



HAIG POINT

Beyond the Proverbial Bridge Too Far

When you live on a barrier island, what first strikes you is what's missing. Cars. Noise. Crowds. Stress.

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: Depending on your criteria of an “island,” there are approximately 900,000 islands around the world, most of which are uninhabited. The largest island in America is The Big Island of Hawaii, covering one million acres, while on the other end of the spectrum is Hub Island in New York which is one-thirteenth of an acre, earning it the nickname “one misstep and you’re swimming.”

DODGING BEACH UMBRELLAS

Daufuskie Island is a 5,000-acre retreat, one mile off the coast from the famed Harbour Town Lighthouse on Hilton Head Island. With no bridge, hourly ferries provide transport to the barrier island. Once on the property, travel is required via golf cart (residents are not allowed to own a gas-powered vehicle).

The crown jewel on Daufuskie Island is the ultra-exclusive Haig Point Club. Member amenities run the gamut from Rees Jones designed golf courses, complete equestrian facilities, a beach club, a fitness center, lighted tennis courts, a kids camp, a dog park, and one mile of private beach. “We are not for everyone,”



explained Adam Martin, vice president at Haig Point. “Our ferry acts as a hurdle to keep the masses off the island. While Hilton Head Island receives 2.2 million visitors per year, at Haig Point you are likely to have the beach to yourself. You never have to fret about stepping over a beach towel.”

All told, five capital investment projects worth over \$20 million are under discussion. “There is always something new underway,” said Martin. “I’m most excited about the potential implementation of a multi-million dollar Rees Jones master plan that includes significant course upgrades overseen by ‘The Open Doctor’ himself.”

APPRECIATING THE LIFESTYLE

Haig Point has witnessed strong membership and real estate sales over the last couple of years. “We offer a lifestyle that allows you to congregate with neighbors and explore the best of island life,” continued Martin.

“Although we live on a bridgeless island, everyday conveniences are commonplace. We have lightning-fast Internet, and Amazon and Instacart are only a keystroke away.

“One of the more unusual traits of our region is the significant sea level change from high to low tide. It can vary as much as eight feet. As the water recedes, tidal pools act as

a buffet table for bird life.

“Daufuskie and Haig Point are to explore,” concluded Martin. “Just last month, a member found several arrowheads dating back centuries. I feel especially connected to the land when I walk the ‘hidden’ trail between holes 14 and 15. It provides access to a small private beach and a little estuary perfect for crabbing. In late spring it transforms into a loggerhead turtle nesting site and provides me a moment of Zen.” ■

For information on Haig Point, please visit HaigPoint.com.

“Haig Point provides a wonderful sense of life, a pristine environment, and separates you from the turmoil in which we live. It’s hard to argue why you would want to be anywhere else than here. It’s not a surprise to see Haig Point on many ‘Top-100’ lists, it’s that good. My routing has a nice flow, playing through a maritime canopy of trees. I refer to No. 3 as the ‘Gone with the Wind’ hole, with its fairway lined by mature magnolia trees.” — REES JONES