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Participants: Spring Slagle, South Carolina State Parks  
at 21:14:56 on 11/14/2014 UTC



### Spring Slagle

at 2:41:31 on 12/03/2013 UTC

I was thinking of you guys and thinking of Christmas gifts. I wrote this! Feel free to use it as you wish! Sending lots of love! Spring

So many are advertising the latest and best Christmas gift recommendations that I thought I would add my two cents worth. The South Carolina State Park Service offers many amazing, unique and uber cool gifts to share with those you love...or even like a little...or just those who would make your life better if they were in a good mood.

The gifts of access are a good place to start. The South Carolina State Parks offer State Park Passports which will allow park visits without any hassle of fees for the year. For one up-front fee, you can buy a Passport which will allow a car full of family access to the parks you choose all year long. You may also choose to gift those you love with a weekend of cabin or traditional camping either along the serene South Carolina beaches or in the shelter of her mountains. Some parks offer vacation villas while others boast historic cabins. This year, time is the sweetest gift we can offer those we love.

The traditional gifts are always a good bet. A lot of the lake parks sell fishing gear and bait. The mountain parks offer hiking sticks and the beach parks sell sand toys. These traditional gifts never lose their strength to create a smile. The historical gifts may be a new idea for your children and you may get a quizzical look (raised eyebrows, "have you lost your mind?????" furrow to the brow, frantic search in the box to see the "real" gift). This should not be a cause of alarm but rather an opportunity for you to giggle. Your child doesn't know how fun this stuff is...yet. Together explore the wooden buzz saw which is every bit as addictive as Angry Birds. Challenge your child to a Ball and Cup Tournament. Play Tic Tac Toe with a quill and ink set. Clear the table and set up the colonial card games that children used to play. Hearts, War, Crazy Eights. You'll be surprised how competitive everyone gets! These are just a few of the offerings of the state historic parks. If you really get brave, you can break out the gee haw whimmy diddle and the jaw harp....or just save those for the new year.

The best gifts of all are those of promise. We all have so many devices and electronics. What we crave is time to breathe, to be with those we love, to grow memories. The parks offer ways to gift your family with that promise. The State Park Geocache Challenge will lead your family through all 47 State Parks as they embark on a treasure hunt to find hidden "caches" to find clues which will lead them to the final State Park treasure cache. The Ultimate Outsider Challenge begins with the beautiful new Guide to the South Carolina State Parks. Your family can explore every South Carolina State Park and collect a stamp from each in pursuit of the elusive title of Ultimate Outsider. The Ultimate Outsider Title yields tremendous bragging rights as it is an ultra cool sounding title and also comes with an exclusive t shirt listing all the 47 State Parks that your family has checked off its list.

Don't let your kids know but the geocache and Ultimate Outsider Challenges are gifts for you more than for them. You will get to spend dedicated time with your children and get to know them. You will share memories and make new ones. You will discover so many new things....together. You will get to know each

other. You will practice talking with your teens and tweens until they are as good at conversation as they are at texting. You will learn what each other's faces look like as together you all look at the beautiful natural surroundings that engulf you. You will grow in love as a family and you will never ever be the same.

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### Spring Slagle

at 12:49:39 on 3/17/2014 UTC

I put up some great pictures on I Can for Isaac of Devils Fork...how do I share those posts with you here? Thanks! Spring

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### Spring Slagle

at 14:58:49 on 3/18/2014 UTC

Hey Gwen! First, thank you so much for running the fb specials nod news. Because of you, we were able to do Bell Fest, stay t Devil's Fork, have booked at Edisto for my birthday weekend in May, and were able to make our first overnight trip to Oconee last year. Keep it coming! I have Isaac's page following you too and keep mentioning how great you all are to our family on his page and mine. Thank you guys again and again for what you do. You continue to make such a difference in our lives! Our address is 1120 White Rock Rd. Chapin SC. 29036. Tell everybody hi for us!

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### Spring Slagle

at 14:59:43 on 3/18/2014 UTC

Oh... Please read the pm I sent you Monday :). Thanks!

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### South Carolina State Parks

at 15:20:32 on 3/18/2014 UTC

Thanks, Spring! Will tell everyone you said hello. Can you tag us in the pics or mention us with an @ symbol? Or you can post directly to our page. Those are some options!

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### Spring Slagle

at 15:46:29 on 3/18/2014 UTC

Thank you. I am still learning all this techie stuff!

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### South Carolina State Parks

at 15:47:34 on 3/18/2014 UTC

No problem! :)

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### Spring Slagle

at 15:03:07 on 5/24/2014 UTC

I'm getting some great picture, video and post at Edisto and will have some of Hunting island too. I don't know the parks' emails. Can you forward Isaac's link to them so they can see how cool they are?

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