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The "Spanish Mount" is a 4,000 year old Native American shell midden constructed by the Late Archaic Indians that you can see at Edisto Beach State Park. A shell midden is a mound of waste shells from mussels, oyster, and clams from past cultures. At one point the mound stood 20ft high and around a half an acre in diameter. An explorer in 1666 claimed that it could be seen from sea. Due to erosion by Scott Creek, the midden is now only a tenth of its original size. Other shell rings and middens are located throughout the Lowcountry and the Southeast, providing a glimpse into the past lives of the Native Americans who lived here.



Kathleen Johnson Can't wait to go here!

at 14:33:09 on 1/04/2015 UTC



Mary Gregor There were mounds of shells along the shore on Lady's Island nearly 60 years ago but the homes their now were more important!

at 15:02:39 on 1/04/2015 UTC



Linda Daugherty We have seen this several times and it never ceases to amaze me.

at 17:55:53 on 1/04/2015 UTC



Davina Maine Dockett We went there Dianna Hendricks!

at 22:26:31 on 1/04/2015 UTC



Shane Johnson Can't stop progress its human nature

at 3:46:20 on 1/05/2015 UTC



Dave Morrison There is a VERY little known similar mound on a small island in the middle of the Savannah River just north of Augusta GA and just below the highest dam up around Martinez. We saw lots of shells along with some pottery, almost surely used for cooking. It was amazing!

If anyone lives near there and wants to see it, I can help you find it via Google map comparisons.

at 17:51:48 on 1/05/2015 UTC



Elaine Chartier This mound was much larger when I first saw it in 1966.....such a shame that nothing was done one Lady's Island to protect and preserve the middens

at 0:36:53 on 1/06/2015 UTC