HISTORIC CAMDEN SOUTH CAROLINA

"A Restoration of The Revolutionary Period"

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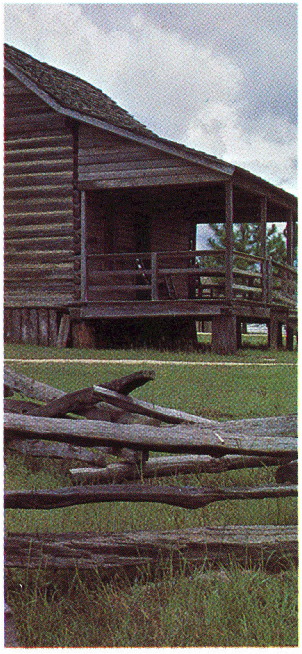
When the British left Camden in 1781, they left swords, cannon balls, muskets, coins, pottery, cooking utensils and other valuable pieces of history.

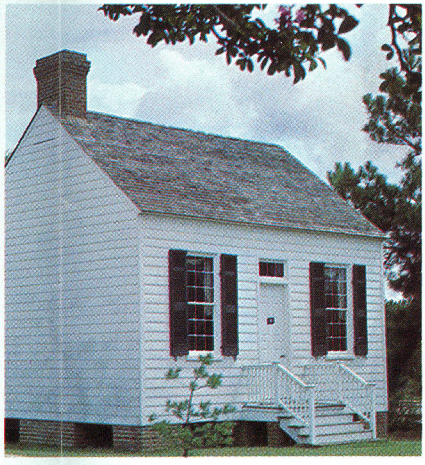
They also left remains of the old town and six small surrounding forts, the Kershaw House where Cornwallis headquartered, and a large powder magazine.

In 1968 we started digging around, and came up with enough to tell the whole fascinating story of Camden during the Revolutionary period of 1780-1781.

See the past come to life in an exciting narrated slide presentation. Then go on to find out about the town, the people and battles in two restored log houses filled with unique museum exhibits. In miniature dioramas where even the soldiers' buttons are perfectly detailed ... and in a model of the original town of 80 buildings, adapted from General Nathanael Greene's maps.



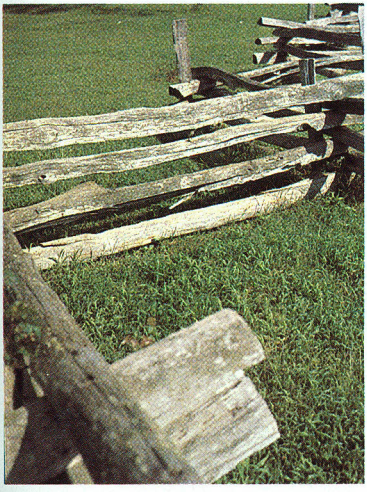
But, of course, most of our history was made in the great outdoors. So you'll find winding trails lined with historic markers and restored fort sites ... a partial restoration of the powder magazine ... the magnificent Kershaw House ... and portions of the old log palisade walls.



You can take a walking tour over many of our wooded areas, or drive your car to see the whole show. There are also shady picnic areas

and a nature trail to Kershaw's creek landing.

We'll even treat you to something the British never got in Camden: real Southern hospitality. You are welcome to pause for refreshment and a browse through our exceptionally nice craft shop. Our helpful guides will tell you more — and show you everything when you get there. So come. Spend a few peaceful hours where the British spent a rough year ... and see a lot to write home about.



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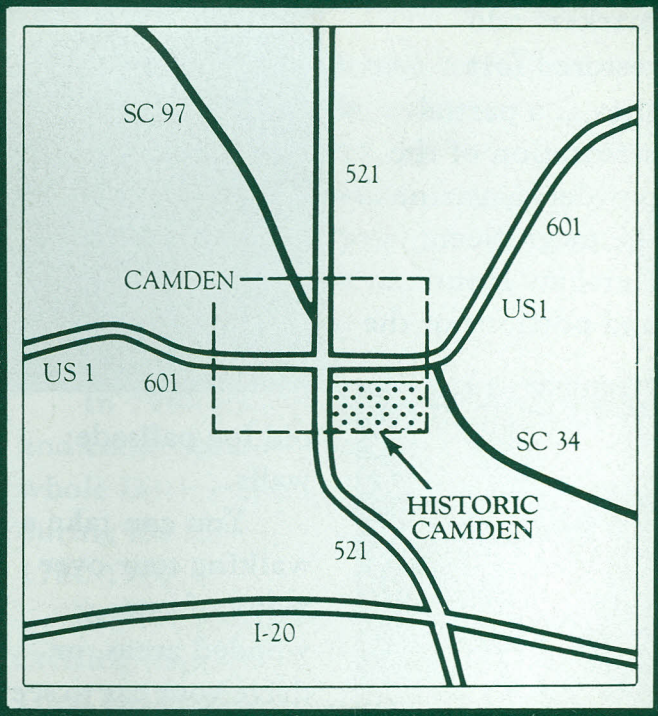

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Winter Hours - (September 1-May 31) - Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Hours - (June 1-August 31) - Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Mondays, unless holiday.

Admission . . . . . Adults $1.50
Children 1.00

Free admission to craft shop, administrative offices and picnic area.

South Carolina
Smiling faces. Beautiful places.

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