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The 32nd Annual Holiday Festival of Lights opens Nov. 12!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year at James Island County Park

[CHARLESTON, SC] – In November, the Holiday Festival of Lights returns for another year of magic at James Island County Park! This vibrant light show is one of Charleston's most cherished holiday events, featuring an estimated two million dazzling lights.

The 32nd Annual Holiday Festival of Lights is open every evening, rain or shine, from Nov. 12 – Dec. 31, 2021. The festival is open at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m. nightly.

Millions have toured the Holiday Festival of Lights, which is hosted by the Charleston County Parks at James Island County Park. The holiday hotspot has earned many awards and mentions throughout the country.

Families are invited to warm their hearts as they cruise along the three-mile display of glimmering lights through the park. The festival features over 750 light displays, including the newly refurbished and rebuilt Cooper River Bridge display. In addition to the driving tour, guests can park the car and explore family attractions, shopping, dining and more.

Highlights include:

- Festival Train Rides
- Marshmallow Roasting
- The Amazing Dancing Light Display
- Enchanted Walking Trail
- Old-Fashioned Carousel
- Santa's Sweet Shoppe and concessions
- Gift Shops
- Visit with Santa (starting Nov. 19)
- Climbing Wall



Visit Winter Wonderland, home of the area's largest holiday sand sculpture, formed from over 50 tons of sand. Roam through festival shops for merry gifts, official 14-kt gold on brass collector series ornaments, toys, personalized items, decorations and stocking stuffers. Take a ride on the train for an up-close view of the festival, and to see even more light displays.



Make a trip to Santa's Village, where old St. Nick is waiting to take photos, starting Nov. 19 through Dec. 23. Take a spin on the old-fashioned carousel, toast s'mores at the marshmallow roasting pits and marvel at the outstanding 4-by-8 holiday greeting card designs created by local students for the annual holiday art competition. On Dec. 31, the festival will celebrate New Year's Eve with a fireworks display.

To create a great visitor experience and to help manage wait times and traffic, Holiday Festival of Lights organizers have identified "regular" nights and "peak" nights. Ticket prices during "peak" nights will be higher. New this year as well, visitors can save by buying their ticket in advance online.

For more information on the Holiday Festival of Lights, including event hours and admission fees, call 843-795-4386 or visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com. This event is co-presented by The Boeing Company, REV Federal Credit Union, your Charleston County Parks and many supporting sponsors!

Owned and managed by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), James Island County Park is located at 871 Riverland Drive. The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six land parks, a skate park, three beach parks, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, a historic plantation site, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs, and more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386, visit CharlestonCountyParks.com.

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