



Things to Do and See in Santee Cooper Country historic, scenic & outdoor adventures

Berkeley County

Berkeley Museum - Take a step back 12,000 years in time to experience the regions intriguing history. **CSS David** - Replica of the Confederate torpedo boat located at the Berkeley Museum (843) 899-5101

Blueway Adventures - Paddle the swamps, creeks and rivers that early settlers traveled. Paddle through rice fields and over flooded towns. (843) 697-2812. 100 Paul Revere, Sq. Bonneau. www.bluewayadventures.com

Dennis Wildlife Center & Hatchery located in Bonneau off Hwy 52 (843) 825-3387

Francis Marion's Grave - Grave of the renowned "Swamp Fox" located off SC 45 between SC 6 and Eadys town.

Mepkin Abbey - Catholic monastery of extraordinary peace and beauty 13 miles SE of Moncks Corner off SC 402 (843) 761-8509 www.mepkinabbey.org

Old Santee Canal Park - this 195-acre park is the site of the Santee Canal, the first true canal in the United States - located on the Tailrace Canal in Moncks Corner, Hwy 52 By-pass (843) 899-5200 www.oldsanteechannelpark.org

St. James Church - Built in 1714. Goose Creek off Old State Road (Hwy. 52)

Swamp Fox Paddle and Camp Trail. 50 trail going through lakes Marion and Moultrie. www.swampfox50milepaddleandcamptrail.com

Calhoun County

Calhoun County Museum - 303 Butler St. - St. Matthews - museum contains an art gallery, history, costume & silver, back & agricultural galleries and research room and archives (803) 874-3964

Clarendon County

Fort Watson - sight where a British outpost was located atop a 30 foot Indian ceremonial mound - off US 301-15 at Santee Wildlife Refuge

Santee National Wildlife Refuge - Visitor Center open Tuesday through Saturday. Trails for walking or driving. Extraordinary birding. US 301-15, 2125 Fort Watson Road Summerton. (803) 478-2217

Swamp Fox Murals Trail. The Swamp Fox Murals, General Francis Marion and his engagements with the British in 1780-81 in St. Mark's Parish, now Clarendon County, depict history in Manning, Paxville, Summerton & Turbeville with easy access to I-95. Murals tell stories of events of the American Revolution in South Carolina, mostly from the Santee River to beyond the Black River. www.swampfoxcountry.com

Taw Caw Park - 50 acre park on the Shores of Lake Marion near Goat Island

Orangeburg County

Branchville Railroad Shrine & Museum - Few realize that Branchville, South Carolina, is home to the world's oldest railroad junction and was on the route of the country's first scheduled train. The Branchville Railroad Shrine and Museum now serves as a reminder of the years when the railroad industry was a dominant force in the U.S. 7204 Freedom Road. Open: Fri. & Sat. 10 am to 2 pm and Sun. 2 to 5 pm. Mr. Norris (803) 707-1788

Edisto Memorial Gardens and Horne Wetlands Park - displays past and current award winning roses from the All-American Rose Selections. Some 4,000 plants representing a least 85 labeled varieties of roses are always on display in the Gardens. This site is also one of only 23 official test gardens in the US sationed by the All-America Rose Selections Inc. Located at **Edisto River** - longest black water river in the world on US 301 in Orangeburg (803) 534-6821

Elloree Heritage Museum -an exciting and educational view of SC's rural past. Located on Cleveland St in Elloree. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 am to 5 pm.
(803) 897-2225

Eutaw Springs Battleground - site of the last major battle in South Carolina of the American Revolution Hwy 6 Eutawville

Fisheagle Lake & Swamp Boat Tours - Spend approximately two hours touring up lake Marion to the cypress swamp that is a wildlife haven. Santee State Park
www.fisheagle.net 800-967-7739

Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery - Fish raised at the hatchery can be viewed in the aquarium, open M-F 8 am to 3:30 pm www.fws.gov Hwy 21 by-pass in Orangeburg
(803) 534-4828

Paddle Santee - Loacated at the Santee State Park in Santee. Explore lake Marion's creeks, islands and shoreling. Kayak, canoe & paddleboard tours and rentals (803) 974-1262 www.paddlesantee.com

Santee Aquatic Park - Bass Dr., Santee. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Southeast Outdoor Adventure Center - 120 acres of obstacle courses, disc golf, overnight camping, event stage and food trucks. 127 Dibble St., Bowman,
(803) 829-6529. www.mysoac.com

Vallentines Cotton Gin and General Store "a peek into the past" located just off Hwy 301, 13 miles south of Orangeburg in Cope (803) 534-7105

Yonder Field - Outdoor entertainment venue holding concerts and festivals. Drive-in movie theater on weekend when there is no event. 180 Log Cabin Rd., Bowman (803) 543-1230 www.yonderfield.com



Sumter County

Church of the Holy Cross - site of Joel Poinsett's tomb - church is an excellent example of Gothic Revival architecture - Hwy 261 in Statesburg (803) 494-8101

Patriot Hall - located in the Cultural Center on Haynsworth St, Sumter(803) 436-2260

Poinsett State Park - park contains plants, animals and terrain of both the Low Country and Up Country - Hwy 521 (803) 494-8171

Sumter Gallery of Art - 200 Hassel St, Sumter (803) 775-0543

Sumter County Museum and Historical & Genealogical Research Center Back Country Homestead, exhibits - Southern Mansion built in 1916, living history demonstrations, Celtic Festival in March - 122 N. Washington St. - Sumter (803) 775-0908
www.sumtercountymuseum.org

Swan Lake Iris Gardens
6 million Dutch and Japanese irises surround the lake and all 8 species of swan found in the world can be seen here. (803) 436-2640 West Liberty St., Sumter.

