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## **11th Annual Shuckin' in the Park scheduled for March 13**

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. — In her 1941 ode to oysters, “Consider the Oyster,” renowned food writer Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher chronicled the “dreadful but exciting” life of the beloved bivalve mollusks and man’s fascination with the slimy seafood delicacy, a topic that will be revisited March 13 at Old Santee Canal Park’s annual oyster festival.

For the first time, 100 percent of Shuckin’ in the Park’s electricity needs will be provided by renewable Green Power from Santee Cooper.

Whether you prefer them raw, steamed, smoked, baked, boiled, broiled, fried, roasted or stewed, complemented with lemon juice, vinegar, cocktail sauce, hot sauce or Mignonette sauce, make plans now to attend the 11th annual Shuckin’ in the Park. Festival times at the Old Santee Canal Park are 1 to 6 p.m., and gates open at noon.

Admission is \$3 in advance and \$5 the day of the event; oysters will be available for \$7 a bucket.

Children’s activities include a jump castle, and the local favorite Custom 4+2 will perform a variety of music including beach, pop, rock, and rhythm and blues. Small coolers are welcome, but please leave your pets and golf carts at home.

For more details or to purchase advance tickets, contact the park at 843-899-5200 or [www.oldsanteecanalpark.org](http://www.oldsanteecanalpark.org).

The Old Santee Canal Park celebrates a beautiful South Carolina natural resource and emphasizes the historical significance of the Santee Canal. Opened in 1800, the Santee Canal was America’s first summit canal, providing a direct outlet to Charleston Harbor from the Santee and Cooper rivers. Today, more than four miles of boardwalks and trails provide an up-close view of the park’s natural beauty and wildlife, and canoe rentals are available for the exploration of Biggin Creek and the southern terminus of the Santee Canal. The Interpretive Center houses exhibits on the cultural and natural history of the area, and the nearby Stony Landing House and the Berkeley County Museum and Heritage Center offer unique historical perspectives of one of the greatest economic development stories in South Carolina history.