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Participants: James McComb, South Carolina State Parks
at 22:12:39 on 8/22/2020 UTC



James McComb

at 22:12:38 on 8/22/2020 UTC

Our group of four went to Lake Wateree State Park to paddle around Lake Wateree today. First time at the park. Park looked great. It was great to see it was busy and with a very diverse crowd to boot!!!

One disapproving thing, and it's not a reflection on the State Park, was all the trash on the shore line!!! Especially old tires. We must have seen 30-40 tires along the shore between the park and the bridge. Loads of bottles and cans and household debris littering the shore. It's very sad.

Why so many tires?

Any plans for scheduled clean up? We would definitely assist.



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at 2:38:07 on 9/01/2020 UTC

James, here is a response from Park Manager, Rowdy Harris:



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at 2:40:12 on 9/01/2020 UTC

Lake Wateree has one of the most dynamic water levels in the state with big swings in lake level throughout the year. This means new trash constantly being deposited throughout the wood line during flood events. This makes staying on top of trash in the remote areas of the park particularly difficult.

Volunteers periodically pick up the shoreline and the Catawba Riverkeepers sponsor a river sweep every fall typically in September, but I haven't heard whether it will happen this year due to Covid. If your group would be interested in coming to volunteer on an individual basis I would be glad to work with them. Please contact the park directly.

The tires are often placed by fishermen as fish traps and beds. While we certainly don't condone or promote using tires for that purpose, it does happen. Most of the year these tires are submerged making them difficult to locate.