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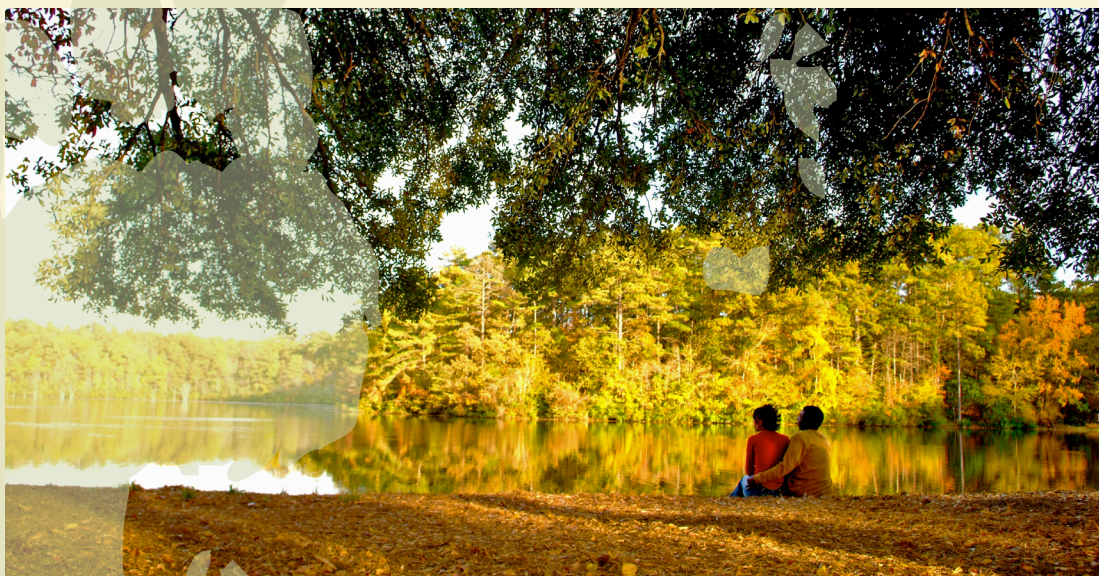
Sesquicentennial State Park, situated in the middle of the Sandhills region, features a beautiful 30-acre lake surrounded by trails and picnic areas.

The park's proximity to downtown Columbia and interstate highways attracts both local residents and travelers.

Sesqui, as it's affectionately known, is heavily used for family reunions and group campouts. It also features a dog park and well-attended interpretive nature programs, as well as a dormitory-style meeting facility and ropes course popular for corporate retreats and team-building.

Once a drive out to the country but now a green space in the Columbia suburbs, the park was originally built by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Evidence of their craftsmanship remains today, including the distinctive white stone blocks that mark the front gate.

"Sesquicentennial" means 150 years, and the park was a present to the city of Columbia to celebrate the city's 150th birthday.



**Counties:** Richland

**Acreage:** 1419

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

There is also a dog park available at Sesquicentennial State Park. The dog park is a 2-acre, fenced-in area for dogs to run off-leash. A permit is required for each dog, available at the park office. Daily permits are available. Important Notice! Dog must be present for photo identification to obtain dog park permit. Owners must provide current vaccination records.

**Admissions:** \$2/adults; \$1.25/ SC seniors; free for age 15 & younger

**Interpretive Program Information:** Sesquicentennial is a "Discover Carolina Site", which provides curriculum-based science education programs for South Carolina school children.

**Driving Directions:**  
From I-20: Take exit 74. Turn left

onto Hwy 1 (Two Notch Rd.), travel N 3 miles, park will be on the right.

From I-77: Take exit 17. Go N. on Hwy 1 (Two Notch Rd.), for 2 miles. Park will be on the right. (turn left if traveling I-77 Southbound turn left onto Hwy 1; or turn right if traveling I-77 northbound)

**GPS Coordinates:** Long: 80° 54' 40.34"W , Lat: 34° 6' 7.79"N

#### **Park Facilities and Activities:**

- Birding
- Boat Rentals (canoes, kayaks, non-motorized fishing boats, and pedal boats)
- Boating/Boat Access
- Camping: Standard Sites (84), Primitive Group
- Fishing: bass and bream
- Meeting Building (kitchen, dormitory-style rooms)
- Paddling
- Picnic Shelters
- Playground
- Trails (hiking, biking, interpretive nature trails)



9564 Two Notch RD  
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**Phone:** (803) 788-2706

**Office Hours:** 11 am-noon & 4-5pm

**Park Hours:** M-Su 8am-6pm  
(extended from 7am to 9pm during Daylight Savings Time)