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Have you filed your income taxes? If not make sure when you do you Check-off for SC State Parks! This year we will use the money donated to repair the rice trunks at Huntington Beach State Park. Don't know what they are? Check out this video as Ranger Matthew explains how they were used in the past -- and how they are used today.

More information here from Ranger Mike on the history and process:

In 1930, Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington purchased the land that is now Huntington Beach State Park. They intensively managed their land to achieve the greatest diversity of habitats and wildlife possible. Ardent conservationists, one of their first projects was creating two impoundments out of the southern end of the Murrells Inlet salt marsh. These, along with similar impoundments created at their Mariners' Museum in Newport News and their Huntington Wildlife Forest station in New York, were intended as a chain of privately-funded wildlife refuges for migratory waterfowl and many other animals. Managing water levels and salinity is critical to preserving this legacy established by the Huntingtons almost a century ago.

How We Manage: Adding Seawater

Adding seawater to raise the salinity helps to control the growth of the invasive exotic species Phragmites, which would otherwise overtake the marsh. Raising the salinity also helps the growth of wigeon grass, an important source of food for many waterfowl that over winter with us. Adding seawater from the salt marsh also adds many larval fish, crabs, shrimp, and other sea creatures which will eventually become part of the wetland food chain.

How We Manage: Releasing Freshwater

As water accumulates from rainfall and run-off, it is sometimes necessary to drain off excess water. Lowering the water level provides basking areas for alligators and foraging areas for shorebirds, roseate spoonbills and federally threatened species like wood storks.

Check off for Parks! Help us Repair the Rice Trunks at Huntington Beach



White Donna What you feel like if you did this for a living? Awesome!

at 23:41:17 on 3/18/2021 UTC



Donnell Purvis Love HBSP

at 23:46:05 on 3/18/2021 UTC



Kim Sweitzer Leasure When I was a park ranger at hbSP we fixed them back then...what's wrong with them now?

at 23:57:31 on 3/18/2021 UTC



Dede Altman Wade Sarah Bailey thought you would enjoy this.

at 0:21:58 on 3/19/2021 UTC



Erin Shelley Love Cool information! Where does the name "rice trunk" come from?

at 1:02:46 on 3/19/2021 UTC



Jerry Kerschner Kim Sweitzer Leasure Kim, we need you!

at 1:14:56 on 3/19/2021 UTC



Allison Jeffords Great job! Thank you for all your hard work to manage the park!
at 12:50:40 on 3/19/2021 UTC



Shelley Aaron How does "check off" work? My return goes to y'all? I already filed, but am interested for next year.
at 10:29:48 on 3/20/2021 UTC



Dorcas Tumininu Awesome
at 13:07:17 on 4/18/2021 UTC