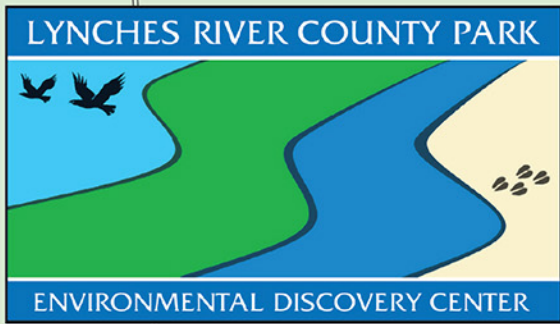




Legend

Recreational Amenities

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| Archery Range | Dog Park |
| Put-in / Take-out River Access | Environmental Discovery Center & Canopy Walk |
| Climbing Wall | Splash Pad |
| Disc Golf Restrooms | Equestrian Arena |
| Disc Golf Area | |

Camping, Lodging and Gathering

- | | |
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| Cabin | Equestrian Campground |
| Campground | Community Building |
| | Picnic Shelter |

Visitor Amenities

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| Parking | Restrooms |
| Bottle Filling Station | Bottle Filling Station (limited hours) |

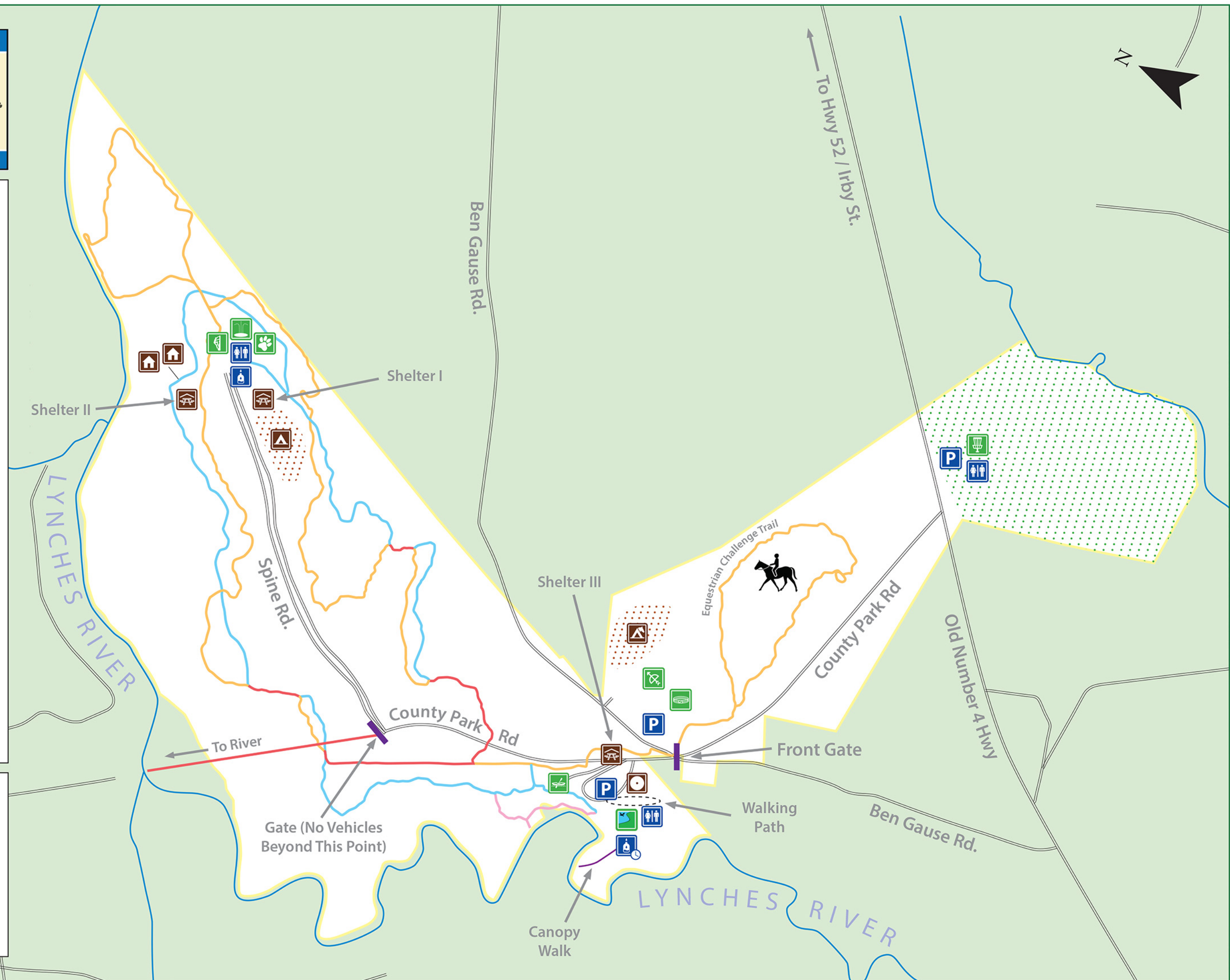
Trails

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| Shared | Interpretative |
| Equestrian | River Boardwalk |

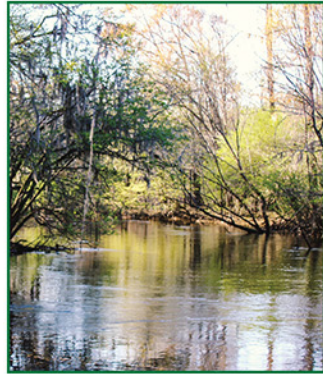
Other Markings

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| Highway | River |
| Property Line | Walking Path |
| Gate | Canopy Walk |

SHARE THE TRAIL



Welcome!



Operated by Florence County Parks and Recreation, the park offers activities for many interests and ages. The **Environmental Discovery Center** features interactive exhibits, educational programming and a canopy walk that carries visitors into the treetops. Guests can also enjoy the **18-hole Winding pines disc golf course, seasonal splash pad, climbing wall**, hiking, fishing, canoe/kayak rentals, picnic areas and equestrian trails and arena.

A **Family campground, Equestrian campground**

and **riverfront cabins** make longer stays possible, while rental facilities accommodate reunions, celebrations, meetings and other gatherings.

History of Lynch's River



The exact origin of the name Lynch's River remains uncertain, with theories ranging from connections to Thomas Lynch Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, to colonial-era events. Historical records, however, help narrow the timeframe in which the name came into use.

The Lake City area and much of the Pee Dee region were originally inhabited by the Pee Dee and Catawba

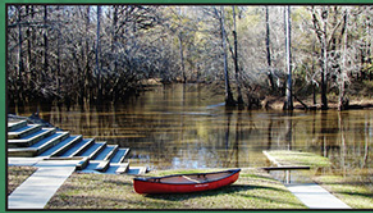
Native American tribes. In the 1500s, Spanish explorers arrived in search of gold. During one of the final Spanish expeditions, led by Juan Pardo, members of the expedition described the Catapa (Catawba) people and referred to the waterway located in the present-day Lynch's Lake area as the Catapa River.

In the early 1700s, English explorer and author John Lawson, in *A New Voyage to Carolina*, also identified the river by its association with the Catawba people. By the 1730s, as Huguenot and Ulster Scots settlers moved into the region, colonial land grants began consistently referring to the waterway as Lynch's Creek, Lynch's River, and Lynch's Lake. Plats from 1735–1736 document all three names, suggesting the transition from Catapa River to Lynch's River occurred sometime between approximately 1700 and 1735.

The Lynch's River area later played a role in several significant events. During the Civil War, the river served as a refuge for enslaved people. It was also the site of South Carolina's last fatal duel, between wealthy planter E.C.B. Cash of Cash's Depot and Camden lawyer Colonel William M. Shannon. Their 27-month feud ended with Shannon's death and contributed to growing public opposition to dueling. In 1880, the South Carolina General Assembly outlawed the practice and made it a criminal offense.

In 1994, Governor Carroll Campbell signed legislation designating the section of Lynch's River from US 15 in Lee County to the eastern boundary of Lynch's River County Park as a State Scenic River. In 2008, Governor Mark Sanford signed legislation extending the designation to the river's confluence with the Great Pee Dee River. The Scenic River now encompasses approximately 111 miles across Darlington, Florence, Lee, and Sumter counties. The Scenic River program promotes conservation of SC's river heritage and protects the "unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, or cultural values" of selected rivers or river segments in the state.

History of the Park

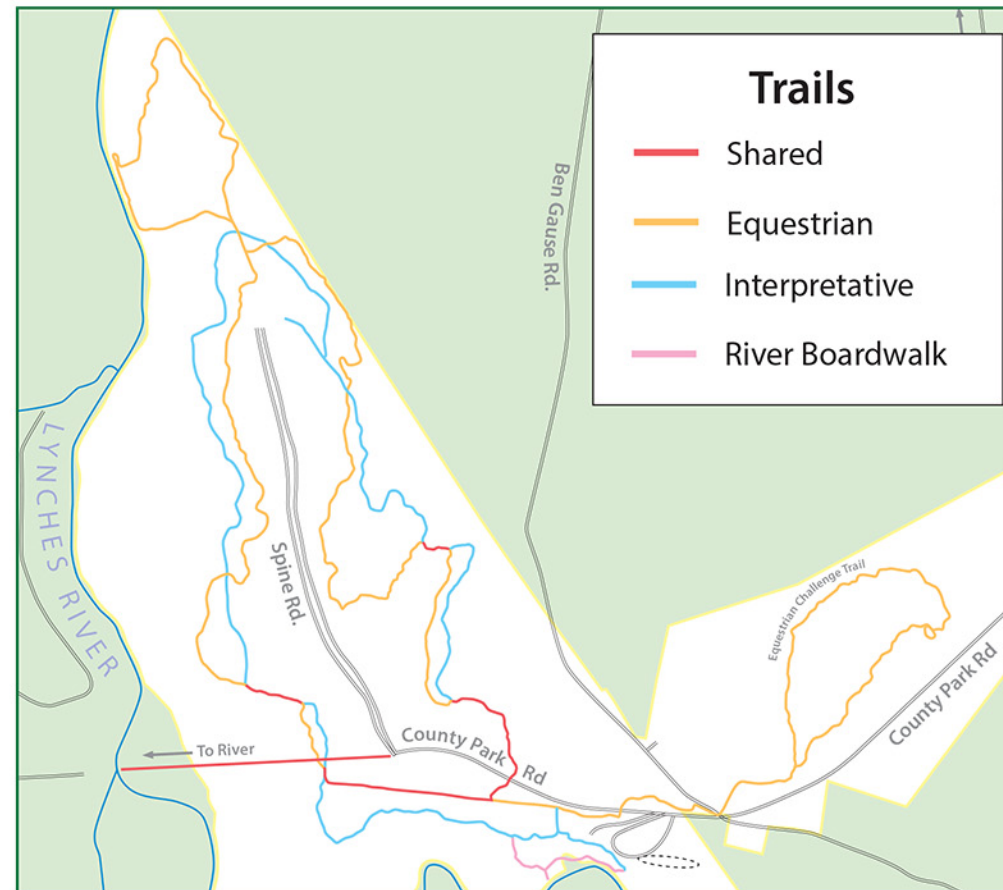


A 676-acre parcel was acquired by the State of South Carolina in April 1972 from Charles Ingram and W.E. Bynum for \$110,400. In the late 1980s, talks began between Florence County Council and Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) regarding Florence County obtaining the park. In December 1999, a 50-year lease agreement was established. Then, in February 2003, the PRT officially deeded the property to Florence County.

Trails

There are three main trails within the park.

- **Interpretive Trail:** 2.9 miles
- **River Boardwalk:** .27 miles
- **Equestrian Trail:** 6 miles



Contact Info

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Park Hours

9am to Sunset (year-round)*

* Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

Environmental Discovery Center and Canopy Walk Hours

Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 5pm
Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Climbing Wall & Splash Pad

Please visit our website or call 843-389-2785
for the most up-to-date information.

Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations are provided to ensure that your visit is pleasant and enjoyable. These policies are maintained in consideration of our guests and to protect the resources within Lynch's River County Park. Please be sure that all members of your party are aware of these conditions prior to arrival. While this abridged listing does not include all regulations pertaining to activities in Lynch's River County Park, it does address some of the more common questions and concerns.

Unlawful acts in county parks include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Destroying, defacing, disturbing or removing any part of any building, sign, structure or equipment.
- Destroying, cutting, breaking, removing, defacing, mutilating, injuring, taking or gathering any tree, shrub, other plant or plant part, rock, mineral, or geological feature except by permit issued by the Department.
- Dumping any refuse or waste, including gray water, from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use.
- Possession of firearms is prohibited except by certified park rangers and other authorized personnel. Concealed weapons (even with a permit) are prohibited.
- Operating vehicles in a reckless manner, or in excess of posted speed limits, or in areas other those specifically intended for vehicular traffic.
- The use of ATVs is prohibited. Please see our golf cart rules below.
- Consuming or displaying in public any beverage of alcoholic content, including beer and wine, except where specifically authorized by Florence County Parks and Recreation Department.
- Acting in a disorderly manner or creating any noise which would result in annoyance to others.
- Engaging in or soliciting business within a park or facility except where authorized by Florence County Parks and Recreation Department; no person shall distribute, post, place or erect any bills, notices, paper or advertising device or matter of any kind without consent of Florence County Parks and Recreation Department.
- Dogs, and other pets, must be kept on a leash (no longer than six feet in length) at all times, and may not be left tied up or unattended. Further, pets of any kind are not permitted in or around the cabin areas.
- Entering a facility or area without regard to restrictions on public use.

Golf Cart Rules

- Golf carts are required to meet all of the SCDMV requirements for cart usage on public roads, which includes registration, liability insurance, and licensed operators 16 years of age or older.
- Golf carts are permitted on established roadways and parking lots only — do not drive on grass areas, trails or sidewalks.
- Operating a golf cart or any motorized vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is unacceptable and expressly forbidden. Any persons caught operating a motorized vehicle while impaired may be asked to leave the park immediately at the sole discretion of Park staff.
- Anyone found abusing these Rules & Policies will forfeit their ability to operate a golf cart within Lynch's River County Park.