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Participants: Brian Clackley, South Carolina State Parks
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Brian Clackley

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South Carolina State Parks why can't law abiding SC CWP holders carry weapons as prescribed by SC state law and the Second Amendment in SC parks anymore? On August 15 (the day open carry became law) SC State Parks started a new policy prohibiting CWP holders from having their weapons with them while camping deep in the woods to protect themselves and their families from criminals and wild animals. Why are you treating law abiding CWP holders like criminals? Why are you violating the second amendment rights of SC citizens? Is this a political statement that you disagree with open carry?



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Mr. Clackley, We appreciate your concerns. SC State Parks made the decision for several reasons. Since we have several federally owned properties, the open carry change in the law would not impact those sites creating confusion on where visitors could and could not open carry. As an agency that must generate it's own operating revenues through charges, we were also concerned at our busiest sites, where many of our visitors are from out of state, that open carry may create a situation where our visitors were uncomfortable, negatively impacting our ability to achieve our mission and goals. Historically speaking, SC State Parks offer safe camping experiences, both in our developed campgrounds and in our more remote camping areas. We hope you will continue to consider our parks for your camping needs. If you have more questions, you may contact our operations office at 803-734-0156.



Brian Clackley

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I'm disappointed that you clearly do not even know the law yet you made these policies. You state that some of your sites are federal property and that people would be confused as to if they could open carry. Concealed weapons permit holders have always been prohibited from carrying their weapons on federal property. So your statement there is completely inaccurate. Further, it is very upsetting to hear that you're a reason for denying South Carolina citizens their second amendment right as prescribed by South Carolina law is that you are concerned about people from other states feeling uncomfortable. You clearly are less concerned about our own citizens than those from other areas feeling uncomfortable with our state laws.