

Black River State Park Unit Two

South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Black River State Park Unit Two is a half mile downstream from Black River State Park Unit One and will become the central hub of the new Black River State Park system as the largest parcel with the most river frontage. This location will provide diverse recreational offerings and programming.

Visitor Center and Trailhead

The heart of the parcel will include a visitor center, restroom facilities, picnic area, playground, and shuttle stop. The visitor center will serve as the central park office, and will be adjacent to a primary trailhead for the park's wide-reaching network of trails. The trails will traverse bottomland wetlands as well as upland pine forests.

Visitor Amenities

The western area of the site includes a fishing pier, restroom facilities, parking, and multiple picnic shelter locations along a loop drive. This loop and trails encircle an upland pine grove that is bisected by a creek. The creek is surrounded by wetlands that can be traversed by boardwalks. This loop provides multiple gathering spaces and picnic locations in a less densely planned environment. A 2.5-mile river trail connects back to the central hub.

Paddle Launches

A half day paddle trip can be achieved along the Black River entirely within the limits of this parcel's river frontage, which makes it highly accessible. Two launch locations are proposed to accommodate paddlers of all skill levels. The paddle launch located near mile marker 11.5 will have formal launch facilities, ample parking, and a picnic area. The second launch will be located at mile marker 13, which will include direct access to trails and a campground. Along the two-mile stretch between launches, paddlers will encounter sandy beaches, high bluffs, cypress and tupelo alleys, and other unique flora and fauna. The majestic Pig Oak stands along the riverbank and is easily viewable from the natural levee along the southern bank.

Camping

Along with multiple river paddle access points, Black River State Park Unit Two offers multiple opportunities for camping. Approximately 10 miles from Kingstree is the first paddle-in camping opportunity. The camp sites are primitive and geared towards multi-day paddlers. There is no public vehicular access to the primitive sites, although they will be connected to the central hub of the park through a series of maintenance roads and hiking trails. Camping platforms will provide elevated, dry surfaces for campers to pitch their tents or lay their sleeping bags.

Front-country camp sites will also be offered at this park, which will include shower and bathroom facilities as well as electrical, water, and sewer service. Shelters, gathering spaces, fishing spots, and picnic areas will also be constructed between the central hub and second access point to provide on-site activities for campers and day visitors.



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SCALE



(1 IN. = 100 FEET)
 1 inch = 100 feet



Paddle-in Camping



Cabin



Restroom Facilities