

# STATE PARKS

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## INTRODUCTION

In cooperation with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation's requirement for a National Outdoor Recreation Plan, the following study of South Carolina's State Park System as an integral part of a state outdoor recreation plan is herein outlined giving its:

History.

Annual use attendance.

Facility inventory.

Five year development

plan for:

- (a) Facility expansion of present areas.
- (b) Facility expansion of undeveloped areas.
- (c) New area acquisition.
- (d) Recommendations.

South Carolina is blessed with outstanding recreational potential. Its state park system offers variety ranging from scenic mountain to sub-tropical seashore areas.

The assembled data contained in this plan is based upon an evaluation and appraisal of our present state park system and future development program.

The recommended five year development is designed to more adequately meet and accommodate the ever increasing demand of local and out-of-state park visitors in quest of wholesome outdoor recreation in the natural setting of state parks.

## POLICY - ADMINISTRATION

South Carolina's State Park system is under the guidance of a five-member State Commission of Forestry who establishes policies governing all phases of its operation, maintenance and development.

The Commission has the responsibility of policy making granted by the broad powers and duties as outlined under the laws establishing state parks as provided in the Code of Laws of S. C., 1962, Vol. 10, Page 551 - Title 51, Chapter 1, as amended 1964 and 1966.

The Commission also reviews action proposals for land acquisition, exchange or development for or of state parks, and is responsible for approval of the state park appropriation requests and operating budgets.

The state parks program is administered under the direction of the state park director who is directly responsible to the state forester.

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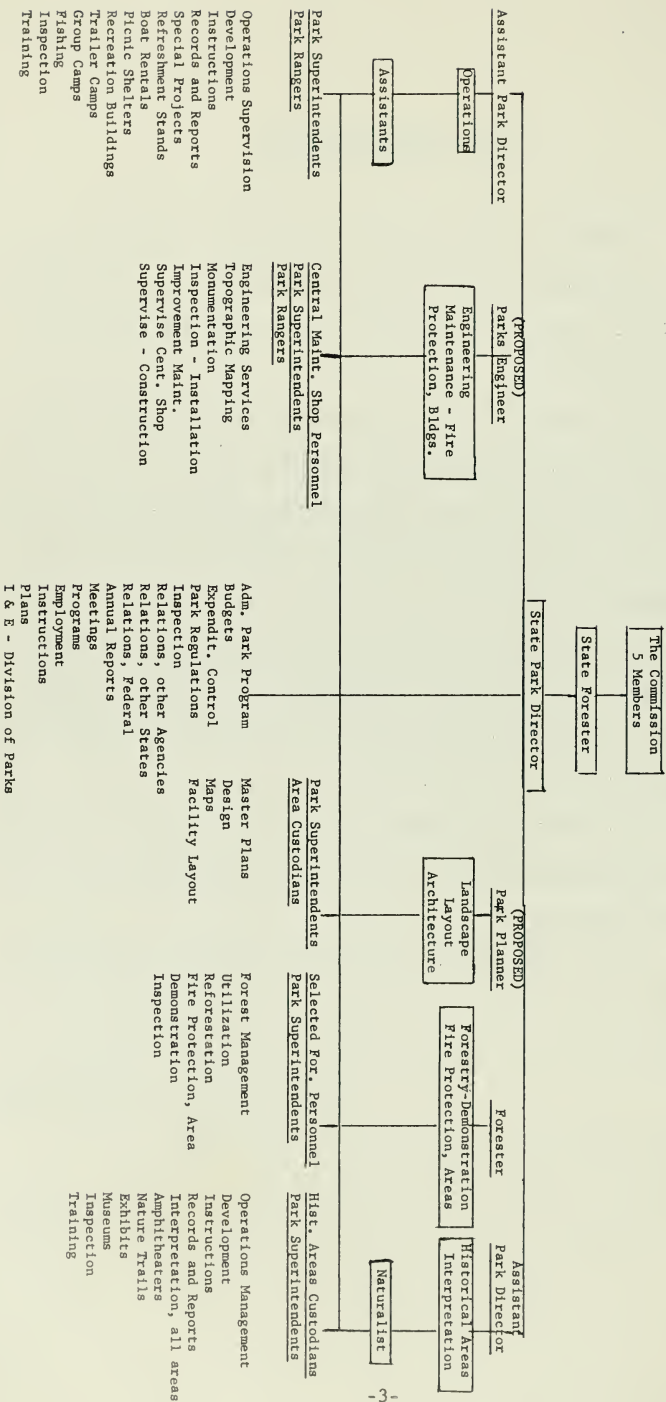
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## HISTORY

A sparkling but still little known chapter of South Carolina's phenomenal modern-day growth and progress is the establishment and development of its system of state parks.

Just over thirty years ago there was nothing. Today you can drive the family car into many beautiful state parks, from the high blue hills to the Atlantic, and from east to west across the clean wooded middle country in between.

Land and trees and rocks and water --- everything a generous Mother Nature had to offer --- have been coordinated and utilized these past three decades to provide South Carolinians, and the many, many outsiders who visit us, with nearly 50,000 acres of scenic and recreational wonderlands through which much of our state's proud history has been etched in marker and stone.

The public's appetite for outdoor recreation is enormous, however, and even with its amazing progress South Carolina's state park system has not kept pace. Already it is far behind in its needs. The park system exceeded its planned capacity years ago, and yet countless thousands of people flock to these havens of rest and natural beauty every year.

Most of the additional visitors cannot be accommodated. There are never enough family campsites, cabins, picnic tables, playgrounds and other physical facilities. Every existing park

should be substantially expanded in useable area, operational buildings and other facilities. Additional personnel is urgently needed just to take care of the current overflow.

Sorely needed also, as early as possible, are major NEW parks in such places as the big water impoundments, Lake Murray, Lake Moultrie, Hartwell and Clark Hill, on the Wateree and in the fast growing Pee Dee area. All these are near centers of population which are not now adequately served by state parks, and all have tremendous natural potential. These developments, taking full advantage of the rich land and water resources present everywhere, would go a long way toward meeting our present day recreational exigencies.

#### THE CHESTERFIELD FOLKS STARTED IT

The beginning of our park system was in Chesterfield County, four miles south of Cheraw, in 1934. Donations from far-seeing citizens there purchased 706 acres of sub-margined land, and we negotiated a lease with the U. S. Government which increased the holdings to 7,361 acres.

The youngsters of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) were put to work building, clearing, manicuring, and Cheraw State Park became the first in the system. It is still our largest, and the most completely developed.

The public took notice, and in the same year the State



Commission of Forestry was authorized by the Legislature to "accept gifts, donations and contributions of land suitable for park purposes and enter into agreements with the Federal Government or other agencies for acquiring by lease, purchase or otherwise such lands as in the judgment of the Commission are desirable for State Parks".

Progress was swift from that point on. Organizations, government units and public-spirited citizens provided one property after another. The emergency relief programs, the CCC in particular, were just what was needed to begin the work that was to make South Carolina's State Park system one of the undisputed best in the country.

#### AIKEN AND MYRTLE BEACH

Aiken County people came up quickly in 1934 with 1,067 acres, and Aiken State Park was born. The Myrtle Beach Farm Company donated 312 acres right on the ocean --- and a camping and fishing site that has welcomed millions of visitors since, the very popular Myrtle Beach State Park, was started; it became the first state park open to the public.

Sumter County found a thousand acres along the great Wateree Swamp it could do without, and a park named after South Carolina's noted naturalist and statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett, was laid out.

(Right here we'd like to try and illustrate the delightful surprise which faces a traveler who decides to inspect many of our parks. The country around Poinsett State Park is average flat farm land; little of scenery or interest. You may be driving along S. C. 261 from Manning over to the Columbia-Sumter highway, and come to a sign marking the entrance to the park. You may not be tempted to enter, but enter anyway --- and you'll suddenly come upon a spot of such startling natural beauty you'll hardly be able to believe your eyes. Inspect further, and you'll find some of the most interesting geology and plant life in the state. See sketch elsewhere in this volume for more detail).

#### FROM CHARLESTON TO KINGS MOUNTAIN

Then, before that first eventful year of 1934 was up, Charleston Water Works had deeded 1,235 acres on historic Edisto River in Dorchester and Colleton Counties for Givhans Ferry State Park. This is the spot from which the city of Charleston gets its water supply, via a tunnel cut through blue marl. Late in that year, the Federal Government leased 6,141 acres in York and Cherokee Counties for Kings Mountain State Park, and that picturesque area now adjoins the Kings Mountain National Military Park. Two large dams were built of rock quarried from the area forming two heavily used lakes.

Hardly had 1935 swung in on the calendar before Chester State

Park was in the making with 523 acres of donated barren land which is now in a beautiful well forested area. The state picked up 1,255 acres on the coast of Edisto Island, and Charleston County was in the state park business with one of the most scenic and pleasant of our seashore areas. Donations established Lee State Park with 2,839 acres; Oconee State Park with 1,165 acres; Paris Mountain State Park of 1,275 acres; and the now nationally known Table Rock State Park of 2,860 rolling hill country acres --- all of them scenic, all abounding in wildlife and wild flowers, all geologically interesting.

After a lull in '36, little Barnwell County came up with 307 acres for a state park, and the Columbia Sesquicentennial Commission bought and gave the state 1,500 acres of choice pine land just 11 miles northeast of the Capitol for the extremely popular and well-used Sesquicentennial State Park.

Greenwood State Park was soon situated on the Saluda River Power Impoundment known as "Buzzard Roost", donated by the county for recreational use. Beaufort County chipped in with 5,000 sub-tropical acres on Hunting Island, a state park with great potential but threatened with a serious and still present erosion problem.

#### A GLITTERING SEVEN-YEAR START

What a beginning, in seven short years! Sixteen state parks, 34,680 acres! Many hands were busy. Thousands of dollars from

emergency relief funds, labor of CCC Work Camps, and land gifts from the government, counties, private enterprise and other groups, and individuals.

Santee State Park of 2,764 acres, on the waters of Lake Marion, famed for its land-locked striped bass, came along during World War II. The Rivers Bridge Confederate Memorial Association donated its historic 390-acre battleground for a state park. A few years later, the state acquired 7,088 acres of government surplus war holdings near Spartanburg for Croft State Park. In 1950, the Pleasant Ridge State Park north of Greenville was laid out over 300 scenic acres.

The Little Pee Dee State Park was next, in 1952. It has 835 acres --- and has already become a mecca for red-breast fishermen. Next year the history-conscious people of Lancaster County donated 360 acres for Andrew Jackson State Park, birthplace of our seventh president.

Finally, in 1960, Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington and the Brookgreen Garden Trustees turned over to the state some 2,500 acres of land along the Atlantic coast, and in honor of the world-famous sculptress and her husband, Archer M. Huntington, the area is known as Huntington Beach State Park. It hasn't been found by most people yet, but it is destined to be one of our most heavily used areas.

Rounding out our system, there are such smaller areas as Colleton Wayside Park on the Edisto River; Campbell Lake State Park in Sandhill State Forest, operated in conjunction with Cheraw State Park; Mill

Creek State Park on Manchester State Forest, operated in conjunction with Poinsett State Park; and seven historical sites of state significance and national interest, as follows:

Eutaw Springs Battleground; Fort Watson Battle Site and Indian Mound; General Francis Marion Burial Site; Old Dorchester Town Site; the Governor Gist Mansion, "Rose Hill"; General Thomas Sumter Burial Site; and Colonel Isaac Hayne Burial Site.

For these 23 scenic and natural areas, the contributions of government, cities, counties, holding companies and individuals have been so liberal that only the Croft properties had to be purchased by the State, and they at only 50 per cent of fair value, with an assist from Spartanburg County.

#### WHAT THE FUTURE M-U-S-T BRING

When we look back over the 32 years of the state park system, it seems half real, half miracle, the way it came to us and the way it grew. The people can feel proud, and they ought also to feel lucky. Most of it was given to us.

But even while feeling good about the past, South Carolinians must become fully and quickly conscious of problems which lie immediately ahead. Our own population is exploding, as everywhere. Additional thousands of people from other states, most of which do not have the natural resources and grand mountains-to-sea scenery that we do, are driving in to see us each year. In fact,

these people are just now beginning to hear what a pleasant place South Carolina is, and there isn't any doubt that they will be coming in larger numbers all the time, and staying longer. However, we must be in a position to meet their needs, and the competition of other states.

New industry arrives every week. (Who can tell: a nearby state park, to which its employees can visit with their families and find outdoor recreation, peace and relaxation, might be a principal reason why a plant would locate in South Carolina and not elsewhere).

South Carolina has absolutely everything needed for a park system second to none: resources in abundance, natural beauty, and cultural and historic wealth on which we have never capitalized. Mountains and meadows and marsh; rivers and harbors; hundreds of square miles of picturesque inland ocean waters in addition to the ocean itself; offshore islands just now in their early stages of development; mile after mile of wide, safe beaches; great forests; great natural and impounded lakes; and a plant life that stays largely green in wintertime. Everything except sufficient state park facilities to meet the ever growing demand.

And opening up all this to the millions of tourists in the north, the west and the vast land-locked midwest is our excellent network of freeways, reaching in every direction.

So, we have the natural resources, and the roads. We have

also the increasing population; a potentially tremendous tourist business a-building; new industry coming continuously. And, the people have more and more leisure time on their hands, shorter work weeks, longer vacations.

These resources must be developed, and rapidly. New parks will fill up with people as fast as they are built. Existing parks need to be expanded to full capacity, and they need new and additional facilities to take care of the people already using them.

Funds are available on a matching basis by the Federal Land and Water Fund Act for the acquisition, planning and development of outdoor recreation. Full advantage should be taken of this opportunity.

Other states, including our neighboring states are utilizing this opportunity, and are even now spending millions of dollars on outdoor recreation. They expect it to be one of their best investments, in support of both our economy and our pride, can South Carolina afford to do less?





PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
FOR  
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS



### AIKEN STATE PARK

Located: 18 miles east of Aiken off  
S. C. 215 and U. S. 78. On  
the South Edisto River, with  
three lakes in the park; pine-  
clad sandhills. Historical  
interests.

Acquired: July 1934. Opened to public:  
August, 1936.

Total Acres: Land and Water 1,067: 30%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, cabins, camping and  
nature trails.

Families need to reserve reunion picnicking facilities in this park a year ahead, so well do they like it. Since 1934, which was the year of the beginning of the state park system, people have been coming here for picnics, camping, nature hiking, swimming, fishing, boating in numbers above the facility capacity.

Close to the Savannah River Project of the Atomic Energy Commission, the park endeavors to provide personnel of that huge plant with opportunities in wholesome outdoor recreation. It serves the people of the city of Aiken, many thousands of people in the surrounding countryside, and an increasing number of tourists.

The south fork of the Edisto River and three spring-fed lakes offer a variety of water sports. Lovely winding drives

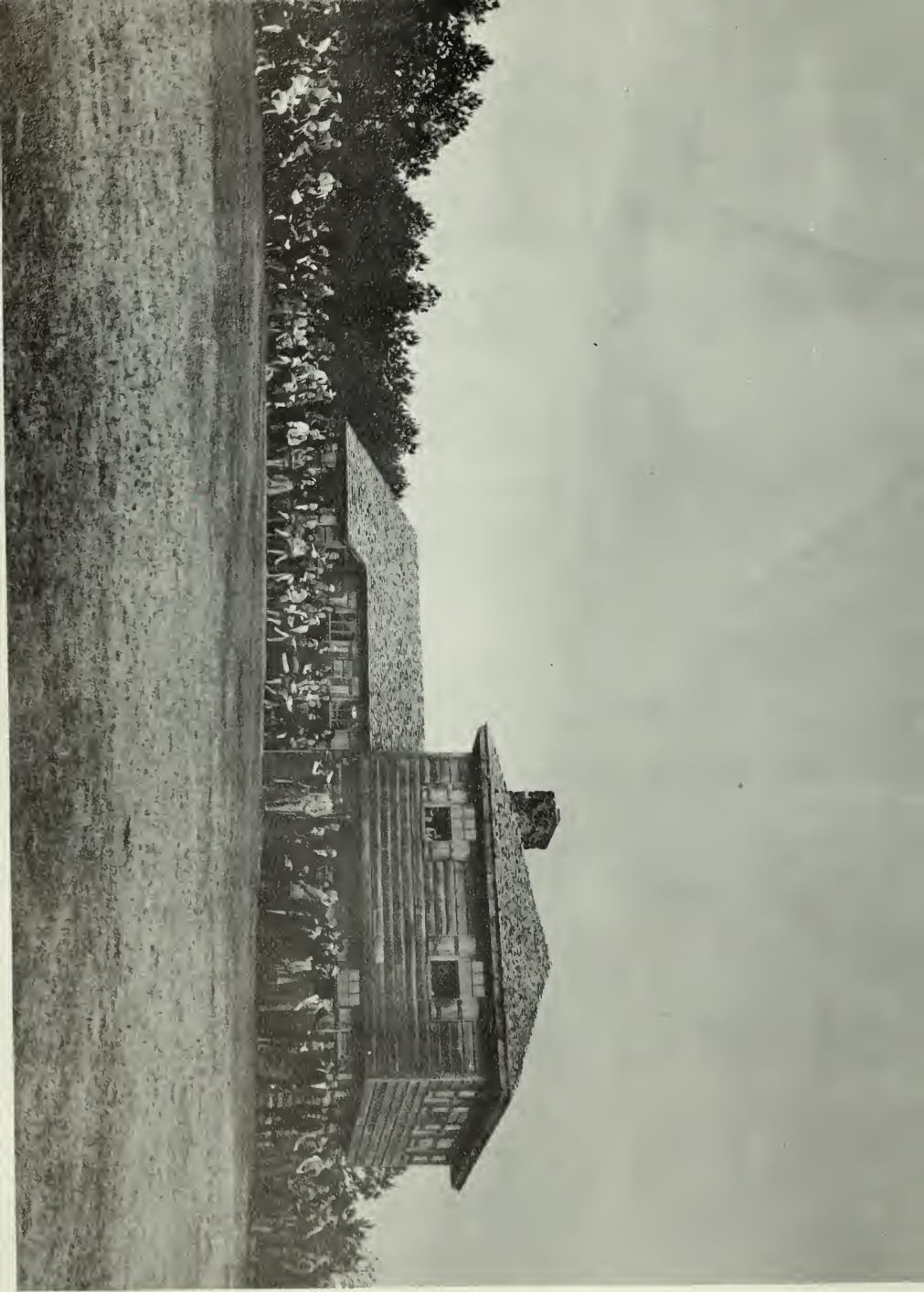
lead from the piney sandhills through clean woodlands to the low, lush banks of the river. A great variety of plant life exists in the good soil along these driveways and nature trails.

Though experiencing heavy usage through the years, and with only a few family campsites since its opening, the park is lacking in much that is required for an adequate recreation area. Thus, the following five-year program of development is recommended:

Ranger residence.	15,000.00
50-site family camping area - water, electrical connections, grills, and tables. Latrine with hot showers.	15,000.00
Picnic area complete with two shelters and latrine.	13,500.00
Parking area.	2,000.00
Boat landing.	1,000.00
Land acquisition - 50 acres.	10,000.00
Complete and mark nature trail.	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 57,000.00







### ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

Located: 8 miles north of Lancaster on US 521. Area embraces birthplace of the seventh President of the United States.

Acquired: April, 1953. Opened to public: March, 1957.

Total Acres: Land and Water 360. 33% active use.

Facilities: Museum, picnic area with shelter and latrine, nature trail.

The only native South Carolinian to become President of the United States was born in Lancaster District, in the land of the Waxhaws, on March 15, 1767. Andrew Jackson!

The Andrew Jackson State Historical State Park was the spot.

There are no physical remains of the cabin of James and Jane Crawford, uncle and aunt of the seventh president, but it was to their home that Mrs. Jackson, only recently widowed by the death of her husband, journeyed for the birth of her third son.

A granite monument erected by the DAR stands at the far end of a grass lawn in front of the museum, and every year historians and citizens gather on the grounds for a ceremony honoring Andrew Jackson.

This park is intended primarily for visitation and study of the museum, which contains documents, exhibits and artifacts of the Jackson period gathered from many sources. Interesting hours can be spent here reading letters and literature of Revolutionary times. There are picnic shelters, however, and facilities for school and family gatherings. The flora of the park is interesting and well marked along the nature trails.

The museum is open daily except Mondays, during daylight hours.

The park and its historical treasures are within short driving distance of Charlotte, N. C., Lancaster, Rock Hill and many other cities. It is also an attraction for travelers passing on U. S. 21 and 521.

To more adequately serve its purpose in the state's recreation picture, the following five-year development action is recommended:

Expand picnic facilities - add tables, grills and shelter.	5,000.00
Design, develop and mark self-guiding nature trail.	1,000.00
Ranger residence.	15,000.00
Fire-proof storage room for original documents.	10,000.00
Work shop and tool room.	<u>4,500.00</u>
	\$ 35,500.00



BAKER CREEK STATE PARK

Located: 5 miles southwest of  
McCormick on U. S.  
Highway 378; bordering  
on waters of the Clark  
Hill Reservoir.

Acquired: By lease license from  
the Department of the  
Army: U. S. Forest Service.

Total Acres: 1,290 acres.

Facilities: Construction to be started  
1966. To be opened for  
limited use summer 1967.

A development program has been delayed a number of years awaiting necessary capital improvement appropriations. Funds now being available, initial development work will get started by late summer 1966.

Following park road construction a superintendent residence and workshop will be built, and construction gotten underway for a complete picnic area including modern toilet facilities, and a 50-site family camping area. Both areas are scheduled for public use by May 1967.

The area is well timbered to offer well shaded camping and picnicking sites for the users comfort, and the great variety of pine-hardwood and native flora will afford park visitors much pleasure. The protruding fingers into the reservoir waters provide a large expanse of shoreline ready made for family camp sites with boat launching ramps.



Being situated on the extremely popular waters of the Clark Hill Reservoir and accessible directly off the heavily traveled U. S. 378 it is destined to become a major unit of the state park system.

The following planned development should be completed as fast as possible:

Superintendents Residence	15,000.00
Work Center	5,000.00
Water Systems	10,000.00
50-site family camping area complete with electric and water hook-ups and modern hot water shower latrine.	28,000.00
100 table picnic area with 2 picnic shelters and modern latrine.	15,000.00
Boat launching ramp & boat house.	8,000.00
Two main parking areas.	6,000.00
Ranger Residence.	14,000.00
Second 50-site family camping area - complete with modern facilities.	28,000.00
Second boat ramp and parking area.	7,500.00
10 - 2-unit vacation cabins.	85,000.00
Bathing beach-floating dock.	7,500.00
Bathhouse - modern.	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 249,000.00





### BARNWELL STATE PARK

Located: 3 miles south of Blackville  
on S. C. 3.

Acquired: July, 1937. Opened to public:  
August, 1939.

Total Acres: Land and Water 307: 60%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family camping and  
nature trails.

This is a small park, compared to some of the others, but what it lacks in size it makes up in year-round activity.

The wooded and flowered areas attract families from half a dozen surrounding towns, and its camping grounds entertain families from countless far away places. It is handy to thousands of people seeking recreation, including employees of the Atomic Energy Plant nearby. Family reunions, picnics, etc., continue through spring, summer, fall and even into winter. There are many mild days in winter that are ideal for an outing in this section of the state, with picnic shelters most in demand.

This park lies within the path Sherman took on his march northward to Columbia in 1865.

With its big roomy recreation building, lakes and attractive natural setting, Barnwell Park will always be popular, but already it is in need of many additional facilities. The demand for campsites and other usage grows every year.

The park's development needs can be vastly improved with the following during the next few years:

Picnic area complete with shelter, latrine, tables and grills.	15,000.00
Assistant's residence.	15,000.00
Add twenty-five sites and latrines with hot water showers to present family camping area.	18,000.00
Boathouse - 20 bay.	4,000.00
Workshop	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$ 58,000.00

### CAMPBELL LAKE STATE PARK

Located: 10 miles south of Cheraw  
on U. S Highway No. 1.

Acquired: 1946. Opened to public:  
1947.

Total Acres: Land and Water, 50: 90%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming,  
fishing, boating, and  
camping.

Many people in South Carolina contend that the most pleasant vacation places in our state are the pine-covered sandhills and the clean, clear water they produce.

One of these is Campbell Lake State Park, which was developed for use in coordination with Cheraw State Park. It is a part of, and is completely surrounded by, the Sand Hills State Forest.

In this park you'll find not only the pinelands, sandhills and a fine clear lake, but an interesting stand of cypress trees in the far reaches of the lake. And, good fishing.

The park is near U. S. 1, and although relatively small, it is used for picnicking and related activities the year round. It is supervised by a resident caretaker under the direction of the superintendent of Cheraw State Park.

Heavy weekend use in particular calls for modest development as follows:

2 small picnic shelters.	5,000.00
Boathouse and launching ramp.	5,000.00
2 family cabins.	10,000.00
Caretaker's residence.	<u>13,000.00</u>
	\$ 33,000.00



### CHERAW STATE PARK

Located: 4 miles southwest of Cheraw  
on U. S. 1 and U. S. 52. Here  
in 1934, the first land was  
acquired for development of a  
state park.

Acquired: March, 1934. Opened to public:  
July, 1939.

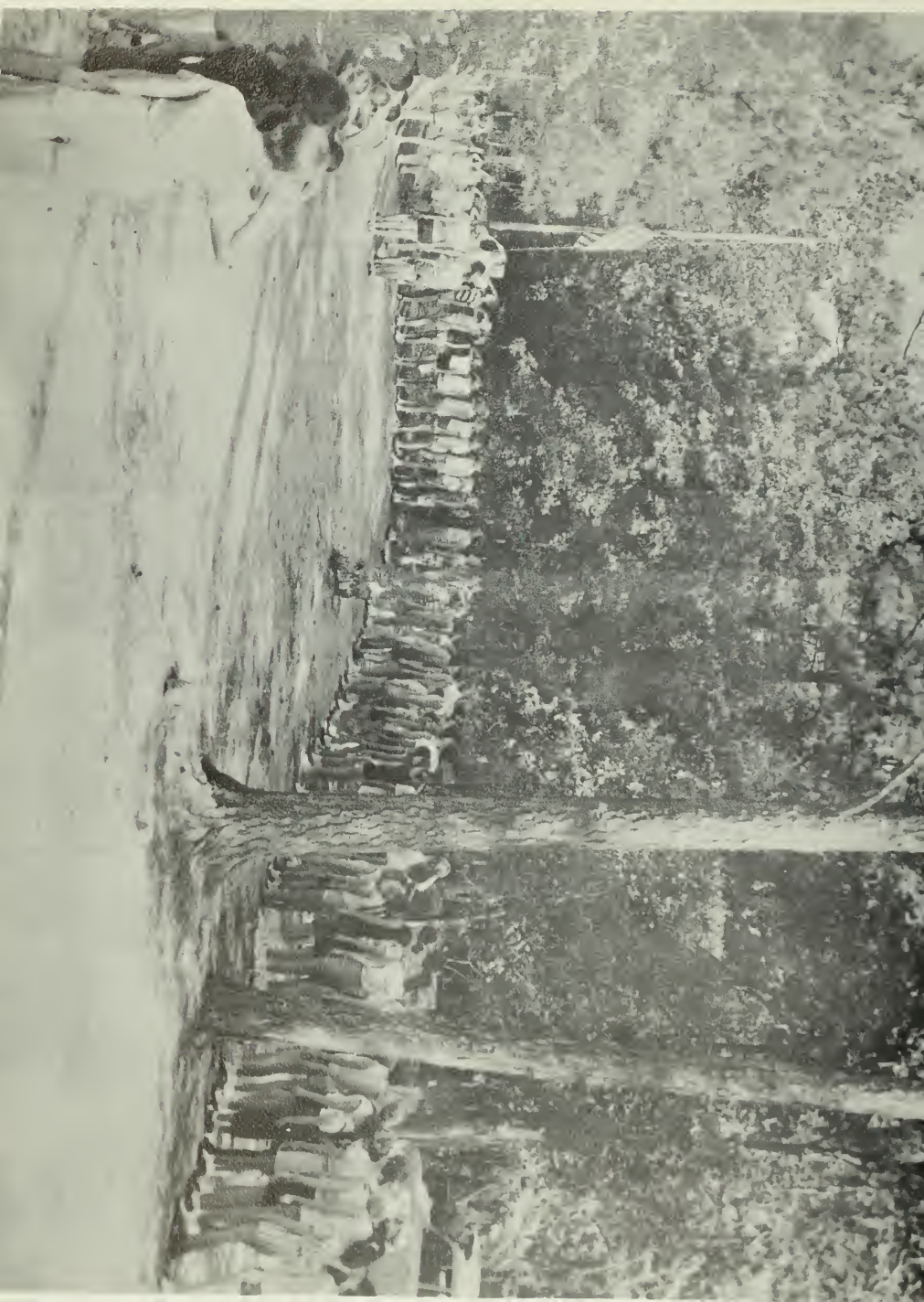
Total Acres: Land and Water 7,361: 40%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family camping, group  
camping, youth camps, family  
cabins, recreation building  
and nature trails.

Cheraw Park, oldest and largest in the state's system, has attracted millions of people since its opening 27 years ago, and many of them have been travelers from other parts of the country. Situated ideally as it is between two major highways, U. S. 1 and U. S. 52, it makes a most welcome and satisfying stopping place for tourists.

With 40 per cent of its 7,361 acres in use, the park provides just about any form of recreation either the traveler or the native can ask, as you will see in the list of facilities above.

Cheraw, an Indian name meaning Fire Town, is only four miles away. It is said to have been the site of an Indian Village. It was the work of the people of Cheraw and Chesterfield County that launched the state park system in South



Carolina. They got together 706 acres in 1934 and the U. S. Government chipped in with 6,832 acres more to make the total park area the largest in the state. The National Park Service sent in engineers, planners and the CCC boys, and in five years the park entertained its first visitors. They have never stopped coming, or even slowed down.

Although this huge park is blessed with most of the acceptable facilities for recreation in the out-of-doors, many are currently in urgent need of replacement. Age and over capacity usage have taken their toll. To remain one of the major state parks on the eastern seaboard and accommodate increasing visitation, these plans are projected for the next five years:

New wells and water systems for the 2 organized group camps.	8,000.00
Replace 2 cabin sections in one camp with 6-12 bed cabins.	40,000.00
4 shelters and 2 latrines for present picnic areas.	25,000.00
50 site expansion of camping area.	20,000.00
10 vacation cabins.	<u>75,000.00</u>
	\$ 168,000.00



### CHESTER STATE PARK

Located: 3 miles southwest of Chester  
on S. C. 72.

Acquired: May, 1935. Opened to public:  
July, 1939.

Total Acres: Land and Water 523: 50%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, boating, fishing, family  
camping, recreation building.

South Carolina's greatest local need for outdoor recreation is probably among the people who work in industry, and Chester State Park is certainly located in position to do its share of the job. Its 523 acres of forested uplands and splendid 160-acre lake are right in the middle of an industrial area; and provide mental and physical release for thousands who are shut up daily in various manufacturing plants.

The land embracing the park, rolling and pleasant to look upon, has been productive since early times; so rich in fact that owners neglected the needs of the soil and worked it to exhaustion as they piled up fortunes in cotton culture. Depleted for many years, this soil has now been reforested and given back to all the people for their healthful outdoor recreation.

The park clearly demonstrates how man can assist the plan of nature to restore field and forest.

Although the park has been used largely by people living near



it, the number of outsiders looking for a pleasant campground is jumping now. Many are coming from out of the state, too. To care for the demand, additions during the next five years have been planned as follows:

Add 25 family campsites.	7,500.00
Boat ramp and parking area.	5,500.00
Picnic area - 2 small shelters and latrine.	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$ 23,000.00

### COLLETON WAYSIDE PARK

Located: 11 miles north of Walterboro on U. S. 15.  
Acquired: 1943. Opened to public:  
1945.  
Total Acres: Land - 35 acres: 100%  
active use.  
Facilities: Picnicking, family camping,  
river fishing, trails.

This small but attractive area, being ideally located on the heavily traveled North-South U. S. 15, has proven to be a favorite stopping place for many tourists.

The family camping area is no longer able to meet the demand, and its nearness to the well known city of Walterboro puts its picnicking facilities to over-crowded use as well.

More picnicking facilities and family camp sites are needed to help meet the needs of this popular area. The following development program is planned:

2 small picnic shelters - 10 tables and five grills and drinking fountain.	7,500.00
10 additional campsites complete with water and electric hook-ups.	3,500.00
Work shop.	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$ 13,500.00

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### CROFT STATE PARK

Located: 5 miles southeast of  
Spartanburg, between  
county road 34 and  
S. C. 56, utilizing  
a portion of Old Camp  
Croft Military Area.

Acquired: May, 1949. Opened to  
public: Under construction.

Total Acres: Land and Water 7,088: 35%  
active use.

Facilities: Under construction: Picnick-  
ing, fishing, youth camping.

After World War II, an alert group of citizens acquired 7,088 acres of the Camp Croft properties in Spartanburg County which had been declared surplus to military needs. The price tag to the State was only 50% of fair value with the condition that use be limited to "public park, recreational and forestry purposes."

This area embraces the rolling hills, rocky streams and great variety of fine pine and hardwood forests of that section of the state. Especially picturesque are the enormous oaks which still adorn the knolls, sites of old homesteads. They provide a most attractive --- and almost ready-made --- areas for picnic grounds along a planned winding loop road.

This park is still under development. The waters of Kelsoe and Thompson Creek were dammed up to create a beautiful lake of 150 acres or more.

The park is situated near a large segment of the upstate's expanding industrial country. This concentrated population, together with the easy access from nearby Interstate Highways 26 and 85 and other good roads, and the most natural resource, assure Croft Park's becoming one of the state's major playgrounds.

Delayed development of this area calls for early implementation of the following facility program:

Two residences.	32,000.00
100-site family camp area complete with two latrines, water and electric connections, tables and grills.	35,000.00
Bathhouse.	25,000.00
Picnic area complete with latrine.	15,000.00
Contact station.	8,000.00
Canteen - First Aid.	7,000.00
Boathouse and ramp.	4,500.00
Second picnic area complete	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$ 141,500.00

### EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK

Located: 20 miles south of Adams  
Run on S. C. 174. Historical  
and scientific interest. Ocean  
front recreational area.

Acquired: February, 1935. Opened to public:  
June, 1937.  
Closed: February, 1956

Total Acres: Land and Water, 1,255: 33%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, fishing, swimming,  
family cabins, youth camping.

For historical and scientific interest as well as ocean beach recreation, Edisto Beach State Park provides South Carolina an area of great potential. It can show the visitor some of the tallest palmetto trees in the low country -- and they rise majestically over a verdant semi-tropical undergrowth reaching to the edge of the ocean strand.

The beach, once plagued by erosion, now stretches white and smooth for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Atlantic coastline. A timbered groin, placed near the southern boundary of the park at the main highway has resulted in a continuing buildup of the shoreline. The bathhouse, once threatened by tides, is protected now by a wide accumulation of sand and shells.

Each changing tide brings in another deposit of seashells to a beach which has long been noted for its abundance of this treasure.



The island got its name from the Edisto tribe of Indians who lived on it.

Edisto Beach, within easy driving distance of Charleston, historic mecca for millions of American tourists, is not far off the heavily traveled north-and-south highway, No. 17, and its usable recreation area and facilities need extensive expansion to help meet the ever growing demand for ocean beach recreation.

Thus, the following five-year development is planned for it:

100-site family camping area complete with 2 latrines, shelter, water and electric connections, tables and grills.	35,000.00
Picnic area complete with 4 shelters, latrine, grills, tables, etc.	18,000.00
10 family vacation cabins.	<u>75,000.00</u>
	\$ 128,000.00





### GIVHANS FERRY STATE PARK

Located: 15 miles west of Summerville  
on S. C. 61. On high bluff  
overlooking Edisto River.

Acquired: October, 1934. Opened to public:  
June, 1937.

Total Acres: Land and Water 1,235: 35%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
river fishing, family cabins,  
family camping, recreation  
building.

This park got its name from a river ferry. Before railroads, highways and bridges, this was the chief crossing of the Edisto river. It served a vast area between Charleston and the upper part of the state.

Before the ferry, there was a ford here which served traffic on the legendary Charles Town-Savannah Town-Augusta Indian Path along which traders went into the Creek territory of Georgia.

The high bluffs overlooking the river are covered with great trees draped in Spanish moss. In the swift, dark waters of the river are some of the finest of game fish, black bass, redbreast and bluegill bream --- and the spring run of shad has been a joy for fishermen for many generations.

An interesting attraction to visitors is the "intake" of the tunnel through which flows the water supply for the city of Charleston.

This park, although not in one of the heaviest use areas, is steadily growing in popularity. With its present limited development it is not able to keep up with the weekend demands of the vacation season. It is in dire need of additional facilities for family camping, picnicking, family reunions and other activities.

Its five-year development plan calls for:

Assistant residence.	15,000.00
50-site family camping area complete.	18,000.00
4 small picnic shelters tables and grills.	12,000.00
Boat launching ramp and parking area.	6,000.00
5 vacation cabins.	35,000.00
Swimming pool to replace dangerous river swimming.	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$ 136,000.00



### GREENWOOD STATE PARK

Located: 17 miles east of Greenwood  
on S. C. 702. Located on  
five peninsulas jutting into  
the waters of Lake Greenwood.

Acquired: April, 1938. Opened to public:  
July, 1940.

Total Acres: Land and Water, 914: 40%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family camping, launching  
ramp, youth camping, nature trails.

The pleasures of this park are centered around its splendid lake, where thousands gather with their boats and trailers, fishing tackle and skis every summer.

Greenwood State Park, nearly a thousand acres, was built following the impoundment of the huge lake. The park area occupies half a dozen peninsulas with interesting irregular shorelines bordering the water. The land around the lake is mildly rolling hill country, lush in forests, making the park as a whole one of the select of the state system.

Historic Ninety-Six is close by on the old Indian Keowee Path, ninety-six miles from the trail's northwestern terminus, which provides the name. The upper end of the path is near Oconee State Park in that northwestern county.

A fine camping area rounds out the park's facilities, giving the family room for camp, car and boat, with a dock nearby. The



park is easy to get to. Good state roads, Interstate 26 and U. S. 25 lead to it from all directions, and these have contributed to the fact that Greenwood has become one of the most heavily used parks in recent years.

Present facilities cannot serve the public's needs. The park is fortunate to have available ideal access for lakeside development to make it one of the state's most popular recreation areas.

The following planned program should materially aid in the overall effort to supply the outdoor recreation needs of the area.

100-site family camping area complete with 2 latrines - shelters, tables, grills, water and electric connections.	20,000.00
4 small picnic shelters.	10,000.00
Boat ramp and parking area.	6,000.00
5 vacation cabins.	<u>37,500.00</u>
	\$ 73,500.00



### HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK

Located: 16 miles southeast of  
Beaufort at the end of  
U. S. 21.

Acquired: July 1938. Opened to public:  
June, 1941.

Total Acres: Land and Marsh, 5,000: 50%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing,  
family cabins, family camping,  
launching ramp, boating.

This island is a wild palmetto-lined paradise. Its 5,000 acres provide a variety of luxuriant vegetation, and deer, raccoon and other small game roam it without interference. Flocks of local and migratory waterfowl seek its inlets and marshlands, and song birds flit through trees and shrubs. Some of these birds are not found in many other places.

The island, one of the largest of the barrier islands along South Carolina's coast, overlooks St. Helena Sound on the outer banks of the "Chain of 64 Golden Islands" of Beaufort County. An old 136-foot lighthouse, long abandoned by the U. S. Lighthouse Service but still in good condition, is a picturesque part of the Hunting Island scene, and visitors delight in climbing to its observation platform to enjoy a fine view up and down the coastline.

This park, located not far from the famed United States Marine Corps Base at Parris Island and the Marine Air Base at Beaufort, is

in heavy demand by their personnel. Thousands of native South Carolinians and out-of-state visitors also use it each year. Many have found it an ideal spot for a vacation, and return again and again.

The beach is still one of the best on the coast despite being plagued by erosion. It is hard and smooth at low tide, four to five hundred feet wide.

The development plan outlined below should proceed at an accelerated rate. The devastating erosion must be stopped so this park can be developed to reach its needed full potential:

U. S. Engineer report on beach erosion control, initial cost Federal 70%	
State cost 30%	136,000.00
75-site family camping area complete.	30,000.00
Second picnic area, complete.	12,000.00
Ranger residence.	15,000.00
20 beach cabanas.	8,000.00
10 vacation cabins.	75,000.00
2 change houses.	8,000.00
Annual beach nourishment:	
Federal	
State	<u>29,500.00</u>
	\$ 313,500.00



## HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

Located: Midway between Georgetown  
and Myrtle Beach on U. S.  
17. Magnificent seaside  
area, lush with marsh growth  
and stands of pine and live  
oaks.

Acquired: May, 1960. Opened to public:  
June, 1962. Under construction.

Total Acres: Land and Water 2,500: 30%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing.

This newest park, destined to become one of the finest in the United States, is a leased gift from Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington and the Brookgreen Garden Trustees. It includes 2,500 acres of the best land along the Atlantic seaboard, and three miles of beautiful beach.

It was acquired and opened only a few years ago. It has every potential for pleasant vacationing: picturesque sand dunes, protected inlets, marsh lands, fresh water ponds, extensive forests, and of course the wide white beach and the ocean itself. It's worth a trip into this park just to see the water birds.

The National Park Service made a survey of the property in 1960, and included in its report this statement: "One of the greatest recreation assets, and one in the shortest supply, is the seashore. The Huntington Beach seashore area represents a remaining land and water resource highly adaptable for preservation and





development as a major state park --- This ocean-front property contains a favorable combination of natural elements and --- is characterized by both scenic and wildlife values..."Population and economic trends in South Carolina, together with increasing recreation demands, indicate the need and importance of making this seashore property available to the public --- It is believed that the adjacent Brookgreen Gardens estate will serve as a valuable complementary educational, recreational and wildlife resource."

This high regard which the National Park Service held for the area several years ago has been emphasized since by heavy attendance, already exceeding the park's limited facilities. The extent of development in the future will determine how many additional thousands will be able to use the park.

The master plan for the next five years is as follows:

100-site family camping area complete with water & electric hook-ups, tables, grills and 2 modern latrines.	35,000.00
4 change houses with beach showers.	8,000.00
2 parking areas.	10,000.00
Ranger residence.	15,000.00
4 picnic shelters.	10,000.00
10 vacation cabins.	<u>75,000.00</u>
	\$ 153,000.00



## KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Located: 12 miles north of York  
on S. C. 161. Area of  
rolling wooded hills  
adjoins Kings Mountain  
National Military Park.

Acquired: November, 1934. Opened to public:  
June, 1940.

Total Acres: Land and Water 6,141: 30%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family and youth camp-  
ing, organized group camping  
and nature trails.

This is historic land.

First, the Federal Government bought 8,882 acres for a memorial to the great Revolutionary War battle of Kings Mountain. Later it turned over 6,141 of these acres to South Carolina for a state park.

Now, Kings Mountain State Park and Kings Mountain National Military Park adjoin, and a visitor can spend the best part of a day just inspecting the museums, markers and battle sites, to say nothing of taking advantage of excellent recreational facilities.

Spring comes a little late, here in this gently rolling country, and when it does the woods fairly flame with dogwood and Judas tree, yellow jessamine and still later the cowslip, wild azalea, violets of many varieties, and woodbine. In May the mountain laurel blooms; and on till wintertime there is something blooming among the oaks,

pinces, poplars and cedar trees.

Camping and picnicking are principal activities in this historic outdoor area. The family campground is used extensively, and two large group camps, York and Cherokee, attract large youth groups throughout the summer.

Kings Mountain State Park is one of the two major recreational demonstration areas acquired by the Federal Government and developed by its Federal Youth Work Program, the CCC.

With its well-liked recreational features, historical attractions, proximity to large centers of population and Interstate Highway 85, the park has become one of our best known. It has been popular since the day it opened.

Like other units of the state park system, development has not kept pace with demand. The five-year development plan as listed here is designed to more adequately serve the outdoor recreation estimate need:

Add 30 campsites complete with latrine.	18,000.00
Picnic area with latrine and 2 shelters.	15,000.00
6 12-bed group camp cabins.	45,000.00
Well and water system at day-use area.	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 98,000.00

### LEE STATE PARK

Located: 6 miles northeast of  
Bishopville via U. S.  
15 and S. C. 156.

Acquired: June, 1935. Opened to public:  
June, 1941.

Total Acres: Land and Water, 2,839: 25%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing,  
river boating, camping, nature  
trails.

Lee State Park near Bishopville has several unusual attractions to offer its visitors, and it is welcoming more and more visitors every year.

It is a pretty place, this park of nearly 3,000 acres. It has flowing wells of water that many people have never seen. It has the deep dark plant life of the swamp, and of the rising sand-hills. It is bordered by a river whose history goes back to Indian times.

Lynches River has been known since our country's beginning for the quality of clay along its banks. The red men used it for pottery making, and Josiah Wedgewood of England had wagon loads of it shipped to his factories there long before the war separated us from that country. Other noted china makers came to South Carolina to settle; their objective was to establish potteries like they had in England.







In addition to its accessibility from U. S. 15 and 156 and its nearness to U. S. 401, Lee State Park will soon be right on Interstate 20. Fact is, this east-west artery will cut through the southern tip of the park, which will surely mark it for heavy future use.

The park has been partially supplying the outdoor recreational needs for citizens in that rich farming area. To more adequately serve these people, along with employees of various new industries which have moved in recently, and an increasing number of out-of-state visitors, this five-year development plan has been projected:

Assistant residence.	15,000.00
50-site family camping area complete with all modern facilities.	20,000.00
Additional picnic area, complete with 2 small shelters, latrine.	12,000.00
Boat ramp and parking area.	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 52,000.00



### LITTLE PEE DEE STATE PARK

Located: 12 miles south of Dillon via S. C. 57. Named for the nearby Little Pee Dee River, pine-covered sandhills and deep swamp terrain: "Devil's Woodyard".

Acquired: June, 1951. Opened to public: June, 1955.

Total Acres: Land and Water, 835: 30% active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, camping trails,

A red-breasted fish, a river and the Devil's Woodyard make this park interesting.

You'll find it in Dillon County just off the old Kings Highway, which traverses the present-day rich tobacco land and considerable contrasting swamp terrain, where now and then the traveler glimpses a sand dune which tells him the ocean was once here.

The Little Pee Dee River, which forms the southern boundary of the 835-acre park, has long been a mecca for fishermen. They sought the red-breasted bream, and, since a fine lake has been built in recent years, they go after this well-known fish, as well as blue gill bream and bass, in increasing thousands each year.

The Little Pee Dee Park is easily accessible to the heavy

north-and-south traffic flowing along U. S. 301 (I-95). Family camping is becoming more and more popular, and is fast outpacing facility development to take care of it. The large percentage of repeat visitors attests to the enchantment of these recreation grounds.

Planned for the current five-year development program is the following:

Assistant residence.	15,000.00
Complete picnic area - with modern latrine - 2 small shelters - tables and grills.	15,000.00
50-site family camping area complete with electric and water hook-ups. Modern latrine and hot water showers, tables and grills.	20,000.00
Boathouse and ramp.	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 53,000.00

MILL CREEK STATE PARK

Located: 25 miles southwest of Sumter,  
off S. C. 261. Area on and  
totally surrounded by Manchester  
State Forest.

Acquired: 1935. Opened to public: 1941.

Total Acres: Land and Water 35: 90%  
active use.

Facilities: Organized group camps,  
picnicking, swimming,  
boating and fishing.

Mill Creek Park one of the smallest in the state is used  
to total capacity. The spring, summer and autumn crowds roam  
every inch of its 35 acres.

The little park is located in the Manchester State Forest,  
and its operation is under supervision of Poinsett State Park.  
Organized groups, campers, fishermen, swimmers, etc., find it  
very pleasant. For six weeks of the summer it serves the camp  
needs of crippled children under the able direction of orthopedic  
personnel.

To serve the demand for the future, the park needs, very soon:

2 15-bed cabins with toilet facilities and showers.	18,000.00
2 picnic shelters - 10 picnic tables - 5 grills.	4,500.00
Bathhouse.	2,000.00
Shower additions to bathhouse and diving tower.	<u>4,500.00</u>
	\$ 29,000.00







### MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

Located: 3 miles south of Myrtle Beach on U. S. 17. A mile long quadrangle lying between U. S. 17 and Atlantic Ocean.

Acquired: August, 1934. Opened to public: July, 1936.

Total Acres: Land, 312: 70% active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, fishing, family and youth camping, family cabins. A 740 foot fishing pier and a modern fresh water swimming pool.

More than 600,000 people visit Myrtle Beach State Park annually in search of outdoor recreation, peace and quiet. If there were adequate facilities, the figure should exceed a million.

Being the first State Park to open to the public, a new day dawned for South Carolinians July 1, 1936, when the first official visitor drove into this park. A new way of life, you might say, for people who like to get out under sky and close to nature. The park, 320 acres of valuable seacoast property given the state by a beach development company, was then remote, heavily forested, serene.

It is, today, a quiet retreat still, though the fabulous Grand Strand and the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base envelop it north,

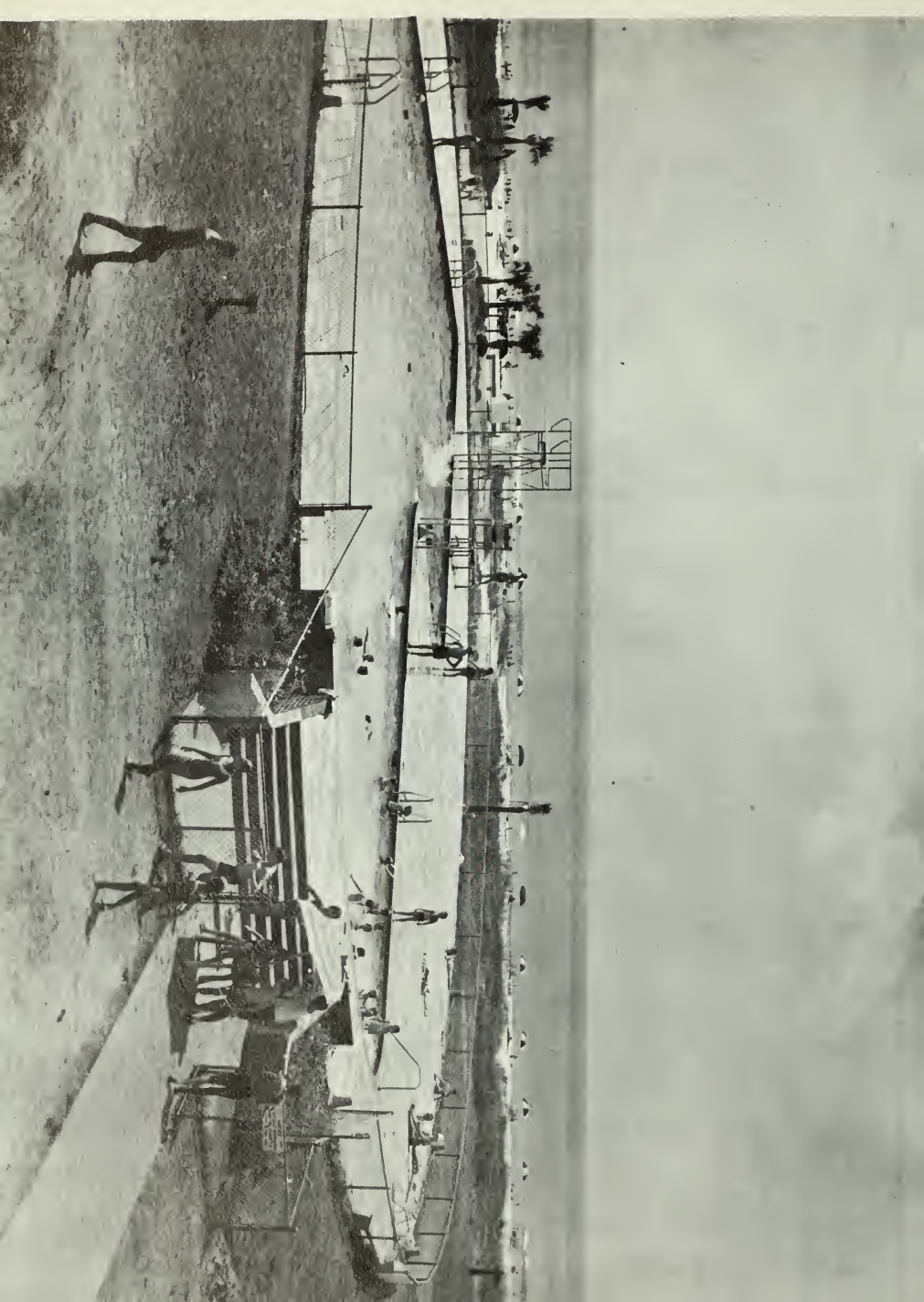


south and westward across Highway 17. Its great natural beauty is still there; the ocean still washes and cools it; and the day lilies still find room to raise their heads and bloom.

Myrtle Beach State Park has always been one of the state's great assets, for it has been first choice of hordes of out-of-state tourists who come to camp during the season. The present 150-site family camping area is always filled to capacity, and many have to be turned away daily. Its excellent fishing pier is recognized as one of the finest on the grand strand.

With one of the finest beaches along the whole Atlantic Coast, and located so near all sections of one of the South's best known resort areas, it is an absolute necessity that this park be developed to its full potential. In a serious effort to meet the state park outdoor recreation requirements, the following five-year program is planned:

Family camp store & check station.	8,500.00
4 modern beach change houses.	10,000.00
Check room locker service building.	8,000.00
20 beach cabanas	10,000.00
6 2-unit cabins.	60,000.00
Beach grill & concession.	20,000.00
Residence	15,500.00
Picnic area complete with modern latrine - 3 shelters.	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 152,000.00



### OCONEE STATE PARK

- Located: 8 miles northeast of  
Walhalla via S. C. 28  
and S. C. 107.
- Acquired: July, 1935. Opened to public:  
June, 1937.
- Total Acres: Land and Water 1,165: 35%  
active use.
- Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, youth and family  
camping, family cabins, restaurant,  
recreation building, nature  
trail.

Oconee State Park is a restful retreat in the high plateau country of northwestern South Carolina, and is heavily visited by many people seeking the wholesome recreation it provides. The scenery is lavish, the air clean and crisp. The water coming out of hillside springs is just about perfect.

The park is on a plateau between Station Mountain and Stumhouse Mountain. The center and principal attraction is a beautiful lake. Nearby Stumhouse Tunnel, begun in 1830 as a railroad passage and abandoned during the War Between the States, provides the visitor one of the most interesting side trip he can find anywhere.

Although blessed with the greatest number of family vacation cottages, the demand for them far exceeds the supply. People like this restful mountain area, with its scenery and the opportunities

for exploring the hill country around it. Oconee county has long been a gathering place for South Carolinians, and more and more tourists are now finding it. It is served by good roads, too.

Its source of clear, cold water and excellent swimming facilities attract large numbers of day-use visitors. The demand for family camping is very heavy.

Present facilities are hard pressed to care of current usage, and are seriously lacking in the known needs of the future.

The following development is recommended and planned in the next five years:

50-site family camping area	complete with water, electricity, modern latrine, hot water showers, tables and grills.	25,000.00
2 picnic areas complete with shelter and latrines, etc.		30,000.00
5 2-unit cabins (replacements)		<u>50,000.00</u>
		\$ 105,000.00



## PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Located: 7 miles north of Greenville via  
U. S. 25 and S. C. 253.

Acquired: April, 1935. Opened to public:  
June, 1937.

Total Acres: Land and Water 1,275: 40%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
youth and family camping, also  
group camping, amphitheater,  
nature trails.

Paris Mountain has been a place to go and look down on the countryside round about, to eat a picnic lunch, etc., since the Piedmont was first settled. Today this mountain state park just outside of Greenville is one of the most popular in the state, serving the largest industrial section of the state.

It got its name from Richard Pearis, the first white settler. He was an Indian trader, and is said to have lived a life of luxury on the mountain before the Revolutionary War.

Three lakes and several streams nestle in the park area, and thousands of city-weary people from miles around use them for fishing, swimming and boating enjoyment. The demand for outdoor recreation in this heavily industrialized part of the state increases by leaps and bounds every year; picnicking; sight-seeing; hiking, etc., extend into the late autumn. The park has not been able to keep pace with the growing usage by both natives and tourists.



The terrain is difficult for development, and will add to costs, but the need for additional facilities is urgent. Expansion plans include the following:

50-site family camping area complete with latrine, water, electric hook-ups, tables, and grills.	100,000.00
Picnic area - complete - latrine, water system, shelters, parking.	20,000.00
Mountain top youth camp.	10,000.00
Boathouse and ramp.	5,000.00
2 12-bed unit cabins for group camp.	20,000.00
100 acre land acquisition @ 300.00 per acre.	30,000.00
Ranger Residence.	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$ 200,000.00





PLEASANT RIDGE STATE PARK

Located: 22 miles north of  
Greenville on S. C. 11  
between U. S. 25 and U. S.  
276.

Acquired: September, 1950. Opened to public:  
June, 1955

Total Acres: Land and Water, 300 acres: 40%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family cabins.

A reminder that this whole Greenville County countryside  
was once known as "Pleasantburg."

It's still pleasant, here in this park where the big hills  
begin. Peaceful, picturesque; easy to get to from either of two  
U. S. Highways; gaining rapidly in popularity as the public learns  
about it.

Near enough to be within reach of thousands, remote enough  
to provide the city dweller with all the quiet and relaxation he  
needs.

The modest but needed development for the area include:

Youth camp area with water and toilet facilities.	10,000.00
Picnic area complete with latrine and shelter.	10,000.00
100-capacity organized group camp complete with all modern facilities.	<u>90,000.00</u>
	\$110,000.00







### POINSETT STATE PARK

Located: 18 miles southwest of  
Sumter on S. C. 261.

Acquired: August, 1934. Opened to public:  
August, 1936.

Total Acres: Land and Water 1,000: 30%  
active use.

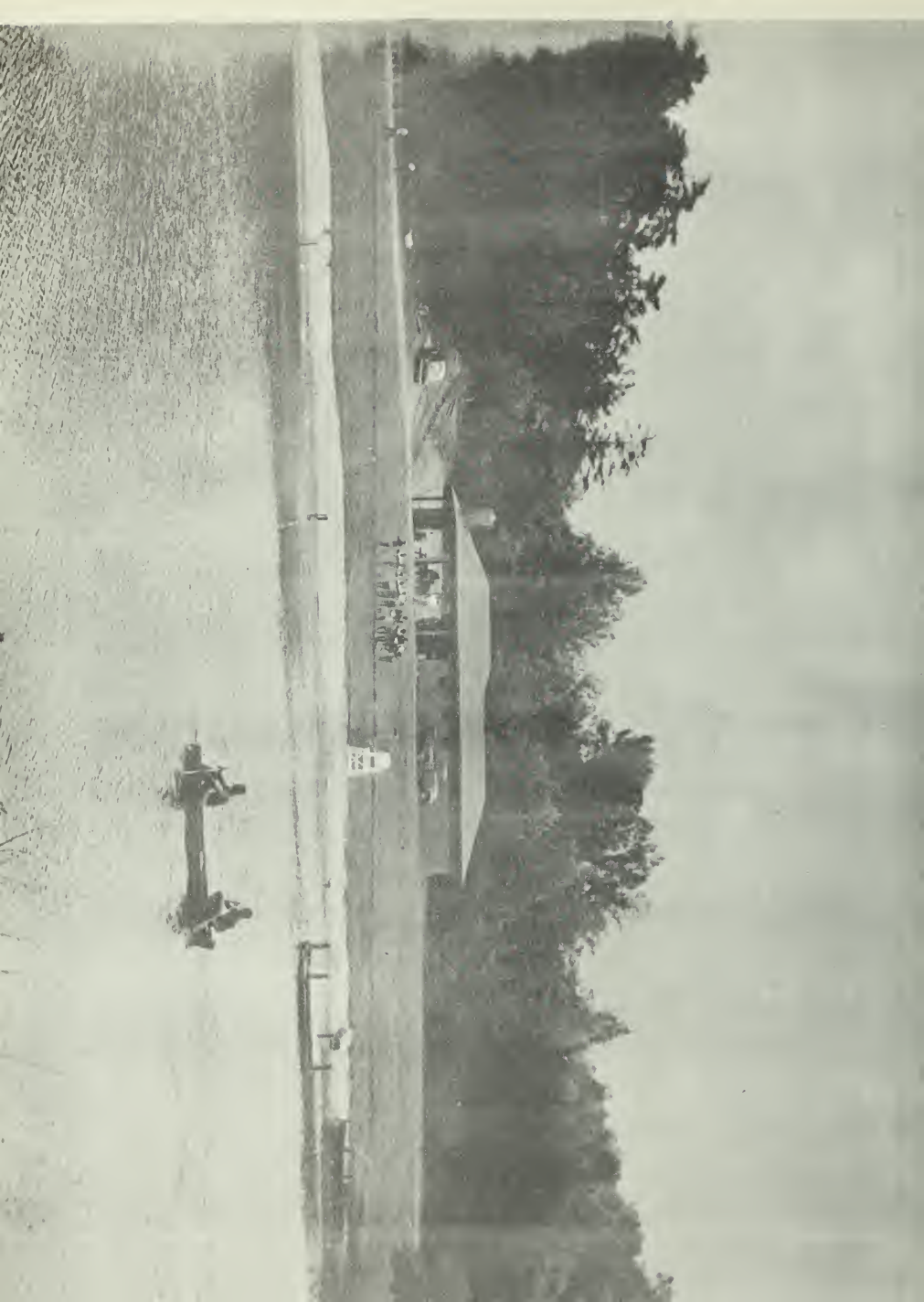
Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, grills, family cabins,  
family camping, museum, nature  
trails.

This may be South Carolina's most unusual park. Certainly it is one of the most picturesque, and one of the most interesting.

The terrain itself is unusual. The coastal plain below the fall line is generally flat, yet here are the geologically famous high hills of Santee. The visitor may in just a few steps move from a mountainous area, with laurel and galax, to a deep swamp growth of huge cypress and gray Spanish moss.

Dogwood and yellow jessamine are everywhere, as are about 25 other shrubs. More than 30 different trees have been counted, and 50 or more song and water birds. There are nine different kinds of fern growing in the swamp's edges.

The park was covered with ocean millions of years ago, and when the marine animals such as oysters died, their shells accumulated on the beaches and in the shallow waters to form the rock out of which you will find the bathhouse and other structures



made. This is the Coquina, Spanish for shell. The Coquina in Sumter County belongs to what is known as the Black Mingo formation. Ask the superintendent for additional information on Coquina and Fuller's Earth, if you are interested.

Here you can walk nature trails that lead to most of the lovely plant life, and to the birds' haunts. Poinsett's lake is one of the most beautiful in the state, and its tree-lined shores are even more startling in their beauty in autumn than in spring.

Poinsett Park, named for the world-famed traveler, diplomat, soldier, educator and naturalist, Joel Roberts Poinsett, who is buried at nearby Stateburg, is close to Shaw Field, Sumter, Manning, and Columbia, and within easy reach of everybody.

Expansion of present facilities to meet needs is planned as follows:

2 shelters and 25 tables, 10 grills and expansion of present lakeside picnic area.	8,000.00
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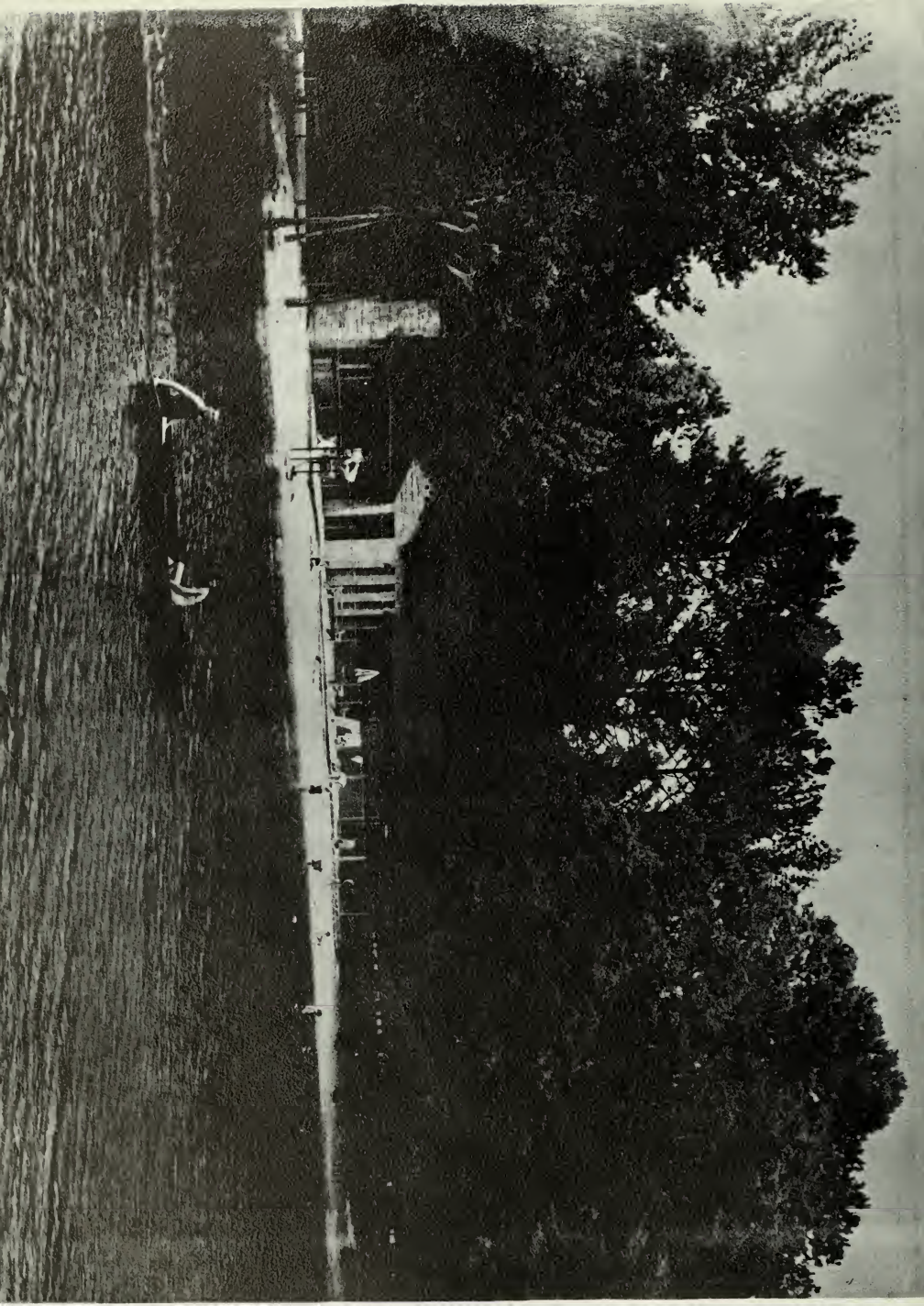
Add 25 sites to present family camping area, complete with water, electric hook-ups and modern latrine.	15,000.00
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Ranger residence.	15,000.00
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5 family cabins.	40,000.00
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1 20-bed group cabin.	<u>10,000.00</u>
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\$ 88,000.00





## RIVERS BRIDGE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE PARK

Located: 6 miles west of Ehrhardt  
on S. C. 64. Marks the  
site of the Salkehatchie  
River crossing by Union  
troops during the Con-  
federate War.

Acquired: May, 1945. Opened to public:  
July 1945.

Total Acres: Land and Water 390: 65%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing,  
family camping, recreation  
building, museum, nature trail.

Here, where Union troops crossed the Salkehatchie River during the War Between the States, is a pleasant place to stop; look and relax.

It isn't big, but 65 per cent of its 390 acres is in use, and it offers most of the things a man and his family seek in the outdoors. More and more people visit here each year, many of them to see one of the state's many places of historical interest.

The park is easily reached from U. S. Highways 321, 301, and 601, three of the principal arteries running north and south across the state. Many tourists pause for a picnic, or camp, or inspection of the museum.

In the museum you can read the story of a handful of Confederates who fought one of the war's important delaying actions, and outside you can see the earthen breast-works behind which they

fought. An annual memorial service is held here each May, attracting large numbers of people.

To better meet the need in this history-steeped park is the following five-year projection of plans:

40 table picnic area with latrine, cooking grills and parking area.	9,500.00
25 additional family campsites with modern hook-ups, latrine, hot showers.	15,000.00
4 small dispersed picnic shelters.	8,000.00
Assistant residence.	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$ 47,500.00



### SADLERS CREEK STATE PARK

Located: 15 miles southwest of Anderson  
on the waters of the Hartwell  
Reservoir, near the junction of  
U. S. 29 & State 187 highways.

Acquired: By lease from the Department of the Army.

Total Acres: 625 acres above minimum water level con-  
tour. 394 acres above normal water level.

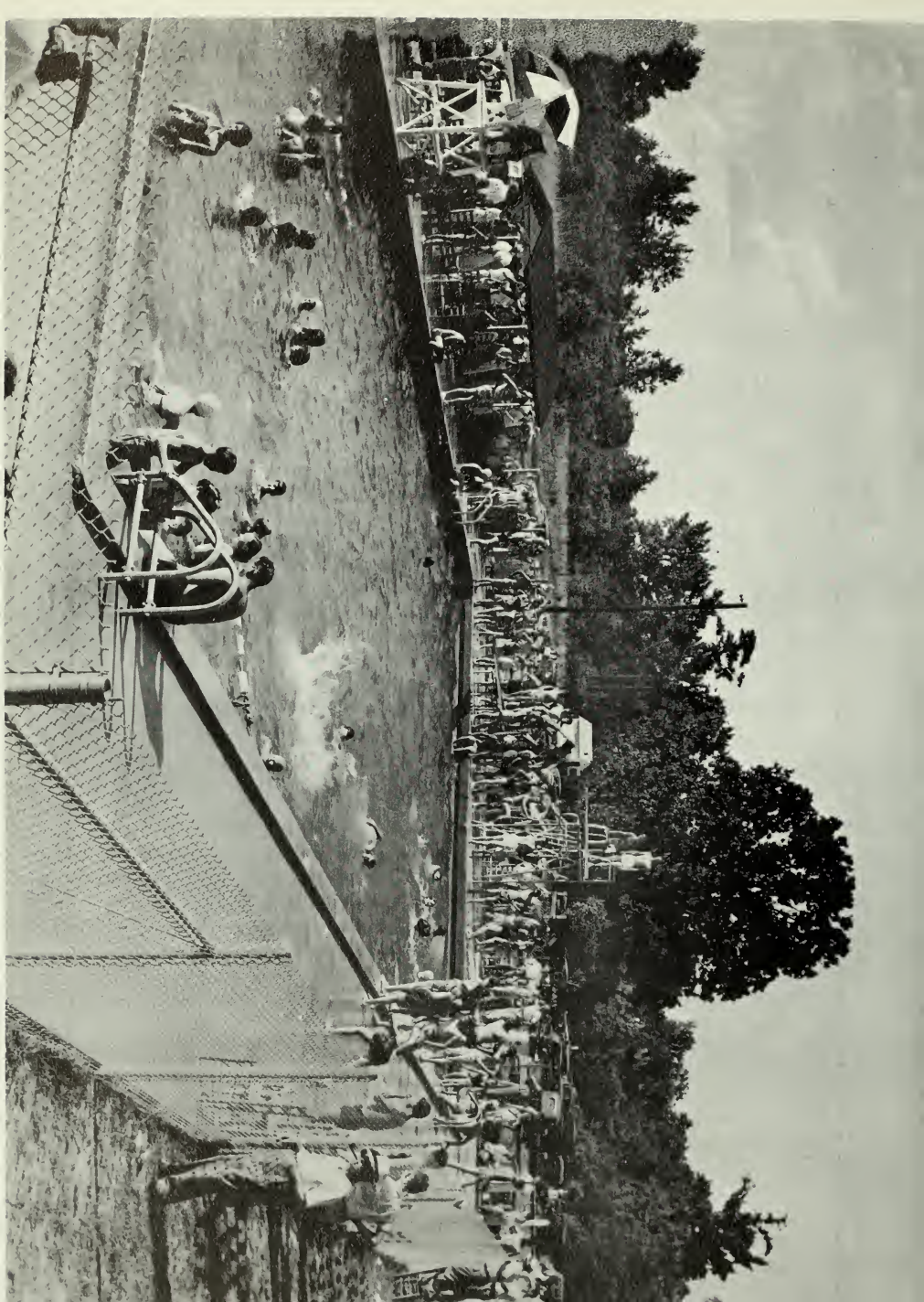
Facilities: Construction scheduled to be underway  
in 1966, and opened for use in summer  
of 1967.

Capital improvement funds were made available by state appropriation in 1966 for delayed development.

Initial development, following necessary road construction and area preparation will include a superintendents residence, workshop. Development will also include a complete picnicking complex with modern toilet facilities and a 50-site family camping area with electric and water hook-ups, also modern toilet and shower facilities.

The terrain lends itself readily to the development of state park use areas. Campsites and picnic areas will have ample shade for the comfort of park visitors. The natural flora of the area will be an attraction to the nature lover. Easy access to the waters for boating and fishing will provide for the more active pleasures of visitors.

The Hartwell Reservoir is fast becoming very popular and heavily used waters as recreation opportunity is provided by added area developments.



Sadlers Creek State Park will greatly aid in serving the recreation need for the concentrated population of the northwest section of South Carolina and out-of-state visitors.

The following development is planned:

Superintendents Residence	15,000.00
Work Center	5,000.00
Water Systems	10,000.00
50-site family camping area complete with electric and water hook-ups and modern hot water shower latrine.	28,000.00
100 table picnic area with 2 picnic shelters and modern latrine.	15,000.00
Boat launching ramp and boat house.	8,000.00
Two main parking areas.	6,000.00
Ranger Residence.	14,000.00
Second 50-site family camping area - complete with modern facilities.	28,000.00
Second boat ramp and parking area.	7,500.00
10 - 2-unit vacation cabins.	85,000.00
Bathing beach-floating dock.	7,500.00
Bathhouse - modern.	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 249,000.00





### SANTEE STATE PARK

Located: 5 miles west of Santee  
via S. C. 6 from U. S.  
301, U. S. 15, Located  
on shores of Lake Marion  
of the Santee-Cooper  
impoundment.

Acquired: January, 1942. Opened to public:  
June, 1949.

Total Acres: Land and Water 2,364: 30%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, family cabins, family  
camping, boat launching ramp.

Fishing for the nationally famous land-locked striped bass known as rock fish, or just looking for total relaxation, you can have it here at Santee on the shore of Lake Marion.

It was natural that a good-sized and well-equipped state park should follow impoundment of these great rivers, Santee and Wateree. It did, and with plenty of room --- 2,364 acres.

The public has everything here, and is using it in increasing numbers each year. Paved road and concrete ramp for boats. Fishermen, duck hunters, pleasure boaters use it. Swimming is provided in a 10-acre lake by water impounded from clear springs.

There's elbow room for picnicking and family camping, and for children's play.

Across the lake from the park, off U. S. 15-301, lies Fort Watson, an old Indian mound and site of a Revolutionary War battle.

It, too, is under the park's jurisdiction, and provides an interesting side trip.

Easily available to South Carolinians and tourists alike, right off the major highways, U. S. 15-301. It is the only state park on this mammoth lake, which has become known to fishermen throughout the United States, and even to foreign countries.

A stepped-up plan of development designed to meet present demand and indicated needs in the near future is outlined below:

Assistant residence.	15,000.00
Additional 50-site family camping area complete with modern hook-up, latrine with hot showers.	25,000.00
50 additional picnic tables - 25 grills, 3 small shelters.	10,000.00
3 2-unit vacation cottages.	15,000.00
20-site camping area complete at boat landing.	15,000.00
Boat landing paving.	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$ 84,000.00



## SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK

Located: 13 miles northeast of  
Columbia on U. S. 1.

Acquired: August, 1937. Opened to public:  
June, 1940.

Total Acres: Land and Water 1,445: 40%  
active use.

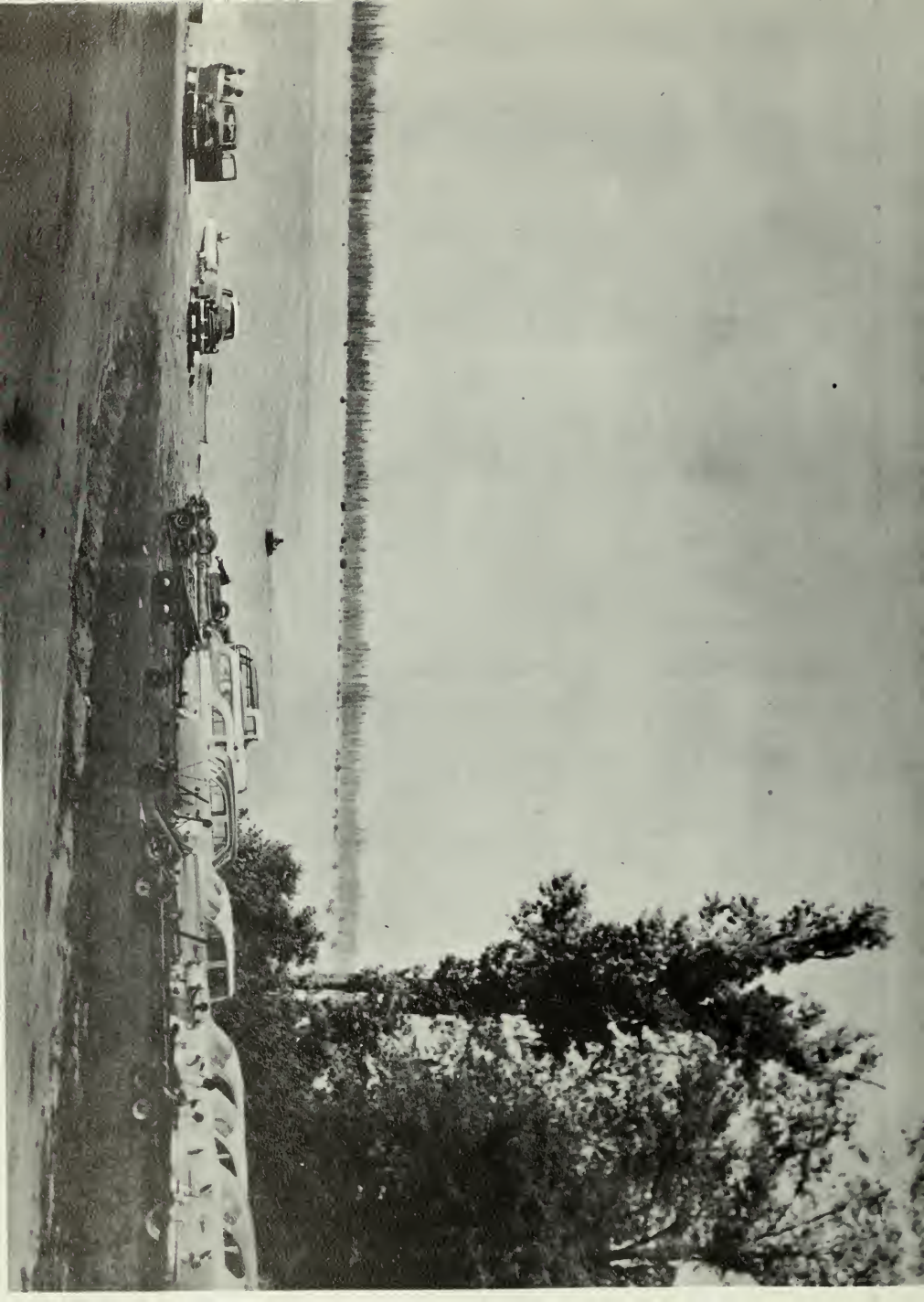
Facilities: Picnicking, boating, fishing,  
family camping, swimming,  
nature trail.

This pleasant park in the sandy pinelands near the state capitol had an interesting beginning.

The city of Columbia celebrated its first hundred and fifty years in 1936, and immediately afterward purchased a huge tract of land only 11 miles to the northeast of its borders for a state park. (Columbia's borders are much nearer the park now, 30 years later).

Appropriately, the park was named Sesquicentennial. Half dollar commemorative coins were minted for the occasion and sold at a premium as memorial pieces. The Sesquicentennial Commission had a balance at the close of the celebration, and decided on the park as a permanent commemoration. It was a most worthwhile decision.

The park has been in heavy, even capacity, use for a long time, not only for central South Carolinians but for the personnel of sprawling Fort Jackson, which is close at hand. Lack of expansion



and development has been a serious handicap in recent years, as use demand has increased by leaps and bounds.

Sesqui, as it is known for short, boasts one of the finest camping areas to be found anywhere, but its accommodations are hard pressed in summer. Picnickers and swimmers have been too heavy to handle on weekends. U. S. Highway 1 has always contributed a large number of visitors, and when Interstate 20 bordering the park is open the traveler use will increase still further.

All present facilities are in need of replacement and expansion, and the following development is in planning for the next five years:

2 dispersed picnic areas complete with latrines, tables, grills.	25,000.00
Develop separate 50-site family camping area, complete with latrine, hot water showers, water & electric hook-ups, tables & grills.	20,000.00
Youth and day-camp facilities.	8,000.00
Assistant residence.	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$ 68,000.00





### TABLE ROCK STATE PARK

Located: 16 miles north of Pickens  
via U. S. 178 or S. C. 8  
and S. C. 288 - S. C. 11.

Acquired: May, 1935. Opened to public:  
June, 1940.

Total Acres: Land and Water 2,860: 25%  
active use.

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, boating,  
fishing, youth and family  
camping, family cabins, grill,  
museum, nature trail, recreation  
building.

This surely must be one of the beauty spots in all our mountains, Table Rock. Writing in "The State Parks, Their Meaning in American Life," Freeman Tilden said of it: "This is scenic country, and no mistake. Against a background of high Appalachian peaks, the stream-cut parkland offers a great variety of hill and valley trail. At the foot of the stark rock is a dense forest in which trees of the north and south mingle, pine and hemlock, magnolia and gum. In the old days, before state park, Table Rock was to the southern coastal folk what the White Mountains were to Bostonians. Much unspoiled natural beauty has been preserved here. Two streams, leaping out of the heights, were dammed to create Lake Pinnacle, where bath-house and beach offer water sports."

Three high peaks, with an expanse of bare rock breaking

through a solid covering of green, is the spectacular backdrop for this park. The scenery itself is sufficient to relax a man and renew his spirit.

Amateur and professional botanists, artists, and nature students use this beautiful park the year round.

Table Rock State Park has been crowded beyond the capacity for which it was built for many years. Development has lagged far behind demand, and there is now a pressing need for such expansion of facilities as listed below:

Add 50 picnic tables & grills.	2,250.00
4 small shelters - 1 modern latrine to present picnic area.	15,000.00
50-site family camping area complete with latrine, hot water showers and electric hook-up.	35,000.00
10 2-unit family cabins.	75,000.00
Assistant residence.	15,000.00
4 trail shelters.	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$ 146,000.00



STATE PARK FACILITIES

	<u>EXISTING - 1966</u>	<u>PROPOSED - 1972</u>
Amphitheaters	3	6
Bathhouses	17	23
Boathouses	5	11
Beach-Swimming-Fenced	14	17
Beach-Ocean	4	4
Pools-Swimming	1	2
Cabins-Family Vacation	65	80
Camps-Primitive	7	15
Camping-Family	22	17
Camping-Family-Capacity	528 spaces	1,160
Camps-Organized Group	7	9
Camps-Organized-Capacity	652	800
Community Recreation Buildings	8	-
Concession	18	22
Museums	3	1
Nature Trails	14	25
Picnic Areas	24	22
Picnic Shelters	47	59
Picnic Tables	1,328	2,750
Residences - Park Personnel	48	17



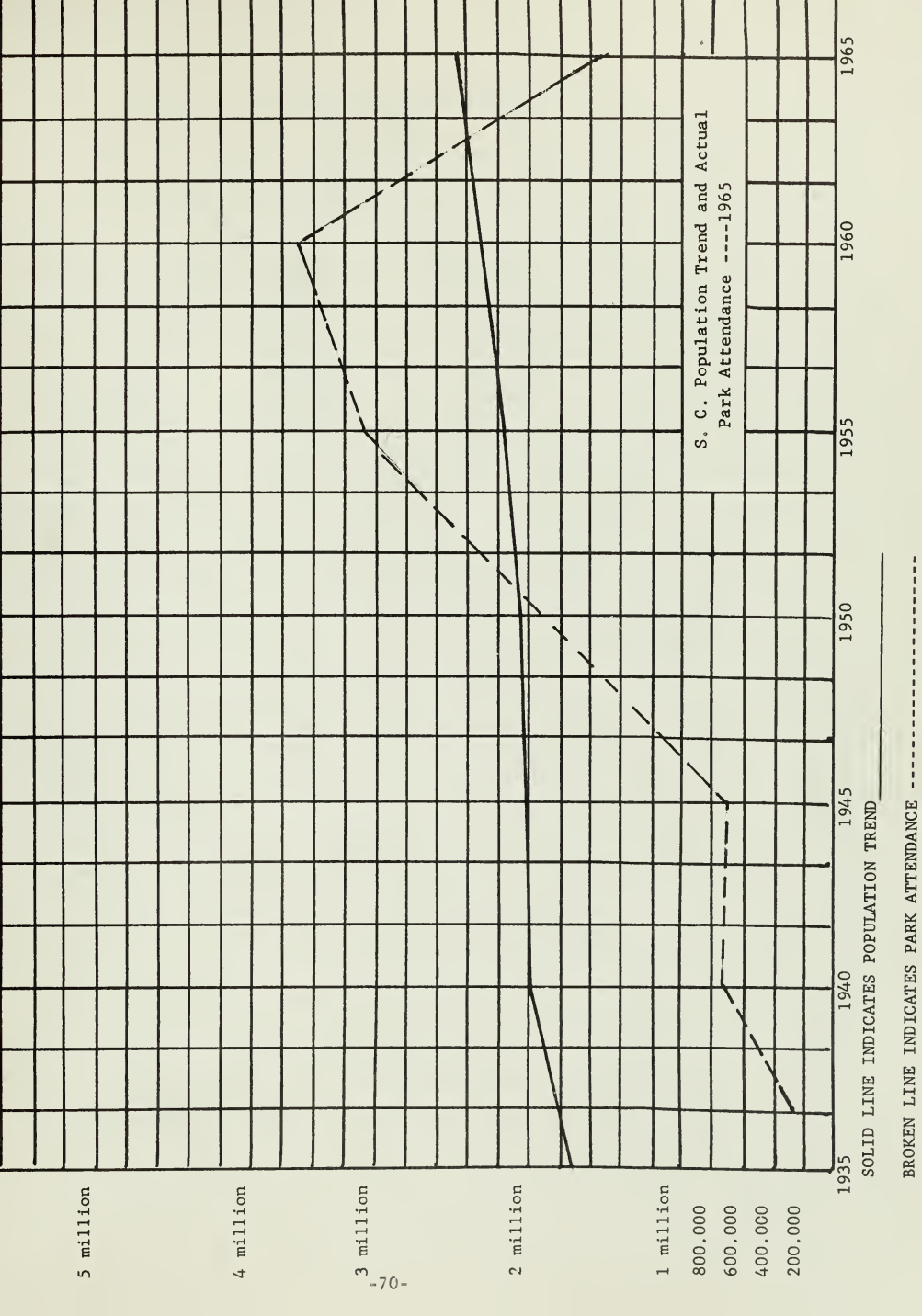
## EVALUATION SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Evaluation discloses that:

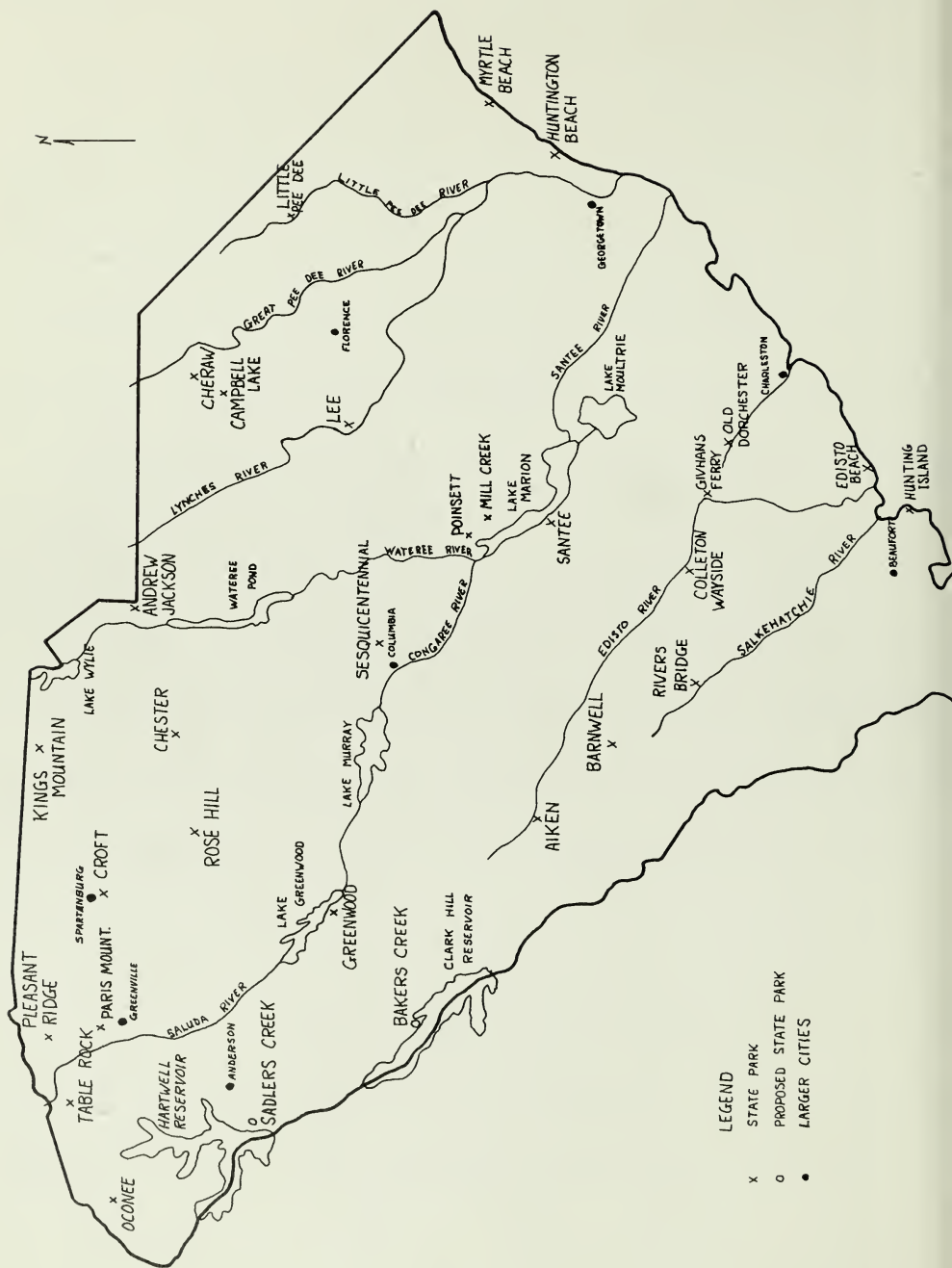
1. South Carolina's vast recreation resources although numerous and varied are largely undeveloped. From the mountains to the sea is an untapped potential for meeting a pressing need.
2. The present state park system of South Carolina while having areas with superlative scenery, scientific interest and an ample water advantage, lacks necessary development.
3. The park system out-distanced its developed use capacity many years ago. The system is efficiently administered with per user operation cost less than one-half the national average.
4. South Carolina's extremely fast growth has materially added to the increase demand for outdoor recreation.
5. The State's rich historic background suggest many sites of State and National interest to out-of-state visitors as well as native citizens.
6. There is an urgent need for the establishment of all types of public outdoor recreation opportunities - parks, preserves, historic sites and monuments.
7. South Carolina's state park recreation resources when properly preserved and developed will serve not only our own people, but millions from other states.

EVALUATION SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS cont'd.

8. South Carolina's state park system with its recreation potential is a prime tourist attraction. It is an important factor in the state's economy and a value that is increasing rapidly.
9. Our state park facilities for family camping and vacation cottages are not sufficient to accommodate the present overnight need. To meet the increased future anticipated use large scale development is a must.







# LEGEND

- x STATE PARK
- o PROPOSED STATE PARK
- LARGER CITIES

## PRESENT AND PROPOSED RECREATION ON STATE FORESTS

The S. C. State Commission of Forestry, which operates state parks, also has four state forests under its jurisdiction. These are:

<u>FOREST</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
*Sand Hills	92,000	Chesterfield & Darlington
Manchester	28,830	Sumter
Harbison	2,202	Richland
Cassatt	462	Kershaw

\*One-half (46,000 acres) is operated by the state for timber production, hunting, fishing, and recreation. The additional area is operated as a wildlife refuge by the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

### SAND HILLS STATE FOREST

Sand Hills State Forest has established fields and food patches for deer, dove and quail. Hunting of dove, quail, rabbit and squirrel is allowed under permit. Deer population has not yet reached proportions that warrant regular hunts. Dove and quail fields and food patches are being expanded to increase game.

Deer hunting is permitted on approximately 45,000 acres of this forest in cooperation with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. This is a restricted two week hunt. As the deer population builds up hunting will be permitted over the entire area.

Power line and gas line rights-of-way are being planted with peas, millet, and bi-color lespedeza for quail, doves and other game.

Construction of six ponds for fishing is proposed. Sugar Loaf Lake, which is now used for picnicking will have these facilities expanded and camp sites established. Group camping is permitted at Sugar Loaf recreation area for organized groups such as Boy Scouts, etc. Increased and improved facilities will offer greater camping opportunities.

#### MANCHESTER STATE FOREST

Controlled hunting of all legal game, in season, and fishing in five ponds is allowed by permit. Fields and food patches are being expanded to provide further game on the forest. Hunting has been good for the first part of the dove season and throughout the deer and quail season. The popularity of the hunts warrant expansion of the facilities.

Three camps are located on the forest, operated in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. and the State Park Division. The majority of the camping time at Burnt Gin and Mill Creek is devoted to the crippled children of the state under the auspices of Crippled Childrens' Division, State Board of Health.

#### HARBISON AND CASSATT STATE FORESTS

Harbison and Cassatt State Forests have had no recreational facilities developed because of their small size.

#### LIMITED RECREATION

All suitable forest areas are adjacent, or comparatively near, to major state parks where a wide range of recreational facilities are available. With the exception of hunting, which is prohibited in state parks, no intensive recreational development is deemed desirable on state forests now or in the near future.



