

COEM AREA CAMPGROUNDS

LADSON KOA

This campground is only 5 miles from COEM and is the closest campground. It is rare that one could smell air pollution from the paper mill at this location. Security is slack.

Phone 843 797-1045, **Fax** 843 820-2385.

64 RV, 86 RV/Tent, all 150 sites with electricity and water, open all year.

Rates for RVs: \$27 - \$29 for full hookup, weekly rates available.

For RVs: 30-50 amps, 110 volts.

Rates for Tents: \$20 including water and electricity.

Rates for Kamping Kabins: \$40 - \$55 with electricity, air, heat, and no bathroom. \$50 deposit required.

Rate for Deluxe Kamping Kabin: \$85 with full kitchen and bath, electricity, air, and heat. \$50 deposit required.

Directions:

1. From the Ashley Phosphate Road exit 209 take I-26 north towards Columbia.
2. Take I-26 exit 205A (US Hwy 78 West).
3. Then 1 mi northwest. Campground is on right.

Address: 9494 US Hwy 78.

Amenities: Coin laundry with electric dryers, outdoor pool, game room, recreation room with pool table, sofa and TV, horse-shoes, and wifi. At least half of

the sites have sufficient shade for summer. Nearby (2 miles) seasonal water park is at Wannamaker County Park. Admission is about \$20.

Pets: must be attended.

Restaurants: Within 2 miles, located on east (other) side of I-26 are Atlanta Bread bakery cafe, Zaxbys chicken, Brusters ice cream, Arbys, and Wendys.

Security: No gate, single bathroom is kept locked with an electronic keypad. Campground borders upon a mobile home park. Not recommended for solo tenting. Those with tents or RVs without toilets should camp elsewhere in order to avoid having to go to the campground restroom alone at night.



JAMES ISLAND COUNTY PARK CAMPGROUND

This campground is far away from industrial air pollution, but the route between the campground and COEM has heavy traffic. Driving time is approximately 40 minutes. Distance is 26 miles. Best campground for seniors, children, dogs, bicycles, and tents. Probably the best campground in the Charleston area.

All bathrooms have soap dispensing deodorizers; dispense soap in your hands and a few seconds later you are squirted with deodorizer. So avoid using the soap dispensers.

Reservations suggested 843 795-7275, **automated phone information** 843 795-9884, **fax** 843 762-6158, **website** www.ccprc.com

Rates: 6 persons \$31 - \$37 plus 13.5% tax, extra person \$4, \$1 entrance fee per person to park, weekly rates available, 28 night maximum stay; primitive tent area \$21; check in 1 PM, check out 11 AM.

124 RV/Tent all with electricity and water, open all year, electrically heated bathrooms with hot showers, shade on most sites, 24 hour attendant.

Primitive Tent Area, located in a meadow, has a water spigot and a very nice trailer restroom with a flush toilet that does not smell and a sink. Six persons and two tents are allowed with

\$4 per extra person. Closest shower is a 10 or 15 minute walk.

For RVs: 30-50 amps, 125' limit, fee for fixed dump station.

Directions:

1. From the Ashley Phosphate Road exit 209 take I-26 east towards Charleston.
2. Take I-26 exit 216 (Cosgrove Road State Hwy 7 south).
3. After 2nd traffic light be in middle or left lane, bear left at fork taking State Route 171, (Olde Towne Rd), pass Piggly Wiggly on right.
4. Continue passing Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site on left.

5. Road merges with another road on right, continue passing Taco Bell on left. You are on State Hwy 61.
 6. Continue for several miles, be in right lane.
 7. Turn right at Precision Tune following State Route 171, going through intersection with US Hwy 17.
 8. Continue on State Route 171 (Folly Rd) passing Earth Fare health food store on right.
 9. After crossing drawbridge and descending its ramp, go south (right) onto State Route 700 (Maybank Hwy).
 10. Look for municipal golf course and at first traffic light turn left (west) onto Riverland Drive. Turn off is signed. Go 1.5 mi and park entrance is on right.
- Address: 871 Riverland Drive.

Amenities: Water park with lifeguard on duty, Folly Beach 6 miles, boat dock, fishing at park lakes and crab dock – no license required, 4.2 miles of paved bicycle/walking/skating trails plus unpaved trails, jogging trail/track, large playground, kayaks, coin laundry with electric dryers (no clothes lines allowed), activity center, near senior center, dog park, campstore.

Fee for boats, canoes, paddleboats, water park, pier, climbing wall, and bouldering cave.

Special events: Southeastern Kayak and Canoe Symposium is held on a weekend in April. Park is seasonally decorated with Christmas light displays so traffic is heavy at night from mid November to New Years Day.

Pets: Pet friendly, on leash at all times.

Security: Ranger on duty at night, campground open 24-7, park entrance security gate with electronic keypad lock.

Supermarkets (grocery): Piggly Wiggly 4 miles.

Restaurants: Athens Restaurant & Grill, Athens Express & Café with pizza, salads, and subs (good food and clean), Mustard Seed are all about 3 miles.

OAK PLANTATION CAMPGROUND

This campground is suited for big RVs with self contained full bathrooms. Bathhouses at this campground have overwhelming deodorizer. Tents are not allowed. To escape the traffic noise from a US Hwy, ask for a site in the back of the campground. Driving distance from COEM is 21 miles and driving time is 31 minutes.

Phone 843 766-5936, **toll free** 866 658-2500, fax 843 766-7219, **website** <http://www.oakplantationcampground.com>, **email** info@oakplantationcampground.com
100+ RV sites, 30—50 amps.

Rates: \$34.10 with tax for 2 adults with 2 children under 16, extra person \$3.30 with tax. Good Sam discount \$30.69 with tax. Check in and check out is 12 noon.

Directions:

1. From COEM's Ashley Phosphate Road exit 209, take I-26 east towards Charleston.
1. Take I-526 towards Savannah.
2. When I-526 ends, follow signs to US Hwy 17 south.
3. Take US Hwy 17 south, drive over the railroad tracks on an overpass.
4. As you descend the ramp of this overpass, the campground is on the right between the end of this ramp

and the next traffic light.
Address: 3540 Savannah Hwy.

Amenities: Coin laundry with propane dryers (no clothes lines) [chemically sensitive patients should never use a propane or natural gas dryer], pay for wireless internet with credit card, shelter with picnic tables, playground, dog walk, horseshoes, sites with about 30% shade coverage, seasonal beach access at Beachwalker County Park (843 768-2395) 18 miles.

Security: No gate. Hopefully not a problem with a RV.

Restaurants: Gilligan's Seafood and Raw Bar (a local favorite) 1 mile.

EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK CAMPGROUNDS

These are the closest campgrounds to a beach. Driving time from COEM is about 1.5 hours with moderate traffic.

There are two campgrounds within this state park. One is Live Oak with an abundance of mosquitoes during mosquito season. The other, more preferable campground is on the beach and usually has enough sea breeze to blow away biting insects. Oceanside sites are possible, but few. Most sites at the beach campground are covered by sparse grass, shaded by trees, and are about a three minute walk to the water.

Reservations suggested 866 345-7275, **phone** 843 869-2156, **fax** 843 869-4428.

101 RV/Tent with electricity and water, 5 Tent, hot and cold (outside) showers.

Rates: 3/1 – 11/30, up to 6 persons, \$23 - \$25.

12/1 – 2/29, up to 6 persons, \$20 - \$23.

\$3 entrance fee.

For RVs: 40' limit, fixed dump station.

Directions:

1. From COEM's Ashley Phosphate Road exit 209, take I-26 east towards Charleston.
 2. Take I-526 towards Savannah.
 3. When I-526 ends, follow signs to US Hwy 17 south.
 4. Take US Hwy 17 south past Ravenel.
 5. Look for railroad track emerging from woods on left.
 6. At brown sign to park, turn left to cross railroad track and onto State Route 174.
 7. Follow signs to park. This is a scenic drive.
- Address: 8377 State Cabin Rd.
Amenities: beach, boating, canoeing, boat dock, fishing, biking trail, hiking trails, playground.

HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK CAMPGROUND

This popular Beaufort campground is mentioned here since it offers campsites on the beach. Driving time is about 2.5 hours. 843 838-2011.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE MAX/MIN FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Jan 59/44, Feb 60/44, Mar 65/50, Apr 73/58, May 81/66, Jun 86/73, Jul 88/75, Aug 88/75, Sep 83/70, Oct 75/61, Nov 66/50, Dec 59/44.
Based upon personal experience, expect daily temperatures to vary as much as 15 degrees warmer or cooler than average winter max/min, and 10 degrees cooler or warmer than summer max/min.

Some of the above information is based upon AAA's camp book.