



# SIERRA CLUB



## Lunz Letter

November 2023

### The Citadel Marches Into the Climate Business

#### Dr Scott Curtis

Professor of Physics  
Director of the Near Center for Climate  
Studies  
The Citadel

**Thursday, November 2**

7:00 pm

In person: College of Charleston Robert  
Scott Small Auditorium 135,  
175 Calhoun Street

Online via Zoom: [Register Here](#)

*A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.*



The Lt. Col. James B. Near Jr., USAF, '77, Center for Climate Studies was endowed three years ago through the generous gift of its namesake - alumnus, veteran, and admired Citadel physics professor who passed away in March 2020. The Center serves the citizens of South Carolina by enhancing understanding of climate, its variability, change, and risks through education, research, outreach and the development of public-private partnerships. Director, Dr. Scott Curtis, will talk about the Center's recent successes and future goals of actionable science in the areas of climate and a) national security, b) coastal environments and infrastructure, and c) public health and welfare.



## Get Involved with Local Sierra Club Leadership

**Nominate yourself for State Chapter or Lunz Group executive committees by November 3!**

Are you passionate about the environment? Here's your opportunity to help advance the Sierra Club's mission to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth by getting involved with the leadership of either the South Carolina State Chapter or Charleston-Berkeley-Colleton -Dorchester-area Robert Lunz Group. From planning local hikes and the annual oyster roast to advocating environmental policies in Columbia, the work of the Sierra Club in South Carolina is done almost entirely by volunteer members like yourself.

Elections for seats on the executive committees of the state chapter and local groups will extend from mid-November through early December. The deadline for nominations for either the state or local committees is November 3. Email a brief statement and a photo to the Chapter Coordinator, [audrey.jones@sierraclub.org](mailto:audrey.jones@sierraclub.org)

To learn more about the work of the Robert Lunz Group, continue reading this newsletter and our website: <https://www.sierraclub.org/south-carolina/robert-lunz>. For questions about the Lunz Group, including the responsibilities and time commitment for the executive committee, contact Christine von Kolnitz at [vonkolnc1@gmail.com](mailto:vonkolnc1@gmail.com).

To learn more about the State Chapter and the election process, visit <https://www.sierraclub.org/south-carolina>.



## ***Save the Date***

### **Lunz Group Winter Potluck**

**Thursday, December 7**

Join us for the Lunz Group Winter Potluck. We'll gather outdoors with a fire pit at the Cooper Estates Boat Landing on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant. Details to come...

## ***View Recording***

### **Ghost Forests in South Carolina**

**Dr. Tom O'Halloran**

Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology & Forest Science,  
Clemson University

[Recording of program](#)

## **Input Needed for Charleston County Climate Planning**

Let sustainability planners know your thoughts on climate impacts.

[Complete Brief Survey](#)

### **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE**



Charleston County wants to hear from you!  
Fill out the questionnaire below to give us  
your thoughts on which climate impacts are  
of most concern to you.



Participate at  
[bit.ly/chscocapquestions](https://bit.ly/chscocapquestions)

Learn more about the County's climate action planning process at:  
[charlestoncounty.org/cap](https://charlestoncounty.org/cap)

# Outings



## Canoe / Kayak on Wadmacon Creek

**Saturday, November 11**

Trip Leader: Bill Turner

This roughly 10 mile paddle will follow the significant but little known and seldom paddled tributary of the Santee River. There should be some

fall color along the hardwood forest bordering the creek.

[Learn More](#)

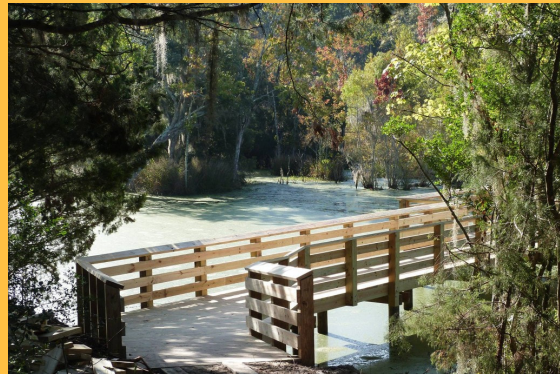
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## Day Hike at Botany Bay & Roxbury Park

**Sunday, December 10**

Trip Leader: Bill Turner

We'll start with a walk along the undeveloped boneyard beach at Botany Bay Wildlife Management Area, after which we'll visit a couple of historic sites on the refuge. After lunch and on the drive back, we'll stop for another walk at Roxbury Park. Roxbury is a small but highly diverse place with ponds, saltwater marsh, pine and hardwood forest, and fields.



[Learn More](#)

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## Day Hike at the Ernest F. Hollings Ace Basin National Wildlife Refuge

**Sunday, January 7**

Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This 6 to 7 mile walk traversing old rice fields and dikes, pine and hardwood forest, fresh and saltwater marshes, and an antebellum plantation house surrounded by moss-draped live oaks.

[Learn More](#)



## Mark Your Calendars - Additional Outings on the Horizon

- February 17 - [Donnelly Wildlife Management Area](#)
- March 16 - [Bicycling the Santee National Wildlife Refuge](#)
- April 27 - [Canoe / Kayak on Wambaw Creek](#)

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