoir in the river valley. By 1975, the city had withdrawn its plans for a reservoir and the Eno River Associate and the Nature Conservancy acquired more than one thousand acres of land for the park. Eno River State Park covers 2,304 acres in

Durham and Orange counties with 33 miles of rippling river water, with the park protecting 11 of the 33 miles.

Park Hours: November-February 8 am-6 pm; March, October 8 am - 7 pm; April, May, September 8 am - 8 pm; June-August 8 am - 9 pm. Cole Mill access area opens at 9 am and closes 30 minutes earlier than the park. Pleasant Green Access opens at 8:30 am and closes 30 minutes earlier than the park. Park office hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Gates will remain locked, except in emergency situations, when the park is not in operation. Please plan accordingly. The park is closed Christmas Day.

**Recreation** - Backpack primitive camping and numerous hiking trails offer refuge from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The Few's Ford Access area has a riverside picnic area with two tables. Fifteen more tables and four grills are located just beyond the loop parking lot. The Cole Mill area has ten tables and four grills, a group area with three tables, a grill and a nearby toilet. It also has a picnic shelter with grill. The group campsite is known as Primitive Group Camping. It is located a quarter mile from the parking area and can accommodate 20 people. It has camper picnic tables, pit toilet and fire circle. Water must be carried in. Reservations must be made (by recognized established groups) in advance through the park office. Campers must park in the camper parking lot and should leave a note on their vehicles indicating they are camping.

Hike-in camping is allowed on five designated sites about one mile from the camper parking lot. No water is available and fires are not allowed on the site. One pit toilet serves the five sites. Permits may be obtained from the park office. The sites are available on a first-come/first-served basis. Again, campers should park in the camper parking lot and leave a note on their vehicles indicating they are camping.

However, river / freshwater fishing is permitted. Many good fishing spots can be found along the Eno River. Roanoke bass or redeye are native to this area. Other species include largemouth bass, chain pickerel, sunfish, redhorse and catfish. All regulations of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission are enforced.

Canoeing is permitted along the Eno River. Safe and adequate water depth is between one and three feet. Gauges can be found on the bridge pillars at Pleasant Green, Cole Mill and Guess Roads. Canoe launch points are located at Few's Ford parking lot, Pleasant Green Dam and Cole Mill access areas. Note: There is very little vehicular parking on road shoulders at Cole Mill and Guess Road Bridges. Guided tours and educational programs are available for groups upon request as time and scheduling allows. Self-guided tours are available year round with information from the park office. Call or write the park office for information regarding scheduled interpretive events. Environmental Educational Learning Experience (EELE) Booklet--Living Water. Grades: 5, 6, and 7. Introduces students to a diverse high quality river system, the Eno River. Major concepts covered include: water quality, indicator species, water testing, watersheds, aquatic sampling, resource management and stewardship. This publication is available free of charge to North Carolina educators through an EELE workshop. Contact the park office for details.

Accessible facilities include: pathway from parking lot to park office as well as the entrances, the restrooms and water fountain. The picnic area at Cole Mill Access and the park office have parking spaces provided for persons with disabilities. Cole Mill Access also has an accessible picnic shelter, picnic tables, restrooms and water fountain.

**Climate** - North Carolina has a temperate climate with mild winters and long fall and spring months. Summers can be hot and humid, especially in the piedmont and coastal plain region, which don't get relief from coastal breezes or higher elevations. The mountains tend to be substantially cooler and receive some winter snow.

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**Location** - From I-85 South to Durham, take Cole Mill exit, turn right, after 5 miles road will enter the park. From I-85 North, take Exit 170 between Hillsborough and Durham. Make a U-turn after coming off the exit ramp, go under the interstate a quarter mile, turn right on Pleasant Green Road, then turn left at intersection with Cole Mill Road.



***Guide to Safe Scouting***  
**A Unit Leader's Guide  
for Current Policies and Procedures  
to Safe Activities**

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# Guide to Safe Scouting

## A Unit Leader's Guide for Current Policies and Procedures to Safe Activities

The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 90-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures.

**All volunteers participating in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.**

In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.

### Scouting \$\$\$ Pay Liability Claims


The BSA general liability program is not just insurance. In fact, insurance plays a very small part. Our greatest efforts are spent on safety and injury prevention.

BSA self-funds the first million dollars of each liability claim. This means that almost all money spent on a liability claim is Scouting money, not insurance money.

Accident and sickness insurance pays regardless of fault as long as the accident occurred during an official Scouting activity and the unit or council has purchased the coverage.

### Viewing the online *Guide*

The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is available here in two formats:

- One for reading on-line — this version is divided into chapters and includes a search engine.
- Another for reading off-line  — the entire publication is presented in a single interface to facilitate print-out.

A bound hard-copy version (BSA Supply #34416A) is also available. To obtain a copy, contact your local council or call 1-800-323-0732 to request an Official Boy Scout Catalog.

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# FORMS





To: Pee Dee Area Council, BSA  
P. O. Box 268  
Florence, SC 29503

Unit Type/ Number \_\_\_\_\_  
District # \_\_\_\_\_

**Application For Permit To Use Canoes Or Boats**

This permit application may be made in person or by mail. After being properly authorized, a permit will be sent to the applicant so it may be presented to the Camp Ranger. After the unit has returned the equipment, the Ranger will forward a copy to the Scout Service Center so that a refund may be made for the deposit.

**Beginning Inventory**

Number of Canoes \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Paddles \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Life Jackets \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date from Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Returned to Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Camp Ranger \_\_\_\_\_

Itinerary for Trip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Adult leader in charge of trip:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address of sponsoring institution \_\_\_\_\_

Adult leader certified or qualified with Canoes:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Certification of Leader In Charge Of Trip: As leader of the trip proposed above, I hereby certify that I will personally conduct this expedition, and I accept responsibility for seeing that the entire group adheres to all provisions and instructions outlined on the reverse side of this form.

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rental Charges:**

**Canoes taken off site:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to Camp Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leaders Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Ranger Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

For Council Office Use Only:

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Provisions and Instructions

1. **QUALIFICATIONS OF ADULT LEADER AS A CANOE OR BOAT HANDLER:** An adult leader may qualify as a canoe or boat handler by completing a Council Course of Safe Handling of Boats & Canoes. Council courses are conducted periodically, at least once a year. A current certificate, showing completion of equivalent training through the American Red Cross or another accepted agency may be acceptable, however, simply having completed the merit badge requirements in canoeing and / or boating, or some similar program through another agency is not considered sufficient.
2. The Camp Ranger will check out canoes or boats only to the adult leader whom a permit has been issued, and that individual must present a copy of the permit properly authorized.
3. Canoes and/or boats must be checked out between the hours 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, unless there is an agreement with the Camp Ranger about another time. To avoid delays, it is well to make a specific appointment with the Camp Ranger any time boats or canoes are to be picked up.
4. For computing rental charges, the ranger will note the exact time the canoes are checked out and checked in. A day's rental will be due for each 24-hour period the canoes or boats are kept before being returned to camp.
5. To avoid damage to canoes, the canoe trailer must be rented along with the canoes, or another trailer, truck, or other vehicle, with a suitable rig for hauling canoes must be used. The Council cannot permit canoes to simply be “nested” in a truck or trailer. Such hauling without proper rig braces the canoes and shakes rivets loose.
6. The Camp Ranger will be responsible for inspecting the hauling arrangements for canoes, including proper lashing to avoid damage to canoes and the creation of hazardous situations. The leader in charge of the trip must see that the canoes will be hauled in this fashion throughout the trip.
7. Canoes and boats are to be properly stored when returned to camp. The leader in charge will need to plan to have sufficient number of people with them to handle the boats and canoes when checking them in or out.
8. In addition to rental fee, a deposit of \$25.00 is to be made at the time a request is filed for a permit. This deposit will be held until the Camp Ranger or his designated representative has certified that all equipment has been returned in satisfactory condition. Cost if any loss or damage will be deducted from the deposit.
9. All Scouts and leaders must have qualified as swimmers, by passing Standard Swimmers Test. Taken Safe Swim Defense and Safety-A-Float.
10. It is the responsibility of the adult in charge of the trip to conduct and review safety habits prior to the canoe or boat trip.
11. Life jackets must be worn at all times while on water.
12. No more than 2 persons are to be permitted in a canoe at any time. The adult leader must agree to be present at all times while canoes or boats are in use and to follow all rules and regulations specified herein.