

DEAR EDUCATOR:

Old Santee Canal Park is a 195-acre park located on the site of the first summit canal in America. The park, located on the historic Stony Landing Plantation, has been an important site for trade and transportation since colonial times. It served as an early trading post with the Native Americans, and the semi-submersible torpedo boat Little David was built on the plantation.

Educational programs offered by our education team examine a wide range of historical themes and events that took place near Stony Landing Plantation, including canal history and Native American culture. Environmental programs emphasize the vast diversity of plant and animal life found throughout the park. Topics include reptiles, swamp ecosystems, and insects. All programs meet the state curriculum standards, and we can design programs to meet your educational needs.

We invite you and your students to visit our park and participate in these educational programs. Within the park, you will find a 19th century plantation house and four miles of nature trails. Inside our beautiful 11,000 square foot interpretive Center, you'll find cultural and natural history exhibits, live reptiles, two theaters featuring nature and history films, and a gift shop.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Our Education Team



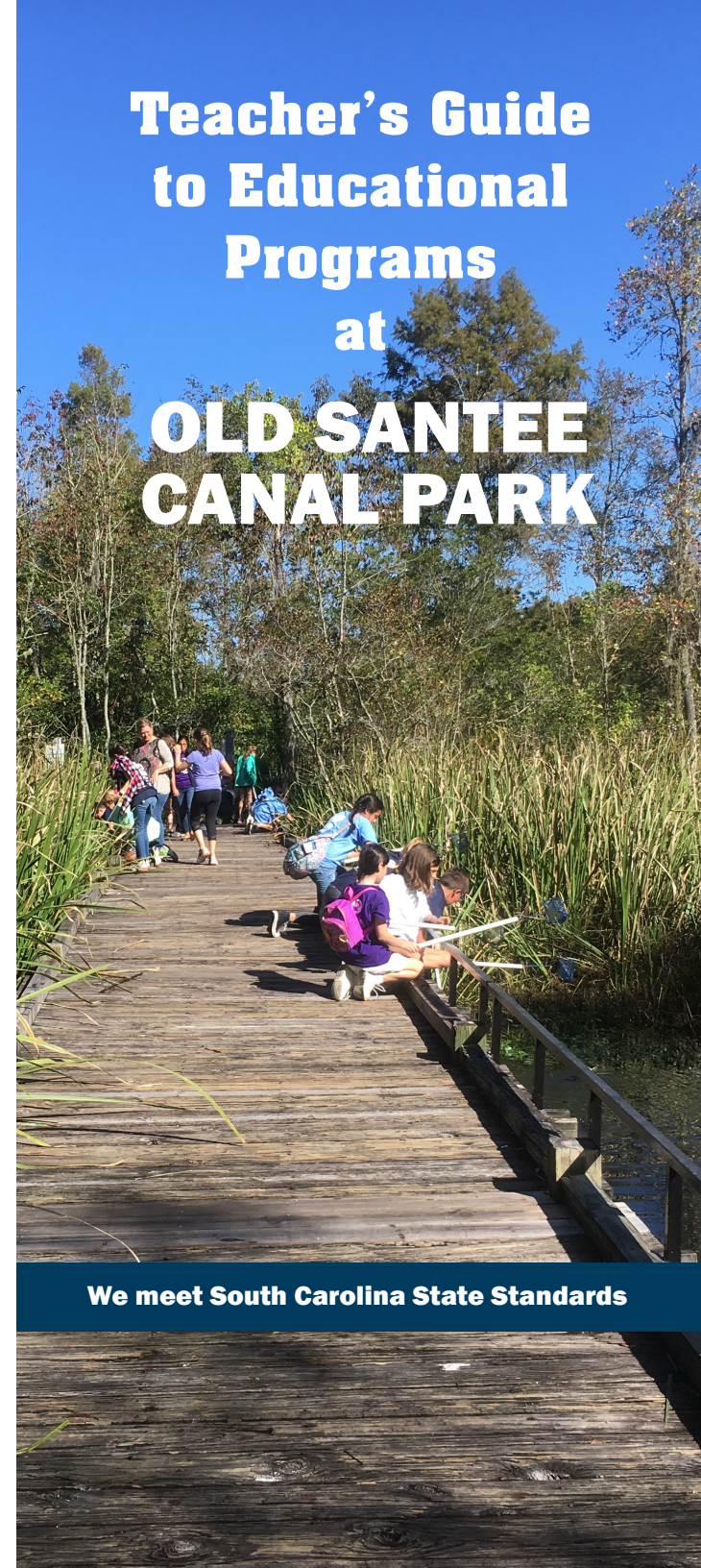
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Teacher's Guide to Educational Programs at OLD SANTEE CANAL PARK



We meet South Carolina State Standards



HISTORY PROGRAMS

ONE HOUR IN LENGTH

CAROLINA GOLD

This class will discuss how rice production and culture in South Carolina turned it into one of the wealthiest colonies in the western world. Students will even try their hands at processing rice! They will then learn what led to the downfall of the rice culture and see the effects it had on the land today.

DYE IT BLUE

Students will learn all about the history of indigo cultivation in South Carolina, including planting, processing and dyeing techniques. We will discuss why indigo was an important crop in the 1700s and what role it played in the history of our park. Each student will have a chance to dye a piece of fabric and take it home.

NATIVE AMERICANS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Students will dive into the Native American culture that existed before the arrival of Europeans and briefly discuss the effects of colonial expansion. Using our surroundings, we will discuss how Native Americans used the ecosystem for all their needs, including medicinal plant usage and community structure.

CANAL HISTORY

America's first summit canal was built right here at the park, connecting the Cooper and Santee Rivers and creating a direct route to Charleston from the agricultural center of our state. Students will learn about the history of the canal from lock construction and operation to the important jobs that were needed to build and run this vital 19th century canal.

CANDLEMAKING

Day to day work in the colonial era involved the entire family and everyone had a job to do. One of these important jobs for children was to make candles for the whole year for each family. Students will learn about the different types of candle making and get to try their hand at dipping candles.



NATURE PROGRAMS

ONE HOUR IN LENGTH

SWAMP THINGS

This is one of our most popular programs! Students will learn about the importance of the swamp ecosystem and its many inhabitants. Students will be led on our swamp boardwalk with nets so they can catch and identify different species of wildlife in the swamp. This program is sure to excite and educate!

SCALES AND TAILS

Using the park's live collection, students will take a look at the common reptiles of Old Santee Canal Park. This class provides students a unique, hands-on experience into the world of "creepy, crawly things." Classes will discuss specific traits and characteristics of these animals that you may find in your own backyard!

ROOTS TO BRANCHES

Using hands-on activities, students will learn about native plants and trees here at the park and their important biological processes. Topics covered include transpiration, soil composition, and plant adaptations. Students will also discover many interesting facts as we take a short nature walk identifying the park's trees.

SPACE ODYSSEY

In this class, students will take a trip through the Milky Way Galaxy. They will explore subjects within astronomy, such as the moon, solar system, stars, and constellations. Students will then become part of the solar system and see how far our solar system stretches! Lastly, using the park's planetarium, students will be able to locate common constellations and the fascinating stories and legends behind them.



INCREDIBLE INSECTS

There are more types of insects in the world than all other living things, combined! This class offers an exciting look into this mysterious world with live and preserved specimens. This will also include a brief nature walk to capture and identify insects at the park.

TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES

There are several teacher-supervised activities your class may wish to engage in while they are not participating in a scheduled program. If you are interested in any of these programs, please inform the education staff when making your class reservations.

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HIKE TO REVOLUTIONARY WAR FORT FAIR LAWN

EXPLORE NATURE TRAILS

WATCH FILMS IN THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER THEATERS

SEE THE LIVING LOFT REPTILE EXHIBIT

LUNCH AT RESERVED PICNIC SHELTER

SHOP THE GIFT SHOP

DISCOVER THE PARK SCAVENGER HUNT

