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In 2014, nearly 800,000 more people visited South Carolina state parks, an increase of about 11.5 percent over the previous year

[Greenville News](#)

Hunting Island State Park saw the most visitors with a 26% increase

http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/02/03/3571834_hunting-island-park-saw-most-visitors.html?rh=1

To help the Grand Strand get control over Bikefest problems during Memorial Day Weekend, Atlantic Beach council members voted Monday to end official events earlier (story also reports on SCPRT officials meeting with Atlantic Beach officials)

[Myrtle Beach Sun News](#) ; <http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/28007557/atlantic-beach-town-leaders-decides-not-to-extend-bikefest-hours-to-4-am>

The SC House's roads plan will include a proposal to increase by up to \$200 the state tax on vehicle sales
[The State](#)

Study says crumbling roads cost \$3 billion annually

[WBTW-TV](#)

Offshore drilling could be allowed by 2017

[Charleston Regional Business Journal](#)

But the battle over offshore drilling is just warming up

[Greenville News / The Island Packet](#)

State senators will hold a second hearing today to ask questions of Susan Alford, Gov. Haley's appointee to lead DSS

[Associated Press / Charlotte Observer](#)

President Obama has signed an executive order requiring federal, state and local governments to consider flood risks when constructing federally-funded buildings and roads

[Charleston Regional Business Journal](#)

In a cost-saving move, the US Dept. of Justice is in talks to end its plans to lease USC's old business school building, which was due to happen in 2017, resulting in the loss of a \$105 million deal

[The State](#)

Greenwood's city and county councils have held public hearings that helped spur approval for the development of solar farms, with regulations of course

[Greenwood Index-Journal](#)

Despite protests and a lawsuit, cormorant hunting will proceed

[The Post and Courier](#) ; <http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/02/03/3571896/restricted-cormorant-hunt-begins.html>

The Colleton Solar Farm produced five percent more energy than expected from December 2013 to December 2014

[Charleston Regional Business Journal](#) ; [The Orangeburg Times and Democrat](#)

Although SC hasn't reported a measles case yet, a state official says residents shouldn't dismiss it as a West Coast problem

[The Post and Courier](#)

Almost a year ago, the Tourism Management Advisory Committee's elicited 200+ comments on how tourism in Charleston affects daily living, and yesterday the committee reported their recommendations

[The Post and Courier](#)

New Cooper-River-bridge-area plans to be revealed soon

[The Post and Courier](#)

Pickens "Doodle Trail" evokes concerns of adjacent neighborhoods

[Greenville News](#)

Greenville city and county officials will request sealed bids for a feasibility study with respect to building a downtown convention center

[GSA Business Journal](#)

Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter

[Spartanburg Herald-Journal / AP](#)

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