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South Carolina's Most Beautiful Places

A lush new book celebrates South Carolina's state parks—and makes you want to mellow out at one. BY **PATRICIA WILENS**



A sunset paints a rainbow over a marshy creek at Hunting Island State Park.

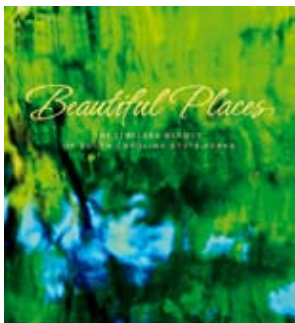
Jon Holloway spent two years photographing our state parks, finding splendor in earth, air, and water. His work anchors *Beautiful Places: The Timeless Beauty of South Carolina State Parks* (\$34.95), a new book due out next month to mark the 75th anniversary of the state's 47-park system.

Jon's photos capture the rush of icy rivers in winter, flowers in bloom, and the carpet of autumn orange and gold that unfolds at the foot of Caesars Head. Funded in part by BMW Manufacturing in Greenville and

Fujifilm Manufacturing of Greenwood, *Beautiful Places* features more than 100 color images printed on eco-friendly paper.

Accompanied by Parks, Recreation, and Tourism director Chad Prosser's commentary and history by writer Cal Harrison, Jon's photographs bring park glories to life, to cherish when you need a moment of serenity or just a reason to celebrate our state. ●

To order the book, visit WWW.SOUTH-CAROLINAPARKS.COM. The book will be available beginning mid-August.



Where We Play

The first South Carolina state park opened in 1935 at Myrtle Beach, a project of the New Deal's Civilian Conservation Corps. The system now includes 47 parks and natural and historic sites stretching from the mountains to the beaches that welcome more than 7 million visitors each year. More than half are state residents, with many others coming from Georgia, North Carolina, and Florida.