

# Hometown Hero



This trail honors George B. Hartzog Jr., a former National Park Service leader who helped create over 70 amazing park units! He worked to save wild places and important history, like Frederick Douglass's home. George made sure parks were for everyone—no matter who you are. His work shows how one person can help protect nature and stories that matter. Now it's your turn to explore and care, too!

Protecting places like the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary takes the work of people like Hartzog, the community, and even you!

*What is your favorite part about being outdoors? Why is it important for people to be able to enjoy nature?*

*What are three things you could do in your own neighborhood or local park to help protect nature?*

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# Wild Walterboro

Explore over 600 wild acres at Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary! Journey through blackwater swamps and braided creeks, beneath towering trees filled with wildlife. From chirping critters to lush Lowcountry plants, adventure is everywhere. Come discover what's hiding in the swamp!



# Search the Sanctuary

The Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary is full of amazing plants and animals! The swampy land and thick vegetation create perfect hiding spots for all kinds of creatures. Keep your eyes open! What can you spot on your adventure today?

Use this guide to identify the plants and animals you find.

● Barred Owl



● Yellow-bellied Slider



● Wild Turkey



● River Otter



● White-tailed Deer



## Spanish Moss

*Tillandsia usneoides*

- Up to 20 feet long
- Gray-green strands
- Hangs from branches
- Common in warm, humid

## Willow Oak

*Quercus phellos*

- 65-100 feet tall
- Long narrow leaves
- Small, round acorns
- Often grows near streams

## Buttonbush

*Cephalanthus occidentalis*

- 3-10 feet tall
- Smooth, oval leaves
- Flowers in spherical clusters
- Grows well in wet areas

## Bald Cypress

*Taxodium distichum*

- 35-120 feet tall
- Short, deciduous needles
- Small round cones
- Often surrounded by 'knees'

● Bluegill



● Bowfin



● Wood Duck



● American Alligator

