

FLORA

Pawpaw Tree

- Small tree with light gray bark
- Oval leaves with pointed tips
- Greenish- blackish fruit



Switch Cane

- A native bamboo species.
- Lance-shaped leaves
- Between 4 and 10 feet



Bald Cypress Tree

- Wide trunk, redish bark with ridges
- Leaves alternate with flat blades
- Seeds green and globular



Loblolly Pine

- Thick bark, gray and scaly
- Needle leaves in bundles
- Cones brown and prickly



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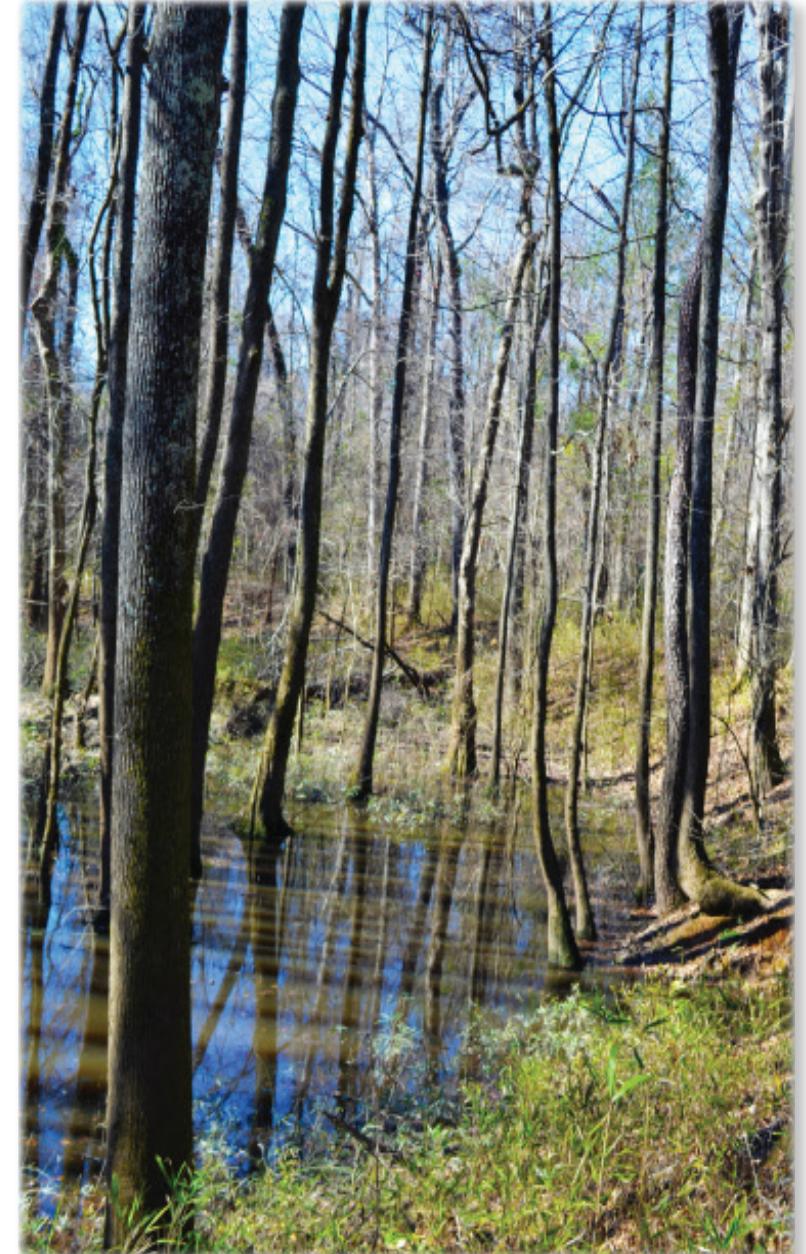


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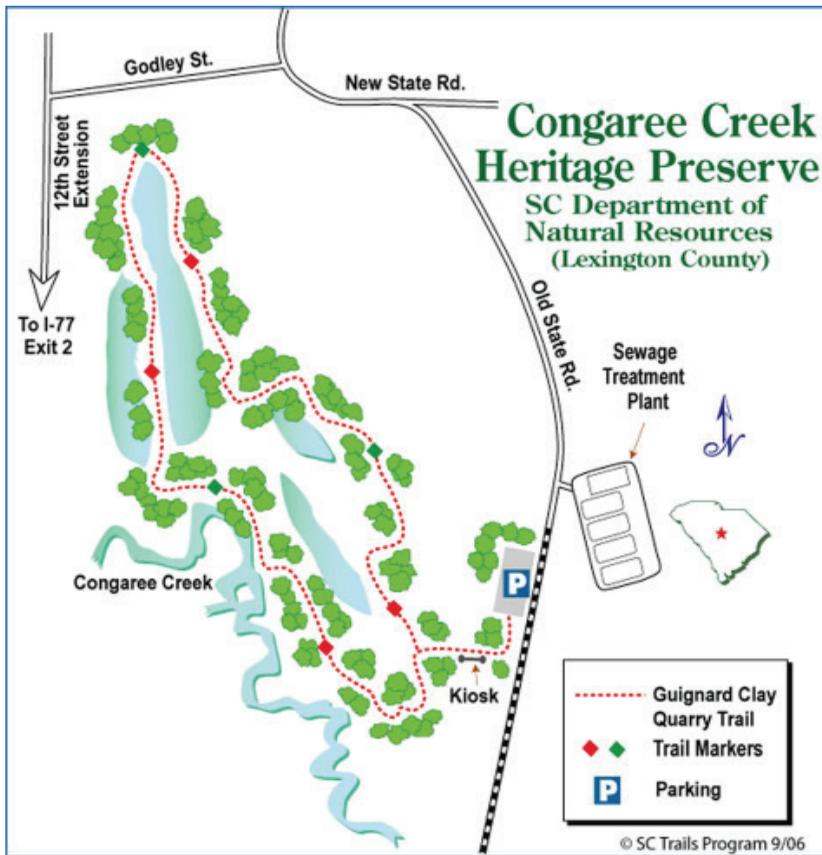


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About the Preserve

- 627-Acre Park with over 12,000 years of history
- 3 mile hiking trail loop
- This preserve demonstrates a wetland habitat

History

- Old State Road Est. 1747
- Tools, pottery, and arrowheads are believed to be from Native Americans who traveled through the area
- Historic Cherokee Trail
- Guignard Brickworks Trail

Earthworks and the Civil War

- During the Civil War this was the site of a few skirmishes between the Union and the Confederacy
- Troops built earthworks, which appear as small miniature hills, to fortify their lines.

Rice Plant

Generally found in fields, this plant's abundance in Congaree Creek is fostered by the area's susceptibility to flooding and standing water. Through slave labor, our state's "Carolina Gold" rice led to rice production taking off and became one of the highest producers in the world. When the Emancipation took place, rice cultivation in the Carolinas almost came to a complete halt.

Today, efforts are taking place to revive rice production in the Carolinas



At Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve history and nature come together. This property has many animal species (**fauna**) and many of plants (**flora**). Here we have just a few:

FAUNA

Great Blue Heron

- Color: gray with a large bill
- Diet: fish and other creatures
- Life span: 15 years
- Habitat: near bodies of freshwater and saltwater



Hairy Woodpecker

- Color: black and white, males have a small red patch on head
- Diet: insects
- Life span: 5 years
- Habitat: woodlands and forests

Red-bellied Woodpecker

- Color: bright red stripe over top and back of head, white patches on wings
- Diet: beetles and insects
- Life span: 12 years
- Habitat: woodlands and forests



White-Tailed Deer

- Color: gray-brown in the winter, red-brown in the Spring
- Diet: herbivore
- Life span: 5 years
- Habitat: wooded areas

Canebrake Rattlesnake

- Color: gray with brown stripes down the length of the back
- Diet: carnivores
- Life span: 10-15 years
- Habitat: edges of marshes, swamps, etc.



Alligator



- Color: olive, brown, gray or black
- Diet: fish, turtles, mammals
- Life span: 30 to 50 years
- Habitat: freshwater ponds, marshes, etc.