



2021 EEASC Conference Field Trips
Saturday, June 12, 2021

Option 1: South Carolina Botanical Garden

- **Location:** Clemson, SC
- **Time:** 9 AM – 12 PM
- **Description:** Join naturalist James Wilkins for a guided tour of the South Carolina Botanical Garden (SCBG), located on the campus of Clemson University. Our diverse 295-acre garden of natural and manicured landscapes is a premier site for experiencing nature and culture. We will explore our state's habitats and ecological communities from the mountains to the sea on the Natural Heritage Trail, which holds the most comprehensive collection of native plants in a public garden in the Southeast. Participants will also learn about the various educational activities and opportunities for all ages at the SCBG.
- **Additional Details:** We will meet in the large parking lot below the Bob Campbell Geology Museum. For more information please visit our website: <https://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/>
- **Directions from Greenville:** <https://goo.gl/maps/WhBt5gZAMB6YPYUy7>

Option 2: 12,000 Year History Park

- **Location:** Cayce, SC
- **Time:** 9 AM – 12 PM
- **Description:** The tour will include information about the onsite historic resources of First Fort Congaree (1718-1722), the Battle of Congaree Creek (1865), and the historic Congaree Creek crossing (including prehistoric Native American and historic use of the Cherokee Trail, traffic associated with Fort Congaree I and 18th century trade, nearby Revolutionary War actions near the Congaree Creek bridge, its role in the Battle of

Congaree Creek, and the state-commissioned lattice truss covered bridge built in 1820 designed by renowned architect Ithiel Town).

- **Meeting Location/Address:** 1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Cayce, SC

Option 3: Saluda Shoals Canoe Trip

- **Location:** Columbia, SC
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (includes pre-trip instruction, launch, and shuttle)
- **Description:** Join Saluda Shoals Park Rangers for an interpretive paddle of the Lower Saluda River. Learn about this special and protected ecosystem and the conservation and recreation value it holds.
- **Additional Details:** We will be paddling for 2 hours. Please wear water appropriate shoes, or old tennis shoes. Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat are a very good idea. You will be provided a personal flotation device and all paddling equipment. Park Rangers will provide instructions and demonstrations to the group before launch. There will be 2 people per canoe. The experience is open to everyone regardless of experience. Please consider that the Lower Saluda River is cold (approximately 54-58 degrees in June) and everything you take could get wet.
- **Caveat:** There is a chance that the river will be too high to paddle. In the event of a trip cancellation, all registered participants will be given the choice of a refund or an alternative field trip.
- **Meeting Location/Address:** Saluda Shoals Park, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29212. Meeting and parking at upper boat ramp.

Option 4: Knot Your Average Fishing Class! Coastal Cast Netting, Crabbing, and Fishing 101

- **Location:** Charleston, SC
- **Time:** 9 AM – 12 PM
- **Description:** Join Charleston native and saltwater “afish-ionado” BeBe Harrison, the owner and operator of Angling Women, for a fun-filled class where you’ll learn the basics of fishing, knot tying, crabbing, and throwing a cast net. Discover common saltwater species found in the waters along the Charleston coastline, then test your skills by fishing along some of Charleston’s beautiful coastline. Angling Women is a local, women-owned business that is open to all!
- **Additional Details:** Must have (and bring) a current S.C. saltwater fishing license. Bring sunscreen, bugspray, and water; wear clothes suitable for the outdoors (e.g., hat) and close-toed shoes. Camera is recommended for capturing any awesome catches!
- **Meeting Location/Address:** TBA

Option 5: Grice Marine Lab and Morris Island Wading Adventure

- **Location:** Charleston, SC

- **Time:** 2 – 5 PM
- **Description:** Barrier exploration doesn't get any better than this adventure! We will start off at the College of Charleston's Grice Marine Lab to learn about some of the ongoing marine science research and explore common estuarine species found along the South Carolina coastline through the lab's touch tank. Then, we will wade across the inlet to Morris Island for a barrier island investigation through beach combing, seining, and a discussion about the historical and ecological significance of the island.
- **Additional Details:** We will be outside for most of the time so you will need to bring sunscreen and wear bugspray. On the wade over to Morris Island, you will get wet up to your knees, so please wear closed-toe shoes and clothing you don't mind getting slightly wet. It's advised that you bring a towel or change of clothes for after the program. Grice Marine Lab is accessible to those of all physical abilities; however, it is not advisable for those with physical or health limitations to wade to Morris Island.
- **Meeting Location/Address:** Grice Marine Laboratory, 205 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412