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Where Nature, History, and Culture Meet

Explore the richness of the Lowcountry at the Coastal Discovery Museum.

Guaranteed to captivate both nature lovers and history buffs, the Coastal Discovery Museum has something for everyone.

Here, you can learn about the natural beauty and fascinating history of Hilton Head Island.

Begin your adventure at the renovated Discovery House with interactive exhibits including a Kids Zone. From there, walk the trails of Honey Horn: 69 acres of undeveloped land, spanning salty marshes and groves of live oaks. Regarded as the most significant piece of open land on the island, Honey Horn is home to native plants and animals. Don't miss the educational stations on the marsh boardwalk, carnivorous plants in the Bog Garden, and the Native American Shell Ring built from excavated materials.

Get even closer to nature through birding excursions, tours of the museum's 1,200-square-

foot butterfly enclosure, dolphin cruises, and kayaking tours. The museum also manages the Sea Turtle Protection Project for the Town of Hilton Head Island, and from June to August you can take special beach tours and learn about protecting loggerhead sea turtles during nesting season.

The Coastal Discovery Museum offers a direct link to the past. Explore Hilton Head history from its early Native American residents to the thousands of Union soldiers that occupied the island during the Civil War. Take the Honey Horn History Walk, or go off-site to other historic landmarks.

The Coastal Discovery Museum also enriches the community through interactive school programs and special events. The museum was a leading sponsor of the Lowcountry Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration weekend, and it hosts the annual Art Market every spring. Whether you're a visitor or a resident, the Coastal Discovery Museum promises to inspire and inform.

Above from left: Discovery House; children learn about a blue crab; Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Enclosure

To learn more about the Coastal Discovery Museum call 843.689.6767 or log on to coastaldiscovery.org.