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We have been discussing this internally.....so we'd like to involve you! How are state parks relevant in your life? Tell us.



Robin Standard For education, sports, walks, ect.

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Leslie Connor childhood memories that last a lifetime!

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Joe Myers a place to spend time as a family and create awesome memories

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Jo Hester Some great camping

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Fran Smith Hill childhood memories, special times with family; I hope to soon make memories with our kids

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Karen Palmer 4 Wheeling Trails, Walking Trails, Wildlife, Educational Classes, etc. I am sure there are more.

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She D'Ambrosio When my fiance' and I are over "technologied" and stressed we grab the camera, pack a lunch and head to a state park. It doesn't matter which one, we always see something that reminds us how blessed we are to live where we do. It's a great value (and alot cheaper than therapy). The people who whine that there's nothing to do need to grab a map and head to the nearest state park...

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Jamie Moncrief S.C. State Parks are where we recharge our souls, re-live our youth and reaffirm our commitment to nature.

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Cheri Lesesne Bishop Riding my horses on the trails is the joy of my life! What better way to see the beauty God has created than on the back of one of his most majestic creatures!!

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Sue Ann Tarkenton Wow ~ I could write a whole paper on that I think. Our state parks are almost sacred places in the history of our family. We celebrate holidays and birthdays there by renting shelters and inviting tons of people out to cook and play games. We make unforgettable family memories at state parks when camping or hiking or just hanging out. We have learned an abundance of information at state park lectures and trail walks. I think the times we have spent in state parks are directly related to the love and respect of nature that both my children have developed. Our state parks allow us to reconnect with our natural world and better ourselves in the process. I can't think of a better way to teach people to advocate for and protect our natural areas than to personally show them how precious these areas actually are. See, I told you I could go on! We ♥ SCSP!

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Virginia J. Pulver I look forward to lazy camping weekends...sitting by the campfire with friends and family and cooking over the fire while we share stories and laughter. The parks offer a respite from a life that too-often centers around a big-screen TV and fast food. The beauty of nature, the joy of sleeping in a tent, under the stars...wonderful.

"Ginn"

In Cold, Gray G'wood

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Nevada Hill For the most part, state parks offer a safe camping & hiking experience. Many national parks & especially national forests are not patrolled well and are no longer safe. My husband and I spend much of our free time and all vacations camping in state parks.

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Jake- Tanya Dalton Every summer we camp at Oconee and our kids even though they are in their late teens or older, always look forward to it. A chance to reconnect without tv, cell phones and all those other distractions.

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Kristen Coxwell Stiner My whole life has revolved around Hunting Island State Park. Every weekend at the beach in the summer. Camping as a kid. Just hiked up the lighthouse last month.

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Laura Turner For some, this is the only chance they have to experience nature. State Parks are very important, and sadly under funded!

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Dawn Tate Davis state parks make it affordable to do more camping. i like the simple laid back natural atmosphere as opposed to campgrounds that feature way too many kid oriented activites that just drain your wallet. let them ride bikes, hike, and use their imaginations. i also enjoy the live history events at some state parks.

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Brad Caudill Great place to walk and not get ran over and can fish and picnic in quiet.

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Jennifer Defosse My fiancé and I are getting married at Huntington beach state park this July! We love it so much we are considering moving from CT in the next few years!!

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Laura Pruett I grew up in Oconee State Park and some of my best childhood memories are from there. It's a shame that it's run down and "abandoned" now. I take my son in the summer to swim but it's NOTHING like it was 15-20 years ago. sad... very sad.

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Ken Kirkley Ahhh...camping, hiking, eating, reading...what more is there to say? Croft is close enough to our work places that we can camp and work at the same time. We are already anxious to get back there. Love the State Parks of SC!!!

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T.J. Medlock Camping is life! Calhoun Falls' Tent Loop is the place to be on a camping weekend!

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Kayla Entrekin Maddox We love our state parks and the history behind them. We try to go to a few of them often thru out the year.

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Judy Sharpe Love camping at Oconee have for the last 30 years. First week in august.

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Malinda Dunlap Fillingim It was at a SC State Park I learned to run free 52 years ago as a child, chasing my older siblings up the lighthouse at Hunting Island SP.... It has been that way for 52 years and I hope for many more to come.

at 20:56:12 on 1/25/2011 UTC



Kendall Joyner My family has lots of memories me and my family are trying to go every sc state park!

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Deanna Anderson We frequent Poinsett State Park here in the Midlands and love it, it has



become an annual tradition to spend time down there fishing, camping, and hiking. We have hiked almost all the trails there.

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Brenda Carder Counts Our family vacations are held every year at Hunting Island State Park. My daughter and I have also been involved running the 5k race held there. We also like to camp at Oconee State Park. Our family would not know what to do without state parks. They are inexpensive and priceless vacations and we have thousands of memories and pictures to remember them by. WE LOVE OUR STATE PARKS!!

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Nathalie Paterson Norris Mountain trails give the best leg/cardio workout ever, AND the views are always spectacular!

at 22:08:24 on 1/25/2011 UTC



Ed Hester Ten days ago we were at Lee State Park - among the ice and snow - and we weren't by ourselves. SC State Parks are an important part of our lifestyle.

at 22:11:35 on 1/25/2011 UTC



Dawn Watson Weaver Our state parks protect a lot of resources that would otherwise be abandoned, abused and turned into parking lots or subdivisions.

Many of our parks, perhaps most of them, have historical significance that if allowed to would be gone from us, as a state, forever. Each and every time I go to a state park that I've not been to before, I am amazed at what I learn about the state that I've called home since birth. There is enough variety in our parks for everyone to find something appealing at virtually any time. Our state parks belong to us as a people, and I have hiked and fished and camped and participated in programming at them since I was a very small girl, I've taken my children as they've grown and I hope to someday take grandchildren to state parks. The parks are very relevant to my life.

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Glenda Schrecengost Ivey big part i finally got my husband to enjoy camping..

at 23:31:35 on 1/25/2011 UTC



Sarah Jane Byars They are my escape!!! I love them all and the variety is wonderful. We've camped at every one that has camping and visited most that don't have camping. I grew up loving to spend time in the woods but now live in the suburbs with houses all around me. I frequently long for my "nature fix." We've camped all over the US and much of eastern Canada. I can truthfully say that SC State Parks of some of the best. We are fortunate, indeed, to have these treasures that are affordable for all to enjoy!

at 23:40:13 on 1/25/2011 UTC



Lisbeth Davison Carpenter We started camping six years ago - our first outing to Hunting Island. Our daughter was 4 years old at the time. She had the best time playing in the dirt, looking for leaves and enjoying the outdoors. I knew we had found a family activity to build treasured memories and long lasting friendships. In addition, we have found a new appreciation for SC and the park system.

at 0:06:17 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Marvin Hill Oconee State Park is a family atmosphere park; the park having been the growing up place for many a kid who are now parents and even grandparents; you just cant beat family.

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Rebecca Shealy-Stone They are a wonderful place to spend time with friends and family. Plus, they are a great teaching place. We love our state parks.

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Kevin Amy Uldrick We spend every vacation at a state park. We love the atmosphere, locations, and price. Our kids have grown up camping and learning to enjoy the simple things.

at 1:36:01 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Laura Herbert for all the parks have been to, they have been a great way to keep in shape (hiking the trails) and build up on my photography skills. - Great picturesque scenes

throughout all of SC State Parks. My daughter and I have enjoyed each park we have been to thus far and look forward to eventually visiting all of the parks throughout SC.

at 1:56:07 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Curtis Joyner We camp in the state parks at least 4 times a year. This has been our preference because the parks are very special to us. My favorite is Table Rock. I can't do without them. Thanks to all staff at SCPRT.

at 2:43:59 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Bob Bannister South Carolina state parks provide an escape for me.

at 2:58:32 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Joel Raintree Every daytrip we take includes a stop at a SC state park. We soak up the nature, the beauty, and the history that is our fine state. Without state parks, how else could we get access to these wonderful state assets? State parks offer affordable family outings that encourage engagement with nature and history and promote fitness and exercise. And lets not forget the revenue that State Parks bring to local businesses throughout the state! Keep up the great work!!!

at 3:12:24 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Sarah Cooler Cleaver SC State Parks are hallowed ground. - Table Rock nourishes my soul, Hunting Island and Huntington Beach nourish my body. I'm 3000 miles away so I really love the web cams when I need a park!

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Kathy Coad Capps i love to camp, but other than the fun of camping, almost anywhere in the state that one would want to go or need to go, there is a campground near where one can stay. i have been to a wedding near chewah and got ready in the bathhouse, been to family reunions in Georgia from Bakers creek and Sadlers Creek, visited with family from different ones, had a canoe-ing get together from Colleton and many Spring Break get togethers at Santee. whenever someone invites us to an event, i look to see what state park is near.

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Kate Hinson I brag about our State Parks to folks 'from off'. It is one of the things that South Carolina does really well.

The State Parks make camping do-able for all levels of campers (love those cabins). One of my fondest memories is a family outing we had for my son's 3rd Birthday. My mother who was on oxygen and almost bed ridden, was able to go with us. To see how much enjoyment she received getting out of the house and into such a fun and refreshing environment, is of great comfort to me.

at 13:54:11 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Mary Brooks Great camping memories! Have camped at several parks & like them all. Camped as a child on Isle of Palms at Sand Dollar St. Park. I thought I'd arrived in heaven when I saw sand + palms for the first time ever!

at 16:50:40 on 1/26/2011 UTC



Gail Hicks We got married at a state park, my oldest daughter took her first steps at a state park, we won a cooking contest at a state park and we camp on a regular basis at state parks with our friends and family. Our goal is to camp at all the state parks

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