

**South Carolina, The Palmetto State** (*the palm trees, not the bugs*!)

February was spent at Devil's Fork State Park in Salem, South Carolina. It's a beautiful area where we were close to friends and family, and it only set us back \$743/month including utilities due to a 30-day special to lure snowbirds to northern South Carolina in the winter months.



Devil's Fork surrounds Lake Jocassee and is a fishing, boating, and diving park with a few trails and nice cabins and campgrounds for both RV and tent camping. The view from our rig was gorgeous and a pleasure to wake up to every morning.



Fun fact: Lake Jocassee is a man-made lake created by Duke Electric in 1973, in a project known as Bad Creek. It took almost 20 years to complete, and it now produces electricity for millions living in North and South Carolina. Lake Jocassee is the lower reservoir for the Project. Before the lake was formed, scenes from the movie Deliverance were filmed here. Cue the banjoes.

## **Observations while touring South Carolina:**

- Though HOAs can be a pain, they do serve a purpose. We saw too many beautiful areas that clearly didn't have one.
- Dollar Generals are everywhere. In fact, one town with a population of just over 3,000 had three within a few miles.
- However, you can't beat a Walmart that has over 4,000 locations. They are great for travelers, not only for groceries and supplies, but also for prescriptions.
- There is a church on almost every corner, and even small towns have stately, well-kept buildings—clearly the pride of the community.
- The town of Greenville is bursting as land prep for very large communities is going on everywhere on the outskirts of the town.

## **RV** Tip For This Month:

Be flexible: In the last 2-1/2 months, we have changed quite a few reservations during our travels as we learn more about parts of the country, charging an electric truck, etc. Just be sure to check the cancellation policy before putting a deposit on a reservation.

*Ori* has a new companion as we adopted a new kitty from a shelter in Georgia. "*Sixty*" is keeping us amused and engages Ori in a game of tag every early morning and late evening.



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