New visitor center opens on land in SC Upstate

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A new visitor center is open on land in South Carolina's Upstate.

The center at Jocassee Gorges is a joint effort between the state Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism and the state Natural Resources Department. It is located at Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area off the Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Highway on Lake Keowee in Pickens County.

Jocassee Gorges is roughly 50,000 acres of protected land around Lake Jocassee near the South Carolina-Georgia border. The center is housed in the former Holly Springs Baptist Church and features exhibits and information that trace the region's natural and cultural histories.

PRT director Chad Prosser, Natural Resources chief of staff Don Winslow and Rep. David Hiott, R-Pickens, cut the ribbon on the facility Tuesday.

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