BREAKING OUT

Book captures state's 'Beautiful Places'

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When people talk about South Carolina's beautiful places, it's more than a marketing slogan.

In fact, they're probably referring to our state's mountain vistas or our beachfront wonders or maybe some of the natural habitat in-between.

Whatever they're referring to, chances are good the beauty in mind is found at one of the state's 47 state parks. In the Upstate alone, you can have your breath snatched away atop Caesars Head or Table Rock, alongside our mountain lakes, or simply by seeing our copious wildflowers in bloom.

Now, you don't have to even leave your house to see these natural wonders. A new book, which celebrates South Carolina's beautiful places, has been published by the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.



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Lake Jocassee as seen from the shoreline of Devils Fork State Park.

"Beautiful Places — The Timeless Beauty of South Carolina State Parks," features 100 full-color photos of the best of the best state parks. Of course, photos from Paris Mountain, Jones Gap, Table Rock, Oconee, Devils Fork state parks and others are featured in the book.

Jason Hege, manager of Paris Mountain State Park, said the book is a great keepsake, and it benefits the parks where the photos were taken by Greenwood photographer jon o. holloway, a nationally known nature photographer who spent a year on the project.

Chad Prosser, the director of the SCPRT, wrote the book. It was researched by Cal Harrison of Columbia, and the foreword was written by Rudy Mancke, the host of ETV's "Nature Scene."



BOOK DETAILS

The 140-page book, "Beautiful Places – The Timeless Beauty of South Carolina State Parks," was published this year by the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the creation of South Carolina's state park system.
Price: $34.95.
Available at: S.C. state parks, and online at: www.BeautifulPlacesAlliance.org