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Rob Kennedy Historic Trail

Today's history nugget from the Daufuskie Island History Museum is the Rob Kennedy Historic Trail. The trail is named for Robert T. Kennedy, who retired to Daufuskie with his wife Dottie in 1991. Rob became a student of Daufuskie's past, served as island tour guide and became the first president of the Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation when it was established in 2001. Rob loved to share Daufuskie stories with visitors and locals alike until shortly before his death in 2009.

The Rob Kennedy Historic Trail is a self-guided tour that spans the entirety of Daufuskie Island, beginning at the History Museum and ending at the Bloody Point Cemetery. It takes the visitor through 20 of the significant island historical sites over a 3 to 4 hour tour, including the Oyster Union Society Hall, First Union African Baptist Church, Mary Fields School, and the Bloody Point Lighthouse. There are several restored Gullah homes and four cemeteries along the tour route.

There is no better way to experience Daufuskie than taking in the history while on a casual drive around the island. In one afternoon it's possible to not only learn a great deal about local history, but also to see the abundant wildlife and appreciate the beauty of the marshes, forests and beaches along the way. Enjoy life at 15 miles an hour!

(WHILE WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ENJOY VISITING THE HISTORIC SITES ALONG THE TRAIL, WE ALSO REMIND YOU TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE PRIVATE HOMES AND RESIDENCES ALONG THE WAY, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS CEMETERY GROUNDS. PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB ANY OF THE SITES. LEAVE EACH SITE AS YOU FOUND IT (OR BETTER))

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND

- 1 Mt. Carmel Baptist Church No. 2 (Hillie Barn Museum)
- 2 Jane Hamilton School (Gulfah Learning Center)
- 3 Tabby Barn
- 4 Cooper River Cemetery
- 5 Hag Point
- 6 Melrose
- 7 Oyster Union Society Hall
- 8 Hinson White Home
- 9 Mary Field Cemetery
- 10 Sarah Grant Home
- 11 Public Dock
- 12 White School House
- 13 The Council Tree
- 14 First Union African Baptist Church
- 15 Mary Field School
- 16 Frances Jones Home
- 17 Moss Field's Cottage and Oak Tree
- 18 Mary Dunn Cemetery
- 19 Bloody Point
- 20 Bloody Point Cemetery
- 21 Bloody Point Lighthouse and Silver Dew Whisky

* Approximate time for the entire trail is 3 - 3.5 hrs.
 * The trail may be started at any trail marker.

We ask that you do not enter the grounds of private residences and that you be respectful when capturing the scenery.

