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## South Carolina State Parks

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We had a beautiful sunrise service at Table Rock State Park on Easter and egg hunts and fun across the state! Did you make it out to a SC State Park this weekend?



**Karen Kinard Walsh** Rivers bridge state park!!



at 12:20:14 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**Norma Cooler** Hunting Island Easter sunrise at the lighthouse is spectacular!

at 12:22:35 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** What's a sunrise service?

Was it led by park employees?

at 12:34:24 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**James T Turner** I didn't visit a State Park for Easter ☺ but I'm gonna visit one next weekend. Reservations at Dreher Island. Love that park.  
at 12:37:52 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**David Sides** Easter Sunrise Service at Cheraw State Park. The view by the lake was stunning! We are so fortunate to have this incredible park in Cheraw South Carolina.  
at 12:53:48 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**Phyllis Wyatt Reese** Great weekend for a hike at Devil's Fork. #DevilsForksp



at 12:56:27 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** This was a service held at the park by a local church. It was led by the church.  
at 13:16:12 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** Did the church members pay the standard entrance fee?  
This seems to me like the state parks system is promoting Easter and Christianity. What non-Christian groups have received the same accommodations in a state park and have had one of their holiest days the subject of a Facebook post by South Carolina State Parks?  
at 15:07:18 on 4/06/2015 UTC



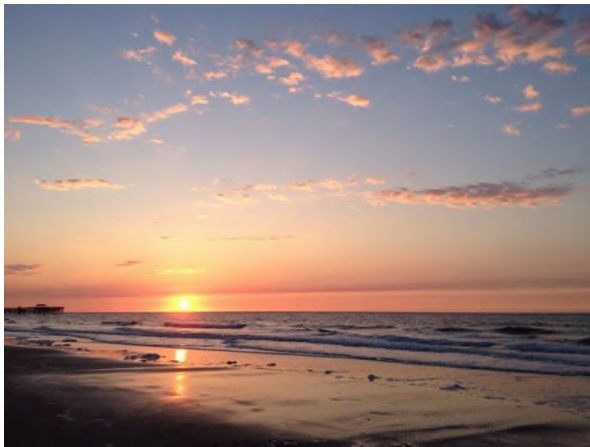
**Spring Slagle** Isaac at Lee State Park yesterday !



at 15:12:49 on 4/06/2015 UTC



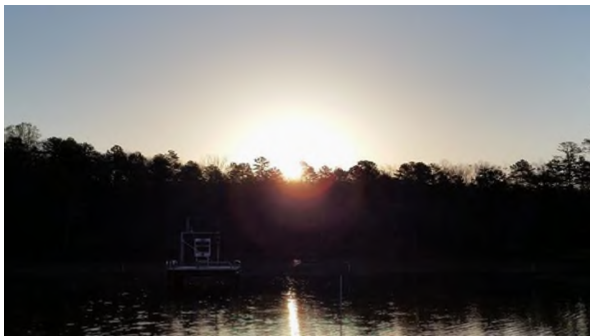
**Spring Slagle** Easter week at Myrtle Beach State Park!



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**Jo Anna White** Sunrise Service Oconee



at 22:03:17 on 4/06/2015 UTC



**Robin Saxon** What non-Christian groups have attempted to request said accommodations in a state park and were denied?? To my knowledge, South Carolina State Parks welcome people of all faiths, even ACLU minions.

at 15:02:39 on 4/07/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** Ha. Nice trolling Robin.

at 19:22:16 on 4/07/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** What I'm curious about isn't that out of line. Did park staff work overtime to accommodate the worshipers by opening early, preparing the park, cleaning up afterwards, etc? Did worshipers pay the standard entrance fees? There are so many more questions but those two would be nice to have answered. Robin Saxon, who said anything about the ACLU? They're commie liberals, right?

at 19:28:16 on 4/07/2015 UTC



**Virginia Rich Reed** Live too far away

at 23:21:41 on 4/07/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** Where can citizens find information about how SC State Parks handles religious celebrations?

Did park staff work overtime to prepare the parks for Easter services?  
Did park staff work overtime opening and closing the parks on Easter for worshipers?  
Did the sunrise service entrants pay the standard park admission fee?  
Are there any discounts that are given to the sunrise service entrants?  
What are the number of paying park entrants the weekend before Easter? On Easter weekend? The weekend after Easter weekend?  
What other days of the year do all parks open early to accommodate visitors?

at 12:49:30 on 4/13/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** South Carolina State Parks, how does a citizen of this great state have questions answered about how the park service handles religious events like the Easter service? Is there a contact person that can be called or emailed or should I ask my questions here and hope they're not ignored?

at 13:40:31 on 4/17/2015 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Hi, Ian Jones. For more information, please contact our State Park Director, Phil Gaines. He may be reached at 803-734-0159 or you can message us your contact info and we'll have him call you.

at 13:46:17 on 4/20/2015 UTC



**Ian Jones** Does he have an email address? I would rather form my questions in writing.  
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at 15:51:28 on 4/20/2015 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Yes, Ian, please email [pgaines@scprt.com](mailto:pgaines@scprt.com)

at 18:21:57 on 4/20/2015 UTC