The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources’ Heritage Trust Program was created in 1976, the first such program in the nation, to help stem the tide of habitat loss by protecting critical natural habitats and significant cultural sites. Enabling legislation directed the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, in concert with other state agencies, to set aside a portion of the state’s rich natural and cultural heritage in a system of heritage preserves to be protected for the benefit of present and future generations.
Heritage Trust Preserves

88 Properties
Total Acreage: 98,203
Protecting South Carolina's Natural & Cultural Heritage Since 1974

For nearly 45 years, SC DNR Heritage Trust Program has protected and preserved natural and cultural resources across South Carolina. Whether you are a South Carolinian living or visiting our beautiful state, take the opportunity to explore our diverse forests, learn about our natural wonders, and discover how you can get involved.

http://heritagetrust.dnr.sc.gov/index.html
Cultural Heritage Preserves

Region 1
1 - Pacolet River - Spartanburg County - 278 acres
2 - Poinsett Bridge - Greenville County - 120 acres

Region 2
3 - Fish Dam Ford - Chester County - 138 acres

Region 3
4 - Bear Branch - Aiken County - 173 acres
5 - Congaree Creek - Lexington County - 641 acres
6 - Gopher Branch - Aiken County - 11 acres
7 - Nipper Creek - Richland County - 90 acres

Region 4
8 - Altamaha Towne - Beaufort County - 100 acres
9 - Buzzard Island - Charleston County - 1 acre
10 - Childsbury Towne - Berkeley County - 90 acres
11 - Daws Island - Beaufort County - 1,381 acres
12 - Fort Frederick - Beaufort County - 3 acres
13 - Fort Lamar - Charleston County - 14 acres
14 - Green’s Shell Enclosure - Beaufort County - 3 acres
15 - Lighthouse Inlet - Charleston County - 100 acres
16 - South Bluff - Beaufort County - 24 acres
17 - Stoney Creek Battery - Beaufort County - 1 acre

*Preserves are closed to the public, and are only accessible by scheduling a tour.
Poinsett Bridge Heritage Preserve
Greenville County
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POCKOY ISLAND

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Variability in Shell Ring Composition at Pockoy Island, Charleston County, SC

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Pockoy Island (Image by A.J. Koelker, May 2018)
Non-shell artifacts from Pockoy