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The natural beauty of the hatchery can be enjoyed on our one-mile observation walk which highlights the various water-loving creatures in the area. Some wildlife that can be observed include birds, mammals, and reptiles (even an alligator). Duck boxes have been placed around the grounds to help attract colorful wood ducks to the area. Not only do wild creatures abound here, but the hatchery is also home to a rich variety of plants and flowers, which are described along the trail. Come and explore this beautiful setting and enjoy our natural gifts.

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The Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery was established in 1911 and has been producing fish for public enjoyment for many years. The hatchery is a warmwater facility, which means the fish raised do best in water temperatures between 65 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The types of fish raised at the hatchery include striped bass, shortnose sturgeon, redbreast sunfish, and American shad. The fish raised at the hatchery are stocked in our southeastern public waters to restore and maintain fish populations. You can see the various fish raised here in the aquarium, which is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am — 3:30 pm.

There are undeveloped trails located at the substation where you can hike and bird watch. Fishing is allowed in the 75 acre pond.

For weekend group tours, contact the hatchery staff.

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