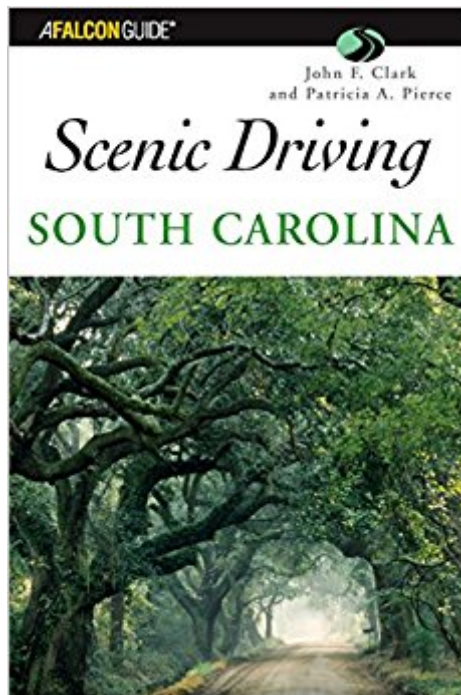




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# Scenic Driving South Carolina (Scenic Routes & Byways)



## Synopsis

South Carolina packs delightful scenic variety into a relatively small area. Understandably, the state's tourism industry is huge, hosting over 30 million visitors annually. However, most tourists come for the superb beaches, golf, tennis, entertainment, restaurants, shopping, and fine weather of the coastal areas. These destinations offer tremendous attractions, but the rest of the state of South Carolina offers the same seductive weather and much more. The Palmetto State presents charming small towns, quaint bed-and-breakfast accommodations, numerous historic sites (the state's recorded history dates to 1526), beautiful rural countryside, a variety of recreational opportunities, and outstanding natural attractions. Authors John F. Clark and Patricia A. Pierce are marvelous companions on each of this guide's 21 drives, showing travelers both where to go, and when to stop.

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## Customer Reviews

Pack up the car and enjoy twenty-one separate drives through the mountains, rolling hills, and coastal plains of South Carolina. This indispensable mile-by-mile highway companion maps out day trips that explore the Palmetto State. Discover South Carolina's long and vibrant history, myriad outdoor recreational activities, and breathtaking scenery along highways and back roads, from the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway to Santee National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Moultrie. Along the way stop and explore antebellum mansions, enchanting harbor

towns, charming beaches, and Historic Charleston, South Carolina's splendid crown jewel. Inside you'll find: Individual itineraries from 20 miles to 115 miles in length; in-depth descriptions of attractions along the way; detailed maps for each drive; optional side trips to museums, parks, and landmarks.

John F. Clark lives in Columbia, South Carolina. His professional background includes public policy, public administration, public relations, college teaching, and writing. Co-author of *Hiking South Carolina* (Falcon, 1998), he is active in environmental affairs and race relations. He has studied at the University of Paris, France, and the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and holds degrees from Davidson College and Syracuse University. Patricia A. Pierce is currently teaching English in Japan. She previously served as research director for the South Carolina Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and is an avid tennis player and runner. She has taught writing at the University of South Carolina, Midlands Technical College, and Tallahassee Community College. She holds degrees from Erskine College, Winthrop University, and the University of South Carolina.

Very well written and described journeys that I just can't wait to take in my home state!

Friends who have a house in South Carolina were looking for a book on places to travel to and they were quite excited to get this book.

This is a delightful guide to South Carolina's beautiful scenic back roads and natural resources attractions. Like Clark's earlier book, *"Hiking South Carolina,"* a hallmark of this current work is its excellent, detailed maps, along with interesting illustrative photos, precise directions, and fascinating historic and cultural background information. Featured prominently throughout the book are state parks, national wildlife refuges, national monuments, state Heritage Preserves, national and state forests, and state wildlife management areas. The appendix includes listings of nature-based services and tours, as well as bed and breakfast accommodations, eclectic restaurants, and places to shop for antiques, crafts and other unique goods. If you want a guide to the state's coastal resorts and entertainment centers, or to its cities and suburbs, this book is not for you. But if you want to experience South Carolina's mountains, hills, lakes, streams, and wetlands, its history, and its unique rural and small town ambiance, then get a copy of *"Scenic Driving South Carolina"* and go for a ride. The love of Clark and Pierce for their home state shines through in their exceptionally well-written work. When you read and use their publication, you will find that their affection is

contagious.

A valuable guide for driving South Carolina, "Scenic Driving South Carolina" gives my Texas-based family with deep South Carolina roots information we need to explore the homelands of our parents and grandparents. For several years, family members have planned to discover the South Carolina so embodied in our lives and in the spirit of our family. Our first journey embarks through information gleaned from the pages of "Scenic Driving South Carolina." We value especially the 21 detailed maps packed with essential features, one for each of the scenic drives. The background information included in the "Introduction," the "Attractions," the "Neat Places to Stay," the "Restaurant and Shops," the "Tours and Nature-based Services" sections of the book also demonstrates the vitality of the state. More than 40 appealing photographs add merit to "Scenic Driving South Carolina." Our journeys continue: We native Texans will explore for several years the present day 21 "scenic drives" of our grandparents' and mothers' indigenous to South Carolina. This book is invaluable.

I've recently returned to South Carolina after living the last 20 years in various parts of the country. I was not familiar with the upcountry of South Carolina and this book has been a great help to me - not only in seeing some beautiful areas of the state, but helping me decide where I want to settle down and buy my next home.

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