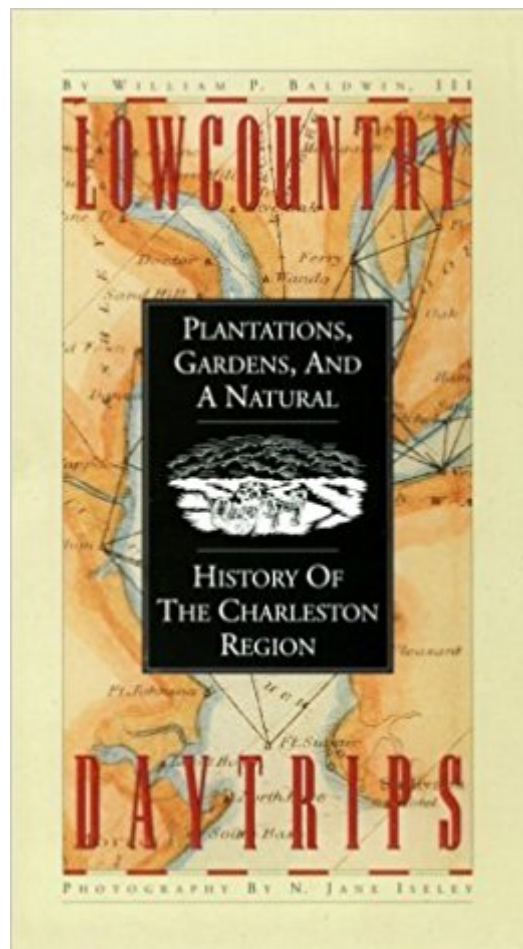




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# Lowcountry Daytrips: Plantations, Gardens, And A Natural History Of The Charleston Region



## Synopsis

Let this handy book help you plan your day of adventures in the fascinating Lowcountry of America. Includes directions for trips from Charleston as far north as Brookgreen Gardens, as far south as the Savannah River, and inland as far west as Monk's Corner and St. Stephens. Spiced with folklore, ghost stories, photographs, and detail maps.

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## Customer Reviews

Written by William P. Baldwin, noted author of Plantations of the Lowcountry, as well as many special-interest trips that focus on plantations, architecture, interior design, gardens, national parks, and nature trails.

Useful

My husband and I have been vacationing in the low country of Charleston, SC for over 20 years. Each trip, we try to see new things and visit new locations, but we often find ourselves returning to the same attractions year after year. So we were grateful to discover Lowcountry Daytrips: Plantations, Gardens, and a Natural History of the Charleston Region, written by William P. Baldwin, III and photographed by N. Jane Iseley. This is a great book for those wanting to see more than just downtown Charleston. There are so many treasures off the beaten path, and the author divides them into 11 day trips. The tours go from the Savannah River to Murrell's Inlet to Walterboro and Pinopolis. Baldwin provides detailed descriptions of assorted houses, parks, churches, ruins,

plantations, historical markers, battlefields, wildlife centers, cemeteries and gardens. Some are more well-known, like the Ashley River plantations. Others are lesser-known treasures such as the grave of South Carolina Revolutionary War patriot, Isaac Hayne and Mepkin Abbey. Baldwin provides not just maps, but even the exact mileage from one location to the next. His descriptions are sometimes accompanied by photographs and drawings, and he gives suggestions for additional reading for each tour. I have just one suggestion to enhance Lowcountry DayTrips, and that is to include a 12th trip encompassing Johns Island, James Island, Wadmalaw Island and Folly Beach. Such a trip could start at the Charleston Tea Plantation (Wadmalaw Island), stop at the historic Angel Oak Tree and take a peek at Fenwick Plantation (Johns Island). You can also drive by the spot for the Civil War Battle of Bloody Bridge on River Road. On James Island, you can visit the Fort Lamar Heritage Preserve, location of the Battle of Secessionville. You can also view McLeod Plantation, with the original slaves cabins still visible from Folly Rd. Then you can finish up on the tip of Folly Beach and the Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve, where you can observe and obtain some history on the Morris Island Lighthouse. Lowcountry Daytrips is a must for someone who has more than a day or two to spend in and around Charleston. It's also good for people who live in the area, but would like to discover the hidden treasures the low country has to offer.

What a find! We have used this book for our last two trips to Charleston and Savannah. Mr. Baldwin is a practical historian, giving one sufficient information to make a decision whether or not to pursue certain off the tourist path destinations. Accurate, fascinating and we felt that the side trips we took, known to us only by this book, were the most memorable (other than the shrimp and grits). Be sure to take a side trip to McClellanville and visit the local museum, Summerville and the Penn Center, an important landmark in African American history and the history of the South. Well written and researched, precise with just enough information to make you feel like you learned a good bit of southern history.

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