

SOUTH CAROLINA'S ROSE HILL PLANTATION

STATE HISTORIC SITE

In the days following the election of President Abraham Lincoln, South Carolina Gov. William H. Gist was characteristically blunt: "The only alternative left, in my judgment, is the secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union."

Today, Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site interprets the life and legacy of the man history has come to know as the "Secession Governor."

The son of a Charleston merchant, Gist rose from modest beginnings to be elected governor of South Carolina in 1858. He also was a reputed duelist.

Today, visitors can walk the elegant grounds, tour the plantation home, admire its beautiful rose gardens and explore other original plantation buildings. The site also includes a short hiking trail down to the Tiger River.

Holiday programs and other special events are held at Rose Hill site year-round, including weddings and receptions.



Designation: National Register

Counties: Union

Acreage: 44

Pets: Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

Admissions: Free admission. House tours: \$4/age 16+; \$2.50/SC Senior; \$3/age 6-16; free for children under 5

Tour and Programs Information: Historic house museum tours focus on plantation life from 1828-1960.

Held daily on the hour from 1pm to 4 pm.

Large groups are requested to call ahead.

House tour is \$4/adult; \$3.25/SC Senior; \$3/youth 6-15.

Rose Hill Plantation is a "DiscoverCarolina Site", which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children.

Driving Directions:

From I-26: Take exit 44 onto Highway 49 toward Union. Continue through Cross Anchor to Cross Keys (approximately 5 miles). At Cross Keys take right hand fork onto Old Buncombe



Road proceed 5 miles to junction with Galilee Church Road then left. Continue on Galilee Church Road for 3 miles to Rose Hill front gate. Proceed slowly on Galilee Church Road as it has a 30 mph hairpin corner and look for the William H. Gist family cemetery on left.

GPS Coordinates: Long: 81° 39' 56.97"W , Lat: 34° 36' 19.28"N

Park Facilities and Activities:

- Hiking Trail
- Park Store/Gift Shop
- Picnic Area/Picnic Shelter



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Office Hours: 11am-noon
Park Hours: Daily 9am-6pm