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## South Carolina State Parks

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Today is Director Phil's last day! And in honor of his last day, here's his #1 thing to see or do in South Carolina's State Parks - The trail to Rainbow Falls at Jones Gap State Park. Not only the falls, but the journey; the trail that gets you there. The hike takes you up the Jones Gap Trail, past lots of eye and ear candy: whitewater, ancient granite rocks aged with time, sounds of the river as you stand beneath the Eastern Continental Divide. The trail is special, as some of my best memories with my family have been made there. Then there are the falls. Falling water off the high cliff, the drop in temperature- tonic for the soul. [www.southcarolinaparks.com/jones-gap](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/jones-gap)



**Deb Sturgeon Garrett** Good luck Director Phil in your new chapter. You have been a strong rudder guiding the SC Parks through smooth and choppy waters. My utmost appreciation to you Sir for your vision to create our exemplary showcase of parks ... all 47 of them throughout SC. Due to the Ultimate Outsider program, you were able to achieve thousands more people getting out and visiting our parks... myself included. Brazo Zulu Sir! As a fellow Clemson PRTM alumni ... Go Tigers!

at 11:45:05 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Griffs Greenhouse Nursery** Phil, thank you for all you have done for all of our State Parks. Of course, I will always appreciate your involvement at Andrew Jackson State when our future was doubtful. We have great memories of you and your family. Your passion and dedication to our park system causes others to want to be involved and make them a better place for all to enjoy. Enjoy your well deserved retirement, and please bring the family and join us again for the annual Andrew Jackson Birthday Celebration. Take care, Elaine

at 12:17:16 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Judy Causey** Enjoy your retirement. I have thoroughly enjoyed these Facebook post highlighting our wonderful State Parks.

at 12:19:47 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Linda Brooks** Have enjoyed all the posts from the SCSP. However, since my husband is handicapped and can not walk but short distances we are not able to enjoy what the Parks have to offer.

at 12:31:41 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Harriet Fenn Gilmer** Are all of these compiled in one place? Or in a booklet? Would be great to have all these in some kind of link. Please consider, if not already done. If done, please publicize the link!

at 12:37:06 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Josh Bentley** Best wishes Mr Phil! It was a pleasure meeting you! Keep exploring!

at 13:52:17 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Kathie Collins** Enjoy your retirement....It was a pleasure working and seeing you at HKSP....

at 14:36:18 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Aaron Frobase** Thanks Phil for all you have done.

at 14:46:07 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Susan Smith Kercher** As soon as I get my knee pain resolved, this will be my next hike!!

at 15:03:58 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Jen Gless** best wishes to Director Phil, we have so enjoyed your love for our parks and thank you for sharing your favorite spots!

at 17:22:26 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Sara Damewood** Thanks for your service! Best wishes for your retirement!

at 18:13:23 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Anne Darnell** You have been amazing as the Director of our State Parks. When I was hosting, thank you for the words of kindness and encouragement. It was my pleasure. Sorry I missed you in Aiken, Ha, I just overslept. You shared so much with all the guest and campers. The best of the best to you.

at 19:37:45 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Michele'n Scott** Best wishes! Our family loves our state parks and had so much fun on our adventures to become Ultimate Outsiders. I had the pleasure of hiking to Rainbow Falls this past March and it really was magical! We wish you and your family all the very best.

at 23:58:15 on 8/02/2018 UTC



**Cheryl Baker** Jones Gap is one of my favorite parks. Love hiking to the waterfalls.

at 0:29:43 on 8/03/2018 UTC



**Kimberly Davis Flowers Foster** Beautiful spots

at 0:37:59 on 8/03/2018 UTC



**Linda Harris** Great idea!

at 2:25:24 on 8/03/2018 UTC



**Linda Harris** Love this series! Congratulations on your retirement! We met at Croft State Park on New Year's Day a couple of years ago. My husband and I were volunteering there. It will be fun to see what you do next.

at 2:32:38 on 8/03/2018 UTC



**Donna Keel Dooley** Best wishes on your retirement

at 11:22:41 on 8/03/2018 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Harriet, they can all be found on our website. Follow this link and scroll down to Message From the Director. There are three separate stories here, all part of his top 100 list! <https://southcarolinaparks.com/mission-and-stories>



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