

The Grove

ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge/South Carolina



Figure 7. Grove Plantation House

The heritage of the area in and around ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge is deeply rooted in the rice farming that dominated the region in the 19th century. The 1828 Grove Plantation house (Figure 7) is one of the last antebellum mansions in the ACE Basin area and is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. In the late 1990s, the refuge had the building restored and it is now used as the refuge headquarters.

This former mansion offers excellent opportunities for education and heritage tourism. It has drawn the interest of many partners, including the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, The Low Country Open Land Trust, Westvaco, and many private landowners in the ACE Basin.