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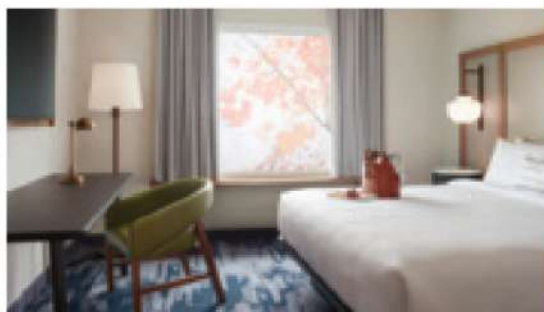
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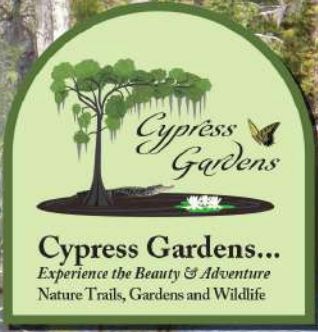
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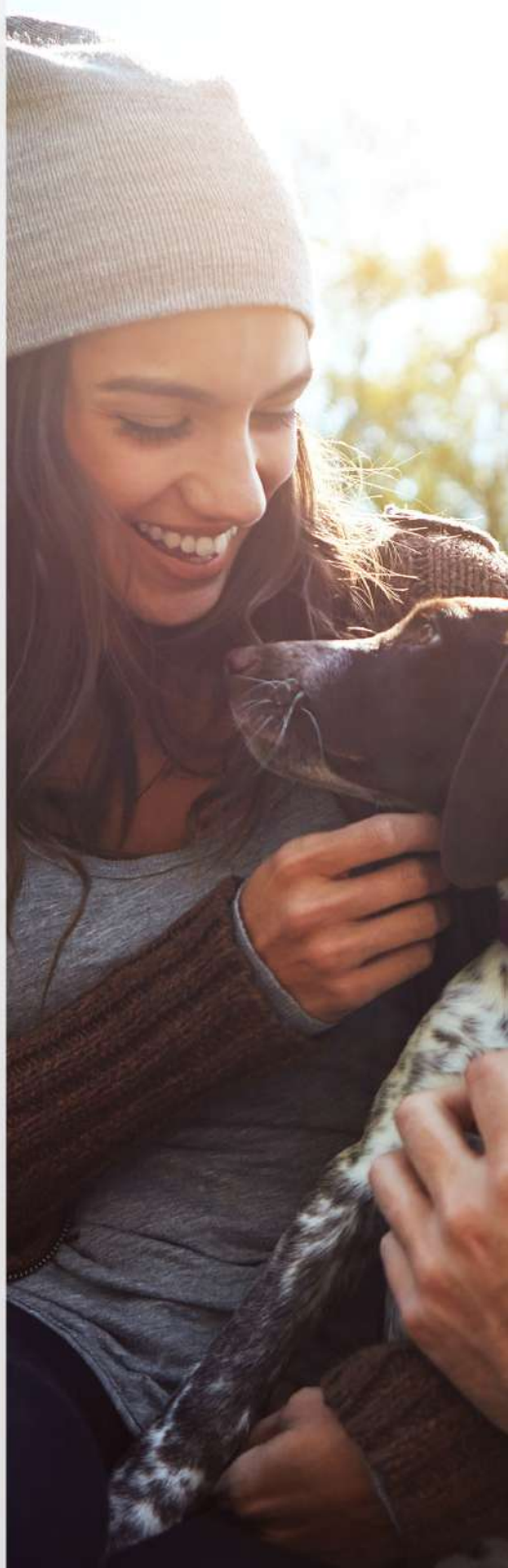
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Winner of the 2023 Bassmaster Elite on the Santee Cooper Lakes Hosted by the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce/photo courtesy of Bassmaster/Clarendon County



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Lake MARION & MOULTRIE

These lakes are ranked 1st and 3rd in size among the Palmetto State's freshwaters. Both lakes have vastly different shapes and layouts, but they fish similarly. Fishing piers and boat landings are located all along the perimeter of the lakes.

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The Santee Cooper lake system consists of two lakes, Marion 110,600 acres and Moultrie 60,400 acres. These two lakes are joined by the 6.5 mile diversion canal. These world-class fishing lakes were created from 1939 to 1942 for a hydroelectric project by the South Carolina Public Service Authority, commonly known as "Santee Cooper" because of the two river systems the project connected. At the present time these lakes hold a world record Channel Catfish (58 lbs). These lakes held the world records for Striped Bass until 1993, its weight was 55 lbs. and Arkansas Blue until 1996, its weight was 109.4 lbs.

The lakes vary from shallow swamps and blackwater ponds to vast open water with a multitude of underwater structures. Lake Marion was not completely cleared, as a result fishermen will find there are thousands of stumps, standing dead tree trunks and live cypress trees. Lake Moultrie is more open and is 14 miles across at its widest point. These lakes do not ice over during the winter. Weather permitting, fishing is year round.



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Warmouth 2.25 lbs
Channel Catfish - 58 lbs
Arkansas Blue Catfish - 113.8 lbs
Flathead - 77.3 lbs.

CATFISH



Their range includes deep water holes and drop-offs throughout the lakes. April through October are the best months for blue catfish. Cut herring, gizzard shad, mullet, worms and commercially prepared baits are effective. Blue catfish are principally bottom feeders however, anglers land many fish trolling small lures or jigging spoons in mid depths. Channel and flathead catfish are also in the Santee Cooper lakes. Prepared baits and fishing methods are generally the same as for blue catfish.

LARGEMOUTH BASS



Spring is the best time of the year to catch big bass. Big females strike to protect beds, if small buck bass don't hit first. Spoons, spinners and six to eight inch plastic worms are effective. After spawning, worms, crankbaits and spinner baits are effective around the cypress tree stickups, lily pads and grass beds in water 2 to 4 feet deep. Bass are usually found in waters less than 20 feet deep and rarely go beyond the area where rooted vegetation will grow.

STRIPED BASS



In March, April and May stripers make their way up through the diversion canal and generally by way of the riverbeds in the lakes, up the Congaree and Wateree Rivers for their annual spawning run. As a result, fishermen concentrate on the rivers and lake Marion. During this period, live herring is the best bait followed by cut bait. The fish are concentrated in deep holes. Recommended tackle includes 8 to 9 foot rods, free spool reels with clickers and 20 to 30 pound test line.

CRAPPIE



In late February, crappie congregate in mouths of creeks at depths of 8 to 12 feet. During this time, limited catches are frequently made by drift fishing with minnows. As the surface water temperature nears 58 to 64 degrees they move into water 2 to 12 feet deep to spawn. When using small jigs or spoons for crappie, jig them very slowly. Crappie weighing two pounds are common in these lakes.

BREAM



BREAM begin to bed in water six inches to four feet deep as spring turns mild and will continue to bed monthly on each full moon into the fall, moving to deeper water as the days turn cooler. Crickets and worms on #6 hooks are the baits of choice. Observant fishermen can try for bream during late April and May when Mayfly hatches occur.



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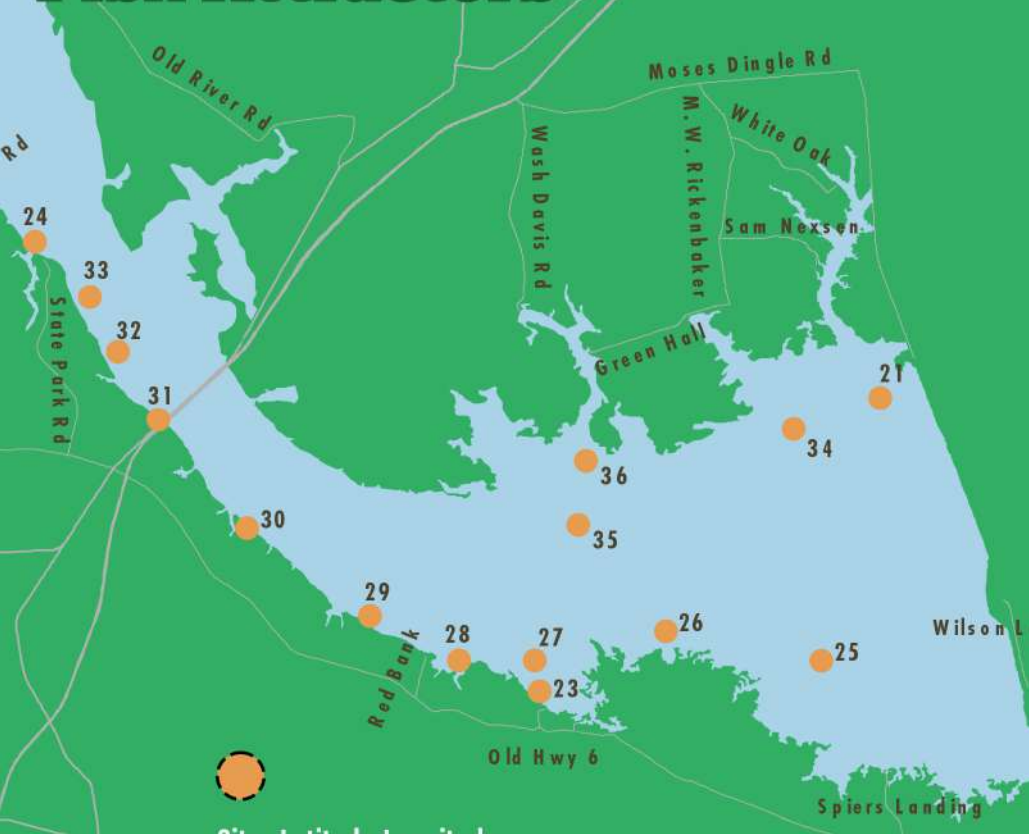


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Fish Attractors



Site Latitude Longitude

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| *21 | 33° 31' 08.51" | 80° 12' 18.50" | *29 | 33° 26' 53.48" | 80° 23' 35.09" |
| *23 | 33° 25' 34.72" | 80° 19' 28.99" | *30 | 33° 27' 54.11" | 80° 25' 11.21" |
| 24 | 33° 33' 16.99" | 80° 30' 08.89" | 31 | 33° 30' 10.69" | 80° 27' 35.39" |
| *25 | 33° 25' 55.20" | 80° 13' 26.62" | *32 | 33° 31' 28.49" | 80° 28' 40.80" |
| *26 | 33° 26' 15.29" | 80° 16' 52.00" | *33 | 33° 32' 52.58" | 80° 29' 32.89" |
| *27 | 33° 25' 49.01" | 80° 19' 19.98" | *34 | 33° 31' 0.27" | 80° 12' 40.02" |
| *28 | 33° 26' 02.69" | 80° 21' 43.49" | *35 | 33° 29' 19.5" | 80° 18' 12.4" |
| | | | *36 | 33° 29' 49.1" | 80° 18' 22.9" |

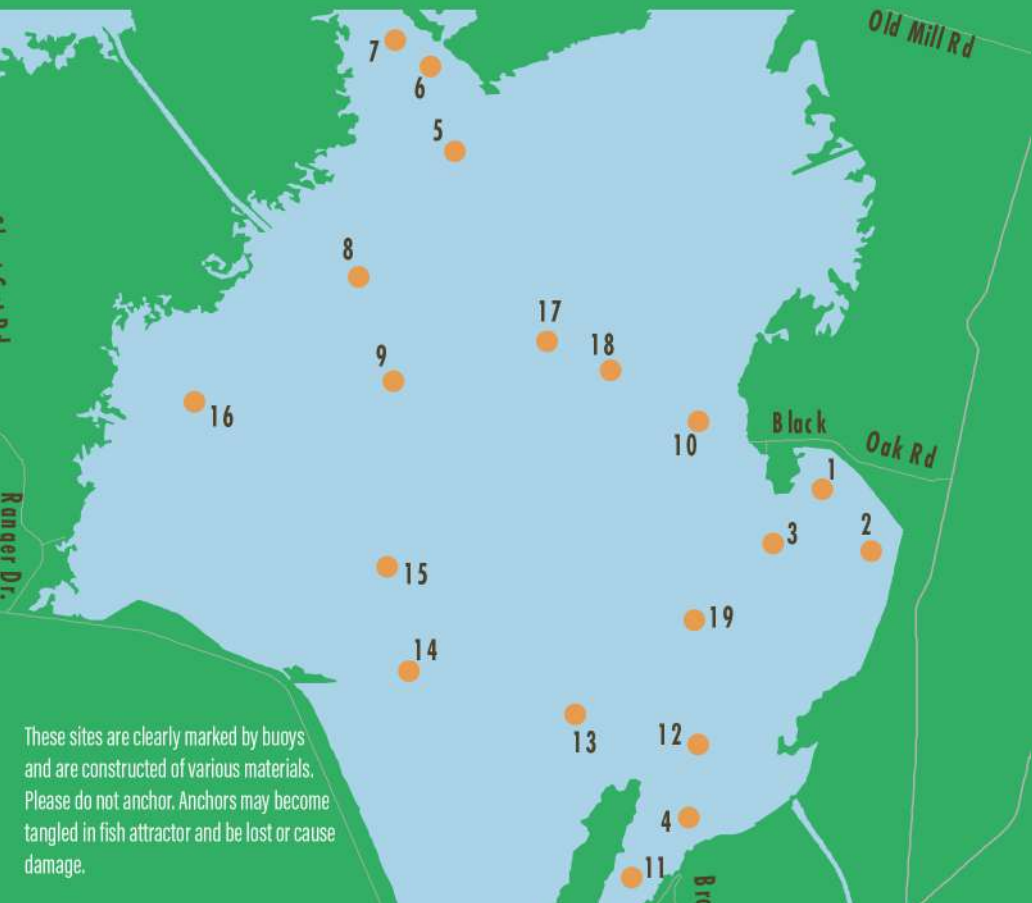
 Indicates sites that have been enhanced with concrete pipes and catch basins.

Lake Moultrie

Fish Attractors

Site Latitude Longitude

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 33° 18' 24.30" | 79° 58' 36.01" | 8 | 33° 20' 59.60" | 80° 05' 44.92" | *14 | 33° 16' 29.10" | 80° 04' 48.90" |
| 2 | 33° 18' 00.61" | 79° 58' 41.92" | *9 | 33° 19' 49.19" | 80° 05' 18.89" | *15 | 33° 17' 19.21" | 80° 04' 56.78" |
| *3 | 33° 17' 59.78" | 79° 59' 13.60" | *10 | 33° 18' 51.08" | 80° 00' 25.31" | 16 | 33° 19' 03.00" | 80° 07' 31.80" |
| *4 | 33° 14' 23.21" | 80° 01' 29.71" | 11 | 33° 14' 00.60" | 80° 01' 40.91" | 17 | 33° 20' 06.40" | 80° 02' 55.50" |
| *5 | 33° 22' 32.70" | 80° 04' 29.50" | 12 | 33° 15' 29.09" | 80° 01' 31.12" | *18 | 33° 19' 50.70" | 80° 02' 18.82" |
| 6 | 33° 23' 04.42" | 80° 04' 45.08" | *13 | 33° 15' 15.80" | 80° 02' 39.41" | 19 | 33° 16' 43.00" | 80° 00' 45.90" |
| 7 | 33° 23' 12.30" | 80° 04' 49.58" | | | | | | |



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Embrace the beauty of these lakes with your family and friends through a variety of watersports. Rentals are available for kayaking, paddle boarding, canoeing, and boating. Public boat ramps and landings are numerous and located all around Lake Marion and Moultrie.

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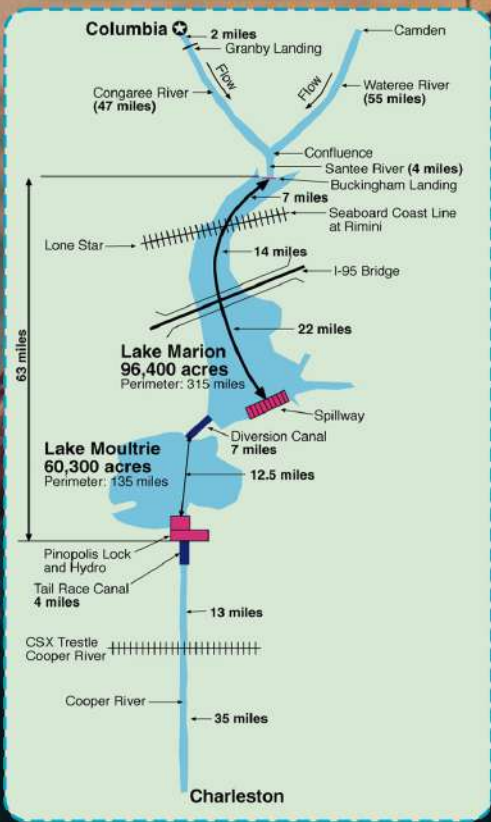
NAVIGATION OF THE SANTEE COOPER LAKES

One of the goals of the Santee Cooper project was to create a route for inland navigation from Columbia to Charleston. The route is marked from the point where the Santee River flows into Lake Marion to the lock at the Pinopolis dam. This 122 mile system provides a clearly defined waterway through which boats can safely navigate the lakes. The navigation channel is clearly marked. Odd numbered, square, green markers define the port (left) side of the channel, while even numbered, triangular, red day markers define the starboard (right) side of the channel. Steer between these markers when navigating the channel.

When encountering an oncoming boat steer to the right (starboard) side of the channel. For safety, heed rock markers and all other navigation buoys.

Please do not swim in the channel or tie off to the concrete poles that hold the channel markers. A safe channel defined by red and green buoys crosses Lake Marion at Marker #62 to the Taw Caw Creek area. A second channel runs east from the Taw Caw Creek area to the mouth of Potato and Wyboo creeks.

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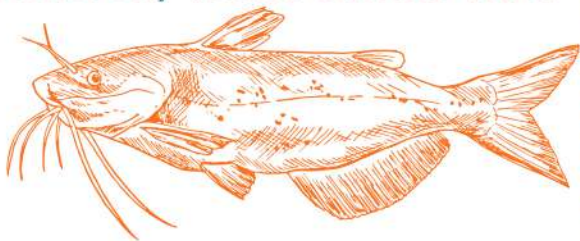
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In a large pot bring them to a boil water, vinegar, Old Bay, salt, pepper, and 1/2 Garlic. When the water begins to boil add the Catfish filets and cook for 5-7 mins., just enough time to turn the fish white. Remove the fish from the pot and set aside. Strain and save the remaining stock. In the large pot cook the bacon until crispy and set aside for garnish. Add to the bacon drippings celery, green onions, yellow onions, remaining garlic, cayenne and rosemary, stirring over medium heat until the onions and celery are translucent. Remove the rosemary sprigs before adding the remaining stock and potatoes. Bring to a slow boil until the potatoes are soft. Add the cream, sherry, and filets back to the pot. Salt and pepper to taste along with a little Louisiana Hot sauce or Texas Pete for those who like it spicy. To thicken add a tsp of cornstarch in warm water to the pot and stir. Serve with crumbled bacon bits and crackers.

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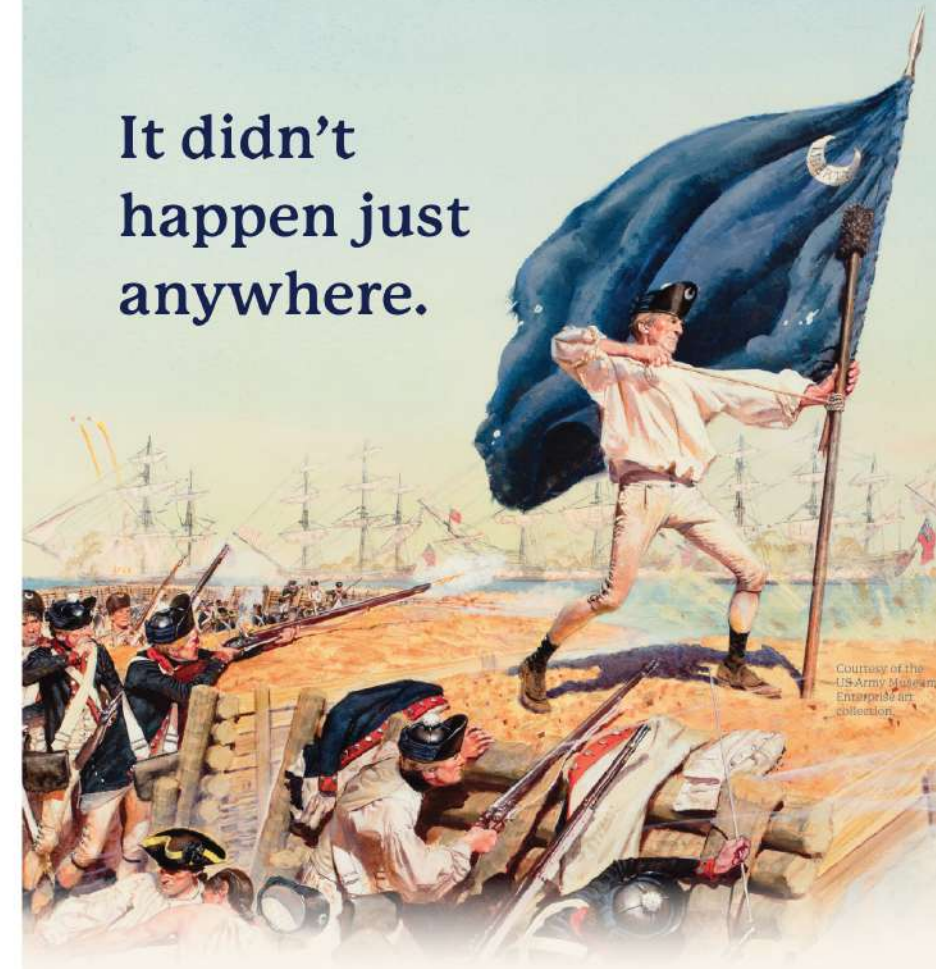


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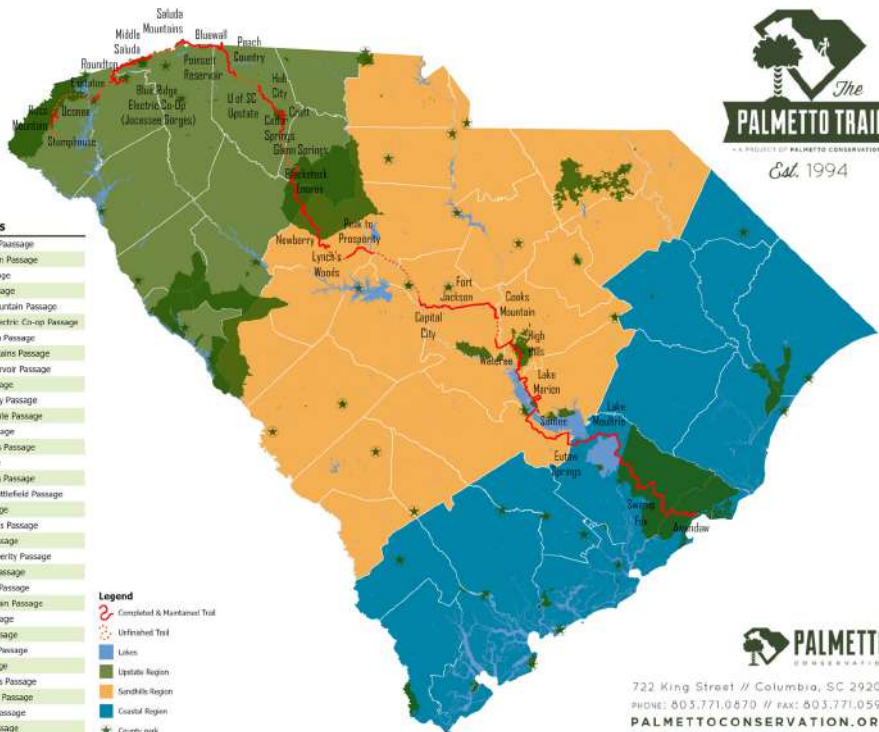
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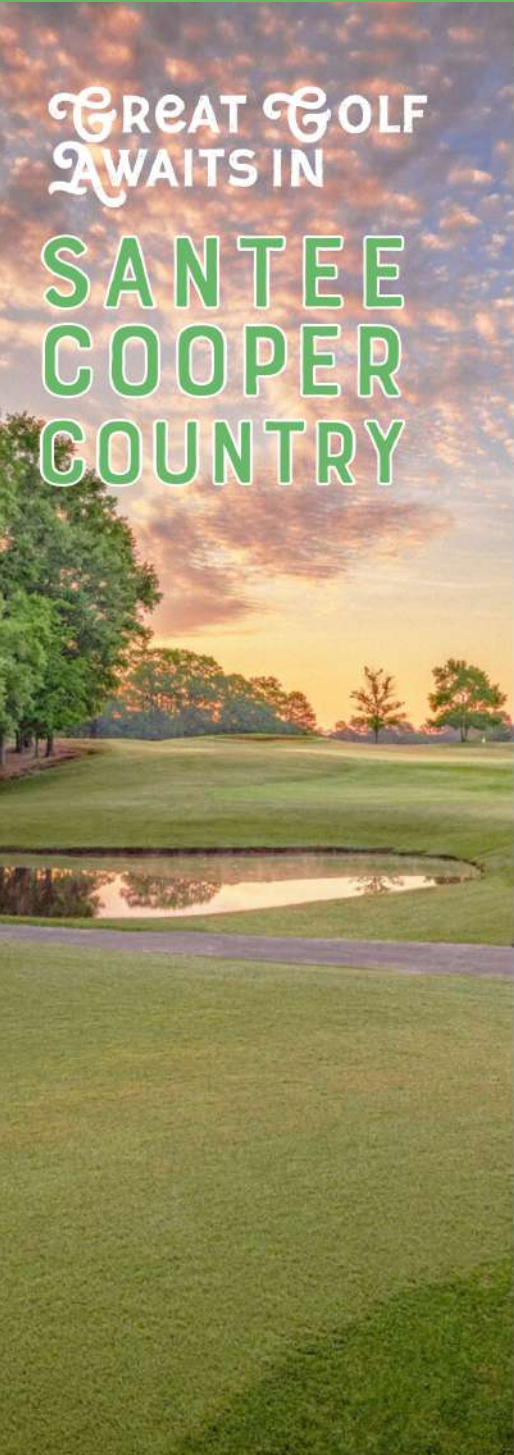
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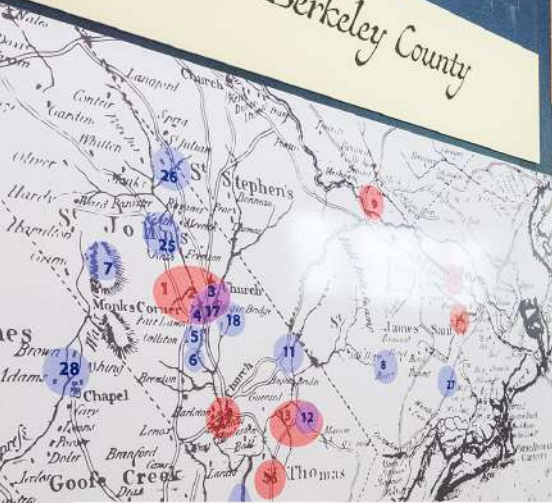
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So Much To See

Various historical homes, plantations, forts, mills, chapels, and museums are scattered through Santee Cooper. The museums showcase a variety of cultural artifacts and rural life of the past. You can find stimulating exhibits of art, local quilts, farming, planetariums, documents, manuscripts, and archaeology showcasing the story of life along the Santee River. Rich history of the Revolutionary War era and educational programs of the State's military tell the story of South Carolina.



The Santee National Wildlife Refuge is known for its Native American history at the Santee Indian Mound and Fort Watson Site dating back over 1,000 years. This site served as a ceremonial and burial site for the Native American Tribe. During the late 1600's and early 1700s the Santee Indians encountered Europeans sailing the Santee River. The tribe quickly reduced after initial contact with the Europeans and was eventually eradicated. During the 1800s, the mound was re-purposed by British troops and used as an elevated outpost.





Entrance to the Francis Marion Tomb in Pineville, South Carolina.

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A Rich History

Santee Cooper has a rich history with well-preserved archives and exhibits revealing rural farm and country life from the late 1700s-1900s. The galleries of exhibits are always changing and vary. Immerse yourself in the culture and explore the cities as they appeared in the 1900's with shops, train stations, homes of local historical figures, and learn about tenant farming. You can explore plantation gin houses where cotton has been grown, picked, and ginned and remains in use today.

Many of the museums have lending libraries and ongoing research centers for tracking genealogy and newfound artifacts. Guided tours and community events are often hosted at the local museums and welcome families, field trips for schools, and visitors to join!

Along with its rich natural habitats, Santee is home to many botanical gardens filled with colorful florals and fauna, glassy lakes and ponds, active wildlife and more. You will find a unique variety of gardens including a Monastery where mushrooms are grown and harvested, a butterfly garden, and a Braille Garden for the visually impaired. These are only a few of the natural wonders to be explored in Santee Cooper.

Stairs leading to the top of the Fort Watson Site, built atop the Santee Indian Mound, at Santee National Wildlife Refuge in Summerton, South Carolina .

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Calhoun County

Calhoun County Museum

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Sumter County

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Bohemian Swan antique store in
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