

SHORT STAY

Recreation Area



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Welcome

Dear Valued Guest, Welcome to Joint Base Charleston Short Stay Recreational Area!

Dating back to the 1950's, Short Stay has been an escape for our military patrons and giving rest and recreation to all branches of military service. First as an Air Force Recreation Area, "Hodge Podge Lodge," then as a Naval Recreation Area and now is a part of Joint Base Charleston, these 55 acres of prime lake-front offer wonderful activities, comfortable accommodations and the most beautiful sunsets in South Carolina (we are a little partial).

This directory is designed to provide you with information to make your stay a memorable one. Please review, as it has guidelines on the use of our facilities, equipment and overall layout. If you have a question that is not answered by this, please reach out to one of our staff members and we will assist you if possible. Please note information is constantly changing, however, we do our best to keep this current.

Any references to outside companies do not reflect federal endorsement, but are provided for your convenience.

Again, WELCOME! Thank you for choosing to stay with us. We appreciate all that you do or have done in support of our military. Now, go make some awesome memories!

Warmest Regards,
Your Short Stay Staff





Lakes, rivers & canal history

- Lake Moultrie is named for Gov. William Moultrie. Lake Marion, known as the upper lake, is named for Gen. Francis Marion.
- In the 1800's the first canal was built to transport goods to Charleston. Twenty-two miles long and made of solid limestone, this worked well when it rained. Unfortunately the railroad was easier and the canal fell into disrepair.
- In the 1920's, Thomas Clay Williams had the idea to bring back the canal system. A license was granted but the depression hit and it stopped everything.
- In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was pitched the idea of a canal system linking the Santee and Cooper rivers, providing hydroelectric power to the rural areas of South Carolina.
- The system was built using all federal funds and was part of the New Deal to give people work. Robert Jefferies presented the plan and the hydroelectric plant is named after him.
- Strom Thurmond introduced the bill in 1933 and work began in 1939 to clear the land.
- The project has 210 miles of shoreline and cost \$31 million to build
- They built an elaborate waterway system, stretching the Santee River, Lake Marion, diversion canal, Lake Moultrie then Tail Race Canal, Cooper River, Charleston harbor and finally to the ocean. This new system caused problems in the harbor in the 1960's, so a rediversion canal was built near St. Stephens to put water back into the Santee and to help the fish.
- On the Santee River side is the eight-mile long dam controlling flood waters with the spillway, 62 gates control the flow.
- There are flooded towns at the bottom of the lakes.
- They didn't cut the tree stumps low enough causing hazards on the lakes, but are very good for all the fish.

For more background on the local area, visit these sites:

<https://www.monkscornersc.gov>

<https://visitberkeleycounty.com>

<https://Charlestoncvb.com>

<https://chstoday.6amcity.com>

<https://holycitysinner.com>

Great stuff to know

• First and foremost – Short Stay is here for veterans, active duty/retired, and DOD personnel. This is a military facility and should be treated the same as if you were on base. Respect your neighbors, your accommodations, facilities and the staff that is here to provide you with the best experience possible.

- Check-In time is 3 p.m. for villa - Noon for campsites
- Check-Out time is 11 a.m. • A maximum of 4 or 6 people respectfully in 2 or 3 bedroom units are allowed based on fire restrictions.
- Free Wi-Fi is provided with a password.
- Be respectful of your neighbors. Quiet time is 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. and is strictly enforced
- Our convenience store in the Main Office building offers a variety of personal items, drinks, food, Short Stay souvenirs and much more. Come check us out!
- No smoking in any building
- Take all trash out to the dumpster
- All dishes must be clean and stored before check-out
- Return all keys to the office at check-out.. A \$25 fee will be charged per missing key
- All lodging must be left as clean as possible. A mop and broom are provided in each unit
- No tape, cup hooks, tack, or devices may be attached to the interior/exterior walls or ceilings of any building
- Keep all doors closed while heat and a/c is on
- No self-brought appliances of any type are allowed on decks or inside units
- No grills are allowed on decks and no furniture should be removed from deck
- Sponsor is responsible for actions of their guests (loss of privileges may apply)
- Two parking spaces are provided for each unit. Additional vehicles must be parked in the larger parking lot
- Linens can be exchanged out after the third night stay. See housing personnel to exchange
- No parties or gatherings of any type allowed in any of the lodging units. Please see Main Office should you want to rent a pavilion or The Lakeview House
- Reservations are by eligible patrons only and can be made the month we are in plus 2 months
- For larger groups, we do offer a bunkhouse that sleeps 16. It has four bedrooms with two sets of bunk beds in each room. There are two bathrooms, a large open area family room with fully-equipped kitchen. Check with the front desk for availability and pricing at 843.761.8353
- This is not a full listing of all policies and Management reserves the right to modify policies for Health and Safety issues. Visit the Main Office with any questions.





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Rates as of August 2025

Cabins, Villas & Pavilions - Daily Rates

		May - Sept	Off
2 Bedroom Villa		\$140	\$120
3 Bedroom Villa		\$155	\$135
1 Room Cabin (No Water)	\$50		
2 Room Cabin (No Water)	\$60		
Bunk House	\$325		
Club House	\$350		
Conference Center	\$450		
Pavilion	\$200		

Pet Friendly Unit Fee 35|Day|Per Pet

Campground - Daily Rates

RV site - Waterfront		\$40	\$30
RV site - Wooded - 30 amp		\$30	\$22
RV site - 50 amp		\$33	\$30
Tent site	\$15		
Monthly Campsite - 30amp	\$500		

Note: We do not have full hookups. A dump station is located in the campground.

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Entrance Fees

Daily Rates

Gate fee (16 yrs of age and up)	\$2
Boat Launch	\$5
Season Pass (1st car)	\$50
Season Pass (2nd car)	\$20

Group Rate/Entrance Fee

25 Car Passes (additional for group bookings)	\$50
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Miscellaneous Fees

Lost key	\$25
Cleaning (if required)	\$100 minimum
Pet cleaning for villas & cabins	\$100 (pets not allowed)

Boat Rentals - Daily fee (includes tank of gas)

Pontoon (max 12 people)	\$275
Center console (max six people)	\$275
Fish and ski (max six people)	\$275
Sail boat	\$15
Kayak with paddle & vest	\$25
Tandem with paddles & vests	\$35
Stand-up paddle board with paddle & vest	\$20

Cleaning fee applies if equipment is not returned clean and in good condition	\$35
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Please note - To rent a boat you must have a valid military ID and a valid MWR motorboat (power boats) operator's card. Current sailing certification required to rent sailboats.



More great stuff to know

about outside recreation at Short Stay

- Please check to see if lifeguards are on duty. A sign will be posted if “Swim at your own risk” applies. Parents should constantly monitor their children.
- Active wildlife is on this lake and facility. Be observant! We do have alligators in Lake Moultrie. Do not feed the wildlife. Swim only in designated areas. The biggest gator found on this lake was 800 lbs and measured 12 feet. Respect them and move away.
- Fishing licenses are sold at our Convenience Store in the Main Office. Children 16 years or older are required to obtain a license. Social security number is required to obtain a fishing license. The Department of Natural Resources is the agency that issues the license and they strictly enforce to insure everyone is abiding by the rules. The license must be on your possession when fishing. This applies to fishing from a boat or from land.
- Boats, kayaks, bikes and other outdoor equipment are available for rent at the Boat House. To rent a boat, the patron must have completed a boater’s education class prior. For more information on this, call reservations @ 843-743-7608
- Shade structures are allowed over picnic tables only.
- Be safe! No riders in the back of pick-up trucks or boats/PWCs while being driven or towed.
- Music is great....but your music may not be everyone’s favorite. Keep the sound to a manageable level and no offensive or inappropriate tunes. This is a family environment.

Important numbers

EMS, Berkeley County Sheriff's Dept or Fire Dept. - Emergency only - dial 911

Short Stay Main Office

843.761.8353 or 843.764.2608

Guest Services Emergency After-hours (not for reservations)	843.296.7731
Boat House (Boat Rentals and equipment) Emergencies Only	843.296.7747

24-Hour Emergency Care

Roper St. Frances Medical Center Berkeley 730 Stoney Landing Road	843.899.7700
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Moncks Corner (Trident) Medical Center 401 North Live Oak Drive	843.761.8721
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Pharmacies:

CVS – 100 Rembert Dennis Blvd	843.761.8261
Walgreen Drug Store – 395 N. Hwy 52	843.899.6600
Walmart – 511 N. Hwy 52	843.899.5755

Joint Base Charleston Important Numbers

Charleston Air Force Base Info Line	843.963.1110
Naval Weapons Station	843.794.7601
Medical Group (Air Base)	843.963.6880
Naval Health Clinic (Weapons Station)	843.794.6000
VA Hospital – Downtown Charleston	843.577.5011

Reservations

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