



Riverbanks Zoo & Garden

Riverbanks is a 170-acre Zoo & Garden featuring two distinct parks along the scenic Lower Saluda River. Since opening day on April 25, 1974, it has been our mission to foster an appreciation and concern for nature. We are dedicated to providing the highest standards of care for our living collections, a diverse educational experience for all visitors, the best customer service possible and all of the resources at our disposal for the conservation of the earth's flora and fauna.

Riverbanks Zoo houses more than 2,000 animals in natural habitat exhibits. Each area of the Zoo offers a combination of animal exhibits, graphics, enrichment programs and special feedings to make your visit enjoyable and informative. In addition, the Zoo offers a variety of interactive programs and educational experiences that can be enjoyed by all age groups.

Riverbanks Botanical Garden is 70 acres devoted to woodlands, gardens, historic ruins, plant collections and a visitor facility. The Walled Garden features hundreds of unique plantings suitable for home gardens. The Woodlands Walk features the ruins of an antebellum textile mill and a log cabin interpretive center. The Botanical Garden opened in June 1995.

Within the Visitors Center at the Botanical Garden, you can shop, relax or learn more about numerous aspects of gardening from the on site Clemson Extension Service Urban Horticulture Station. Any time of year, the Botanical Garden is an ideal place to refresh mind and spirit.

The entrance to Riverbanks Zoo is off I-126 and Greystone Boulevard near downtown Columbia. Admission is \$11.75 for adults, \$9.25 for children 3 to 12. Other special admission rates may apply. For more information, including the variety of venues we offer for special events, call the Zoo at (803) 779-8717.

The West Columbia entrance to the Botanical Garden is located off Highway 378 down Botanical Parkway. Opened in April of 2001, the Garden Entrance also allows visitors complete Zoo access.

You also can learn more about Riverbanks Zoo & Garden by visiting our Web site at www.riverbanks.org.