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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI EDGEFIELD

Federal Correctional Institution · Edgefield, SC · Phone 803-637-1500

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	See the note below: the two papers disagree. The rules table lists Sunday, Monday and federal holidays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The handbook lists Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Call to confirm
Satellite camp (SCP)	Odd/even weekends: one weekend only inmates whose register number (first 5 digits) ends in an odd number may visit; the next weekend only an even number. Their unit team has the schedule.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Saturdays. Non-contact. At least one hour. No SHU visitors are processed after 12:50 in the afternoon.	12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

No one is allowed in the front lobby before visiting hours start. Visitors are not let in from **9:30 a.m. until the official count clears**. If you arrive then, you leave the grounds until it clears. Visits end at 3:00 p.m.

See the note below. The rules and the handbook both give federal holidays, plus either Saturday and Sunday (handbook) or Sunday and Monday (rules table). [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. Edgefield's two papers disagree. The visiting rules (April 22, 2024) say in one sentence that visits are Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, but the schedule right under it lists **Sunday, Monday and federal holidays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The handbook (file created October 2026, no revision date in the text) says **Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 803-637-1500 before you drive** and ask which days and what time visiting starts.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **4 adults** at one time, and no more than **3 children** under 16. No more than **7 visitors** in total. [1]

ID	Adults (16 and older) need valid **photo ID**: a current state driver's license or ID card, a government-issued ID, or a passport. Children under 16 do not need photo ID. Lawyers also need a bar card. [1]
SCREENING	At the FCI, everyone must clear the **metal detector**. Underwire bras may set it off. Everyone is searched at random by a daily random method. Refuse any search and you are turned away. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	No more than **$25 per adult**, with no bill larger than $5.00. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic bag or container no bigger than 6 inches long, 6 wide and 3 deep, with your photo ID, the vending money, life-essential medicine (heart medicine, inhalers; only what you need for the visit, and staff hold it), worn jewelry that is not electronic, and sealed feminine hygiene items. If you were dropped off, a locker holds everything else. [1]
FOR A BABY	Per child: a clear diaper bag or clear container, 4 diapers, 1 unopened package of wipes, 2 baby bottles with contents and 2 small jars of baby food. [1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No camouflage. No khaki at the FCI, and no olive drab at the camp. No low-cut, see-through, spandex, leggings, tube, tank, halter, crop, sleeveless or backless tops. No swimsuits, sweat suits, hoodies, mesh, open-toe shoes or slides. Shorts and dresses no higher than the bend of the knee, slits included. [1]
ANIMALS	No animals, except trained service animals with proof, after the Operations Lieutenant is told. [1]
WHEELCHAIRS	Visitors who arrive in a wheelchair are searched thoroughly and may be asked to use a wheelchair from Health Services. [1]
HOSPITAL VISITS	A visit to someone in the Health Services Unit or a community hospital needs the Warden's approval, a photo ID, and a pat search. A hospital visit follows that hospital's rules. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. When they arrive, your loved one gets a **Visitor Information Sheet**. They mail it to you with the visiting rules.
2. You fill it out, sign the **release authorization form** and send it back to their **unit counselor**. Nothing happens until the counselor has it.
3. The counselor runs an NCIC (criminal record) check. A check is good for **two years**.
4. The counselor tells them who was approved or denied, and **they** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. The list normally holds up to **20 visitors**. They can ask for a change or addition **once a quarter**, on an Inmate Request to Staff form.
6. After the first 72 hours, visits are for immediate family only until the other visitors are verified. A transferred inmate keeps their list, but everyone is checked again through NCIC.
7. A holdover (passing through) can be visited by immediate family only, and the request goes to the unit team at least **3 days** before the visit.

Fill out the visiting form for Edgefield

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

ADDRESS	FCI Edgefield, 501 Gary Hill Road, Edgefield, SC 29824. Phone (803) 637-1500. Edgefield County has no public transportation. Taxis are available from Augusta, Georgia.
FROM COLUMBIA, SC (ABOUT 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES, 70 MILES)	I-20 West toward Augusta, GA for 46.3 miles. Exit 18, toward Johnston/Edgefield. Turn right off the exit and go 10.5 miles. Stay on Highway 19 toward Edgefield. Bear left at the Highway 19 and Highway 191 intersection (Dollar General). At the red light (Highway 25 intersection) stay straight on US-25 for 4.1 miles. Turn slight left on Bauskett Street for 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Gary Hill Road for 1.4 miles.
FROM ATLANTA, GA (ABOUT 3 HOURS, 170 MILES)	I-20 East toward Augusta, GA for 149.2 miles. Exit 5, toward Edgefield/Johnston. Turn left off the exit onto US-25 N for 13.6 miles. Turn left onto US-25 North for 4.1 miles. Bear left on Bauskett Street for 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Gary Hill Road for 1.4 miles.

Street address for your GPS: 501 Gary Hill Road, Edgefield, Sc 29824. [2]

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FCI EDGEFIELD

Rules dated **April 22, 2024** (2 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/edg/edg_visit.pdf) No Spanish version posted

2 years old. Ask your loved one to check the copy posted in the unit before you drive.

Skirts and dresses	Dresses, including slits, no shorter than bend of knee (0 inches above).
Shorts	Shorts allowed but must reach the bend of the knee.
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored clothing when visiting the FCI. No olive drab clothing when visiting the camp.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex or leggings. No suggestive or revealing apparel, e.g., skin-tight clothing.
Bras and metal	Women should avoid underwire bras; they may not clear the detector.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	No open-toe shoes. No slides.
Children	Not in the written rules.

ALL 25 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dresses, including slits, no shorter than bend of knee (0 inches above).
  BOP wording: "knee . The length of a dress will not be shorter than"
- Shorts allowed but must reach the bend of the knee.
  BOP wording: "Shorts must be no higher than above the bend of the"
- No tank tops or sleeveless clothing.
  BOP wording: "tops , halter tops , crop tops , sleeveless clothing ,"
- No low-cut (e.g., V-neck) shirts or dresses.
  BOP wording: "low cut (e . g. , V- neck) shirt s or dresses , see -"
- No crop tops.
  BOP wording: "tops , halter tops , crop tops , sleeveless clothing ,"
- No tube tops, halter tops, or backless clothing.
  BOP wording: "tops , halter tops , crop tops , sleeveless clothing ,"
- No see-through or mesh clothing.
  BOP wording: "through clothing , spandex , leggings , tube t ops , tank"
- No suggestive or revealing apparel, e.g., skin-tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "revealing nature (e.g ., skin-tight clothing) ."
- No spandex or leggings.
  BOP wording: "through clothing , spandex , leggings , tube t ops , tank"

- No swimsuits.
  BOP wording: "backless clothing , swimsuits , sweat su i ts , hoodies ,"
- No sweat suits.
  BOP wording: "backless clothing , swimsuits , sweat su i ts , hoodies ,"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing when visiting the FCI.
  BOP wording: "colored clothing (when visiting the FCI) , olive drab"
- No olive drab clothing when visiting the camp.
  BOP wording: "colored clothing (when visiting the FCI) , olive drab"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "Prohibited Items: camouflage clothing , khaki"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Women should avoid underwire bras; they may not clear the detector.
  BOP wording: "wearing under - wire bras since they may not clear the"

SHOES

- No open-toe shoes.
  BOP wording: "mesh clothing , break away pants , open toe shoes ,"
- No slides.
  BOP wording: "slides , clothing with logos that may indicate gang"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, bandanas, or scarves.
  BOP wording: "turban , hijab) , hats , bandanas and/or scarfs are not"
- Religious headgear allowed, e.g., kufi, headbands, turban, hijab.
  BOP wording: "Except for religious headgear (e . g . kufi , headbands ,"
- No hoodies.
  BOP wording: "backless clothing , swimsuits , sweat su i ts , hoodies ,"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing with logos that may indicate gang affiliation.
  BOP wording: "slides , clothing with logos that may indicate gang"
- No break-away pants.
  BOP wording: "mesh clothing , break away pants , open toe shoes ,"
- No wrist watches, timepieces, or electronic devices.
  BOP wording: "Wrist watches, timepieces or electronic devices of"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Lieutenant or Duty Officer must be consulted before denying entry for attire.
  BOP wording: "consulted prior to denying a visitor entry into the"
- Front Lobby/Visitation Officer ensures visitors are appropriately dressed.
  BOP wording: "ensure all visitors are appropriately dressed ."

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
FCI Edgefield
P.O. Box 725
Edgefield, Sc 29824

The handbook asks that every letter carry their **register number and housing unit** on the envelope. Ask your loved one for both. [2]

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (501 Gary Hill Road, Edgefield, Sc 29824).

MAIL DAYS	First-class mail is handed out Monday through Friday (not holidays) by the evening officer in each unit. [2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hard cover books and newspapers come only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At a medium-security prison like the FCI, soft cover books also come only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. [2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs prior authorization unless BOP policy says otherwise. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. It goes to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa (see the Money tab). [2]

Books and magazines: at a medium security prison, books and magazines must come straight from a publisher, book club or bookstore (Amazon, for example), never from home.

Sources

1. EDG-5267.09A, Visiting (April 22, 2024) bop.gov/locations/institutions/edg/edg_visit.pdf
2. FCI Edgefield Admission and Orientation Handbook (file created October 2026, no revision date in the text) bop.gov/locations/institutions/edg/edg_ao_handbook.pdf