

## Ernie's Lake Report

HELLO, I'm Ernie Egret, advertising manager, property evaluator, water tester and head fishing expert for Wateree Realty. I spend most of my day on the lake with my team of experts looking for potential properties for our buyers. There is seldom a time when you won't see me or one of my colleagues back in a cove checking water depths, standing on a pier check fishing conditions or simply soaring over the lake making sure everything is ok. Often a few of us will pause from our duties to do a little fishing ourselves. If you see a group of us diving at the water you should come help as quick as you can because I promise the fish will be there.

There is plenty of fun to be had on my lake. Lake Wateree is 27 miles long and has 242 miles of shoreline. That's a lot of lake - about 13,700 acres worth!! We are approximately 1 hour's drive from Charlotte, N.C. or Columbia, S.C.

There are camp grounds located on both sides of the lake and several boat landings maintained by the State of South Carolina. Boat traffic is moderate here at Wateree making skiing, sailing, motor-boating, swimming and of course fishing easy and relaxing. Call us at our office for more details on these.

Currently there are approximately 40 homes for sale on and around the lake. In addition there are 94 lots on Lake Wateree, Cedar Creek Reservoir and Fishing Creek lake available. Give us a call for prices and detailed information on all of these properties. Whether you are looking to buy or simply coming for a visit, I look forward to seeing you on the lake!!

Sincerely,  
Ernie Egret

### Lake Wateree & Lake Wateree State Recreational Area Information

Lake Wateree is one of South Carolina's premier fishing and boating destinations, and Lake Wateree State Recreation Area provides ideal access to the 21-mile long, 13,700-acre reservoir.

The park's serene setting on the lake's Desportes Island just off U.S. 21 near Interstate 77 in the northern Midlands/Lower Piedmont makes it convenient to the Columbia, Camden and Rock Hill areas and an easy drive from much of the rest of the state.

The 238-acre park's offerings include a tackle shop/park store with refueling dock and public boat ramp. A large population of crappie, bream, largemouth bass, catfish and later, striped bass, has made the lake a popular fishing spot since the dam was built in 1919 (making it one of the state's oldest).

The park's wooded, lakeside campground has 72 sites, including many that can accommodate large RVs and all with water and electrical service. Day visitors and campers also can enjoy the numerous picnic tables, playground and the mile-long nature trail through the quiet woods.