

What South Carolina Means to Me

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What South Carolina means to me is, not only a home but a place where memories are made, and life is lived to its fullest. From being freezing cold in the Blue Ridge Mountains to getting sunburnt on the East Coast, South Carolina is a state that has fun everywhere. South Carolina has wonderful places to visit, mild weather, beautiful nature, and kind people. It is the state that my home is in and where I have grown up to be who I am now.

What South Carolina means to me is the place where I have lived my whole life, never wishing to be anywhere else. It means waking up every day, going to school, and learning new things. I have made so many memories in South Carolina from the beach, mountains, and just my home. As a student in South Carolina, I want to work to make it better and grow. South Carolina gives good education and makes me always want to learn more. At home, I love going outside and seeing the beautiful sights of South Carolina. When I was younger, I would climb in the trees all the time trying to get to the top but becoming too scared before I did and crawl back down. The pond near my house that we always fished in is a small part of South Carolina with great use. South Carolina always amazes me because of how appealing it is. Everywhere I have been in South Carolina is great. I have gone camping a lot in South Carolina and have been to many different campgrounds. My favorite, Lake Wateree. I cannot count how many times I have been there. Every time I go there I have so much fun with my friends and family. I love riding on the tubes in the lake and getting scared when I fall off. That just goes to show how one place in South Carolina can make someone's life so much more enjoyable.

Whenever I hear "South Carolina", I think of living in the country. Tall trees, dogs, and houses far apart. But South Carolina is more than that. It has beautiful mountains, shining lakes, and oceans full of life. The beaches of South Carolina are what makes it great. There is nothing like being at the beach and playing in the Ocean with your family hoping that you never have to go home. However, the mountains of South Carolina in the winter are snow-filled and ready for skiing. My aunt has a mountain house, and we go up there every summer and fall. The first time I ever jumped off the balcony into Lake Lure with my best friend was so fun. South Carolina also has cities such as its state capital, Columbia, where I have been many times. One of my favorite memories was going to a museum there and climbing through this giant human figure jungle gym while almost getting lost with my brother. From cloudless, blue skies to hurricanes South Carolina's weather can get a little crazy. But even when there are hurricanes my favorite part is riding my four-wheeler in all the water puddles.

South Carolina means to me a state that has been strong and indestructible since 1788. One of South Carolina's mottos, is "Animas Opibusque" meaning, "Prepared in Mind and Resources." This motto shows how South Carolina strives to have the best for its people. That is why I love living in South Carolina. I feel safe and know that the state I live in wants the best for its people. My state also helps everyone from poor to rich, never judging someone based on their

social status. Everywhere I have been in South Carolina, there are always the kindest people. Everyone is helpful, dependable, and delightful. In the future I can see South Carolina as a state, growing and thriving for the better of its people. That is why I will stay living in South Carolina forever, because South Carolina cares.

Finally, South Carolina means to me a home for me and 5.4 million other people. As a resident of South Carolina, a can truthfully say that the state I live in is nothing short of wondrous. It amazes me on how beautiful South Carlina is because of its diverse nature and environment. The “Palmetto State” means to me a state that is full of adventure, beauty, and hope.