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## S.C. State Parks to Conduct Winter Prescribed Burns

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina State Park Service will be conducting prescribed burns at several state parks in the coming winter months.

The parks affected will be Cheraw State Park, Givhans Ferry State Park, and Hampton Plantation State Historic Site.

Prescribed burns are a regular tool of the State Park Service, used for land restoration and habitat preservation. These fires are particularly important for protecting many of South Carolina's threatened or endangered species. Clearing the undergrowth also helps to create attractive view sheds and to control such pests as ticks and chiggers.

Trails and roads in and around the parks can be affected during burns. Any closures will be temporary and clearly posted. Because the scheduling of prescribed burns is entirely dependent on weather conditions, immediate advance notice is provided only to local fire and law enforcement officials.

For more information during a burn, call the local park. Information about prescribed burns is available from the S.C. Forestry Commission at [www.state.sc.us/forest/mpb.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/forest/mpb.htm).

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