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at 14:20:56 on 8/27/2012 UTC · 🌐

CATCH O' THE DAY! We receive a LOT of awesome shots from park visitor Phil Lanoue at Huntington Beach State Park -- and this one ranks right up there. Here's an alligator with a butterfly ray. They have a very short tail and no stinger which is why the gator did not get stung when catching it, however, they are also quick and agile so the gator may have found it dead. You just gotta go check out Huntington Beach! You never know what you might see.



Bonnie Hughes Hamm have heard of gators swimming in the surf near Myrtle beach in the past tho!

at 14:21:59 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Jane Ochsenbein Love Huntington Beach!

at 14:23:06 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Marjorie Kneece Yikes

at 14:24:02 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Harley Verner taste like chicken?

at 14:25:07 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Pamela Brown If these two creatures are at Huntington beach- thanks but I don't think I will go....

at 14:25:13 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cathy Merck Tyson Wow! What a great, LUCKY shot! I love it there!

at 14:27:59 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cathy Merck Tyson @ Bonnie.....about 15 years ago we witnessed a gator swim out of the ocean and walk up on the beach into the woods. We were drug fishing. I am a native and had never seen anything like that.....haven't since.

at 14:30:00 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cathy Merck Tyson Haha surf fishing! Dang autocorrect!

at 14:30:28 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Marianne Revie I missed this shot by a day. I was over there the following day and had heard about this.

at 14:32:16 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Carrie Becker So now we have to worry about alligators in the ocean too?...hmmm, I think we will stick to the state parks in the upstate. Yikes!
at 14:41:20 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Bonnie Hughes Hamm @cathy.....that is too funny!
at 14:46:02 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Virginia Roessler WOW!!!
at 14:58:01 on 8/27/2012 UTC



South Carolina State Parks Carrie Becker this alligator was not in the ocean, it caught the ray in the salt marsh. Alligators will go from the freshwater where they live to the salt marsh to hunt. That's where he caught the ray. Alligators can end up in the ocean --- but it is usually by mistake --- coming through storm drains or other means. They don't want to be there at all, as they are freshwater creatures. Hope that helps!
at 15:04:14 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Beth Kinard No thanks!
at 15:10:30 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cathy Robbins Note the pavement in the picture!! And to those who say they won't come to HBSP because of the alligators and other "wild animals"-- HELLO!!! This is a STATE PARK!!! It is not downtown Charleston, although at times the animals roam there too. The creatures were here before us and we should be appreciative that they share their beautiful homes with us!! 99% of the time- don't bother the animals and they won't bother YOU!
at 15:10:38 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Carrie Becker Yes, I saw the pavement, and we love being in nature, we visit state parks monthly, so we are not oblivious to wild animals being in the wild. :) ... I can handle them being in the marshes. :) thanks for the input park ranger.
at 15:19:39 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cathy Grimes My favorite state park.
at 15:36:41 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Candis Goodwin wow
at 15:39:24 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Ian Randolph Was just there this past weekend and loved it. We kayaked out in the marsh. Went up to the causeway that leads into the park on Saturday and then Sunday morning went out to the jetty. We saw an alligator in the fresh water side of the causeway on our way out of the park on Sunday too. It was amazing!
at 15:47:31 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Drayton Hall WOW!!
at 16:17:46 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Christine Martin WAY TO GO PHIL! What a shot!!!
at 16:22:26 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Rick Forest 'Love the fresh water lagoon at the causeway. 'Gaters everywhere...
at 16:43:47 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cheree Noel WOW!
at 17:45:50 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cheryl Smithem That is an amazing shot. Thanks Gail Bosworth
at 17:48:13 on 8/27/2012 UTC

Mike Fowler I think it looks like the ass end of a hippo. lol



at 18:06:52 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Becky Brown Smith Looks like he's on the sidewalk.

at 18:41:37 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Laura Kirk It looks like he's toting around a giant lung.

at 18:54:37 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Violet P Moon Huntington Beach is the first place I ever saw a horseshoe crab on the beach.

at 20:33:06 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Nancy Kay Eddy Oh my!!!!!!!

at 21:24:21 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Cameron Shook And the alligator rose up and avenged Steve Irwin

at 21:28:37 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Laura Hayes Raupach I've been to this park. We used to go camping there when I was a kid. I miss all the good stuff!

at 22:13:06 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Kayak Myrtle Beach wow

at 22:39:58 on 8/27/2012 UTC



Barbara Gale Lasky I don't ever want to see a sight like this at Huntington, no no no, not ever!

at 0:24:58 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Penny Wallace Goddard Thats is so cool!

at 1:32:28 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Filitsa Santorini Yikes--they seem like prehistoric modern-day monsters to me

at 2:16:55 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Barbie Marquart Awesome shot! We LOVE the gators at Huntington! We go about every other day and spend hours taking pics!

at 2:56:51 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Charles Hardin What a Great shot!

at 9:47:31 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Karen Caulder This shot is awesome--click on it and check out the other great photos!

at 14:25:40 on 8/28/2012 UTC



Charlotte Martin Delcamp I agree w/No Regrets.....Prehistoric but Modern Day Monsters.

at 16:07:30 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Kim Chewing Miller Enjoy your lunch, Wally!!!!

at 16:07:32 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Ashlee Boyd Never knew there was a such thing called a butterfly ray! Amazing!

at 16:10:37 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Karl Dunagan They enjoy seafood as well , cool.

at 16:10:38 on 9/01/2012 UTC

Chris Diedrich WHOA

at 16:12:09 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Hollis Doyle Awesome
at 16:14:07 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Renae Michael Carroll omg
at 16:20:55 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Thea Trainer Smith Wow !!!
at 16:26:34 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Debbie Johnson Beyer Great shot!
at 16:26:57 on 9/01/2012 UTC



William Lawrimore LOL, when i first saw it "Puffergator" came to mind!
at 16:28:21 on 9/01/2012 UTC



LaDonna Warren I love it!!! I can sit and watch these alligators for hours at Huntington Beach!! We love camping at Huntington Beach State Park as well as any State Park in SC!!
at 16:30:08 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Loretta Bailey Duus This picture is amazing!
at 16:31:04 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Juanita Shifflett Love watching the gators and all the birds at Huntington I love Adelye too, but was closed up last time I was there, you can't tour anymore?
at 16:32:52 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Rob Walker That's sick!! In a good way of course.
at 16:33:49 on 9/01/2012 UTC



DeeAnna Hurst Kudos to the photographer. He or she must have brass balls to get anywhere NEAR this savage beast. Ok ok the gator isn't a savage beast, just reallllllllllllllly hungry
at 16:49:44 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Holly H. Davis Camera with a wonderful ZOOM on it....LOL
at 17:00:08 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Cheryl Schuster Ugh!!! Disgusting!! I don't think I'll go there.
at 17:03:48 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Cheryl Schuster Oh yes, the gator is a savage beast.
at 17:04:30 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Becky Jean Purcell @ DeeAnna - when the gator has his mouth full is probably the safest time to "shoot" him, but I still want a zoom lens!
at 17:14:13 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Jamie Deschenes Awesome shot!
at 17:15:48 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Charlie Braun Awesome and scary at the same time.
at 17:26:37 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Andrea J Burnett McQuaid thought it was a hippo butt!!!
at 17:30:30 on 9/01/2012 UTC

Pem Hawkins I know some from SC that look like that gator.



at 17:43:19 on 9/01/2012 UTC



William Montgomery Doesn't matter if the ray had a stinger or not, it would not have pierced the gators armor!

at 18:09:35 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Ed Squires In the words of John Hammond after feeding the raptors in Jurassic Park,"Okay, who's hungry?"

at 18:20:38 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Barbara Richardson Where is Huntington Beach?

at 18:37:50 on 9/01/2012 UTC



James Cox will stay off that beach

at 18:51:43 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Kerry McShea Chambers Hey Ryan and Brandy Maybe we will see this when we go on 9/15/12

at 18:54:31 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Tobin George Just a bit different from the Huntington Beach in SoCal!

at 18:56:56 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Anthony Corriero If your on the parkway at dusk-night it is advisable to walk in the road and not the path by the banks. The gators lie in waiting on the rocks and reeds and will spring out at you. Back in 2000 a 12' lunged out and did the open mouth thing w/hiss to my daughter (the middle of the 3 of us walking in a line, flashlights front and rear) when she was 7 and came within 2' of her. (Freeze, flashlight their eyes and move back away slowly). It was a very tense moment and nightmares that night . The gators cross all night long from the brackish pond to the salt marsh to feed. We went on our way and warned a Sr. couple who was walking back that way, they laughed at us and thought we were kidding. We waited and heard the shrill, turned the flash lights to see the wife doing the potty dance and heading back our way, fast. Bobcats were also calling out that night.

at 20:21:41 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Michelle Howard i lived in mbsc for 3 yrs. and this place is so beautiful its the only place ive ever wanted to get married at.....a must see!!

at 20:37:09 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Don Montgomery I want a picture like that! I believe I walked on that walk, depending on where it was on Huntington Beach State Park.

at 21:10:52 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Jodi Drennon I love checking out SC Parks! I have been to many and they are beautiful and full of interesting creatures. :) Check out state parks in your state, they are beautiful. I have been to many in other states as well, GA, NC, OH, FL and several other states! I haven't been to one that I haven't enjoyed! Great family outings or even personal time! Just to breathe!

at 22:34:32 on 9/01/2012 UTC



Carol Henson Elam No thanks...I'll stay in TN away from all the gators.

at 2:56:33 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Joseph Castiglia OK Big Boy, what are you going to do with it?!

at 3:03:38 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Brian Bailey Ahh my favorite beach in South Carolina. I miss you beach I really do.

at 3:30:59 on 9/02/2012 UTC

Noni Ní Cheallaigh Farber The pic says its a butterfly ray.



at 3:44:37 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Cindy Poore I was an Oregon girl living in SC while the hubs was in the Navy. I always took the signs that said there were alligators VERY seriously! They scare me!

at 4:43:29 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Sharon Squires Lyles Lesson.....Don't walk around the park at night!

at 12:01:51 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Donna Jaynes Franzman I love Huntington Beach! Took my pups there this year for photos!

at 12:13:51 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Jeffery A. Smith looks like his seafood dish

at 15:08:14 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Penny Frederick We debated if we should go to Huntington Beach or Brookgreen Garden. Both are amazing places. I am sure the Park would've been much chaper. :)

at 19:58:33 on 9/02/2012 UTC



Katie Gillespie Sorry - not gonna check it out if this is what I might see! Yikes!

at 18:19:54 on 9/03/2012 UTC



Lesa Quintanilla Purvis sure he didn't eat a mermaid?

at 4:08:05 on 9/04/2012 UTC