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Participants: Amanda Achelpohl Childs, South Carolina State Parks  
at 18:25:12 on 5/19/2014 UTC



**Amanda Achelpohl Childs**

at 10:54:38 on 5/14/2014 UTC

Hi,

I am a volunteer with a 4H group called Chapin Ride With Pride. We are a horse group in Lexington County. For the end of the the year, we do a camping trip with the kids and go camp with the horses and ride. This year, we chose Lee State Park as our camping place. We have had quite a few people say that they are not going on the camping trip because of the snakes. One of the pictures on the website page for Lee State Park is a snake. Just wanted to let you know that that is deterring people in our group from going, and may be deterring other people who see that page.

Is the snake population at Lee State Park higher than other places in SC? What are the chances of us seeing snakes while riding? You may want to consider taking that picture down. Just a thought. I was shocked when people said that was the reason they aren't going on the camping trip, so figured y'all may not know that's how people react to that picture.

Amanda



**South Carolina State Parks**

at 18:15:43 on 5/19/2014 UTC

No, the snake population at Lee is no more or less than any other natural area in the Midlands or Pee Dee of South Carolina. This is a park (a wooded, natural area) so there is a possibility that you could encounter a snake, just like at any other park, but our general advice is if you see one leave it alone and it will leave you alone.

Also, one recommendation I would make if you're coming camping with horses from about mid-May to September is to bring horse fly/yellow fly bug repellent for your horses. Summer brings out the yellow flies which are quite bothersome to horses if they don't have the right bug repellent on.

Again, thanks for your message and suggestion. The picture is one that was taken on the park by a professional photographer.



**Amanda Achelpohl Childs**

at 18:18:27 on 5/19/2014 UTC

Ok, thanks for the reply. I'll will tell the club. I just didn't realize do many people would have a reaction that strong to just a picture and wanted to give y'all a heads up. I don't know if affects other people's choices of which campgrounds to visit, but just a heads up. Fly spray is on my list, but I'll remind the club about that also! Thanks!



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at 18:25:12 on 5/19/2014 UTC

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