



WILLBROOK  
PLANTATION  
est. 1798

## FACT SHEET

- Willbrook Plantation was established in 1798.
- Georgetown County plantations produced 98 percent of the rice crop by 1850.
- The 1865 blockade and occupation of Georgetown threatened the plantation system and many families moved inland.
- 1865-67 crop failures lead to bankruptcies.
- The plantation house burned down in June 1895 and was replaced with a new building that year. The replacement fireplace stands on the property today.
- In the late 1800s, Northern investors bought many of the plantations and turned them into game preserves for sport hunting.
- Hurricanes in 1889, 1893, 1898, 1906, 1910, and 1911 wrecked the dike system and ended rice production along the Waccamaw River.
- In 1985, archaeologist Larry Lepionka conducted an excavation that uncovered artifacts that date back to the eighteenth century and include lead glazed slipwear, white salt glazed stoneware, and a brass grommet.
- In September 1987, the Chicora Research Foundation performed an archaeological study of Willbrook, Oatland, and Turkey Hill Plantations documenting much of its history.
- Willbrook Plantation Golf Club was built in 1988
- Willbrook is one of 11 courses that make up the Waccamaw Golf Trail, which stretches along from Murrells Inlet to Pawleys Island.
- In the 1990s, *Golf For Women* added it to a prestigious list of the Top 50 Courses in America enjoyed by women golfers.
- It is consistently awarded 4.5 out of 5 stars in *Golf Digest's Places To Play* listing.