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**scstateparks** How awesome is this shot from Hunting Island #SCStateParks by Ranger Carl Berube?

Now that we've given you some eye candy, how about some brain food? 😊 Spanish moss isn't a moss it is actually a member of the bromeliad family which means it's closely related to pineapples! Spanish moss gets its name from French explorers who thought it resembled long beards of the Spanish conquistadors. You will usually find this plant draped across the branches of live oaks throughout the southeastern United States. Although Spanish moss grows on trees, it doesn't harm the tree meaning it doesn't put down any sort of root structure or take any nutrients from the tree instead it collects its nutrients from rainwater, airborne dust and debris. Many animals use the moss for nesting material, bedding and protection from predators.

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