



The Port Royal Sound – What Makes it So Special and Unique?

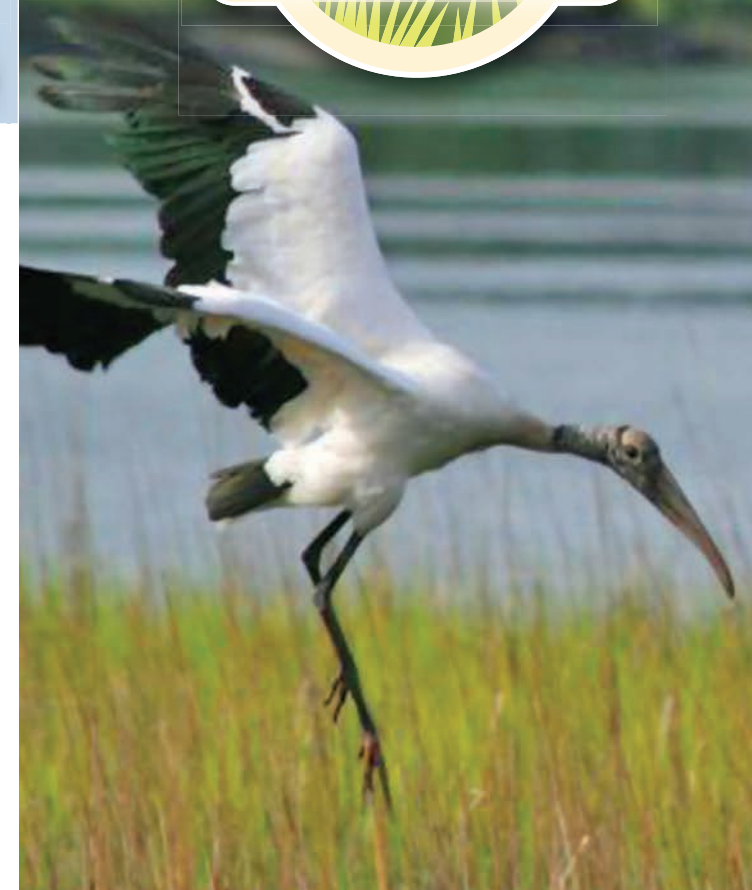
Port Royal Sound, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina is the ideal location to explore, research, and learn more about the amazing marine organisms known to occur in our waters. Beaufort County's landscape is composed of a series of sea islands and salt marsh expansions embracing the protruding extensions of salt water from the Atlantic. By car, boat, kayak, bike or foot, anyway you choose to connect with Port Royal Sound will instantly bring you into the salt marsh ecosystem and within close proximity to some of the most amazing species. The awe-inspiring expansions of salt marshes and highly productive waters are what keep people here or coming back to the Port Royal Sound, a special gem of the Atlantic Ocean.



The Port Royal Sound Area watershed is made up of a multitude of connected tidal creeks, rivers and other bodies of water. Our many waterways from headwaters of the Broad River to the May River to Fish Haul Creek create meandering branches of water, weaving in and out of vast expansions of *Spartina* grass salt marshes. Every person in the Port Royal Sound area has many great reasons to protect and enhance their local watershed. Most people who live in Beaufort County would agree their quality of life is tied to the quality of our local waters.

For more information about the
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Connecting the
People, Waters and **Lands**
of the Port Royal Sound Area



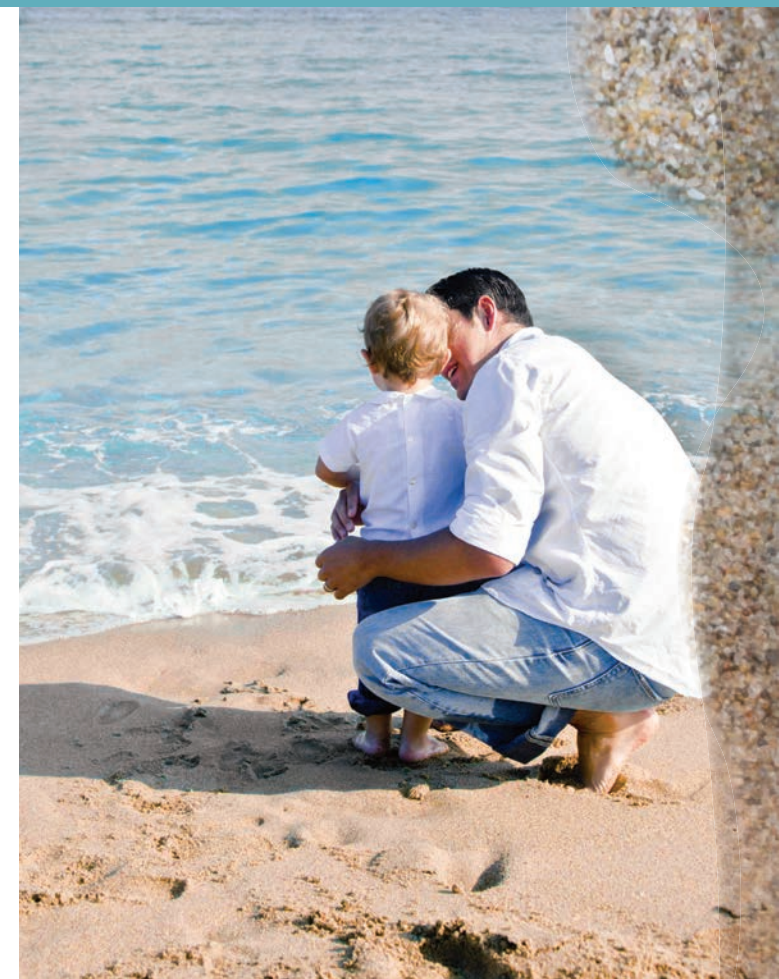
What is the Port Royal Sound Foundation?

The Port Royal Sound Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization started in the fall of 2011 and dedicated to the betterment and conservation of the waters and lands of our Port Royal Sound area. Realizing that our unique salt marsh ecosystem touches every community in Beaufort County and parts of Jasper County and, thus, impacts water quality as well as overall quality of life for all of its citizens, the Foundation was formed to be a leader in educating about the Sound and the need for preserving, protecting, and conserving this very special salt marsh estuary. Whether you live in Beaufort, Bluffton, Port Royal, on Hilton Head, on area plantations, or on any of the surrounding sea islands, you are connected to the Port Royal Sound.

What are the Foundation's Plans?

The Port Royal Sound Foundation will support and provide diverse educational opportunities to experience and connect with the Port Royal Sound system that extends from the A.C.E. Basin to the Savannah River. Exciting plans are underway for 2014 and beyond including the following:

- Renovation of the buildings at the former Lemon Island Marina to become the Port Royal Sound Maritime Center
- Foundation headquarters at the Maritime Center
- Educational programs and exhibits at the Maritime Center for area residents, families, school children, civic groups, visitors to our area, and anyone who wants to learn more about the Sound and how conserving it will contribute to the preservation of the ecological and cultural heritage of the region
- Diverse and fun opportunities to experience and connect with the Port Royal Sound Estuary
- Promotion of smart water and land management practices that everyone can embrace to help make a difference in the water quality and conservation of the Sound for the future



How You Can Help

- Volunteer
- Get involved with our programs
- Connect your civic group, organization, or business with our efforts
- Help with donations - cash gifts or in-kind donations

Let's all get involved and work together to conserve and preserve the Port Royal Sound for today and for the future!