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South Carolina State Parks

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We're excited to announce 25 new, reservable beach parking/picnic spaces at Hunting Island! Located adjacent to the campground, these new spaces include parking for one vehicle for the entire day (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.), a charcoal grill and a picnic table. Restroom facilities are located nearby. You may come and go as you please -- the space is yours all day long! Prices for these spaces range from \$30-\$60/day and include admission for everyone in your vehicle. These spaces will begin reserving this Friday, May 11 at 9 a.m. for dates beginning Friday, May 25 forward. Make sure you have your parking space at Hunting Island. Reserve here, starting this Friday! www.southcarolinaparks.com/hunting-island





Megan Hodge Kevin Hodge Tisha Morgan
at 12:38:17 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sara Bynum Will Wilkes-Booth Bynum we should do this one weekend!!
at 12:38:54 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Renee Kirby Dell Kirby this would be a fun day trip :)
at 12:44:05 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Ashley Jackson Nora , thoughts?
at 12:44:41 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Robin Braswell Hucks What if you just want to go to the beach. Do you still have to reserve parking? I understand parking is limited.
at 12:45:46 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Connie Crane Margaret Crane
at 13:01:40 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Ryan Shook Tanya
at 13:03:26 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Stephanie Shealey Crissy Lemons look at this!!!
at 13:05:35 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Samantha Littlejohn Joe Littlejohn
at 13:06:31 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Brittany Rea Dellinger Mickey Flaughter Rea
at 13:08:12 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Lisbeth Davison Carpenter Our old camping spots ☺
at 13:09:16 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Katelynn T McLaughlin Wesley Scott Mclaughlin
at 13:09:17 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Katelynn T McLaughlin Rachel Gainey-O'Dell
at 13:09:23 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Rachel Gainey-O'Dell Stephen O'Dell
at 13:10:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Ashley Kay Howell Greg Howell
at 13:22:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Angela Tennant Adams Noel Adams
at 13:23:38 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Angela Humphries Corteville Katelyn Humphries
at 13:24:22 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Franki Stevens There is a beach access at the light house park. The reservable picnic area is located at the campground and to enter you'll need a reservation.
at 13:28:42 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Michael Austin So there goes the seclusion of the campground all for the mighty dollar.
at 13:30:35 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Patience Lynn Gilley Whitley Baugham

at 13:33:50 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Melissa Sudol Ricky Rockholt

at 13:34:21 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Chandra Pierce Placer Jason Placer, still say this was one of our best camp sites, opening the tent and seeing the sun rise on the water. Hate that we can't do that again. 😞

at 13:39:30 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amy Smith-Hayward Vali Smith Mixson

at 13:43:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kat LeBlanc Love it there! Our favorite place ♥

at 13:49:30 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Shannon Burke Fun day trip when Carson gets a little older.

at 13:53:07 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Erin Howerton Roseberry Shane Roseberry 😊

at 13:53:29 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Mandy Odum This park has been through hell. I'm just so thankful that there is ANY camping left!

at 13:54:01 on 5/09/2018 UTC



South Carolina State Parks No. You do not have to reserve one of these spots to go to the beach. This is just an option to guarantee a parking spot, if you would like to go that route.

at 13:57:49 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Crissy Lemons It's calling our names lol!

at 14:04:15 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Stephanie Shealey It sure is! That's definitely worth paying that so we don't have to haul all of our stuff around! Lol

at 14:06:53 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Mina Harrington Michael -- one thing to consider. They are charging people to reserve a picnic table for the day at a pretty steep price for some in particular. This will cut out the riffraff. I live not far from Lake Murray. Several years ago, they started charging a pretty good price for people to get into the park at the dam. It cut out the riffraff, i.e., troublemakers, and things are much better there.

at 14:25:31 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Lidia Molero Too bad!!!!

at 14:28:41 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Wayne Carter That's nice but it would have been so much better if you people would have restored the campground sites in that loop; my wife and I have camped in that loop for many, many years and we now have no interest in HI SP.

at 14:41:06 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amanda Toothman The primitive tent sites should have been added back, not more public picnic access.

at 14:45:13 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Michael Austin One can only hope.

at 14:53:09 on 5/09/2018 UTC

Elaine Ardis Just ruined what was left of the Campground. Public should stay out of the Campground!



at 14:54:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jack Chavous Big mistake to put a public beach access at the campground. We go to the campground for a reason. If you can develop this, then why didn't you put some campsites back? Poor decisions.

at 14:54:55 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jenna L Scurry Meredith Barnhill Scurry this would be a fun day trip!

at 14:55:52 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Dennis Dooley Not good

at 15:01:16 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Rae D'Amore Matthew D'Amore

at 15:05:37 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Franki Stevens Jack Chavous we visited last week. There are no dunes and no way to protect the electric system out there. It will flood during the first storm. My first reaction was to feel as if they were allowing "anyone" into the campground area, but the day use people will register just like campers. It won't be like the gates will be open to everyone. I wish they would have made these sites primitive tent sites.

at 15:06:32 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Randi Hamrick Mitchell Joni Snellings This!! And I can take that hammock I want 😊

at 15:07:33 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Robin Braswell Hucks We all love HI and I'm confident the state is doing the best thing possible to try and please everyone. But you can only do so much. Let's just enjoy it while we still have it. We can see just how easily it can go away.

at 15:10:11 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Allison Scott Eric Scott make a total day of it?

at 15:12:01 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Melissa Hill Kimmy Campbell Mills

at 15:13:03 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Elaine Ardis Why isn't all this beach frontage offered to the campers??? This is a slap in the face to us. The public already has their beaches there. Better start locking everything up when you leave your site guys.

at 15:14:17 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Thomas Hundley Claire Peters Hundley

at 15:21:14 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kim-Marie Muggeo Teresa interesting

at 15:21:43 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Thomas Hundley Unfortunately, since you decided to build this instead of replacing the beachfront campsites, we probably won't be visiting for a long time since the leftover existing sites are always booked up.

at 15:23:43 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jesse Lyn I was about to tag you! Count me in. We can go halfies

at 15:25:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Allison Scott Jesse Davidson yes!!

at 15:27:44 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Brendon B There already is a public beach down the road.

at 15:29:10 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Greg Stotemyer As a long-time tent camper at Hunting Island (one of our most favorite places in the US) this seems to be an unwise decision probably made by upper level management trying to find the easy, money-based way out of a challenging situation. You have turned a still lovely campground into a day-use area. A campground should be a campground. This puts added stress on the campground end of the park. Over crowding on the beach. It could lead to the inclusion of a loud music party element into the area. It also opens up the campground, where entry is normally somewhat restricted. I understand with the ravages of weather damage and the decision to not reinvest in electric infrastructure in the upfront section of the campground in case of another storm/flood. But, in my opinion these sites should have, instead, been minimalist, non electric sites. Perhaps even tent only site. Keep a campground, a campground. BAD DECISION which now threatens the future of this lovely oasis of a campground.

at 15:29:53 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Joni Snellings Hurry and get that camper so we can go 🤗🤗🤗

at 15:30:26 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Corrine Just I agree!

at 15:36:57 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jack Chavous We were told by park rangers last fall when we made a day trip down to check the campground out, that the dunes and the beach would be replenished starting after the 1st of the year. If that's not done soon it won't matter what you put there. Some campsites parallel to the road is needed more than public beach access. For some of us with motorhomes, we can't get to a lot of sites in the back.

at 15:38:29 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jennifer Burdette Maxwell I agree with you don't like this idea

at 15:39:55 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Samantha Storm Allgire Campers can come and go onto the beach as they please...

at 15:39:58 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Samantha Storm Allgire Why replace the beachfront campsites when they've been wiped out by hurricanes TWICE.

at 15:41:13 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Samantha Storm Allgire And for a picnic table and grill it's a pretty steep price to rent a spot for a day... it's not going to be anyone and everyone...

at 15:42:13 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Bobby Osteen Just the state taking the easy way out and grabbing the dollars...this stinks...

at 15:45:35 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Debbie Joyner Rowland Still not a fan of the idea, however the reservation process and dollar amount is better than I expected. I agree that these sites should have been for tent campers.

at 15:46:29 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kristen Brust Jerusha Barnett

at 15:48:41 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jessica Mills Hallford Hoyt Hallford

at 15:50:07 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Peter Bendal Kear For everyone complaining they did not rebuild it as a camping area you have to think how lucky they are to have any camping left. Honestly the campground has been the money maker for this park which is one of the highest producing parks in the state. The simple fact is this area could no longer be used as a campground so instead of letting it

lie dormant they did this. Honestly you are right to be concerned about it bringing in some less than desirable neighbors and a lot more people to the campground area but I doubt it will be much worse than when there was 100 more campsites.

at 15:53:31 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Audrey Thomas Great perspective!

at 15:54:20 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sierra Sartin Terrina Sartin

at 15:59:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Missy Church Wow. They are paying just like you. What makes you any better. Sad when you judge people you do not even know.

at 15:59:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Linda Lou We need more campsites back due to all the Hurricane damage

at 16:01:48 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Matthew D'Amore Yes please

at 16:01:54 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Matthew D'Amore Is the kiosk i built there gone?

at 16:02:22 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Dale Willingham Beth Willingham

at 16:05:52 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Vickie Phillips Not a happy camper...

at 16:07:30 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Mandy Odum Audrey Thomas it's our favorite park!

at 16:18:56 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Eric Scott I am down for whateva, whenever

at 16:19:28 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Lauren Elizabeth Opstad This park and its employees have been through the ringer. Mother nature is something no one can control and there isn't endless amounts of money to help that. I hope you reconsider your opinion and help get this great park back where it should be by showing your support☺

at 16:19:38 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kim Worrock Wally Justin Angel we need to rent one next time we go!

at 16:20:07 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Lauren Elizabeth Opstad They have to pay quite a bit of money to reserve these. They are paying money just like you, not really considered "public".

at 16:21:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amanda Toothman Restoring primitive non hook up sites would have made more sense than these picnic areas. It is no more work or cost to create or restore than these picnic sites.

at 16:25:07 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Beth Willingham We need to do this

at 16:27:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Beth Willingham There is no beach access other than HI unless you're staying on Fripp or harbor

at 16:30:14 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Wayne Carter Lauren Elizabeth Opstad I did try it in the back, I had 2 weeks paid for and only stayed about 8 days. Without camping access on the former front loops, I will not be back, Shame because it was our favorite place and we camped at least 30 days a year there over 3 trips each year.

at 16:35:53 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Canna Jones Franki Stevens tent camp only perfect solution

at 16:39:02 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Franki Stevens Jack Chavous I'm not sure why those choices were made. I'm just relaying what we saw last week. I would love to see campsites and proper dunes up front too. We have camped there for 30 years and love it. I want my children to grow up and bring my grandchildren there.

There were sites that you may be able to get your motor home in near the dump station. Those trees are gone. I'm sorry probably not much help. I understand the frustration.

at 16:39:20 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kristopher Barnette Well put.

at 16:45:59 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Marianne Croft I would pay \$60 a night to tent camp up front.

at 16:46:08 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Shannon Still Personally, I think since this area is a CAMPGROUND, it should be camping ONLY and not a daily party/gathering sites, there's other spots on down the road for that... I understand not rebuilding those areas for storm reasons, but these should have at least been turned into tent or popup camper sites. But \$30-60 just to picnic is outrageous, so maybe not many will pay that to picnic.

at 16:58:42 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins Whoever decided this needs to be fired!

at 16:59:29 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins You idiots in Columbia have ruined what made this park so special! Bring back the oceanfront sites!

at 17:00:33 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins Same here Wayne! They've ruined this park!

at 17:01:18 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins We aren't lucky we pay for this with tax dollars. They'll be lucky if we don't fire them for this terrible decision

at 17:02:02 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Angel Worrock Is everyone packing in one car? Lol \$30-60 per car?

at 17:02:46 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins Samantha Storm Allgire they make the money. These sites are what made the campground special. No it's just mosquitoes hell with a view of the trailer beside you.

at 17:03:26 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins They've got plenty of money to repair and maintain the park as it was. Unfortunately lawmakers who represent the areas with poor performance parks stole HI money.

at 17:04:34 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amy Hawley Heydt Brandon Heydt- one day during our Fripp Trip??

at 17:09:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



JB Collins The sites could have been replaced but money was taken that HI generates and spent on other parks that should have been closed long ago.

at 17:11:47 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Rae D'Amore I feel sure. They've had a lot of damage since then. 😊

at 17:16:30 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kim Worrock Angel Worrock we sure will!!! Lol

at 17:27:54 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kristie Crowell I think it's a great idea! Obviously you can't make everyone happy.

at 17:46:00 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Kristie Crowell Also, if people are willing to pay for this I don't see a lot of mess coming in to ruin your 'campers only parade'.

at 17:47:44 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sue Scott I agree that this area should have been left for the use of campers only. Opening this up to the general public will lead to lots of problems for both the campers and the rangers. Too bad. This WAS the best campground in SC.

at 17:58:20 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Leigh Lightsey Wilson Agree!! As a camper in the campground my family and friends are not happy about this either!! This will open up too much traffic and coming and going into the campground.

Not how we wanted to see this area being used, especially to non campers

at 18:11:41 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Reba McDaris I guess that I won't be going back. It was my favorite vacation spot because the beach was limited to the campers and their families. That was the whole purpose for staying there. It is a beautiful place but I feel like that this is a real bad decision.

at 18:23:40 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Peter Bendal Kear JB Collins Actually those sites cannot be rebuilt without extensive beach restoration which it can be argued is against nature and what the state parks stand for. Overall more money was funneled towards the beach parks especially Hunting Island for repairs than inland parks. In fact there are a couple inland parks with closed trails due to the same storm(s) that affected Hunting Island. Oh and lucky refers to the fact that any of it was able to be reopened because the damage that the park received was almost overwhelming. I honestly did not expect this much to have been accomplished and in truth wonder how long Hunting Island can remain open for more than day use because I imagine another hit or near hit has the potential to close it forever. BTW I know of no state park that should be closed and in fact I would like to see a few more open up. I have visited all of them and camped at several. Heck I was even hoping the new kayak launch at Landsford Canal was going to be a campground.

at 18:29:18 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sandra Jones Jack Chavous I agree

at 18:32:17 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Peter Bendal Kear LOL from the looks of the prices the reserved parking is about as much or more than a campsite per day. BTW campers are also part of "The Public". BTW we loved camping there and other state parks but over the years the "quality" of campers has gone down just like it has in almost any other area of life when dealing with others who are part of the "public".

at 18:39:41 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Peter Bendal Kear Make a few round trips to the normal day use area or back and forth to Fripp. One car a couple trips.

at 18:42:09 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Mary Wasden Let the Memorial Day holiday begin!

at 18:55:05 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Terry Jeffrey I don't understand why the campers feel that the beach in that area of the island is only for them. I am sure everyone who has camped in a regular basis misses what used to be. What happened to the island was out of anyone's control. But this is a state park

not a country club. It is open to the public and someone who can only come and stay for the day has just as much right to be there as someone who stays for a week or longer. I grew up in Beaufort and spent many days at both the campground beach and the public beach. Please be grateful for what is still there and as many have said if you don't like it now you don't have to go back. But anyone who wants to enjoy it should be able to. It hurts to think that if I want to spend the day there I am looked at as an intruder who doesn't belong!

at 19:05:10 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Robert Mueller I couldn't agree more. This is a really bad move on the part of the park service.

at 19:10:59 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amanda Toothman Because like 99.9% of other state parks, the campground should be for campers only. There are day use areas outside of the campground.

at 19:17:04 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jerri Romanyak Love this place.

at 19:30:52 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Zack Kelly Cami Oxford Brooks

at 19:49:48 on 5/09/2018 UTC



M.L. Hill I agree, Terry.
You may pay a little, but well worth it to reserve a spot for your family.

at 19:55:40 on 5/09/2018 UTC



M.L. Hill Amanda Toothman
There is so much demand for the shelters/grills on the public beach, it's impossible to get one unless you're first in line.

at 19:57:36 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Shannon Still Amanda, YES! Exactly!! 🙌 public access is in another area.

at 20:10:39 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Lauren Elizabeth Opstad Mother Nature ruined this park, not the employees who have tried everything they can and who work tirelessly to please everyone, which they clearly can't. Thanks for your honesty though!

at 20:54:44 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Angel Smith Wilson Will the fee remain the same if I already purchased a Palmetto Park Pass?

at 20:58:36 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Wayne Carter Lauren Elizabeth Opstad I, and it seems most others on this thread, are not blaming the employees, having camped there for many many years, I know how hard working and dedicated the employees are. But the back side of the campground has never appealed to us and is unappealing to a lot of our friend, We loved the openness of the front, the air movement, the ambience and things that we could not find in the back. That plus the back is beyond horrible on mosquitoes. Again, it's not the employees, it's whomever at the state level that made the decisions.

at 21:03:37 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Leigh Cockrell Johnson Thanks, but I think I'll stick to the south beach area where everyone is friendly and not a bunch of snobs.

at 21:06:49 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Melanie Melton Lewis Brad Lewis

at 21:09:55 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Amanda Toothman The campground has a year waiting list. The area would have been better utilized as a campground (which is what it is).

at 21:22:06 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sue Scott Franki Stevens actually if you read the reply from HI above, you DON'T have to reserve these spaces. If they are not reserved, they are first come first serve. This is going to be a nightmare for the volunteers, rangers and especially the campers.

at 21:44:37 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Peter Bendal Kear We have been to Hunting Island for more years than I can count. We quit camping there about 15 years or so ago. The problem was on top of the issues reserving a site you had to deal with campers who felt they are entirely more entitled than they actually are. All camping gets you is a campsite, access to the bathhouses, and access to the camp store extra. You do not own the beach it is open to the public from one end to the other. I had a guy a couple years ago come down the beach and try and force me from where I was fishing all because he was camping and it was his. I was between the day use area and campground and needless to say he went packing after threatening physical violence and me reminding him his vacation would be ruined by a weekend in jail (or at least his wife then drug him off). We had pretty much been where we were all day which is what we paid entry for although had he asked versus demanded I would have let hi m have it as we were planning to leave and did 30 min later. I have also been about run over by kids on golf carts illegally driving down the beach from the camping area not to mention adults drinking and doing the same. Now these were not handicapped persons but perfectly able kids and adults I saw throwing cast nets, horse-playing in the surf, and such. In other words the folks who pay to camp feel like that entitles them to own the beach to do what they please and the "peasants" who pay for the right to be there for the day need to stay out of their way.

at 21:46:28 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Pamela Marie Linda Yonika
at 22:31:36 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Ray Boyce Lisa Braxton Boyce
at 22:41:05 on 5/09/2018 UTC



M.L. Hill Amanda Toothman
I got mine. I don't want to let anyone else in. So go dwelleth with the unwashed masses, Peons.

at 22:41:17 on 5/09/2018 UTC



M.L. Hill Wah wah wah.
I don't want all the daily riff raff around me cuz I'm camping and very special. Sniff.

at 22:44:24 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Dave Gilbert Terrible decision. Who is making these decisions? It used to be such a great park.

at 23:10:33 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Robert Reece Heading back to the upstate in the morning but have really enjoyed our week in and out of our beloved piece of heaven, Lisa Reece was hoping to get to meet you but we just didn't cross paths maybe next time.

at 23:25:58 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Sandra Jones Wayne Carter please don't let them win. They are slowly trying to get rid of the campground and give it to the public. Write letters to Gov. McMaster and Send. Graham.

at 23:32:23 on 5/09/2018 UTC



Jaime Montgomery McKie Totally agree...horrible decision...and one that was made totally disregarding a great deal of feedback from those of us who have camped here for decades. So VERY disappointed!

at 0:00:19 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Linda Howell Timothy Absolutely ridiculous and highway robbery! That is more than those beautiful camping spots use to cost per night. Stop gouging people. I am sure SC is missing all the revenue from the camping fees from Hunting Island but they are the ones who choose to do nothing over the last ten years and let this gem erode away to nothing.

at 0:11:32 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Gail B Taylor I very strongly agree. Picnickers should not be in the camp area. There already is a day use area. Spend the money and give campers the sites back.
at 0:37:19 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Teresa Deale-McWilliams Gary Clemons, not the same ☹️
at 0:37:42 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Ed Moriarty Should have been tent sites
at 0:38:35 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Mark Anne Rich Is there any horse camping or day trip sites /trails
at 0:42:00 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jacob Cowan Jamie Cowan
at 1:10:29 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Deb Costello I'm at HI now and those Day Use Sites are too close together and there too many of them. Nothing good comes when you stick a lot of people in a small area. There also doesn't seem to be any plan to keep beach goes out of the campground. Bad idea in my opinion!
at 1:19:19 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Kelly Maria Brad Halbleib we should do this when the family comes down to visit us
at 1:23:41 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Gayle Moriarty We will not be back the camping part now is just to far for me to walk over to the beach .There is 15 min. Parking at the store but what good is 15 mins.we were there in April and the walk was just to much .as far as the picnic area i believe it should be tent sites.also handicap camping area is to far from the beach.
at 1:35:11 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jeffrey Smith Terrible idea, it should have been primitive tent camping
at 1:42:02 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jonathan Vigier Not sure any of this banter matters. All spots are reserved through the end of the season. Just like it always was. There's obviously a way to get in there before everybody else. I have tried every year for 12 years and have NEVER been able to
at 2:01:20 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Manda Benoit So are there still picnic tables if you dont want to reserve one of those picnic spots? Or to have a picnic out there do you have to reserve a spot?
at 2:58:02 on 5/10/2018 UTC



David Testa To join in on this argument...We've been doing state and national park camping (and day use) all over the SE for years, so we know that the campground and day use areas are always separate. Bringing day use into the campground changes the entire dynamic and feel of it.
We aren't being snobs here. Anyone that wants to get a campsite CAN get a campsite. Would you call me a snob if I wanted to get an awesome burger once in a while instead of a fast food burger? I go to our local places to sit down and enjoy a great burger instead of waiting in line, sitting next to a giant toddler birthday party (I can say this, one of my kids is a toddler), and biting into a cardboard cheeseburger.
We are going to miss the beachfront camping terribly. If I could see the logic behind not restoring that side of the campground, I'd be ok with that aspect of it, but making this day use to non campers is the wrong decision all the way. I agree with the comments that it should have been no hookup camping or tent/popup camping if they couldn't rebuild the infrastructure. Maybe even day use for campers only. We will make our first visit back after the hurricanes this fall so I guess we'll find out first hand.
at 3:22:33 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Terry Jeffrey "Day use for campers only"???
at 3:34:37 on 5/10/2018 UTC



David Testa Yes. For campers that have the far back spots to be able to come picnic nearer to the beach on a first come first serve. I don't have any of the financial or logistical information that was used to make this decision but I know that functionally it's a bad one. Not saying I know what the BEST idea would be.

at 3:39:52 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Tonya Gabriel Dangerfield My issue is the safety of the campground kids! How can they regulate as well? This is a pedophiles dream... every kid out there is riding bikes and walking to the playground ans then we add a place to sit and watch them all day. Without a camper, someone can be packed up and gone on 10 minutes from one of these sites before anyone ever knows their kid is missing.

at 4:44:26 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Gina Holstein Like a pedophile can't buy a camper?! Y'all sound like elitist snobs to the rest of us whose tax dollars support this State Park YEAR- ROUND and can only go to the beach for a day at a time because we have to work to help pay the taxes to keep the park up and running every day, not just during tourist/vacation season! SMH...

at 6:21:50 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jon Stegmeir Sue Scott no, you're misunderstanding...it's not required to gain access to the beach which is what was asked. There is beach access elsewhere. It IS required to reserve these picnic areas if you want to use them.

at 8:44:43 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Arnita Burke Amen !!

at 8:45:00 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Amy Gonsalves Monica J Perez Samantha Watts you should do this while Bash is visiting! BBQ and fun at the beach!

at 10:11:31 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Billy Tucker Candace Tucker

at 10:32:08 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jeff Harris Deb Blodgett Harris

at 10:37:43 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Margaret Burton



at 12:00:03 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Margaret Burton



at 12:00:05 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Candace Tucker Let's go

at 12:07:49 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Margo Dean Christopher Dean Elyse Caroline

at 12:31:10 on 5/10/2018 UTC

Elyse Caroline I'm down when y'all can go



at 12:43:16 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Judy Johnson Such a poor decision made in Columbia. It's so difficult to get a campsite; now next to impossible. This oceanfront area should have been made primitive/no hook-ups. Wish our voices would be heard!

at 12:46:27 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Tammy Hitt Luna Ed Calouro

at 13:08:27 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Christopher Dean Yes let's plan a little trip

at 13:12:51 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Franki Stevens Sue Scott I think you misinterpreted the HI response. To reserve a picnic space at the "campground beach area" you will need a reservation. You do not need a reservation to access the beach at the "light house park". I confirmed this with a ranger at the park.

at 14:11:08 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Donna Keel Dooley Good that is where you should go

at 15:27:28 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Leigh Cockrell Johnson Donna Keel Dooley For 50 years that's where I've been going and have enjoyed every minute of it.

at 15:32:18 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Julie Senkel Mueller I sincerely hope there are rules in place to limit loud music and big parties. The day use area is often so very loud since it is not for people who want to camp and quietly enjoy nature. People go to day-use sites to party at the beach, which is opposite of what made lovely, unspoiled, natural Hunting Island State Park campground unique and special. I hate to see it go all KOA Party Campground, what a shame.

at 15:45:56 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Elyse Caroline Just tell me when

at 16:05:35 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Dave Stegmeir Jack Chavous don't go.

at 16:15:09 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Tamara Day Whitney E Hendrix here's a day trip. Perfect if we had the kids or having to carry so much stuff Lindsay Hagood

at 18:51:16 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Lindsay Hagood If they would only come with a baby gate! 😊

at 18:56:20 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Kristy McGovern-Cottle Wow, just wow at some of you!! Entitled much?! SMDH We're lucky the park is still there AT ALL at this point! Get over yourselves!! Go and enjoy it or don't. But, quit your whining!!

at 19:29:00 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Jamie Gregory Jessica Powell

at 19:53:43 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Whitney E Hendrix Yes let's plan it tomorrow!!

at 20:03:16 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Tamara Day Lindsay Hagood for real! We could always do a harness and leash though 😊 or construct some poles in the ground with chicken wire

at 20:13:44 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Gail Wilkinson I understand the concept of folks wanting to be “day trippers” however, it is my hope that this does not create a security problem for those who are camping...might be a nightmare in the making..

at 20:25:09 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Deb Costello Those sites in front of the Dump Station are a disgrace. Who wants that as a view!

at 20:46:33 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Sharon Testa Wow, I guess this is a really controversial issue. I feel for both sides. At least most of the comments I've read have been civil. Good to have open & honest discussion. :)

at 20:49:31 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Teresa Currens How are the mosquitoes? The last time I was there, they could carry you away! Could not even enjoy the campsite for them!

at 23:15:19 on 5/10/2018 UTC



Hunter Jackson Is there wifi?

at 0:29:25 on 5/11/2018 UTC



Ang Sahayda We went once and were never able to get a reservation ever again. It was always booked. With all these people saying they won't return maybe we can get a reservation now. I'm sure they took a lot into consideration after all the damage. You don't always get what you want.

at 0:32:43 on 5/11/2018 UTC



Gina Holstein Although I DO agree that these should have been tent-only, roughcamping sites. I think they would have been appreciated more and caused less disruption to the campground in general.

at 10:26:50 on 5/12/2018 UTC



Marilyn Cowan My favorite beach!

at 1:27:18 on 5/13/2018 UTC



Tony Holtsizer Michelle Ellison Holtsizer

at 0:56:32 on 5/14/2018 UTC



Holly Beverly The camp ground stayed full all summer. Add a few more sites. This picnic area will not work you can and I would rather picnic at the beach area. Larger area and more parking. You have take extra vehicles to fishing pier. It would be a hassle to do this. We need walk ways to the beach at the campground and north and south beach. Mother saw a woman taki g her mom on a walker though the sand down to thr beach, it was very hard for for me to walk in all that sand. I can just image with a walker. This whole things needs to better though out. So far very stupid. How many picnic site were rented gor mothets day. I saw all empty At 1pm sunday.

at 23:23:07 on 5/14/2018 UTC



Christi Clark Cindy Lee

at 18:41:03 on 5/15/2018 UTC



Mable Haskins I'd like to know how SC is to minorities?

at 17:43:00 on 5/24/2018 UTC



Carol Kieny I think that generally you will be treated in the way in which you treat others when you visit South Carolina. If you treat others with courtesy and respect, more than likely you will be treated the same way in return. And in certain areas in South Carolina, people of color are not the minority. Indeed in the city that I live in people of color are 48% of the population.

at 18:34:43 on 5/24/2018 UTC



Gary Clemons For sure, I'm glad you and Shel were able to experience the old camping loop before the storms. Oh well, I always thought The old sites were too good to be true.

at 23:57:57 on 5/25/2018 UTC



Teresa Deale-McWilliams Gary Clemons ... would love to find another, after all, we have a new tent now 😊

at 0:20:45 on 5/26/2018 UTC



Kathy Cole I do not think that the 1 car per day spot will add very much traffic to the area. These folks will consist mostly SC residents who pay taxes. Mother Nature is doing what it has always done, move the

at 22:34:35 on 9/19/2018 UTC



Kathy Cole Continued: very dynamic barrier islands. It would be financially irresponsible to reestablish camping in this area due to the erosion rate of this area. I loved the island over 40 years ago when I could drive on highway 21 between the lighthouse and beach. I continue to love it, though it is different. I miss the old but will embrace the changes for as long as I can. I live a 6 hour away in NC but will continue to make the drive.

at 22:43:49 on 9/19/2018 UTC



Wayne Carter Kathy Cole While all that may be true, the park is ruined for many of us who have been lifetime loyal. If you can put a day use area there, you can put campsites.

at 19:42:54 on 9/20/2018 UTC