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STATE PLANNER

Route 17 South Carolina State Planner

Lowcountry-to-beach chapter: quiet state-entry pacing, Charleston depth, marsh middle, Georgetown reset, then the Grand Strand and North Carolina handoff.

USE THIS FOR

Decide stop roles, route zones, backup pauses, overnight/reset posture, and what to verify before driving this state chapter.

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LIVE GUIDE

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How South Carolina works on Route 17

Lowcountry-to-beach chapter: quiet state-entry pacing, Charleston depth, marsh middle, Georgetown reset, then the Grand Strand and North Carolina handoff.

MAJOR ANCHOR Charleston Full city base, history, harbor context, and the state's strongest stay decision.	RIVER RESET Georgetown Calmer riverfront middle before the beach corridor.
QUIET PAUSE McClellanville Small Lowcountry texture stop, not a full destination.	BEACH CORRIDOR Myrtle Beach Intentional Grand Strand activity/traffic decision.

Driving zones

1	Georgia line / Lowcountry approach	Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Point South, Gardens Corner, and Jacksonboro are mostly pacing, junction, and route-texture nodes.
2	Charleston and Mount Pleasant	The state's major anchor and northbound harbor handoff.
3	Awendaw / McClellanville	Forest-and-marsh middle where the road can slow down.
4	Georgetown to Murrells Inlet	River-town reset, then a transition toward beach-corridor planning.
5	Grand Strand to Little River	Busier activity and traffic zone before the North Carolina handoff.

DECISION SHEET

Anchors, backups, and route decisions

Use the state page as a chapter map, not as a checklist of every town.

Useful support stops

- [] Point South - U.S. 17 / I-95 junction orientation.
- [] Gardens Corner - U.S. 17 / U.S. 21 route-choice cue.
- [] Awendaw - nature-oriented forest / marsh reset north of Charleston.
- [] Pawleys Island / Murrells Inlet - optional quiet-beach and marsh/seafood hinge.
- [] Atlantic Beach / North Myrtle Beach / Little River - heritage, north-Grand-Strand, and state-line context.

Decisions to make before the day

- [] Give Charleston enough time to work as a real anchor; do not reduce it to a quick stop.
- [] Use Georgetown as the most reliable middle reset when the day needs breathing room.
- [] Choose Grand Strand energy on purpose; traffic, parking, and activity density can reshape the day.
- [] Use Little River as state-line orientation rather than another destination to overbuild.

Current-condition checks

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PLANNING SHEET

Build your South Carolina Route 17 day

Write the roles first, then add only the stops that support those roles.

Primary anchor	
Reset / backup	
Overnight / finish	
Direction (northbound / southbound)	
Must verify before departure	

Notes / route decisions

Cut-first rule

If the day runs long, cut optional support stops before cutting the primary anchor or the safe arrival margin.