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## South Carolina State Parks

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We've been out filming around some of our state parks and interviewing park rangers. Here's a photo of an interview with Myrtle Beach State Park Manager, Jerry Ives. Do you have a favorite park ranger? One that has touched your life? Tell us!



**Louisa Farmer Gregory** We love Joy Raintree at Redcliffe!

at 1:43:42 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Julia Lopez-Robertson** Ranger Stacy at Sesqui is AMAZING!!!!!!

at 1:56:40 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Meredith Dixon** Ranger Bryn Harmer

at Caesars Head!

at 2:01:10 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Clyde Strickland** Jim Lee @ Samworth Wildlife Management Area (Gerogetown Cty.) (701)

at 2:06:11 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Jay Clingman** Are you kidding? And insult the other 200? Great folks, but they'll have to keep wondering who's my favorite :-)

at 2:15:14 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Adam Lucas** BEST STATE PARK IN SC!

at 2:22:01 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Jon Stegmeir** Megan Stegmeir @Hunting Island changed my life forever!! She gave me her hand in marriage on 4/14/12 and she's the best thing to have ever come into my life! I love her very much and am very proud of her!

at 2:27:41 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Bonnie F. Backlund** Love that tree!

at 2:28:13 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Joy Powell Jordan** I love Rob Powell at Charlsetowne Landing State historic site! He's my big brother and best ranger around!

at 2:38:29 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Heather Davis** Laura Kirk at Leesville has always been & always will be my favorite park ranger !

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**Ginger Goforth** John Moon at Croft. He cares so much about the park and the public, and



really goes the extra mile.  
at 3:00:26 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Alison Hughey** Ricky Dixon, formerly at Camp Croft/about to retire from Devils Fork! His love and respect for nature is contagious, and he's a wonderful musician too.  
at 3:00:35 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Ricky Dixon** Thanks Ali, I am at Keowee Toxaway SP now, retiring in 2 weeks. But it's right next to Devils Fork SP. Thank you again.  
at 3:04:11 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Ricky Dixon** My son Daniel is an Assistant Ranger at Devils Fork SP.  
at 3:06:10 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Julia Cochran** My favorite park ranger is Joe Frank Watson, my uncle. He was ranger at Hunting Island before moving on to be Superintendent at Lee, Poinsett and Cheraw, and then to Columbia as chief naturalist before retiring. He's getting a major acknowledgment in my next book, for pointing me toward some Cheraw folklore.  
at 4:02:42 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Sedi Lowman** Oconee State Park. Went there as a kid a lot. We live in Lexington but still made that long trek. It just bring back memories of my youth. I have short term memory problems and disabled now, but at least I have those (Lowman 36)  
at 4:55:32 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Kathy Ravan** James Christie at Sadlers Creek is a great guy to include. He is a wonderful husband, father and takes pride in his work.  
at 9:16:09 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Billie Rollins** Back in the 70s, a ranger named Furniss Rogers. He taught me a lot about doing what was set before me.  
at 10:30:16 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Valli M. Finney** My hubby:) He is the best thing to ever have happened to me!!! I love him so much!  
at 11:07:58 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Hilda Howard Morrow** Yes indeed Ricky Dixon is one to interview ...He eats,sleeps and lives the role of a park ranger..I have never seen anyone as passionate about their job as Ricky is ... He was born to do this and is very professional in everything he does for SCSP ....  
at 12:05:33 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Jeff Atkins** Former Table Rock Superintendent Joe Hambright. He hired me as a kid and taught me a lot about the hard work of management as well as the diplomacy it takes to keep the team going. He would be at work at 7 am at the maintenance shop, all day in the office, and many times managing the restaurant at night because of short staffing. He also was always wanting to help his team improve both professionally and personally.  
at 12:11:03 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Ricky Dixon** Woody Goodwin @ Croft State Park. He is a Rangers Ranger.  
at 12:21:07 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Belinda Gilbert-Parham** Oconee State Park have the BEST!!!!  
at 12:21:38 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Linda Martin** My favorite park ranger is Brandon Bowers at Chester State Park. He is my son and I could not be prouder of him! He genuinely loves his career as a park ranger and has gone above and beyond at each park where he has worked.  
at 13:43:11 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Christine White** Zabo at Pointstee St Park. Such a hard worker but always has time to answer questions.

at 13:53:44 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Deanna Anderson** Yes! I have two: Zabo McCants and Russ Stock at Poinsett State Park. We went to a camping event held there the first weekend in June (National Trails Event) and when these two found out that my daughter (she is 14) is interested in nature and wildlife and that she is a Junior Ranger they treated her as an equal. Ranger Russ let her help out on a nighttime hike, and afterwards he let her try on his hat. Ranger Zabo shook her hand before we left and said he appreciates everything she does and will continue to do (she attended a week long camp at Congaree National Forest and was sworn in as a Junior Ranger at the end of it).

These two really stepped up and made her feel special and that what she does and believes and knows is worthy and not just "kid stuff" coming from a "silly kid." These two will forever have our graciousness and thanks!

at 23:21:44 on 6/18/2013 UTC



**Angie Oneppo** Donald Oneppo and Al James at Landsford Canal State Park.....The best ever

at 0:37:42 on 6/19/2013 UTC



**Tammy Nevills** So far, all of the rangers that I have had the pleasure of meeting at your parks have been excellent :) . However, the one that has 'touched my life' is one that I have yet to meet, or even speak to, in person..... Ranger Patrick Boxx at Santee. My first contact with him was on Black Friday last year; since ya'll (cruelly! LOL) didn't include Devils Fork in your Black Friday sale, I was considering visiting one of the other parks. I posted a question regarding the best time of year to visit Santee, and Ranger Boxx contacted me, and talked with me half the night trying to help decide if I wanted to spend my vacation there, even offering to research local trails for me. He definitely went above and beyond the call of duty with his assistance. Turns out, I didn't visit the park. But Ranger Boxx has become a dear friend since then, so perhaps when you chose not to include Devils Fork in your sale, it was a blessing in disguise!

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**Teddy Edens** My wonderful Dad Bryan at the mountain bridge and my close friends father Poll Knowland at table rock two fantastic men

at 16:42:58 on 6/21/2013 UTC



**Poll Knowland** Jay Clingman - what a good blast from the past! Where are you and what are you doing?

at 23:04:57 on 6/21/2013 UTC



**Fran Porcher** Poll Knowland at Table Rock of course!!!

at 1:22:30 on 6/22/2013 UTC



**Jay Clingman** Hi, Poll! Check your "other message folder" for a note from me. Great to hear from you.

at 1:55:06 on 6/22/2013 UTC



**Tam Minton** Landsford Canal State Park would never be the same without the smiling faces of Don Oneppo and Al James. Both dedicate their lives to keeping us incredibly safe while hiking and kayaking in the Shoals, or visiting while rocking on the front porch of the log cabin, which overlooks our beloved Catawba River. Thanks guys for your dedication 365 days a year and also for your support of river advocacy and land conservation! You are like family to so many!!

at 3:25:29 on 6/22/2013 UTC



**Darren McBride** Zabo at Poinsett! He helped us get some worms for fishing and gave us a full history of the park. My two teenage girls want nothing more than to go back and spend more time on the lake!

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**Ellen W Mabe** My favorite ranger is Ranger Ed at Cheraw State Park...HE IS AWESOME! I have lived in Cheraw all my life and have never seen anyone put that much enthusiasm into thier job. In the short time that he has been there he has built park swings and picnic tables. My kids love to go over and see him because he did a program last summer building

birdhouses. They attended every program and loved it. We have been back several times to the park to see Ranger Ed and the last time we were there he gave my youngest son the thrill of his life when he helped him catch his first fish. He was so patient with him and helped him learn the proper way to do it. Just ask my son and he will tell you "let's go see Ranger Ed!" :)

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**Norma Cooler** I have fond memories of Joe Frank. My dad worked with state parks as well.  
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**Julia Cochran** Hi Angie - we are friends of the Hicks family, friends of your family in RH.

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