



2008 National Scenic Byways Nomination

Edisto Island National Scenic Byway

State	South Carolina
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Division Submission Date	not submitted

This nomination must be completed online at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/nominations/>, and submitted electronically and in printed form.

Desired Designation	National Scenic Byway
Submitting Agency	State scenic byways agency

SECTION 1: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Location

Provide a brief description of the location of the byway within the State. Use cardinal directions (e.g., north) and reference major cities, regions, and/or landmarks.

Edisto Island National Scenic Byway is located on Edisto Island, one of the barrier islands of the South Carolina Lowcountry. The Byway is approximately 40 miles south of Charleston, SC; 55 miles north of Beaufort, SC; and 90 miles north of Savannah, GA. Edisto Island is part of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, a coastal region rich in African American history and arts, and the SC Heritage Corridor. Edisto also is part of the ACE Basin, one of the largest pristine habitats remaining on the Eastern Seaboard.

Existing Designations

List the designating agency(s) and date(s) of designation for the route being nominated:

South Carolina Department of Transportation designated the road "SC 174 Scenic Highway" in 1988. Locally, it is also known as the Edisto Highway.

Intrinsic Qualities

For National Scenic Byway designation, select one (1) [Intrinsic Quality](#) that is most evident along the road and that you will demonstrate is regionally significant as you prepare the rest of your online nomination.

- Archaeological
- Cultural
- Historic
- Natural
- Recreational
- Scenic

Primary Photo

Provide a single image that you feel best represents the experience along your byway. A photograph can provide both an instant first impression and a lasting mental image of your byway. Please select this image carefully as it will introduce the reviewers to your byway.



Rambling the Byway on Edisto Island

[Rambling the Byway under the Lush Oak Canopy.jpg](#) (4.2 MB)

One of the hallmarks of the byway experience on Edisto Island is traveling under the moss-draped live oak canopy. For travelers, it's like visiting the South Carolina Lowcountry of half a century ago.

Vanessa Kauffman

SECTION 2: STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

This section will introduce the reviewers to your byway. Provide a description of your byway from the “big picture” point of view and within the context of your description, include information on the elements listed in the [Nomination Guide](#).

Enter your Statement of Qualification here: (Limit 4000 characters, about 667 words.)

Theme

A peaceful barrier island off the South Carolina coast, Edisto Island seems to have stopped the clock 50 years ago. A trip down the island's main road offers a rare travel experience. The canopied, 17-mile byway traverses salt marsh, creeks, maritime forests, farm fields and historic churches from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean. Stop at a roadside stand and buy a handmade sweetgrass basket, fill it with fresh local produce at a roadside market and fresh seafood dockside. Go for a picnic on the beach, keeping an eye out for dolphin and horseshoe crabs. Go shelling. But most of all, take your time and breathe deep: this “Edis-slow ramble” is a visual delight, with much to soothe the spirit and awaken the senses.

Traveler Experience

The McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge offers a bird's eye view of the Dawhoo River winding through the salt marsh, creating a vast green and blue labyrinth. This is the first of many such marsh vistas, with more than 40 creeks meandering through Edisto. Stop at Dawhoo landing to fish, kayak or picnic. Continue down the byway past farms and preserved lands, crossing Russell Creek overlooking historic Windsor Plantation. Stop at Kings open-air market, featuring fresh produce picked from adjacent fields and Edisto Island Museum. Visit the historic Presbyterian Church, and nearby shop at a roadstand stand for a Gullah sweetgrass basket. Tunneling through one of many live oak canopies, you pass Old First Baptist Church, then Trinity Episcopal with its azalea-filled cemetery, next Bailey's Store (the island's original post office). Pull over on the Land Trust's conserved property to enjoy the marsh views overlooking Botany Bay Road and the AME Church. At this point you likely will have spotted quite a few varieties of wading birds, songbirds, and perhaps a bald eagle. To find out more about the wildlife and the habitat you have seen, turn into the nearby Edisto Interpretive Center, one of four welcome centers. Enjoy this natural history museum and explore nature and biking trails – see the ancient shell mounds left by native Americans. Along the byway, you will share the road with bicyclists using 10 miles of bike paths. For an unbeatable picnic or camping site right on the ocean, turn into the Edisto Beach State Park. When you hear the pounding surf and see the white sand dunes you are at the Atlantic and the end of the Byway. Take a walk down the four-mile-long beach, and stay for a sunset. Welcome to the magical world of Edisto Island.

Regional Significance

Most SC sea islands and much of the coastal lands in the southeast US have experienced significant development and commercialization, making one resort area look much like another. But Edisto Island is different – it has escaped the ravages of “progress.” There are no stop lights, no malls, no high-rise resort hotels, no waterslides, no fast food restaurants. Instead there is scenery that takes you back in time: thousands of acres of farm lands that have been cultivated since the 1600s, live oaks canopies over the byway that are 200+ years old. A total of 16,500 acres of wildlife habitat and rural lands have been permanently preserved – these natural scenic views from the byway will never change. Fishing, shrimping, crabbing, oystering, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, swimming, hiking, biking, horseback riding, fossil

and relic hunting – there is much to do in this paradise where it is still possible to live off the land and the sea. And scenic historic sites abound along the byway and on the island. The byway lies within the SC Heritage Corridor and the intrastate Gullah-Geechee Corridor. A trip down the byway on Edisto Island provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of 21st century life, a “transportation” back through the decades to a peaceful setting where life is simple, food fresh, and living close to nature is the norm.

SECTION 3: ROUTE INFORMATION

Route Description

Enter the total byway length from end to end (including road gaps that aren't included in the nomination but must be traveled).

17 miles

Please provide a complete, sequential route description that documents all road segments including any gaps and/or intrusions. Include all of the road segments which, when linked together, match the legal description used by your State/Indian tribe/Federal land management agency to officially designate the road. Please work with your State/Indian tribe/Federal land management agency Scenic Byway Coordinator to develop this section so that you accurately reflect State/Indian tribe/Federal land management agency records for the designated route. To assist review of your nomination, please provide the addresses/intersections and the GPS coordinates for the beginning and end points of the byway, as well as for other key points/features along the byway.

The route for the proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway consists of a 17-mile-long segment of what is currently known as SC 174 Scenic Highway. The proposed Byway starts at the crest of McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge. The bridge is on SC 174 just past White Point Road and spans the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. SC 174 winds down the spine of Edisto Island and ends at the Atlantic Ocean/Edisto Beach, near the Main Entrance to Edisto State Beach State Park and the intersection of SC 174 and Palmetto Blvd.

Coordinates for the start and end of the Byway, and key features along the way, are:

McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge (START OF BYWAY) WEST 80°20'30.607" NORTH 32°38'13.641"

King's Farm Market WEST 80°20'6.143" NORTH 32°34'51.061"

Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island WEST 80°18'29.283" NORTH 32°34'46.334"

Bailey's Store/"With These Hands" Gallery WEST 80°16'47.219" NORTH 32°33'36.825"

Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center WEST 80°18'1.168" NORTH 32°33'16.386"

Atlantic Ocean/Edisto Beach (END OF BYWAY) WEST 80°17'46.825" NORTH 32°30'11.421"

Federal Lands

When appropriate, check the boxes for agencies whose lands occur along the byway.

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

Route Map

Please provide the following information on a single map which will be used as a central reference point with the other materials you include in your nomination application. The scale and size of the map will be relative to the location and length of your nominated byway. In some cases, this may require two or more pages. To facilitate review, route maps should be submitted in electronic form. The map and supporting legend should clearly show:

- The location of the byway within the State, Indian lands, or Federal lands
- The location of the byway in relation to other State, Indian tribe, and Federal land management agency byways; and America's Byways in your region
- Each end point of the byway
- Location of gaps and/or intrusions
- The location of each community along the route
- Boundaries and/or management areas of major entities (e.g., parks, forests, reserves)
- Locations of critical directional signage, if any
- Locations of existing interpretive panels/information
- Locations of public visitor centers and/or other visitor amenities (e.g., public restroom facilities)
- Locations of the features detailed in the Visitor Experience section of the nomination



Route Map

[Edisto Island National Scenic Byway Map.pdf](#) (274.9 KB)

Continuity of the Route

The continuity of your byway route is an essential requirement for designation as it directly impacts the travel experience and can reflect community support. The Interim Policy states that *“Neither [National Scenic Byways nor All-American Roads] should have too many gaps but rather should be as continuous as possible and should minimize intrusions on the visitor’s experience.”*

If you have included a list of gaps and/or intrusions in your official route description, please use this section to provide explanations for any gaps and/or intrusions in your route that interrupt the continuity of the traveler experience (e.g., local zoning decisions, lack of community support, etc.)

Not applicable

SECTION 4: ROUTE CONDITIONS

Vehicle Accommodation

Confirm that two-wheel-drive passenger vehicles are accommodated along the entire route, and describe how this is facilitated if segments of the road are not paved. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The entire route is paved and accommodates two-wheel-drive passenger vehicles.

Describe the accommodation of bicycle and pedestrian travel along the byway, if applicable. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Edisto offers bicyclists and pedestrians year-round opportunities for enjoying scenic views. Many of the trails, including those at Edisto Beach State Park, can be accessed from the Scenic Byway. The portion of the Byway with bike lanes (from the Colleton County line into the Town of Edisto Beach) links to a 10-mile loop bordered by shops, restaurants, houses and the beach. Many visitors park their cars and spend the day – or week – walking or biking to their Edisto

Beach destinations. Rental shops offer bikes, child seats, pull carts and fun options like tandem bicycles and adult tricycles

Travel Restrictions

Describe any restrictions to the types of vehicles that are allowed along the route. (Limit 300 characters, about 50 words.)

No restrictions beyond the usual weight standards (vehicles must be under 73,280 pounds). There are no restrictions on size or bridge weight loads.

Describe any seasonal closures or other restrictions along the route (Limit 300 characters, about 50 words.)

Not applicable

Seasons

In one sentence, describe the best time during the year, to drive the byway and experience the Intrinsic Quality identified in this application. (Limit 150 characters, about 25 words.)

Spring and fall are ideal times to enjoy Edisto Island's breathtaking scenic views, cooler temperatures and serene beauty.

In one sentence, describe any travel concentrations or high seasons when byway visitors might be more likely to encounter crowds or extra traffic. (Limit 150 characters, about 25 words.)

The "high season" for Byway visitors is Memorial Day through Labor Day, with peaks occurring on those weekends and on the Fourth of July.

Safety

Describe all of the factors of your roadway that contribute to its safety for travelers. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

SC 174 offers a safe travel experience. The speed limit is a maximum of 55 mph, with reductions on curves and in populated areas, dropping to 35 mph approaching to Edisto Beach. Its two-lane paved surface and bridges are well maintained, with appropriate signage and road markings. Elevations are minimal, temperatures mild (no snow or ice). SC 174 is patrolled by two county Sheriff's Departments, the S.C. Highway Patrol and Edisto Beach Police. Three emergency response units address critical incidents. Upgraded cellular phone coverage allows emergency calls along the entire highway.

SECTION 5: TRAVELER EXPERIENCE

Getting to the Byway

Transportation Hubs and Cities

When travelers are planning trips to your byway, they are likely to need directions from major transportation hubs or cities. Provide directions from at least one nearby large city, airport, or other location that would be pertinent to the traveler.

Location	Distance	Average drive time	Driving directions
Charleston International Airport	40 miles	50 mins.	Take International Blvd to I-526 W toward Savannah. Turn right onto Savannah/US-17 S. Take slight left onto SC-162 W until you get to SC 174. Turn left onto SC 174 and continue to McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge (start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway).
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport	90 miles	1.75 hours	Go west on Airways Ave. toward Blue Rental Rd. Merge onto I-95 N. Take US-17 N (exit #33 toward Charleston/Beaufort). Turn right onto SC 174 and continue to McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge (start of the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway).

Gateways

List the gateway communities near your byway. Gateways can be major cities with commercial airports, or locations on the major roadways in your area that a traveler is most likely to use to drive to the byway.

Location	Distance	Average drive time	Driving directions
Charleston, SC	40 miles	50 mins.	From Charleston take Highway 17 south for about 20 miles and turn left onto SC 174. Follow SC 174 to the McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge (start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway).
Savannah, GA	90 miles	2 hours	Take I-95 N to the exit marked "Point South/Charleston" which is Highway 17 N. Take Highway 17 N. about 45 miles to Jacksonboro, SC. Continue about 7 miles farther on Highway 17 N. and turn right on SC 174. Continue on SC 174 to McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge (start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway).

Traveler Services

List the locations of public visitor/welcome centers on the byway and provide a short description of services and hours of operation at each. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

- Edisto Chamber of Commerce, 430 Hwy 174, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays. Outdoor kiosk.
- Edisto Beach Welcome Center, 101 Jungle Rd., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.
- Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center, 8377 State Cabin Rd. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tues. - Sat. Outdoor kiosk. Nature walks, exhibits.
- Edisto Bookstore, Edisto Center (547 Hwy 174). Summer: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat., 1 - 6 p.m. Sun. Winter: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Edisto authors, Gullah works.

Describe any universal access accommodations to assist travelers of varying abilities. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

- The majority of public facilities are accessible, including Edisto Beach State Park, the Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Center, Edisto Bookstore and gas stations/restrooms.

- Edisto Beach State Park offers the state’s longest system of accessible trails.
- Both local library branches and the island’s three shopping centers are accessible.
- Six public access points for Edisto Beach are handicapped-friendly and the Fire Department has beach wheelchairs available

Describe any gaps on the byway of 50 miles or more where no traveler services (food, fuel or restrooms) are available. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Not applicable

Describe any special accommodations made for international, non-English speaking visitors, if any. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Edisto Island Scenic Byway welcomes a variety of international visitors bound primarily for Edisto Beach State Park (the second-most visited state park in South Carolina) and Edisto Beach. At this time, however, travelers will be most comfortable if they have at least a moderate command of English. Most symbols on signage are recognizable worldwide. There are some speakers of Gullah on the island, but this is a regional dialect. Nearby Charleston, SC, accommodates a multilingual audience, especially speakers of Spanish and Portuguese

Directional Signage

Please describe directional signage, if any, that currently exists that would help travelers access and navigate the byway as well as find their way back to major routes. (Limit 900 characters, about 150 words.)

Visitors are directed on the Route Map to access the proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway (now SC 174 Scenic Highway) by turning south off of US 17, the tourist corridor running between Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA. This intersection is clearly marked as the exit to Edisto Island. Travelers stay on SC 174 south all of the way to Edisto Beach. The start of the proposed Byway is signaled by a sign on the right marked “McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge” at the bridge’s base. Byway terminus is at the Atlantic Ocean — marked by a sign on the left marked “Edisto Beach State Park.” Along the route are signs marked “SC 174 Scenic Highway,” as well as signs for the Edisto Island Museum and Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center.

Referenced Photos



Sign for McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge - Start of Byway

[Bridge Sign.jpg](#) (2.6 MB)

The start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway is signaled by a large sign at the base of McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge. The sweeping bridge joins Edisto Island to the mainland.



SC 174 Scenic Highway Sign

[SC 174 Scenic Highway Sign.JPG](#) (2.5 MB)

The proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway follows a 17- mile segment of a state scenic highway that winds through Edisto Island all of the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Signs along the way identify the road as SC 174 Scenic Highway.



Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center Sign

[Park Interpretive Center, Boat Landing Sign.jpg](#) (2.8 MB)

The turn off of SC 174 onto State Cabin Road and the Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center is well marked.



Sign Atop the Outdoor Kiosk at the Edisto Chamber of Commerce

[Edisto Chamber Kiosk Sign.jpg](#) (2.9 MB)

Visitors to the Byway can stop at the well-marked outdoor information kiosk in front of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. Available year-round, the kiosk has brochures and maps and is located right on SC 174 as you approach Edisto Beach.



Sign for Edisto Beach State Park - End of Byway

[Edisto Beach State Park Sign.JPG](#) (2.1 MB)

Arriving at the terminus of the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway, visitors will see the Atlantic Ocean directly ahead and a large sign for Edisto Beach State Park on their left.

Wayfinding

Describe how travelers will know they are on the byway and list tools such as maps, signs and brochures. (Limit 400 characters, about 67 words.)

Signs and highway maps show US 17, SC 174 and Edisto Island. Brochures and island maps are available at the Chamber and local businesses. General and specialized maps can be viewed at the Museum and Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Online maps include SC DOT's map of SC 174 Scenic Byway, Gorp Publisher's Edisto Island Bike Path Map and Edisto Beach State Park Trails Map.

Describe how travelers will find their way back to the byway if they turn off the byway to visit an attraction. (Limit 400 characters, about 67 words.)

SC 174 Scenic Highway is the sole means of traveling across the Intracoastal Waterway and onto Edisto Island. It is also the major road winding down the spine of the island to Edisto Beach. Nearly all attractions are located on – and can be seen from – SC 174. Visitors to the few attractions located on secondary roads branching off of SC 174 return by simply retracing their steps.

Referenced Photos



SC Department of Transportation Map - SC 174 Scenic Highway

[SC DOT Map - Edisto's SC 174 Scenic Highway.pdf](#) (1.5 MB)

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has highway maps for the state and Edisto Island, including an online map of SC 174 Scenic Highway.



Edisto Beach State Park Trail Map

[Edisto Beach State Park Trails.gif](#) (46.3 KB)

Edisto Beach State Park has a series of bike trails and footpaths, including a trail to the well-known Spanish Mound — a Native American shell midden.

Evidence of Intrinsic Quality

Identify up to 15 features (i.e., points of interest, sites, or events) along your byway that support the Intrinsic Quality you have identified for nomination.

1. McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge (Start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway)

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

A photographers' favorite, the bridge spans the Intracoastal Waterway and offers views of miles of pristine marshes populated by resident bald eagles, pelicans, ospreys and scores of other birds. There is ample room to park, safely get out and enjoy a spectacular sunrise or sunset. Below is a public boat landing and picnic area. Boats moving up and down the Intracoastal Waterway provide an ever-changing and picturesque counterpoint to the natural beauty.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

24 hours a day, seven days a week, year 'round. Parking available.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Located between White Point Road and Rosa Scott Road on SC 174 Scenic Highway. (WEST 80°20'30.607" NORTH 32°38'13.641").

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Sunrise from the Crest of McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge
[Bridge Sunrise.JPG](#) (1.4 MB)

You will enter the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway (currently SC 174 Scenic Highway) high above the Intracoastal Waterway. There you'll see expansive views of marshes, tidal creeks and rivers, coastal birds and the island itself.

2. Dawhoo Landing

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Below the bridge, visitors can enjoy a picnic while watching local people come and go, fishing and casting for shrimp in the pristine waters of the Dawhoo River. Local crabbers tend their traps, pelicans rest on pilings just off the public dock, and salt marsh stretches for miles. Dawhoo Landing is an interesting place in which to observe the harmony between nature's beauty and human activity.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

24 hours a day, seven days a week, year 'round. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Dawhoo Land is located directly next to McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge, on the Edisto Island side. It is .8 miles from the first stop (crest of bridge)

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0.4 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Coming off of the bridge on the Edisto Island side, proceed along SC 174 for .4 miles to Rosa Scott Rd. Turn right and follow the driveway .4 miles to Dawhoo Landing. (WEST 80°20'34.153" NORTH 32°37'48.98")

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Retrace your steps to return to SC 174 (.4 mile), where you will turn right.

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Dawhoo Landing on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
[Dawhoo Landing.jpg](#) (1.7 MB)

Below the bridge a public boat landing allows access to the water as well as close up views of pelicans feeding and boats passing. You can also go crabbing, fishing or have a picnic.

Photograph by Jan Turner

3. Russell Creek Overlook and Historic Windsor House

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Located near a Civil War crossing and with views of historic Windsor Plantation House (circa 1858) on Russell Creek, there is a small pull off where visitors can stop and take pictures. This site offers expansive marshes, sun reflecting on mud flats, and twisting creeks with many wading birds that provide a true sense of the Lowcountry tidal ecology. A local shrimp boat is often tied up here and horses graze on land along the creek.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

24 hours a day, seven days a week, year 'round. Parking available.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

It is located 1.7 miles from Dawhoo Landing on SC 174 Scenic Highway (past Russell Creek Drive). (WEST 80°20'46.674" NORTH 32°35'55.684")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Russell Creek View to Historic Windsor House

[Russell Creek and Windsor House.jpg](#) (1.1 MB)

From the bridge over Russell Creek you can see historic Windsor House, built in 1858. The beautiful white columned plantation has watched over the creek and its marshes back to a time when Union soldiers occupied the house during the Civil War.

4. King's Farm Market

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Agriculture still provides a key component of Edisto's charm. King's Farm Market features in-season fields of corn, sunflowers, berries and row crops – all within easy view of the market. Stocked with fresh local fruits, vegetables, natural wreaths and fresh baked bread, the market is a delight for the senses. Visitors are welcome to walk out into the fields to take photos.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Open March to December, seven days a week. Summer hours: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. Winter hours (after start of Daylight Savings Time): 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 2559 Highway 174. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for 2.2 miles (past Gun Bluff and Brick House roads). (WEST 80°20'6.143" NORTH 32°34'51.061")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

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When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



King's Farm Market

[King's Market.jpg](#) (3.5 MB)

Agriculture has always been the heart of the economy of the island and even today visitors can see fields planted in corn, soybeans, sunflowers, tomatoes and other row crops. At King's Farm Market you can buy fresh vegetables to enjoy when you finish your day's visit.

5. Edisto Island Museum

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

No visit to Edisto is complete without a stop at the Edisto Island Museum, which documents the island's history from its earliest beginnings. There are Native American artifacts, an impressive collection from the island's Sea Island cotton and rice eras, fossils and maps. The museum features a constantly changing menu of exhibits ranging from local art to traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian, all in a beautiful and peaceful Lowcountry setting.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Open 1 - 4 p.m. Tues. - Sat. year-round. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students, children 10 and under as well as museum members are free. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 8123 Chisolm Plantation Road. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for one mile (past Maxie Road and Edisto Oak Lane). Turn right onto Chisolm Plantation Road when you see the Museum sign on the right. Travel 100 yards and look left for the parking lot. (WEST 80°19'25.089" NORTH 32°34'36.739")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

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When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Edisto Island Museum

[Edisto Island Museum.jpg](#) (969.6 KB)

Edisto's history from its earliest times is interpreted at the Edisto Island Museum. Native American artifacts, collections from the colonial era to Civil War, and more recent pictures and displays give a sense of place to this island's unique heritage.

6. The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

A scenic gem, the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors can admire and photograph the historic church, which began meeting in 1695 and was formally established in 1710. The imposing existing Sanctuary was built in 1831. Visitors from around the world have wandered the graveyard with its pre-Civil War headstones, taking pictures of the Session House and monuments sheltered under majestic live oak trees.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

The graveyard and grounds are accessible during daylight hours, with exterior photos possible (excluding times/days designated for worship services and other church events).

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 2164 Highway 174. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for .7 miles (past Steamboat Landing Road). Church is on the left. (WEST 80°18'29.283" NORTH 32°34'46.334")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

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Not applicable

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When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Historic Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

[Presbyterian Church on Edisto.jpg](#) (3.0 MB)

The imposing Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island was renovated in 2002. Standing gracious sentinel over SC 174 Scenic Highway, it is the first of Edisto's three churches to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

7. Sweetgrass Basket Stand

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Edisto's famous sweetgrass baskets, a Gullah tradition, are sold here by local African American craftspeople. Made of local grasses and palms, the hand-crafted baskets are sold at the roadside stand year-round. Photo opportunities are many – but please ask first. Sweetgrass basket-making is one reason why Edisto Island is included in the Gullah-Geechee National Heritage Corridor. The baskets are truly a work of art.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Hours: Late morning and early afternoons most days year-round, especially weekends. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Directions: Continue on SC 174 for .4 miles (past Blue House Lane). The stand is on the left . (WEST 80°18'13.093" NORTH 32°34'48.143")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Sweetgrass Baskets - A Gullah Tradition

[Sweetgrass Baskets.JPG](#) (2.0 MB)

African American slaves provided the labor that made Edisto Island rich through rice, indigo, and later Sea Island cotton. The Gullah heritage remains today in the skilled hands of the sweetgrass basket weavers who create intricate designs using local plant materials.

8. Live Oak Canopy

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

The corridor of live oaks along the proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway (now SC 174) is one of the island's most characteristic and picturesque features. There are many stretches of road where live oaks draped with Spanish moss shade the highway. Visitors should note the ferns growing along the trunks and limbs.

Called “resurrection ferns,” the plants seem to die during dry weather. However, when it rains they spring to life, turning a bright green — resurrected.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. Ample parking at old Community Center.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

The scenic oak canopy can be observed along many stretches of SC 174 and on sideroads. A location where there is ample parking, and where you can get out of your car and take a closer look, is at the old Community Center (2.2 miles from the Sweetgrass Basket Stand on SC 174). Look for the white buildings on the right. (WEST 80°17'23.108" NORTH 32°34'30.635")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Edisto's Signature Scenic Feature: The Live Oak Canopy

[Oak Canopy.jpg](#) (4.2 MB)

In many places along SC 174, huge live oak trees reach to meet each other across the road. Stop a moment to admire the moss-covered canopy of trees and ponder all that they have seen.

9. Old First Baptist Church

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

The Old First Baptist Church is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places (circa 1818). Built through the efforts of Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend, the church was donated to the predominantly black congregation after her death. A monument to her remains in the church yard. It was also the site of a Freedman's School during Reconstruction. There is much to see here for lovers of history.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Visitors can view the graveyard and church exterior during daylight hours year-round (excluding times/days for worship services and other church events). Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 1644 Highway 174. Directions: Continue for .3 miles past the old Community Center on SC 174 (crossing over Steamboat Landing Road and Oak Island Road). (WEST 80°17'3.79" NORTH 32°34'22.397")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Old First Baptist Church

[Old First Baptist Church.JPG](#) (612.2 KB)

The second of Edisto's churches on the National Register of Historic Places, the Old First Baptist Church is the oldest church building still in use on the island. Expanded after the conclusion of the Civil War, the rear part the building dates to 1818.

10. Trinity Episcopal Church

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Trinity Episcopal Church is also listed on National Register of Historic Places (circa 1881). The lovely fenced churchyard is filled with azaleas and provides the setting for this small chapel which was nearly destroyed in the 1893 hurricane. Oral history has it that the magnificent interior was crafted by a freed slave. There are many opportunities for photos of this scenic setting of the fenced graveyard.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Graveyard and grounds may be viewed during daylight hours year-round (excluding times/days reserved for worship services and other church events). Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 1589 Highway 174. Directions: Continue driving .7 miles on SC 174 (just past Indigo Hill Road). (WEST 80°16'59.566" NORTH 32°34'9.745")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Trinity Episcopal Church

[Trinity Episcopal Church.jpg](#) (3.2 MB)

The third of Edisto's churches on the National Register of Historic Places, Trinity Episcopal Church is the youngest and the smallest of the three. Enclosed by a beautiful split rail fence and surrounded by azaleas, the tiny chapel beckons you as a restful sanctuary.

11. Bailey's Store

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

Another historic gem, circa 1881, Bailey's Store is now the home of With These Hands Gallery. The gallery features many local artists and crafters, including area photographers. It is adjacent to the site of the old Post Office, now a restaurant. Located on Store Creek, Bailey's looks out on lovely marshes populated with birds and butterflies. The store retains its architectural interest and provides a delightful stop that blends natural beauty with artistic expression.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tues. – Sat. year-round. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Address: 1444 Highway 174. Directions: Continue driving .7 miles on SC 174 (crossing over Westcott Road). The building is on the left. (WEST 80°16'47.219" NORTH 32°33'36.825")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Bailey's Store

[Bailey's Store.jpg](#) (4.6 MB)

Sitting on the banks of Store Creek, Bailey's Store has been an island meeting place since the late 1800's. Today a gallery that includes the works of local artists, the store was moved to the current site from the Eddingsville beach community before the historic hurricane of 1890.

12. Marsh View to Botany Bay Road and Allen AME Church

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

All along the highway are views across miles of spartina marshes. One location that shows nature and human-built structures in complete harmony is on a property conserved by Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Within a single view are moss-draped trees, the sweeping marsh, historic Botany Bay Road and Allen AME Church. There is room to park as well as a creek-side trail.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. Parking available.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Location: Intersection of SC 174 and Botany Bay Road (.4 miles Baily's Store). (WEST 80°16'47.742" NORTH 32°33'16.386")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Marsh View to Botany Bay and Allen AME Church

[Botany Bay & Allen AME Church.jpg](#) (3.3 MB)

All along the Byway there are views across miles of pristine spartina marshes. One view that shows nature and human-built structures in complete harmony is on a property conserved by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Within a single view are moss-draped trees, the sweeping marsh, historic Botany Bay Road and Allen AME Church.

13. Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

With the theme “Choosing to Protect Our Coast,” the Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center offers interactive displays, hands-on educational activities and nature walks for all ages. A touch tank helps you understand the fragile ACE Basin ecosystem, which includes Edisto Island. The center is surrounded by maritime forest with nature trails ending at a Native American shell mound along Big Bay Creek. Enjoy a harmonious blend of nature, history and scenery.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Interpretive Center hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tues. – Sat., year-round. No admission. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Location: Continue on SC 174 for 2.7 miles, turning right on Palmetto Road at the Interpretive Center/Live Oak Landing sign. Continue on for 1.4 miles to Oyster Row Lane, turning left at the Interpretive Center sign. Go an additional .3 miles to the Interpretive Center sign — the driveway is on the right. (WEST 80°18'1.168” NORTH 32°33'16.386”)

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Edisto State Park Interpretive Center

[Interpretive Center.JPG](#) (167.2 KB)

Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center has talks, activities and outings that acquaint visitors with the internationally-known ACE Basin. Children and adults can learn about this fragile ecosystem through hands-on exhibits, touch tanks containing live sea creatures, and nature walks that focus on topics such as loggerhead turtles, shore birds, and native American Indian shell middens.

Phillip Jones

14. View of Jeremy Cay and Big Bay Creek from Bike Path

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

From the Edisto Beach State Park parking lot, you can access a pedestrian/bike path that — within less than 200 yards — rewards you with expansive views across marshes frequented by wading birds. Looking to the left you see Jeremy Cay, toward the right is Big Bay Creek. Heron and egrets abound. The causeway is edged with salt cedar and the smell of the ocean tells you that water is near. The bike path connects to many more miles of trail in the Town of Edisto Beach.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Park hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. seven days a week (extended from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time). Park office: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

Access is from the parking lot at Edisto Beach State Park. Walk or bike 200 yards down the trail for a good view. (WEST 80°16'47.742" NORTH 32°33'16.386")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



View of Jeremy Cay from the Bike Path

[Bike Trail.jpg](#) (2.4 MB)

You can explore a series of bike trails beginning at Edisto Beach State Park. From the path crossing the causeway to the beach, you can look out toward Jeremy Cay on the left and Big Bay creek on the right. Beautiful wading birds frequent these marshes.

15. Atlantic Ocean at Edisto Beach State Park (End of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway)

Write a description of what is found at the feature. Explain how the feature supports the Intrinsic Quality. (Limit 480 characters, about 80 words.)

The last scenic view along the proposed Byway is one of the most exhilarating: the Atlantic Ocean. Ahead of you: water and sand. To your left: historic Edisto Beach State Park, where you can park your car, grill out, picnic and access the beach and boardwalks. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935, the park has live oaks twisted by ocean winds, towering palmettos and a beautiful sand beach sprinkled with shells and driftwood.

Provide dates and/or times on which the feature is available for traveler visits.

Park hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. seven days a week (extended from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time). Park office hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Admission: \$4 adult, \$2.50 SC seniors, \$1.50 children age 6-15, children 5 and younger free. Ample parking.

Indicate the location of the feature along the byway. Include addresses, intersections, and/or GIS coordinates where applicable.

The Main Entrance at Edisto Beach, also called the Day Use Area Entrance, is on SC 174 just before the intersection with Palmetto Blvd. Located 2.6 miles from the previous stop (bike trail and causeway), the park's Main Entrance is on the left. (WEST 80°17'46.825" NORTH 32°30'11.421")

If this feature is not immediately adjacent to the byway route, indicate the one-way distance required to reach the feature from the byway.

0 miles

Provide directions and one-way travel time required to reach the feature from the byway. Indicate any existing signage.

Not applicable

Provide driving directions from the feature back to the byway:

Not applicable

- This location is marked on the route map provided with this nomination

When available, attach a photo that illustrates this feature.



Quiet Morning at Edisto Beach

[Edisto Beach.JPG](#) (1.8 MB)

The Edisto Island National Scenic Byway ends at the Atlantic Ocean and the main entrance to Edisto Beach State Park. No visit is complete without time spent walking on the sand picking up shells, fossils and sharks teeth...or simply sitting quietly watching the waves.

Telling Your Story

An important part of supporting the America's Byways brand is providing travelers with information about the Intrinsic Qualities that form the essence of your byway. This part of the nomination gives you an opportunity to demonstrate the efforts you have made to tell your byway stories.

Describe the materials you use to tell your byway story and interpret its Intrinsic Quality, e.g., maps, brochures, DVDs, etc.) (Limit 900 characters, about 150 words.)

SC 174 Scenic Highway (SC DOT)
Edisto Island Map (Atwood Vacations)
DVD: Scenic Highway 174 (Edisto Island Preservation Association) SC Lowcountry Visitor Guidebook (Lowcountry Tourism Commission) Charleston Magazine (Oct. '08) Going Coastal (Premier Issue, Oct. '08) Edisto Island Scenic 174 Driving Tour (Poster and slide show) Edisto Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Guide Island Guide: Official Guide of Edisto Island, SC Arts More! The SC National Heritage Corridor Island Life (monthly) Edisto News (monthly) "Explore 174 – Scenes of Edisto Island" (Edisto Island Open Land Trust) "Edisto Island Museum" (Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society) "Touring the SC African American Trail" and "Falling for Farms" (SC National Heritage Corridor) "Relic Hunting Adventures" (Addam's Artifacts) "Edisto Loggerhead Turtle Project" (Town of Edisto Beach)

Provide list websites where travelers and media can find information **specific to your byway** (other than byways.org.)

Edisto Island Open Land Trust www.edisto.org

Edisto Chamber of Commerce www.edistochamber.com

Edisto Island Preservation Association <http://www.preserveedisto.org/>

Edisto Island Museum www.edistomuseum.org

SC DOT/SC 174 Scenic Highway www.scdot.org/community/scenic_byways.shtml

Edisto Magazine www.edistomagazine.com

Edisto News www.edistonews.com

Edisto Video Tour www.edistorealestatecompany.com/

Portrait of Edisto www.charmingtowns.com/colleton/edisto/

Interactive map of Edisto Island www.edistorealty.com/flashmaps/index.php

Edisto Island Bike Path gorp.away.com/gorp/publishers/menasha/mbik_se3.htm

Driving tours and birding in the ACE Basin www.acebasin.net/driving.html

Video Tour "Welcome to Edisto" at www.mariebost.com/about.php

Charleston Chamber of Commerce www.charlestonchamber.net

Slide Show "Love of the Lowcountry" www.southernliving.com/southern/travel

Backroads Guide to the Carolina Lowcountry www.southernliving.com/southern/travel

Itinerary

Provide one sequential itinerary that offers a view of what it is like to travel along your road. This itinerary should not be viewed as a typical travel itinerary that lists unrelated stops along a route, but rather a series of related stops that collectively convey a sense of continuity directly related to the intrinsic quality and tell your byway's story.

Summary

Enter a name for this itinerary that characterizes the theme/story you wish to convey that will capture the traveler's attention.

A Scenic Ramble on "Edis-slow" Island

Write a short description of the itinerary that would give potential travelers a good idea of what they can plan to experience during the trip. Also include details such as the amount of time required, suggested times of year to make the trip, and any special preparations required. (Limit 900 characters, about 150 words.)

A peaceful barrier island off the South Carolina coast, Edisto Island seems to have stopped the clock 50 years ago. The proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway (now SC 174) is a meandering 17-mile two-lane road that stretches from the Intracoastal Waterway to Edisto Beach. Along the way are salt marshes, forests, farm fields and historic churches – the living patchwork of the Lowcountry. Explore 1800s graveyards, catch blue crabs with a chicken neck, fill your pockets with seashells and sharks' teeth, and photograph the perfect sunset — all in one day. Buy fresh produce at a roadside stand and fresh seafood dockside for a picnic on the beach. Watch for dolphins breaking the surface and strings of brown pelicans overhead. But most of all, take your time and breathe deep: this "Edis-slow ramble" is a visual delight, and you will find much to soothe the spirit and awaken the senses.

Start: McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge (Start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway)

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Begin your exploration with a truly breathtaking view of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from the crest of McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge. You can park and stand in the lane along the railing of the bridge — but bring your camera and binoculars. You won't want to miss the water sparkling off the vast salt marshes or visits by our resident bald eagles. Stretching more than 1,000 miles along the Eastern Seaboard from Norfolk, VA, to Key West, FL, the Atlantic portion of the Intracoastal Waterway is a kind of "marine highway" for yachts making their way from Florida to New York (and points north) in the spring and reversing the voyage in the fall. To the east is the North Edisto River promising inspiring sunrises. To the west is Watts Cut and the waters off Jehosee Island offering beautiful sunsets. (WEST 80°20'30.607" NORTH 32°38'13.641")

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

15 mins. or more

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 1: Dawhoo Landing

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Traveling to the base of the bridge on the Edisto side, continue on SC 174 for .4 miles and turn right on Rosa Scott Road. Continue up the drive for .8 miles to the Dawhoo Landing parking lot. Ample parking. (WEST 80°20'34.153" NORTH 32°37'48.98")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.8 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1 min.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Above you towers the sweeping McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge and in front of you – viewed from eye-level this time – is the Intracoastal Waterway. Walk out on the public fishing pier and see what's biting. You can see boats being launched and pleasure craft passing by, each with an audience of brown pelicans perched atop pilings. Boats returning with their catches can expect to be greeted by clamoring seagulls. Want to catch your own? Edisto's three gas stations, all on SC 174 Scenic Highway, sell bait, coolers, basic fishing gear, ring nets for crabbing and cast nets for shrimping. Fishing is year 'round, while crabbing is best in spring and fall. Shrimp runs peak September through November. Dawhoo Landing provides three picnic sites with water views.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins. - 1.5 hrs, depending upon activities

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.1 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 2: Russell Creek Overlook and Historic Windsor House

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Continue on SC 174 for about 1.5 miles, just past Russell Creek Drive. (WEST 80°20'46.674" NORTH 32°35'55.684")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

1.5 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

2 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Continuing on past agricultural fields planted in corn, hay or pasture you arrive at Russell Creek bridge overlook, which is near a Civil War crossing. Although there is parking at both ends of the bridge, it is best to cross the bridge and park on the right. Bring binoculars, a birding book and camera. Walk back to the bridge and view historic Windsor House (circa 1858), which was occupied during the Civil War by Union soldiers. Egret, heron and other wading shore birds are plentiful. You can also see local residents fishing and crabbing here. Depending upon the time and season, you may see a shrimp boat docked across the creek.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins. or more

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.1 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 3: King’s Farm Market

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 2559 Highway 174. Directions: Continue for 1.6 miles along SC 174 (past Gun Bluff and Brick House roads). (WEST 80°20’6.143” NORTH 32 34’51.061”)

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

1.6 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

4 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Continuing on SC 174, you come to King’s Farm Market on your right. Edisto residents continue to live close to the land and local vegetables, fruits, and flowers are central to that rural lifestyle. All are grown seasonally at King’s. In spring, early tomatoes and tomato pie are eagerly anticipated. In summer, fresh sweet corn, blueberries, butterbeans and okra are among the choices. In fall, apples, boiled peanuts, squash and pumpkins round out the season. Winter brings fresh Christmas trees and wreaths, jams and jellies. You may also find eggs, bacon, fresh-baked bread and cookies, and other delicacies at King’s. It’s a good place to meet local residents and see a reminder of Edisto’s rich farming tradition. Ample parking. Open March to December, seven days a week.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 4: Edisto Island Museum

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 8123 Chisolm Plantation Road. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for .9 miles (past Maxie Road and Edisto Oak Lane). Look for the museum sign on the right (intersection of SC 174 and Chisolm Plantation Road). Turn right at the sign and go 100 yards, the parking lot is on your left. (WEST 80°19'25.089" NORTH 32°34'36.739")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.9 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

3 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Next stop is the Edisto Island Museum. Exhibits, interactive displays and artifacts give you a sweeping view of three hundred years of human history on Edisto, while sharks' teeth and other fossils provide a glimpse of pre-history. You will learn about Native Americans who harvested the soil and sea, Spanish priests who founded a mission and Spanish pirates who sailed up the North Edisto River to burn and pillage. Early English settlers came to make their fortunes in rice and indigo, hitting it rich with world-famous Sea Island cotton. Africans came in chains to work the plantations – but their culture survived despite great adversity. It is to the Africans, who became the majority on Edisto, that Edisto owes its inclusion in the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. The Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students, free to children 10 and under as well as members. The Museum hosts a number of annual events for the public, including "An Evening at Prospect Hill" plantation on the Fourth of July Weekend and "Beyond Edisto: Annual Tour of Plantations, Churches Graveyards & Historic Sites" (second Saturday in Oct.). Ample parking.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

1 hour or more

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 5: The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 2164 Highway 174. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for .7 miles (past Steamboat Landing Road). The church is on the left. (WEST 80°18'29.283" NORTH 32°34'46.334")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.7 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1 min.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

The next stop is one of the island’s true gems, the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the church is on your left about one mile from the Edisto Island Museum. The congregation began meeting in 1695 and was formally established in 1710. Framed by moss-draped historic oaks, the Sanctuary was built in 1831 and was restored in 2003. In the large graveyard are headstones, spires and monuments dating back to the late 1800’s. A stop at the Fellowship Hall to see the church secretary will provide you with a printed tour of the cemetery. This stop has great visual interest and attracts many photographers.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

30 mins. or more

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.1 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 6: Sweetgrass Basket Stand

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Continue one mile on SC 174. Basket stand is on the left. (WEST 80°18’13.093”NORTH 32°34’48.143”)

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

1 mile

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

2 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Continuing our theme of scenic beauty and treats for the eye, the roadside stand for Edisto’s famous sweetgrass basket-makers is one mile down SC 174 Scenic Highway. This tradition was transported across the Atlantic from Africa to the South Carolina Lowcountry. The baskets, emerging from their plantation roots, have now become a much-sought-after art form. A reflection of the Gullah heritage of so many of the island’s residents, the finely-made coiled baskets are created from local sweetgrass, pine needles, bull rush and palms. The graceful lines and subtle colors of the baskets lend themselves to photography – but please ask first. The stand is open most days year-round, late morning to early afternoon (especially weekends). Ample parking.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins. or more

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 7: Live Oak Canopy

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

The live oak canopy characterizes much of Edisto Island. One place to stop and take photos is at the old Community Center (one mile from the sweetgrass basket stand on SC 174). The Old Community Center is the white building on the right.

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.1 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

2 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Perhaps Edisto’s signature scenic feature is the majestic live oak canopy that lines roads and properties. The living archway, which shades large sections of the SC 174 Scenic Highway, is worth a stop for closer examination – and, of course, to take photos. Of the numerous places to pull off of the roadway, you might consider a stop at the old Community Center, located on the right a mile from the sweetgrass basket stand. Look closely. If the weather has been dry you will see shrunken and dead plants clinging to the branches of the stately oaks. If it has rained recently, the same plants will be lush and green. In the South Carolina Lowcountry, this plant is called the resurrection fern – an island favorite. Ample parking.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

15 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 8: Old First Baptist Church

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 1644 Highway 174. Directions: Continue on SC 174 for .3 miles (past Oak Island Road). (WEST 80°17'3.79" NORTH 32°34'22.397")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.3 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1 min.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

A short distance down Highway 174 is the pride of Edisto's African American community: Old First Baptist Church (circa 1818). The oldest church building on Edisto, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This church was founded by a woman, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend. Baptists had worshipped on Edisto since 1686, but there was no church. In 1811, Mrs. Townsend obtained the original church site and through her efforts the building was erected. In the late 1860s the trustees turned the church over to the predominately black congregation, which has operated it continuously to date.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

15 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.1 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 9: Trinity Episcopal Church

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 1589 Highway 174. Directions: Continue for .7 miles on SC 174 (just past Indigo Hill Road). (WEST 80°17'3.79" NORTH 32°34'22.397")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.7 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1.5 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Trinity Episcopal Church (circa 1881) is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This small chapel, which was nearly destroyed in the 1893 hurricane, now has a serene home in the azalea-filled fenced churchyard. Oral history

has it that the magnificent wood-paneled interior was crafted by a freed slave. There are many possibilities here for photography or for simply soaking up the restful atmosphere. Ample parking.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.1 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 10: Bailey's Store

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Address: 1444 Highway 174. Directions: Continue .7 miles on SC 174 to the intersection with Westcott Road. The building is on the left. (WEST 80°16'47.219" NORTH 32°33'36.825")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.7 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

2 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Now in the center of Edisto Island, you come to historic Bailey's Store (circa late 1880's). Once a general store adjacent to the Island's Post Office, it is now home to With These Hands Gallery, which includes the work of local crafters and artists. Situated on Store Creek, Bailey's overlooks an active fishing and crabbing spot. Like so many of Edisto's scenic views, this stop offers a blend of natural beauty, history and human activity. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tues. – Sat. year-round. Ample parking.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 11: Marsh View to Botany Bay Road and Allen AME Church

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Directions: Continue .4 miles on SC 174. There is a pull-off for parking and viewing on the left. (WEST 80°16'47.742" NORTH 32°33'16.386")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.4 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1 min.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

Edisto Island Open Land Trust preserves a scenic and historic tract of land on the left side of SC 174 just past the Edisto Island Serpentarium. There is room to park and a creekside trail – take your camera and stretch your legs. You can see and photograph remnants of the old "King's Highway" built in colonial times as well as marshlands, Botany Bay Road and the Allen AME Church in the distance. Wading birds frequent the creek and marshes. The color of the marsh changes seasonally, adding to the visual interest.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

15 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

N/A

Stop 12: Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Location: Continue on SC 174 for 2.7 miles, turning right on Palmetto Road at the Interpretive Center/Live Oak Landing sign. Continue on for 1.4 miles to Oyster Row Lane, turning left at the Interpretive Center sign. Go an additional .3 miles to the Interpretive Center sign — the driveway is on the right. (WEST 80°18'1.168" NORTH 32°33'16.386")

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

4.4 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

7 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a "whole" experience.

The next stop gives you an inside look at Edisto's distinctive natural history and scenic wonders while also allowing you to experience an award-winning "green" education center. About fives miles from the previous stop, the Edisto Beach

State Park Interpretive Center also serves as the welcome center for the internationally-known ACE Basin. Exhibits and programs focus on the ACE Basin ecosystem (which includes Edisto Island) and rangers provide information on field trips for birders, boaters, hikers and others. The center has interactive displays, a touch tank and nature walks for all ages on topics such as loggerhead sea turtles, sharks, sea and bird life. Late summer is a particularly good time to see nesting loggerheads. Outside of the Interpretive Center are nature trails and a boat launch on Big Bay Creek. The park boasts the longest handicapped-friendly hiking and biking trails in the state, including one leading to a Native American shell midden. The trails wind among maritime forest and marshes, providing good nature-viewing all year long. Center hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tues. – Sat. year-round. The Interpretive Center and two adjacent trails have no admission fee.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins. to 3 hours, depending upon activities

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.3 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Stop 13: View of Jeremy Cay and Big Bay Creek from Bike Path

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Directions: Park your car at Edisto Beach State Park and take the biking/walking trail about 200 yards along the causeway toward Edisto Beach. A full bike tour of the Town of Edisto Beach — nearly 10 miles of trails — can take 1.5 hours or more depending upon stops along the way.

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

0.1 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

1 min.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Edisto Island has more than 10 miles of bike/pedestrian trails that can take you all around Edisto Beach, past houses, the beach, the marsh, shops and restaurants. You can also do some wonderful nature-watching from portions of the bike trail — remember to take your camera, binoculars and birding book. One scenic stop can be accessed from the parking lot at Edisto Beach State Park. Just proceed a few hundred yards down the bike path to the causeway that connects Edisto Island to Edisto Beach. There, views of the marsh, wading birds, and tidal creeks greet you. Optional: If you feel energetic, continue on to Jungle Road and turn right into the small shopping district. Continue on the bike trail through a residential district and go right to the end of the Island — some three miles away. Then loop around past Bell Buoy Park and enjoy the views of shrimp boats on the creek. Along the bike trail you will find waterside restaurants, places to buy fresh seafood, bait and tackle shops, tour headquarters and kayak rental shops. Stay on the bike trail to return to your starting point at Edisto Beach State Park.

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

20 mins.

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.5 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

End: Atlantic Ocean at Edisto Beach State Park (End of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway)

Provide driving directions from the previous stop on the itinerary to this stop:

Directions: From the bike trail view of Jeremy Cay, return to the State Park parking and retrace your steps out to SC 174, where you will turn right. Continue on SC 174 to the intersection with Palmetto Boulevard. You will see the Atlantic Ocean ahead and the Main (Day Use) Entrance to Edisto Beach State Park on your left.

What is the driving distance between the previous stop and this stop?

2.6 miles

What is the average driving time between the previous stop and this stop?

4 mins.

Provide a short description of this stop in the context of the itinerary that helps potential visitors understand why it was included in the itinerary and that helps make the itinerary a “whole” experience.

Leaving the State Park’s Interpretive Center/Live Oak Landing area, return to SC 174 and turn right. Continue into the Town of Edisto Beach to the intersection of SC 174 and Palmetto Boulevard. You are now at the Atlantic Ocean — end of the proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway. It is truly an inspiring view, with sand and saltwater ahead and – on your left – the Main (or Day Use) Entrance to Edisto Beach State Park. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corp during the Depression, the historic 1,255 acre park is known for its peaceful atmosphere and family beach (where hunting for seashells, sharks’ teeth and fossils is a favorite pastime). The park has beachside and salt marsh camping, cabins, boardwalks, grills, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. There is ample parking. It is the perfect place to relax and reflect on the day’s memories of your leisurely tour of “Edis-slow.”

How long should visitors plan to stay at this stop?

45 mins. to 3 hours, depending upon activities

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the typical distance traveled? (Enter zero if none.)

0.5 miles

If walking or hiking is involved, what is the degree of difficulty?

easy

Itinerary Stop Details

If for any reason the stops included in your itinerary vary from the Features detailed previously, please provide additional information here.

Photo Details



Sunrise from the Crest of McKinley Washington, Jr., Bridge

[Bridge Sunrise.JPG](#) (1.4 MB)

You will enter the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway (currently SC 174 Scenic Highway) high above the Intracoastal Waterway. There you'll see expansive views of marshes, tidal creeks and rivers, coastal birds and the island itself.



Dawhoo Landing on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

[Dawhoo Landing.jpg](#) (1.7 MB)

Below the bridge a public boat landing allows access to the water as well as close up views of pelicans feeding and boats passing. You can also go crabbing, fishing or have a picnic.

Photograph by Jan Turner



Russell Creek View to Historic Windsor House

[Russell Creek and Windsor House.jpg](#) (1.1 MB)

From the bridge over Russell Creek you can see historic Windsor House, built in 1858. The beautiful white columned plantation has watched over the creek and its marshes back to a time when Union soldiers occupied the house during the Civil War.



King's Farm Market

[King's Market.jpg](#) (3.5 MB)

Agriculture has always been the heart of the economy of the island and even today visitors can see fields planted in corn, soybeans, sunflowers, tomatoes and other row crops. At King's Farm Market you can buy fresh vegetables to enjoy when you finish your day's visit.



Sign for McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge - Start of Byway

[Bridge Sign.jpg](#) (2.6 MB)

The start of Edisto Island National Scenic Byway is signaled by a large sign at the base of McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge. The sweeping bridge joins Edisto Island to the mainland.



SC 174 Scenic Highway Sign

[SC 174 Scenic Highway Sign.JPG](#) (2.5 MB)

The proposed Edisto Island National Scenic Byway follows a 17-mile segment of a state scenic highway that winds through Edisto Island all of the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Signs along the way identify the road as SC 174 Scenic Highway.



Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center Sign

[Park Interpretive Center, Boat Landing Sign.jpg](#) (2.8 MB)

The turn off of SC 174 onto State Cabin Road and the Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center is well marked.



Sign Atop the Outdoor Kiosk at the Edisto Chamber of Commerce

[Edisto Chamber Kiosk Sign.jpg](#) (2.9 MB)

Visitors to the Byway can stop at the well-marked outdoor information kiosk in front of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. Available year-round, the kiosk has brochures and maps and is located right on SC 174 as you approach Edisto Beach.



Sign for Edisto Beach State Park - End of Byway

[Edisto Beach State Park Sign.JPG](#) (2.1 MB)

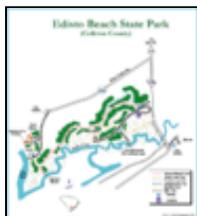
Arriving at the terminus of the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway, visitors will see the Atlantic Ocean directly ahead and a large sign for Edisto Beach State Park on their left.



SC Department of Transportation Map - SC 174 Scenic Highway

[SC DOT Map - Edisto's SC 174 Scenic Highway.pdf](#) (1.5 MB)

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has highway maps for the state and Edisto Island, including an online map of SC 174 Scenic Highway.



Edisto Beach State Park Trail Map

[Edisto Beach State Park Trails.gif](#) (46.3 KB)

Edisto Beach State Park has a series of bike trails and footpaths, including a trail to the well-known Spanish Mound — a Native American shell midden.



Edisto Island Museum

[Edisto Island Museum.jpg](#) (969.6 KB)

Edisto's history from it's earliest times is interpreted at the Edisto Island Museum. Native American artifacts, collections from the colonial era to Civil War, and more recent pictures and displays give a sense of place to this island's unique heritage.



Historic Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

[Presbyterian Church on Edisto.jpg](#) (3.0 MB)

The imposing Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island was renovated in 2002. Standing gracious sentinel over SC 174 Scenic Highway, it is the first of Edisto's three churches to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Sweetgrass Baskets - A Gullah Tradition

[Sweetgrass Baskets.JPG](#) (2.0 MB)

African American slaves provided the labor that made Edisto Island rich through rice, indigo, and later Sea Island cotton. The Gullah heritage remains today in the skilled hands of the sweetgrass basket weavers who create intricate designs using local plant materials.



Edisto's Signature Scenic Feature: The Live Oak Canopy

[Oak Canopy.jpg](#) (4.2 MB)

In many places along SC 174, huge live oak trees reach to meet each other across the road. Stop a moment to admire the moss-covered canopy of trees and ponder all that they have seen.



Old First Baptist Church

[Old First Baptist Church.JPG](#) (612.2 KB)

The second of Edisto's churches on the National Register of Historic Places, the Old First Baptist Church is the oldest church building still in use on the island. Expanded after the conclusion of the Civil War, the rear part the building dates to 1818.



Trinity Episcopal Church

[Trinity Episcopal Church.jpg](#) (3.2 MB)

The third of Edisto's churches on the National Register of Historic Places, Trinity Episcopal Church is the youngest and the smallest of the three. Enclosed by a beautiful split rail fence and surrounded by azaleas, the tiny chapel beckons you as a restful sanctuary.



Bailey's Store

[Bailey's Store.jpg](#) (4.6 MB)

Sitting on the banks of Store Creek, Bailey's Store has been an island meeting place since the late 1800's. Today a gallery that includes the works of local artists, the store was moved

to the current site from the Eddingsville beach community before the historic hurricane of 1890.



Marsh View to Botany Bay and Allen AME Church

[Botany Bay & Allen AME Church.jpg](#) (3.3 MB)

All along the Byway there are views across miles of pristine spartina marshes. One view that shows nature and human-built structures in complete harmony is on a property conserved by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Within a single view are moss-draped trees, the sweeping marsh, historic Botany Bay Road and Allen AME Church.



Edisto State Park Interpretive Center

[Interpretive Center.JPG](#) (167.2 KB)

Edisto Beach State Park Interpretive Center has talks, activities and outings that acquaint visitors with the internationally-known ACE Basin. Children and adults can learn about this fragile ecosystem through hands-on exhibits, touch tanks containing live sea creatures, and nature walks that focus on topics such as loggerhead turtles, shore birds, and native American Indian shell middens.

Phillip Jones



View of Jeremy Cay from the Bike Path

[Bike Trail.jpg](#) (2.4 MB)

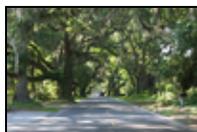
You can explore a series of bike trails beginning at Edisto Beach State Park. From the path crossing the causeway to the beach, you can look out toward Jeremy Cay on the left and Big Bay creek on the right. Beautiful wading birds frequent these marshes.



Quiet Morning at Edisto Beach

[Edisto Beach.JPG](#) (1.8 MB)

The Edisto Island National Scenic Byway ends at the Atlantic Ocean and the main entrance to Edisto Beach State Park. No visit is complete without time spent walking on the sand picking up shells, fossils and sharks teeth...or simply sitting quietly watching the waves.



Rambling the Byway on Edisto Island

[Rambling the Byway under the Lush Oak Canopy.jpg](#) (4.2 MB)

One of the hallmarks of the byway experience on Edisto Island is traveling under the moss-draped live oak canopy. For travelers, it's like visiting the South Carolina Lowcountry of half a century ago.

Vanessa Kauffman

SECTION 6: PLANNING/SUSTAINABILITY

Community Support

1. Provide the name of the individual(s)/organization(s) who led the effort to develop the Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

The organization that led the effort to develop the CMP was the Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT). The individual who spearheaded this effort was EIOLT's Executive Director, Marian Brailsford. After EIOLT successfully applied for TEA funding to develop the CMP, they led a campaign to gain community involvement and formed the Scenic 174 Coalition. The Coalition includes community leaders from each of the Edisto organizations that took an active role in guiding the CMP project: Bud Skidmore, President of Edisto Island Preservation Alliance; Jim Brailsford, President of Edisto Island Community Assn.; Archie Johnston, Town Council of Edisto Beach; Karen Nickless, Executive Director of the Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society (EIHPS); and Dean Harrigal, Manager at the SC Department of Natural Resources.

2. Provide a list of key participants in the planning process

Key participants were Edisto Island Preservation Alliance (EIPA), Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT), Edisto Island Community Assn.(EICA), Town of Edisto Beach, Edisto Beach Property Owners Assn.(EBPOA), Edisto Island Chamber of Commerce, Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society (EIHPS), Edisto Art Guild, Edisto Pride, Edisto Beach State Park, Friends of Edisto Beach, Edisto Island Ministerial Alliance, SC Department of Natural Resources, SC DOT Scenic Byways, SC DOT RME Division, Charleston County Planning and Charleston County Council, The Nature Conservancy, and the Coastal Conservation League. Technical assistance was provided by Clemson University's Jim Self Center on the Future and Allison Bello LLC (professional writer).

3. Document how the CMP was developed and approved

Once funding was awarded in 2006, the Scenic 174 Coalition held its first public meeting on September 28, 2006. The focus of the session was to introduce the corridor management planning process to community stakeholders and ask for their involvement, narrow down the categories of intrinsic qualities to be assessed, and introduce the Coalition partners who would lead the CMP effort. At the next public meeting on October 19, 2006, staff of Clemson University's Jim Self Center on the Future circulated a community survey questionnaire to a large crowd. Disposable cameras also were distributed to volunteers to document what they felt were the most important aspects of the corridor to preserve and what aspects needed improvement.

Another public meeting followed on November 29, 2006, facilitated by Clemson University's Jim Self Center on the Future. There, staff members presented the results of all data collection to that point. These results included the tabulation of the community survey questionnaire and categorization and summation by topic of the photos taken by volunteers. Clemson staff also documented research results in several wall maps that were posted in the offices of EIOLT for public viewing and comment. It was agreed that the Coalition, with the help of technical experts from Clemson University, would work on the community's behalf to complete the intrinsic qualities assessment, define the goals for the CMP, and develop a future action plan for implementation.

Throughout the process, as data was uncovered and plans developed, that information was shared with the community and additional input was sought. During the months leading up to CMP completion in the second quarter of 2008, the Coalition met frequently, primarily in sessions open to the public. The Coalition Chair made numerous presentations at meetings of stakeholder organizations as well as to local government officials to keep the community and partners updated while the CMP was being developed and refined. A critical part of the CMP was its plan for implementation of the goals. In 2007 EIPA's board approved the recommendation that EIPA accept the leadership and responsibility for CMP implementation, once the National Scenic Byway designation was secured. On August 25, 2008, the EIPA board approved the completed Corridor Management Plan.

4. Describe any significant objections to your CMP and/or nomination of the road.

While there were no significant objections, two questions were raised at the public meetings: “With national designation, would the highway come under federal zoning and jurisdiction?” and “Will the designation give federal, state, or local government control over my land?” Once these questions were addressed and the residents understood that the designation does not involve any land use zoning changes and that there would be minimal impact on individual property rights, the consensus was to fully support of the CMP and the nomination of the road. As time went on, even the few hesitant individuals were convinced that the national designation would help enhance the local economy while preserving the scenic and natural views that make Edisto special.

5. Describe how you have addressed the control of outdoor advertising with your stakeholders.

The community consensus is that the national designation of our scenic highway will help preserve the scenic and natural qualities that are an irreplaceable resource for the island, the state, and our nation. The majority of stakeholders in the community are aware of, and supportive of, current limits placed upon outdoor advertising along state scenic highways by the SC DOT. They also embrace the federal regulations prohibiting outdoor advertising in the corridor of a National Scenic Byway so that its scenic qualities are preserved.

6. Provide up to five (5) brief examples of how conflicting interests or positions were managed.

- Initially, a few residents suggested that the island and the beach already had too many tourists. They were persuaded to support the CMP because of our strategy for attracting visitors year-round (not just during the summer peak) and attracting tourists who enjoy “light on the land” educational and ecotourism activities. Edisto’s stakeholders support the concepts of ecotourism and all-season tourism and understand that we can improve the economy and increase job opportunities — particularly for our African American population — if we are successful in these efforts.
- Some concerns also were expressed about hoped-for improvements to 174 and where those monies would come from. However, residents became convinced that additional funding opportunities available to a National Scenic Byway could support improvements like more traffic pull-offs and the extension of current pedestrian/ bike paths. These improvements, in turn, would help accommodate increased year-round and “light on the land” travelers such as bikers and hikers.
- We also were able to reassure the few hesitant landowners whose properties border Highway 174 that no action would be taken that impacted their buffer land without their express permission.

7. Assure coordination of efforts with key organizations and industries on the [corridor](#)

The key organizations on the island are enterprises that provide services and activities for visitors — such as restaurants, gas stations, produce markets, art galleries, gift shops, fishing charters, kayak and bike rental shops— and non-profit organizations. Every significant organization in the Edisto Island community has been encouraged to participate in the CMP process and many have been involved. All are aware of the CMP and the nomination of 174 as a National Scenic Byway. The consensus is one of complete support.

8. Assure that you have the support of road management authorities responsible for each segment of the road

Throughout the CMP project, the Coalition has enjoyed a helpful working relationship with the SC DOT Scenic Byways staff in Columbia, SC. They have been an invaluable resource to us, reviewing our Corridor Management Plan and this application. SC DOT is the submitting agency for national designation. The Scenic 174 Coalition has also worked with local SC DOT Road Management officials, who were invited to public meetings, and their input was instrumental. The roads that converge with Highway 174 are maintained by the county. Charleston County has also reviewed our Corridor Management Plan and incorporated portions of our vision into the recently revised Charleston County Comprehensive Plan.

9. Assure that you have the support of the Federal land management agency(s) through whose lands the byway runs

Not applicable

10. Describe how the nomination was developed and who was involved

Many in the Edisto community have long believed that our State Scenic Highway 174 is an excellent candidate for national designation. As stated earlier, Edisto Island Open Land Trust took the lead in successfully applying for a TEA funding grant, in getting community support for the nomination, and in forming the Scenic 174 Coalition which developed the CMP. Two organizations invested matching funds during the CMP development process, as required by the grant – Edisto Island Open Land Trust and Clemson University’s Jim Self Center on the Future. The Edisto community has overwhelmingly endorsed this nomination, and the community’s Edisto Island Preservation Alliance has adopted the Corridor Management Plan as their centerpiece project.

11. List actions the byway leaders or organization will take to assure ongoing community involvement and citizen participation

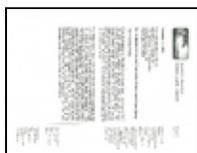
The Edisto Island Preservation Alliance was created by nine Edisto nonprofit organizations with the intention that EIPA would be the lead organization for implementation of the CMP. EIPA is a state-chartered non-profit currently seeking 501(C)(3) status. The organizations in the original Scenic 174 Coalition are represented in EIPA and include: Edisto Island Community Association, Edisto Beach Property Owners Association, Edisto Island Open Land Trust, Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society, Edisto Island Chamber of Commerce, Edisto Pride, and Friends of Edisto Beach. The EIPA Board has made a long-term commitment to implement the CMP, which will be their number one priority should the designation be granted. This long-term commitment includes the responsibility for on-going assessment of progress and regular reporting back to the community and to the National Scenic Byways administration. EIPA has the strength of the community’s support in preserving the way of life that has long existed on Edisto Island and in sustaining the bio-diversity and people-diversity present here. Individual stakeholders, through their representatives on the EIPA board and through their own EIPA memberships and participation in CMP projects, will continue to be involved in the on-going implementation of the CMP.

Supporting Documentation

You must include an electronic copy of the [Corridor Management Plan](#) and any letters documenting support. Applicants are limited to providing these two forms of supporting documentation along with the Route Map and the photos referenced within the body of the nomination application. Additional documentation/attachments will not be considered.

Corridor Management Plan. Your application must be supported by a Corridor Management Plan or set of planning documents that address the 14 points of corridor management planning detailed in the Interim Policy.

Letters Documenting Support. Reviewers find supporting letters that document local support useful as they corroborate statements you make in your application. The most effective documentation is personalized support statements that describe the writer’s relationship to the byway and expected benefits from national designation. It is also useful to see indications of how the writer will continue their support in the future.



Letters of Support

[Letters of Support.pdf](#) (4.5 MB)

These are selected letters of support for the designation of SC 174 Scenic Highway as Edisto Island National Scenic Byway. They represent a broad cross-section of the community, including local nonprofits dedicated to preserving Edisto’s natural landscapes and history,

town and county governments, government agencies, the Gullah Nation, a local multicultural community group, Edisto Beach State Park and other stakeholders. Each of the signatories has a personal experience with SC 174 and has committed to assisting with its development in the future. Nearly every group had a representative on the Scenic 174 Coalition, the steering committee for the development of the CMP.

Corridor Management Plan

Date CMP was adopted (MM/DD/YYYY)

2008-08-25

Does your State/Indian tribe/Federal land management agency require that CMPs be regularly updated to reflect current policies?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how often? If no, in ten concise bullet points or less, please describe your priorities for the byway for the next five (5) years. (Limit 1000 characters, about 167 words.)

- Establish structure & identify resources and partners for CMP implementation
- Develop a comprehensive interpretive program/guide to sites of interest, recreation, local services, public facilities, restaurants, shops and accommodations; also a wayfinding program of coordinated signage to mark the gateway, provide direction, and identify principal attractions
- Develop a marketing strategy to tap into established tourism base + eco and historic tourism base
- Enhance ecotourism activities & historic tourism and agritourism opportunities
- Improve current and create new access points to scenic, natural and historic sites via pulloffs, and safe access for water recreation
- Improve public facilities
- Extend all the way to the gateway the existing bike/pedestrian paths
- Develop opportunities for local farmers, artists, and business
- Update survey of historic & archaeological sites
- Work with SC DOT & local government to protect trees and make byway even safer

Your byway's Corridor Management Plan must address each of the following points. Identify the principal pages in your document(s) that discuss this point and summarize the key findings or objectives from your plan.

1. *A map identifying the corridor boundaries, location, intrinsic qualities, and land uses in the corridor.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Route Map	Appendix G

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

This map is a comprehensive summary of the following information: • corridor location, boundaries, and proximity to nearby tourist centers; • top 15 sites of interest; • federal, state and local government preserves and wildlife refuges; • visitor information centers • The scenic intrinsic quality is present throughout the corridor/island and the land use is primarily farms, rural residences, and wildlife preserves

2. *An assessment of the intrinsic qualities and their "context" (the areas surrounding them).*

Document Name	Page Numbers
VI. Intrinsic Qualities Assessment	67 - 71

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The CMP includes a comprehensive assessment of the byway’s five intrinsic qualities, beginning with the byway’s primary intrinsic quality – its scenic quality, evident from the moment the visitor enters the gateway and follows the byway past expansive marsh vistas, pristine creeks, quaint farm houses and historic plantations, woods and fields, and through live oak canopies draped with moss to the Atlantic Ocean. The remaining intrinsic qualities assessment - cultural, historic and archaeological, recreational quality & tourism, and natural follow the scenic assessment through page 106

3. *A strategy for maintaining and enhancing each of those intrinsic qualities.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
IV. Goals	27
VII. The Future Action Plan	107 - 160

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The “Future Action Plan” section of the CMP is a blueprint and timeline for implementing actions that will accomplish the nine goals developed by the community (p.27). The Future Action Plan strategy outlines responsibilities and needed resources for implementation, action plan steps with target dates + responsibility for monitoring & enforcing byway standards. Goals achieved will enhance the scenic quality and accomplish the community’s vision of protecting the authenticity and preserving the very resources that define Edisto Island and make it appealing to travelers.

4. *The agencies, groups, and individuals who are part of the team that will carry out the plan, including a list of their specific, individual responsibilities. Also, a schedule of when and how you’ll review the degree to which those responsibilities are being met.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Implementation Strategies - First Six Months - Establish Structure, Identify Resources & Coordinate Efforts	Pages 110 - 115

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The EIPA board adopted the CMP and accepted responsibility for implementing CMP goals. (See question 11 Community Support for a complete listing of EIPA member organizations.) EIPA has created a Byway Advisory Committee, which will be composed of representatives from each EIPA member organization, with some at large committee members. The Committee will report to EIPA’s Board, and will be responsible for implementing CMP goals, monitoring progress, enforcing byway standards and regulations, and reporting back to community stakeholders.

5. *A strategy of how existing development might be enhanced and new development accommodated to preserve the intrinsic qualities of your byway.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
2. Buy Local	122 - 128

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Existing local businesses that reflect the character of the byway corridor will prosper with the designation, and new local enterprises will be encouraged and cultivated if the nature of the business will help to preserve the intrinsic qualities of the byway; ie., businesses related to: • cultivating or marketing local farm produce, • marketing local arts and crafts or providing other local-flavor shopping • providing ecotourism, historic or agritourism activities, • providing food and services to visitors • providing education or recreation to visitors

6. *A plan for on-going public participation.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Implementation Strategies - Public/community participation	110 - 111

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The CMP plan calls for grass roots involvement of the community throughout the implementation of its goals. This will be achieved through the stakeholders' representation in the EIPA, representation on EIPA's Byway Advisory Committee, and through active volunteer work on specific CMP projects. The Byway Advisory Committee and the Byway Administrator are responsible for keeping the public/ community informed about progress or necessary changes to the Implementation Strategies.

7. *A general review of the road's safety record to locate hazards and poor design, and identify possible corrections.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Existing Conditions - Accident Records	50
Implementation Strategies - Improve Highway Safety	144 - 147

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The CMP did not identify any potential hazards due to highway design flaws or poorly marked sections of the roadway; however, it confirmed that most accidents on Highway 174 occur because of driver inattention and because of animals, such as deer crossing the road (pg. 50). The CMP recommends seeking further speed limit reductions and increased law enforcement, if increased visitor traffic should make such action appropriate (pages 145 - 146). The Byway Advisory Committee will work with SC DOT (among other partners) to find effective safety improvements.

8. *A plan to accommodate commercial traffic while ensuring the safety of sightseers in smaller vehicles, as well as bicyclists, joggers, and pedestrians.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Highway Safety	144 - 145
Accommodating Pedestrians and Cyclists	150 - 153

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Few commercial vehicles use the byway; however there are no restrictions for commercial vehicles, other than weight. Because the CMP calls for extending the 10 miles of pedestrian/bike paths in Edisto Beach, safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and passengers in smaller vehicles is a priority. The proposed

reduced speed limits with increased enforcement would enhance safety for all. Our vision is to make Edisto Island a safe paradise for bicyclists and pedestrians and leisurely sightseers.

9. *A listing and discussion of efforts to minimize anomalous intrusions on the visitor's experience of the byway.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Maintain or Restore Buffers	139 - 140

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Vegetative buffers along the scenic corridor need to be restored in certain spots along the byway where unsightly or abandoned buildings exist, in order to minimize gaps in the byway's scenic character. In other spots, action is needed to penetrate natural buffers that hide an important scenic view from the roadway, unless this is deemed detrimental to the quality of wildlife habitat. The CMP calls for working with EIOLT, Charleston and Colleton Counties to assess existing buffer requirements along the byway and to work with SC DOT to identify funding opportunities for buffer enhancement

10. *Documentation of compliance with all existing local, state, and federal laws about the control of outdoor advertising.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Litter & Proliferation of Signage	130 - 131

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

There is compliance throughout Edisto Island with the current SC ordinance prohibiting outdoor advertising for a state scenic byway. The majority of stakeholders in the community are aware of and supportive of these current limits placed upon outdoor advertising and will be comfortable with the federal regulations prohibiting outdoor advertising in order to maintain these scenic qualities.

11. *A plan to make sure that the number and placement of highway signs will not get in the way of the scenery, but still be sufficient to help tourists find their way. This includes, where appropriate, signs for international tourists who may not speak English fluently.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Develop Wayfinding Program	119 - 120
Highway Signage	148 - 150

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The CMP calls for a wayfinding program of unobtrusive attractive signage (ipoints of interest, services, facilities, pull-offs, historic markers) coordinated w/maps and guides. Signs to mark both gateways will alert the visitor to his arrival. Directional signs will be minimal, since there are no turns necessary for byway navigation. International symbols for services and public facilities, as well as emergency services, will be used on maps and signs to assist non-English speakers. All signage will be aesthetically pleasing or compatible with the byway's scenic character.

12. *Plans of how the byway will be marketed and publicized.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Develop Marketing Program & Strategy	121 - 128

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Because the byway lies directly on a heavily traveled route between Charleston, Edisto Beach, & Beaufort, SC + Savannah, Georgia, we do not have to overly market the corridor. The CMP calls for a marketing strategy that captures the existing tourism base and sensitively promotes the intrinsic qualities along the byway. This strataegy includes collaborating on promotion with partner tourism centers and getting recognition as a major resource in the SC National Heritage Corridor and the Gullah-Geechee Corridor. Available marketing materials will be improved and expanded.

13. *Any proposals for modifying the roadway, including an evaluation about design standards and how proposed changes may affect the byway's intrinsic qualities.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Access	129 - 130
Accommodating Pedestrians and Cyclists	151 - 153

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The plans in the CMP which may call for modifying the byway involve the CMP's recommendations for: (1) pull-offs for visitors to enjoy scenic views and historic sites, (2) access points for safe fishing/crabbing access, and (3) pedestrian/bike paths along the corridor. These proposals are not yet designed, but the CMP calls for careful collaborative planning in these designs (with SC DOT, SC PRT, and Charleston PRC) to minimize negative impact on the intrinsic qualities or the ecological welfare of the area; for example, the CMP recommends that all new surfaces be of pervious materials

14. *A description of what you plan to do to explain and interpret your byway's significant resources to visitors.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
Develop Interpretive Program	116 - 118

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

The CMP calls for developing a comprehensive interpretive program to guide visitors along the byway - including info. kiosks, signage, guided and self-guided tours, maps & brochures, etc. - to enhance their understanding of and appreciation for the corridor's scenic qualities and other intrinsic qualities. The interpretive program will also connect the visitor to the well-traveled tourist centers in Charleston, Edisto Beach, and Beaufort, SC, with their many recreation and educational opportunities, as well as services and accommodations.

15. *A narrative on how the All-American Road would be promoted, interpreted, and marketed in order to attract travelers, especially those from other countries. The agencies responsible for these activities should be identified.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
<i>No information provided</i>	

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

16. *A plan to encourage the accommodation of increased tourism, if this is projected. Some demonstration that the roadway, lodging and dining facilities, roadside rest areas, and other tourist necessities will be adequate for the number of visitors induced by the byway's designation as an All-American Road.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
<i>No information provided</i>	

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

17. *A plan for addressing multi-lingual information needs.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
<i>No information provided</i>	

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

18. *A demonstration of the extent to which enforcement mechanisms are being implemented in accordance with the corridor management plan.*

Document Name	Page Numbers
<i>No information provided</i>	

Describe the ways in which the document(s) above address the requirement. (Limit 600 characters, about 100 words.)

Byway Organization

Describe the structure of any byway organization that currently exists. (Limit 400 characters, about 67 words.)

Edisto Island Preservation Alliance, a SC non-profit, is the Byway org that has adopted the CMP. (Question 11 under "Community Support" lists EIPA's member orgs.) EIPA's Board has created a Byway Advisory Committee of reps from each member org. This Committee will report to EIPA's Board and will appoint a Byway Administrator to assist Committee in on-going implementation of CMP goals.

Describe plans to strengthen the organization over the next five years. (Limit 400 characters, about 67 words.)

EIPA, incorporated in 2008, already has 200 supporting members and with the National Scenic Byway designation this support will grow.

Provide a description of the stewardship actions and practices your byway organization intends to follow so that your Intrinsic Quality(s) remains evident or available to travelers along the byway. (Limit 400 characters, about 67 words.)

The stewardship actions and practices for maintaining the byway’s scenic quality are already well established and being followed conscientiously by EIPA member organizations, for example: EIOLT’s mission is to preserve our scenic vistas, and EICA’s mission is to preserve the rural and scenic resources of Edisto Island. Other EIPA member organizations will follow the lead of these two member orgs.

SECTION 7: CONTACTS AND SIGNATORY

Contacts

FHWA will use these contacts to obtain additional information during the nomination process and after designation, if it occurs. It is important for you to assure the individuals you list in your nomination are available for such contacts and will maintain up-to-date knowledge about byway activities.

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