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## South Carolina State Parks

at 14:00:11 on 1/25/2021 UTC

Ever wonder why we name some of our buildings and spaces the way we do? The beachfront store at Edisto Beach State Park that recently reopened is called the "Camp Exchange." It's not some name we dreamed up overnight. Here's the story:

Eleven men from a CCC Company stationed at Witherbee, SC in 1935 did a short detail at Edisto to establish the CCC camp at Edisto Beach -- what would become the state park. They laid out a campsite "one mile from the beach, on a Bluff of Scott Creek, in a wilderness of myrtle bushes and palmetto trees." They didn't stay long, and after they left, another CCC company arrived to build the park.

Most likely the company from Witherbee was Co. 5418, an African American crew that went on to do work on the Francis Marion National Forest. We believe this photo was taken at Witherbee and not at Edisto -- but naming the new store the "Camp Exchange" provided a tie to this company, and the past.

Mr. Henry Smith (center) is pictured here with two of his friends from the Witherbee Camp. We love how our parks are always looking to progress and move forward -- but preserve and honor their history. This photo and plaque now hangs on the Camp Exchange at Edisto Beach explaining this tie to history!



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**Scott Wentzky** I LOVE when you share all the stories like these! Even as a lifelong supporter of South Carolina State Parks I still learn new things like this ALL the time. Please share MORE history and stories!

at 14:08:28 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Dan Steadman Sr.** The work of the CCC is amazing! We continue to enjoy their work today, and the history reflects that our very own ancestors here in SC. In many ways the CCC jobs saved many families in our state. Thanks for sharing this little bit of history.

at 14:17:05 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Elizabeth Rieger** I love these posts thank you!

at 14:23:49 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Susan Lindner** I love the CCC stories and so proud of the men and women who made it possible for us to camp today! ♥

at 14:27:57 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Chip Cranford** Great story!! Thanks for sharing and preserving history!!

at 14:42:56 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Alana West** Funny this is posted today. I just read this sign yesterday.

at 14:46:09 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Dan Dailey** Amazing story. Thanks for sharing.  
at 15:02:55 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Andrew Carter** Bless your heart.  
Camp Exchange  
Navy Exchange  
Camp Exchange due to it being a campsite and Exchange due to exchanging money for supplies (or ideas).  
at 17:16:36 on 1/25/2021 UTC



**Gincy Drayton** Thank you  
Interesting  
♥  
at 23:22:33 on 1/25/2021 UTC

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**Cassandra Morrow Harris** Penny Morgan Ginn thought you'd like this bit of history!  
at 11:33:29 on 1/26/2021 UTC



**Andrew Carter** Andrew Carter  
In some circles it is also a canteen. Canteen corporation comes to mind as an automated/vending machine providing the same services except for the exchange of ideas.  
at 14:00:06 on 1/27/2021 UTC

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**Ronald D Kittle** Gincy Drayton Can you send me a friend request?  
at 19:27:07 on 1/27/2021 UTC

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**Ronald D Kittle** Susan Lindner Can you send me a friend request?  
at 19:27:36 on 1/27/2021 UTC



**Ricky Rockholt** Melissa Rockholt  
at 0:41:21 on 1/29/2021 UTC