

# GEORGETOWN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION

JANUARY 2026



## RECREATION

Creates, develops, and maintains youth and adult sports leagues; operates regional recreation centers; and offers a diverse catalog of classes and programs. While Recreation does not directly administrate youth baseball, the Department does liaise with the four regional Dixie Youth Booster Clubs - Andrews, Georgetown, Pleasant Hill and Waccamaw - to assist in the creation of each year's youth baseball schedule.

### **LETS TAKE A LOOK AT 2025**

#### **TAKE A KID FISHING**

The fish were being reeled in at 8 Oaks Park at the "Take a Kid Fishing" Event on Saturday May 11.

- Over 200 kids participated in the event, many their first time fishing.
- Rods and bait were made available

#### **Beach Wheelchair donation!**

- Spartan Wheel Chariots donated two wheelchair accessible chairs
- Use on our Mobi mats at beach access 22 and 35

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#### **GYM/Cardio/weightroom fees:**

Ages 18 - 59 \$2 per day or \$15 for the month

60 - older \$1 per day or \$10 per month

Veterans, Georgetown County Employees and Georgetown County School District Employees attend for free. (Must provide veteran's or work ID)

SENIORS CAN GET A MEMBERSHIP TO THE WEIGHT AND CARDIO ROOMS FOR \$10 A MONTH or \$1 a day. Many of their classes/programs

are free. (Those who are members of the Senior Center programs can use the facilities free.

Membership with the senior center does not cost anything. You just need to be over the age of 60 to join.)

## **LOOK BACK AT 2025 CONTINUED**

### **KIDS TRACK TRAILS**

- Grand opening of three new TRACK Trails in Georgetown County. Nov. 13, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, along with the Kids in Parks program.
- This new TRACK Trail offers visitors a series of self-guided activity brochures that turn an ordinary hike into a fun-filled, discover-packed adventure.
- Georgetown County is excited to have three TRACK Trails located on county-maintained public property. In addition to Rocky Point, TRACK Trails are located at 8 Oaks Park in Georgetown and Stables Park in Pawleys Island.
- Kids who participate in the program can register their TRACK Trail adventures at [KidsinParks.com](http://KidsinParks.com) to earn a series of prizes designed to make their next outdoor adventure even more fun and meaningful.

### **Youth Sports**

- NFL Flag Football & Cheer August
- Sports Camp:
  1. Basketball July 7-10
  2. Tackle football July 14-17
  3. Flag football July 21-31
- 🎾 FREE Youth Summer Tennis Camps!
  4. 📍 Andrews Rec Center | June 9-12
  5. 📍 East Bay Park | June 16-19
  6. 📍 Choppee Rec Center | June 23-26
  7. 📍 North Santee | July 21-24
  8. 🕒 Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

✅ For youth ages 8 and up – all skill levels welcome

- Summer Youth Volley Ball ages 5-15
- Track and Field April and May ages 5-15
- Youth Softball and baseball

### **RIDE THE ROCK 2026**

- MTB Endurance race/ride Rocky Point Community forest Saturday February 21, 2026
- VENUE: The Ride The Rock Endurance race/ride will be at the Northwest Community REC Center located at the Northern trail head of the Rocky Point Community Forest Trail system in

- Georgetown County. The Rocky Point Community Forest is comprised of forest lands owned by Georgetown County and the Winyah Rivers Alliance.
- **CONCEPT:** Teams of 1 to 4 riders will compete to ride as many laps/miles that they can in a 6 hour time period. One team rider will ride one at a time to complete a course lap (5-6 miles). Teams may change riders at the start/finish line. Each team rider must complete at least one course lap. The team with the most laps at the ending time will be the winner. This will be a friendly competition. Come compete and others, the clock or set your own goals.
- **COURSE:** The race course will be dirt/grass/gravel trails and roads travelling through the Rocky Point Community Forest. The course loop will be between 5 to 6 miles. The course route will be finalized the week before the event depending on weather and trail conditions.

### **COMING SOON**

- It was announced we will be getting outdoor courts at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center.
- NEW EVENT FOR 2026 Ride the Rock coming February 21, 2026 Check it out on our face book page
- FIT GOAT / IRON GOAT Challenge will start on January 1, 2026 and go through October 31, 2026.
- GOAT Herd Hike & Seek January 24, 2026
- Rec Basket Ball has started
- Track is coming in the spring



# PARK MAINTENANCE

Maintains and manages all fields, beach accesses, boat landings, and more.

## LOOKING BACK AT 2025

Looking back on 2025 we started the year off with:

- Community Litter Sweep March 1, 2025, at Morse Park Landing in Murrells Inlet.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Litter Sweep out at Rocky Point Community Park hosted by Winyah Rivers Alliance and Georgetown County.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> we cohosted VIBE Time
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Take a kid Camping at Stables park
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Take a kid Camping out at 8 Oaks.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> A nice new Parking area for the Waccamaw Bike Path had their Ribbon Cutting.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> the 33rd annual Spring Tide Clean up
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Take a kid fishing day
- August 12 another litter sweep was hosted with NIWB-NERR on the South end of Pawleys Island.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> National Kids Track Day
- August 31<sup>st</sup> we cohosted the VIBE Time Lazer show in Litchfield at the Retreat Park.
- September we attended the NRPA Conference.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> we hosted the River Sweep Clean up with Black River State Park.



After Georgetown County Parks & Recreation's first full tourist season with new trash collection equipment, the difference is clear:

✨ 60,000 plastic bags kept out of the landfill

💰 \$14,000 saved on liners each year

🗑️ Trash runs cut from 5-6 days → 2 days a week

♥️ Bin thefts down 95% (80 → 4 per year!)

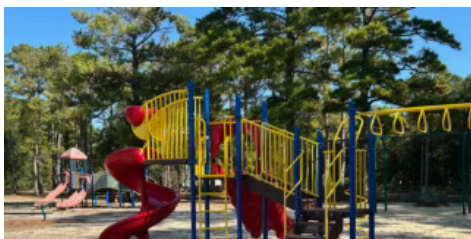
🌊 Cleaner beaches & walkways for everyone

Funded by tourism ➡ benefiting residents and visitors alike.



### **A SUPERVISOR HAS STEPPED ASIDE**

After 5 decades of service, Ricky Rowe stepped aside to do project work. Robert Dennis has stepped up to run Park Maintenance. This year under his supervision they have completed beach access repairs, replaced play ground equipment in 3 of our community parks and are waiting on the the arrival of more equipment for the park located on Sandy Island. Those parks are: South Island Park, Mary Bonds Park and Little Italy Park. Robert is over seeing the addition to Stables Tennis Center as well. The staff has worked diligently on county-wide pruning, reclaiming infields at the community parks, and fence repairs.



**SOUTH ISLAND PARK**



**SAMPIT PARK**



**LITTLE ITALY**



**LUTHER ALSTON PARK**

# BUREAU OF AGING SERVICES

*Provides a variety of services to Georgetown County's senior citizens, including meal delivery, congregant dining, as well as assistance with transportation to medical appointments.*

## **WACCAMAW SPORTS CLASSIC**

That's right its that time of year again. The Waccamaw Sports Classic is on the schedule for the third week of April. Once again we will be hosting at the Maybank Multipurpose field. We look forward to our classic growing with more and more community groups and members. Contact Angie Weaver at 843-833-1852 If you are interested in participating. Seniors from three counties will meet here to participate in several track and field events. Basketball, Football throw, Softball throw, walking and running events will be held. There are various events,

such as pickleball tournaments located in various areas that will be held on different dates. The main event and medals will be given on that third week of April. More will be posted as the day gets closer. It cost \$7.00 for a 2026 t-shirt, there is no fee for participating. We hope to hear from you to get you registered.

For additional information about Bureau of Aging Services contact: Vanessa Funnie at [ymbrown@gtcounty.org](mailto:ymbrown@gtcounty.org) 843-545-3196 or Denise Jiles at [djiles@gtcounty.org](mailto:djiles@gtcounty.org) 843-545-3196

## **WACCAMAW REGIONAL TENNIS CENTER AT STABLES PARK**

Daily

- \$5 / 90 minutes of hard court time (per person)
- \$10/ 90 minutes of clay court time (per person)
- Children 18 and under play for free.
- Court reservations can be made 1 day in advance or on the same day that you wish to play. Call the pro shop at 8:30 am Monday-Saturdays, and at 1pm on Sundays to reserve your court time. We are closed from 1-2:30 pm Monday through Friday, open all day Saturday and half day on Sundays. We close at 5:30 pm Friday-Sunday.
- Court reservation messages left on the answering machine will NOT be honored.
- Team Captains can reserve 2 hard courts two weeks in advance.

Annual Subscriptions: \$300 (unlimited usage)

\*court reservations can be made 3 days in advance with an annual subscription.

\*annual subscriptions include the \$50 Stables Team Fees for USTA League play.

\*annual subscribers can use a small hopper of balls at no additional cost.

\*annual subscribers CANNOT reserve court time for other family members or friends.

\*annual subscribers are eligible for Annual Ball Machine Memberships.

\*non-subscribers pay an additional \$5 for Adult Instruction and Ball Machine rental.

Stables USTA Team Fees \$50 per person per team. Match Day Fees are INCLUDED. Non-Subscribers will still need to pay the \$5 court fee for practices or open play.

### **EXCITING PROGRESS**

It is exciting to watch a project come together.

We are making great headway on the new courts at the tennis center. We have re-stained the porches and cant wait to see the completed project. Come see how nicely it is coming together.

**The 2025 FIT GOAT / IRON GOAT Challenge** is completed for the year. 100 Participants logged over 46,000 miles hiking, biking, and paddling during the challenge. 33 participants achieved IRON GOAT Status (500+ miles) and 54 Participants achieved FIT GOAT Status (100+ miles).

Thanks to everyone who participated and we will post additional results from the 2025 Challenge. Next years 2026 FIT GOAT / IRON GOAT Challenge will start on January 1, 2026 and go through October 31, 2026. More information on the 2026 challenge will be posted soon.

**GOAT HERD HIKE AND SEEK CHALLENGE**

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026

Starting at noon 8-Oak's Park Trail System  
 The Hike and Seek Challenge will return to the 8-Oak's Park Trail System on Saturday January 24, 2026. This challenge is a friendly, competitive, but mostly fun event to get people and families outside. Teams of 2 to 5 hikers (Family Division can have more) will hike and search for as many waypoints as they can find along th trails and return to the start/finish line in the 90 minute time frame. Teams must stay together and navigate along the trails at 8-Oaks Park. Team categories will be: Open Division, Family Division (Parents/Kids), Senior Division (All Team Members 60 +)

This event is free but teams need to Pre-Register before the event. If you are interested email: [goatherd@gtcounty.org](mailto:goatherd@gtcounty.org) and we will send you the sign-up forms and information.



**GTCP GOAT HERD HIKE & SEEK TEAM CHALLENGE**  
 JANUARY 24, 2026  
 NOON

**GTCP GOAT HERD FIT GOAT / IRON GOAT CHALLENGE**  
 JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026



**DIVISIONS**  
 OPEN DIVISION  
 FAMILY DIVISION  
 SENIOR DIVISION (60+)



**HIKE & SEEK CHALLENGE**  
 TEAMS OF 2 TO 5 HIKERS WILL HIKE AND SEARCH FOR AS MANY WAYPOINTS AS THEY CAN FIND ALONG THE 8 OAKS TRAIL SYSTEM IN A 90 MINUTE TIME PERIOD

THE FIT GOAT / IRON GOAT CHALLENGE IS A SELF PACED CHALLENGE WHERE PARTICIPANTS HIKE/WALK/RUN, BIKE AND PADDLE OUTSIDE TO MEET THEIR MILEAGE GOALS.

- ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS**
- . FIT GOAT: 200-349 MILES
  - . FIT GOAT PRO 350-499 MILES
  - . IRON GOAT: 500-999 MILES
  - . IRON GOAT PRO 1,000-1499 MILES
  - . IRON GOAT ELITE 1,500+ MILES

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 E-MAIL [goatherd@gtcounty.org](mailto:goatherd@gtcounty.org)  
 or  
 to register click on the below



**FREE EVENT**  
 TEAMS MUST REGISTER BY EMAILING [goatherd@gtcounty.org](mailto:goatherd@gtcounty.org)  
 8 OAKS PARK  
 6610 HIGHMARKET ST  
 GEORGETOWN, SC 29440

**CASINO**

Georgetown County Bureau Of Aging

**MARCH 7 Bus Trip 2026**

Caesars Virginia || DANVILLE VA

EARLY BIRD: \$100 PER PERSON: \$50 DEC 8 | JAN 8 \$50  
 \$125 AFTER JAN 8 \$150 AFTER FEB 1  
 TO RESERVE A SEAT: CASH APP \$KDTAB1

DEPOSITS ARE NON REFUNDABLE | NON TRANSFERABLE

7AM PICK UP/DROP OFF: WALMART 1310 N. Frazier St.  
 5:45AM PICK UP: N CHAS | ROSS RIVERS AVE  
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# JOIN THE HERD

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is proud to announce our GOAT program. GOAT, an acronym for Georgetown Outdoor Adventure Trails, is a program to help get people outdoors, moving and exploring. We encourage you to "join the herd" and walk, bike or run on our group of trails. View maps and location information for current trails on our GOAT webpage.

## **OUR YEAR IN A BLINK OF AN EYE**

- January kicked off the FIT GOAT/IRON GOAT challenge. It ran from January 10-Nov 10.
- January we had over 9 Hikes that were completed 4 canceled due to weather.
- Winyah Water Shed Paddle on Sampit River
- February brought us 13 more completed hikes and only one was canceled due to weather.
- The Winyah water shed paddle was a success.
- March we hiked 18 completed hikes with only two weather cancelations.
- The Spring FIT GOAT Team Challenge kicked off March 17-April 27.
- Shamrock Hike out at Rocky Point followed by the Shamrock GOAT float.
- April brought us some warmer weather bring our hiking totals in at 15 completed with no Cancelations.
- April 12 was the CCU Outdoor Club Camp out.
- April 30 was our Winyah Water Shed paddle.
- May brought us 15 completed hikes with only 1 hike being canceled.
- May 2 we hosted Anthuan Maybank to hike the Historic district with our GOLDEN GOATS.
- There were 5 GOAT FLOAT paddle meet ups completed, one was an evening FLOAT in Georgetown Harbor.
- June we completed 13 hikes with no weather related cancelations.
- 3 paddles were scheduled but and canceled due to weather.
- July only 4 hikes were completed.
- SC-7 came to town to join us in one of our Historic District hikes and a Black River paddle.
- August brought a few hikes totaling 10 completed and only one had to be canceled due to weather.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Boy Scouts Black River Paddle.
- September we hiked 11 successful hikes with no cancelations.
- Golden GOATS hiked and biked at Black River Cypress Preserve on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Black River Cypress Preserve Paddle/hike staff tour on the 12<sup>th</sup> and had NI-WB NERR paddle in the North Inlet.
- October we hiked 7 times canceling twice for weather.
- WRA/Andrews YMCA paddle at Pine tree landing on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- We received an award in Columbia for our GOAT program.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> we had a bike ride at Hobcaw.
- Pumpkin hunt from October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 2 at Stables park/Rocky Point kids Track Trail and 8 Oaks.
- Interviewed by WMBF about our Golden GOAT program,
- Governors meeting at Pumphouse landing and finished the month off with the North Inlet WB NERR paddle in Sampit River.
- November we had 11 hikes.
- Patriot Run at Rocky Point followed by the Patriot Pedal at Rocky Point.
- NI-WB NERR bike ride at Hobcaw.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> we hosted the Rocky Point Turkey Trek and Paddled the Waccamaw River with NI-WB NERR.
- December we had 11 successful hikes. We hosted 5 Holiday Hikes located at 8 Oaks, Stables Park, Rocky Point Historic District and the Marsh Walk.
- Paddle with NI-WB NERR in Peters Creek.

