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Staying close to home this summer? Consider travel in the Carolinas. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful, diverse, and historically rich state. See the links below for summer activities and get-aways. And take a moment to look for upcoming local events such as the Fish Rodeo on Saturday May 9th. Event locations are listed on the DNR website!

To help with your summer plans, take a quick stroll upstairs in Dacus Library to our Monthly Display, Topographic Maps Cabinet, and Department of the Interior documents ready to be checked out!



South Carolina State Parks

Enjoy a selection of 46 South Carolina state parks, create your own trip planner, find hot deals and packages for the whole family or just find a new place to ride your bike.

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



Did you know that **South Carolina State Parks** is celebrating their 75th birthday? *Come Out and Play!* Check out the Hot Deals and Packages, such as 40% off a rental cabin at **Oconee State Park**. From May 25th – June 8th, a cabin for four costs as little as \$340 a week! The cabins have AC but no TV or telephone. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built some of the cabins during the Great Depression. Check for rental specials at other state parks too.



Cabin at Oconee State Park

<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/750.aspx>

For more information about the 75th anniversary celebration go to:

<http://www.comeoutandplay.net/>

Want to sample camp life or view the area before you go? Many Carolina parks are posting multimedia clips on the Internet.

Poinsett State Park can be found on YouTube:



Photo from Poinsett Park website

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlprBa9DcqE>

Another celebration!
Hunting Island Lighthouse is 150 years old!



Hunting Island State Park will host a celebration of the lighthouse's heritage on October 17th and 18th. Hunting Island is South Carolina's most popular state park, with more than a million visitors a year, including your Government Documents staff.



Jackie McFadden



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South Carolina National Parks



Visit **Congaree National Park** in Hopkins, SC, one of 10 national parks and historic areas in South Carolina. Congaree National Park boasts the largest remnant of old-growth floodplain forest remaining on the continent! Make reservations for a Guided Canoe Tour or a try a Friday night Owl Prowl.

Join naturalist Rudy Manke for a walk through the trees of the Congaree. Spring Walks will take place Sunday May 17, 2009 and June 7th, 2009 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Reservations are needed.



Congaree National Park <http://www.nps.gov/cong/index.htm>

Click the following link for more information about South Carolina National Parks and Historic Areas:
<http://www.nps.gov/state/SC/>

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



For updates on parks, wildfires, youth fishing competitions, SC Wildlife TV and DNR Radio visit the **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources!** <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/index.html>

Ever been to a Fish Rodeo? Well you can right here at the **Draper Wildlife Management Area** in York County on Saturday May 9th!

Just bring a child and a fishing pole – lunch is provided!
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/rodeos/index.html>

Don't forget your SC fishing license if you are over the age of 16!

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/pricing.html>

More fishing and learning activities

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/index.html>

South Carolina Travel Links



Sunrise and Marsh Tacky Races on Hilton Head Island, February 2009

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

If your typing is ready for a vacation, just click the easy links below to find ~

The Official Tourism Site of South Carolina

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

SC.gov - South Carolina Travel

<http://www.sc.gov/Portal/Category/TRAVEL>

SCIway.net South Carolina – Travel, Recreation, and Tourism

<http://www.sciway.net/tourism/>

USGS Recreation Search Page

Enter "South Carolina" or "North Carolina" to find hidden treasures for camping, fishing, day hikes and more!
<http://www.recreation.gov/welcome.do?topTabIndex=Home>

Recreation.gov – South Carolina resources
<http://www.recreation.gov/recFacilitySearch.do?keyword=&pstate=SC&landmark=&agencies=&activities=&ridbSearch=yes>

North Carolina Travel Links

Want to venture over the state line? Try the following ~

The Official Tourism site of North Carolina
<http://www.visitnc.com/>



North Carolina National Parks
<http://www.nps.gov/state/NC/>

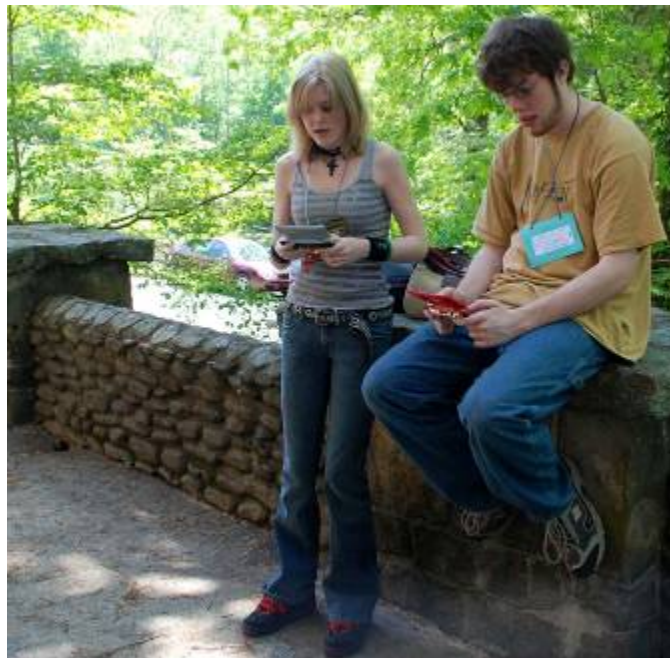


North Carolina State Parks
<http://www.ncparks.gov/>



Recreation.gov – North Carolina resources
<http://www.recreation.gov/recFacilitySearch.do?keyword=&pstate=NC&landmark=&agencies=&activities=&ridbSearch=yes>

And one more thing...
Turn off the electronic devices and see what's around you!



Have a safe and happy summer!

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Check <http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus> for the library's summer schedule.

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