



## ***SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS***

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### **Leader Training Guide**

#### Hidden Treasures in the Gardens of South Carolina

#### **Objectives:**

1. Learn about the gardens of South Carolina.
2. Plan a day trip to one of the gardens.

#### Lesson Overview/Introduction:

Day trips are a wonderful experience for your group. Plan a day trip to one of the gardens near you. Begin by talking with your group to select a local garden. Consider the best time to visit. Consider the time at which the gardens will be in their peak of blooming season. Consider the heat and cold weather. Go and enjoy a day trip to a local garden. Additional information can be found on their website. Several of the parks offer programs that might be of interest to your group.

#### **Lesson:**

##### The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden – Lee County

145 Broad Acres Road, Bishopville, SC

Open: 10:00am – 4:00pm Phone: None

Price: Free (On your own)

The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden is a two-acre expanse of carefully manicured trees and shrubs, all designed by Pearl Fryar himself. What began as a simple mission to win "yard of the month" turned into a newfound calling, which guests can now enjoy courtesy of Mr. Fryar himself.



##### Brookgreen Gardens – Georgetown County

1931 Brookgreen Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC

Open: 9:30am – 5:00pm Phone: 843-235-6000

Price: \$5.00-\$10.00

Rated as one of the Top Ten Public Gardens in the United States by TripAdvisor, Brookgreen Gardens is more than just a majestic landscape of decorated foliage. It offers a fully accredited zoo, a breathtaking pontoon boat ride, and dozens of

sculptures scattered throughout the gardens. Try out the Pavilion Restaurant for fresh soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts. Or, if you are looking for something cold to drink, try the Courtyard Café for cold beverages, coffee, and deli style sandwiches. Whether you opt for the scenic tour or explore the gardens for yourself, Brookgreen Gardens is dedicated to offer every customer a slice of serenity during their visit to Myrtle Beach.  
[brookgreen.org](http://brookgreen.org)



Hopeland Gardens, Aiken County

135 Dupree Place, Aiken, SC

Open: 10:00am – 9:00pm Phone: 803-642-7650

Price: Free (On your own)

Behind the serpentine brick wall, through an allée of ancient Live Oaks, fourteen acres of stunningly beautiful nature that has been open to the public since 1969. Hopelands Gardens is a masterpiece that delights the eye, quiets the mind, and fills the heart. It contains stone walkways, sculptures, and old trees. You may also want to visit the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fam & Museum that is located on the property.

[cityofaikensc.gov](http://cityofaikensc.gov)



Cypress Gardens, Berkeley County

3030 Cypress Gardens RD, Monks Corner, SC

Open: 9am - 5pm Phone: 843-553-0515

Price: \$5.00 to \$10.00

You may recognize scenes from movies such as The Patriot and The Notebook which were filmed here. Butterfly house, trails by water or foot.

[info@cypressgardens.info](mailto:info@cypressgardens.info)

South Carolina Botanical Gardens – Pickens County

150 Discovery LN, Clemson, SC 29631

Open: Sunrise to Sunset Phone: 864-656-3405

Price: Free (On your own)

The South Carolina Botanical Garden is a 296-acre sanctuary of gardens. The grounds are open 365 days from sunrise to sunset. Hidden in the gardens is a mini waterfall and niches for peace and quiet.

<https://www.clemson.edu/scbg>



Falls Park, Greenville County  
601 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC  
Open: 6:00am-11:00pm Phone: 864-467-4355  
Price: Free (On your own)  
Listening to the water can be quite soothing,  
and it is only minutes away from the shops  
and eats along Main Street.  
[greenvillesc.gov](http://greenvillesc.gov)



Edisto Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg County  
218 Riverside Dr SW, Orangeburg, SC 29115  
Open: 7am-7pm Phone: 803-533-6020  
Price: Free (On your own)  
In the 1920s five acres were dedicated to azaleas  
making the early spring a great time to visit. The  
1951 planting of the first rose led to the current  
scenery being dominated by roses in an array of  
colors.

[orangeburg.sc.us](http://orangeburg.sc.us)

**Lesson Summary:**

These pictures do not do the gardens justice. Seeing them in person is very fulfilling.

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