

Sassafras Mountain observation tower opens

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SASSAFRAS MOUNTAIN — South Carolina's highest point now has a \$1 million observation tower.

The state Department of Natural Resources opened an observation tower Monday that has been nearly a decade in the making on top of Sassafras Mountain in Pickens County.

The tower is the final part of a project to improve access and the view on the mountain, which officials say was on a bad road with limited parking and poor visibility because of trees.

The tower runs along the South Carolina-North Carolina state line. On a clear day, visitors can see up to 50 miles into Georgia.

Sassafras Mountain peaks at 3,553 feet above sea level.

The \$1 million to build the tower came from corporate and private donations, Pickens County and conservation trust funds.