



# Navigating NWS Charleston's Website

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# News Headlines

At the top of the homepage, there will be news headlines that will be regularly updated. These headlines could include information on significant weather expected, weather awareness/preparedness, changes in products/services, etc. Just click on the headline link for additional information.

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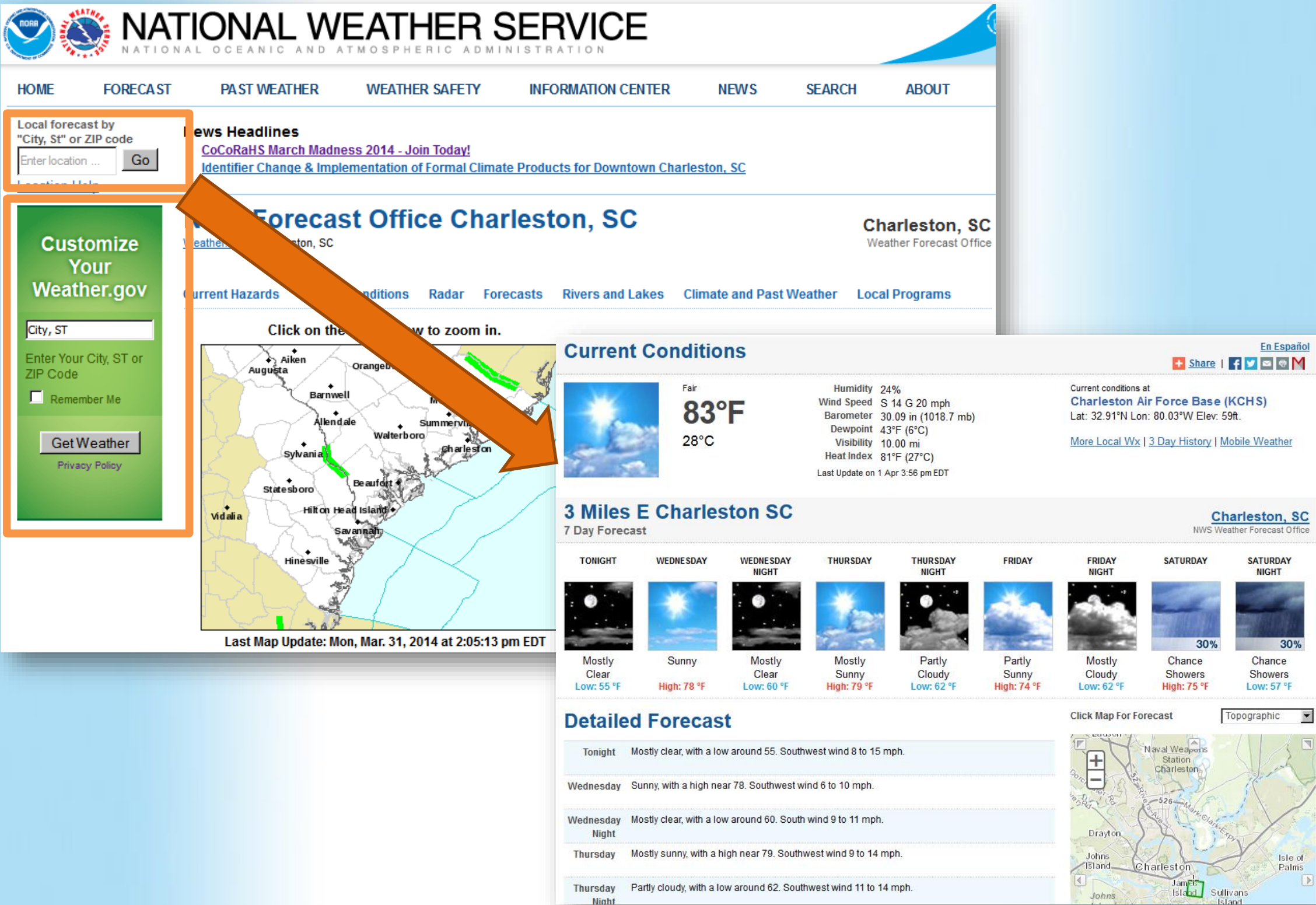
**SEVERE WEATHER OUTBREAK POSSIBLE THURSDAY**

The combination of an unseasonably warm air mass and a strong cold front will result in numerous thunderstorms on Thursday. Conditions are favorable for the storms to become severe, with damaging winds and tornadoes the primary hazards. Be weather aware!  
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# Your Local Forecast

There are two boxes on the left side of the home page where you can input a location to get the latest forecast. Once you select a location in the second box, the forecast will always show up there each time you visit!



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**Current Conditions**  
Fair  
**83°F**  
28°C  
Humidity 24%  
Wind Speed S 14 G 20 mph  
Barometer 30.09 in (1018.7 mb)  
Dewpoint 43°F (6°C)  
Visibility 10.00 mi  
Heat Index 81°F (27°C)  
Last Update on 1 Apr 3:56 pm EDT

**3 Miles E Charleston SC**  
7 Day Forecast

TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT
Mostly Clear Low: 55 °F	Sunny High: 78 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 60 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 79 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 62 °F	Partly Sunny High: 74 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 62 °F	Chance Showers High: 75 °F	Chance Showers Low: 57 °F

**Detailed Forecast**

Tonight	Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph.
Wednesday	Sunny, with a high near 78. Southwest wind 6 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night	Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South wind 9 to 11 mph.
Thursday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.
Thursday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 11 to 14 mph.

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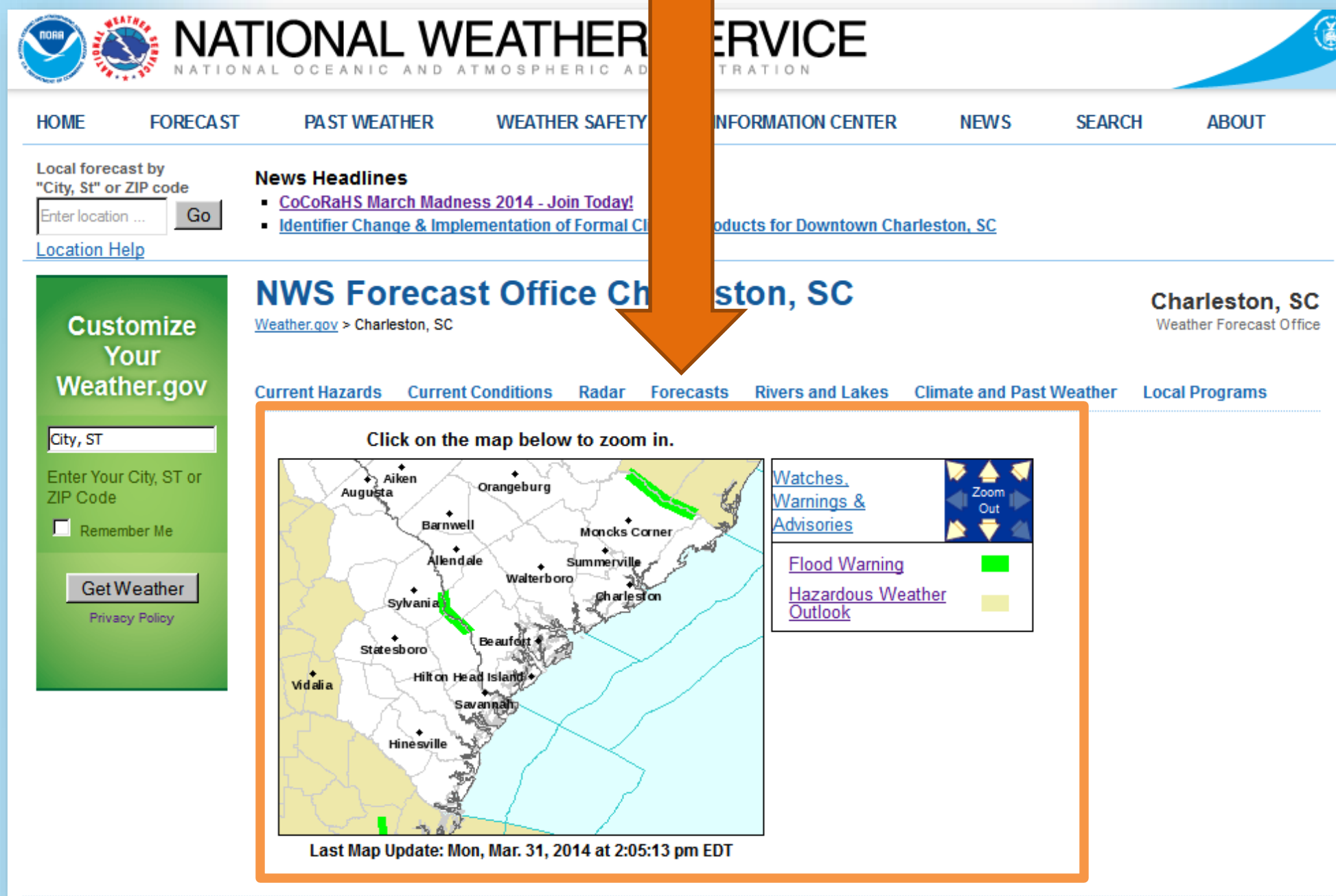
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# Hazard Map

Our **hazard map** located on the home page will show any current hazardous weather watches, warnings, and advisories.

You can also click on the map for the latest forecast.



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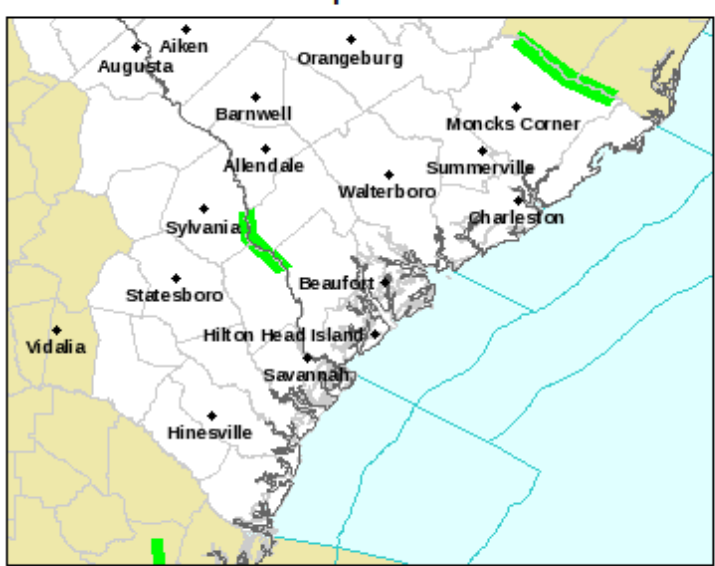
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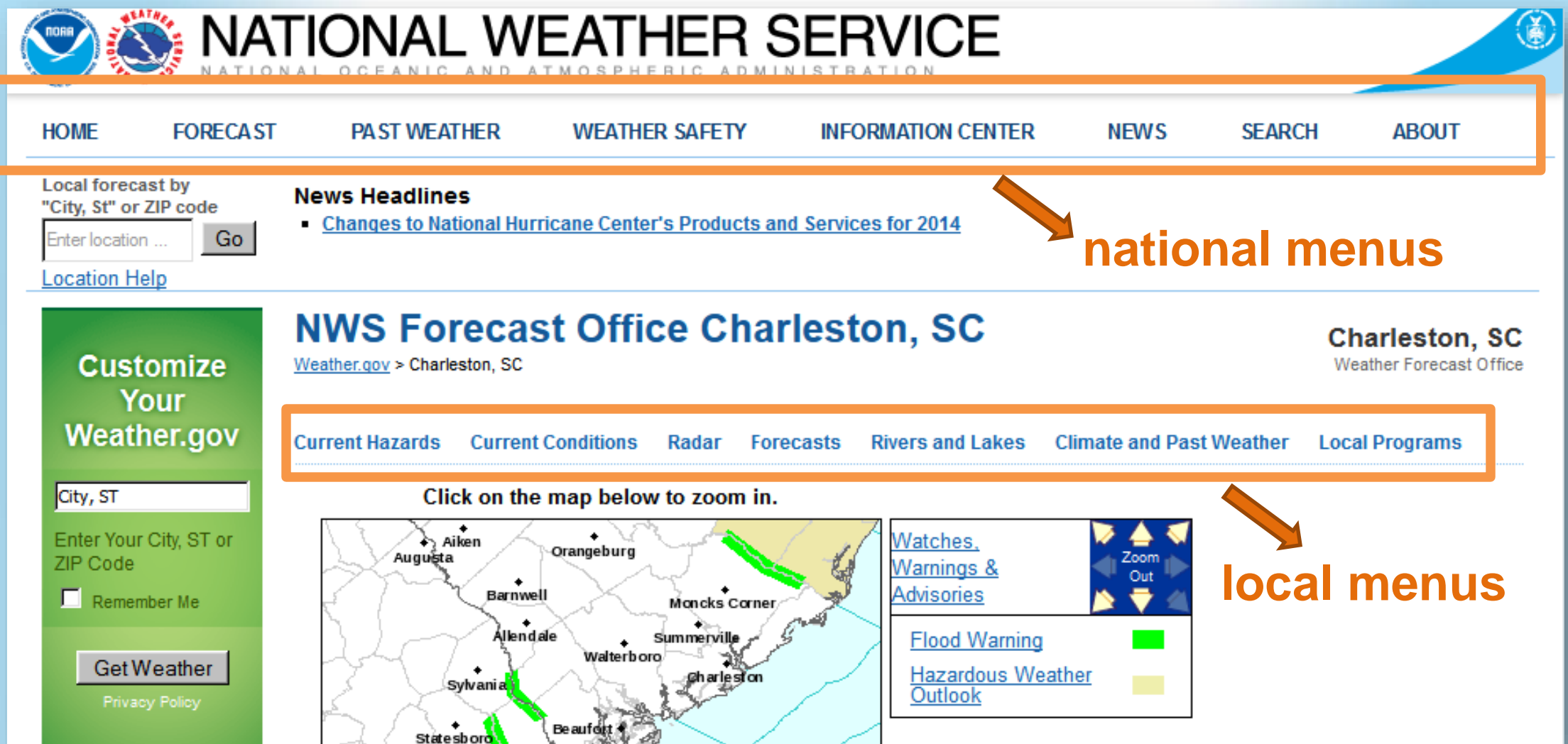
Hazardous Weather Outlook ■

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# Menus

The top row of menus contains links to more broad, national-level information. Just above the hazard map is a row of local menus that contain links to information more specific to southern South Carolina and southeast Georgia.



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**national menus**

**local menus**

# Tiles

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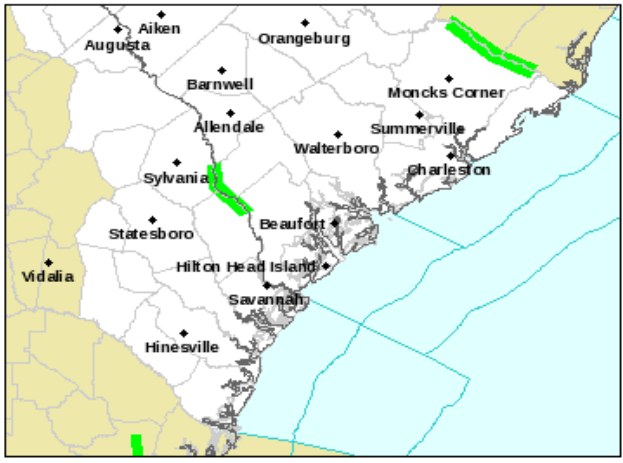
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 <a href="#">Recreational Forecast</a>	 <a href="#">Text</a>	 <a href="#">Climate Plots</a>	 <a href="#">NOAA Weather Radio</a>	 <a href="#">Skywarn</a>	 <a href="#">Sunrise &amp; Sunset</a>

# Site Map

The bottom of the home page contains an overview of the numerous pages available on our website – basically another way that you can navigate to a desired page.

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## HAZARDS

- Hazardous Weather Outlook
- Local Hazards Summary
- Weather Briefing Page
- Latest Local Weather Briefing
- Local Storm Reports
- Hurricanes

## CURRENT CONDITIONS

- Observations Map
- Observations Listing
- Marine/Tides
- Rivers
- Satellite

## RADAR

- Local (SE SC/GA) Radar
- Enhanced Local Radar
- Regional Radar
- National Radar

## FORECASTS

- Local Forecasts
- Graphical
- Weather Activity Planner
- Forecaster Discussion
- Aviation
- Beach
- Fire Weather
- Lake Moultrie
- Marine/Tides
- Rivers

## PAST WEATHER

- Past Observed Weather
- Event Summaries
- Rainfall
- Local Climate Data/Plots
- Today in Weather History

## OFFICE PROGRAMS

- CoCoRaHS
- Science/Technology
- Social Media
- Storm Spotters

## OFFICE INFORMATION

- About Us
- FAQ
- Newsletter - Storm Courier
- Text Product Listing

## WEATHER SAFETY/PREPAREDNESS

- Weather Safety
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- Brochures
- Weather Ready Nation

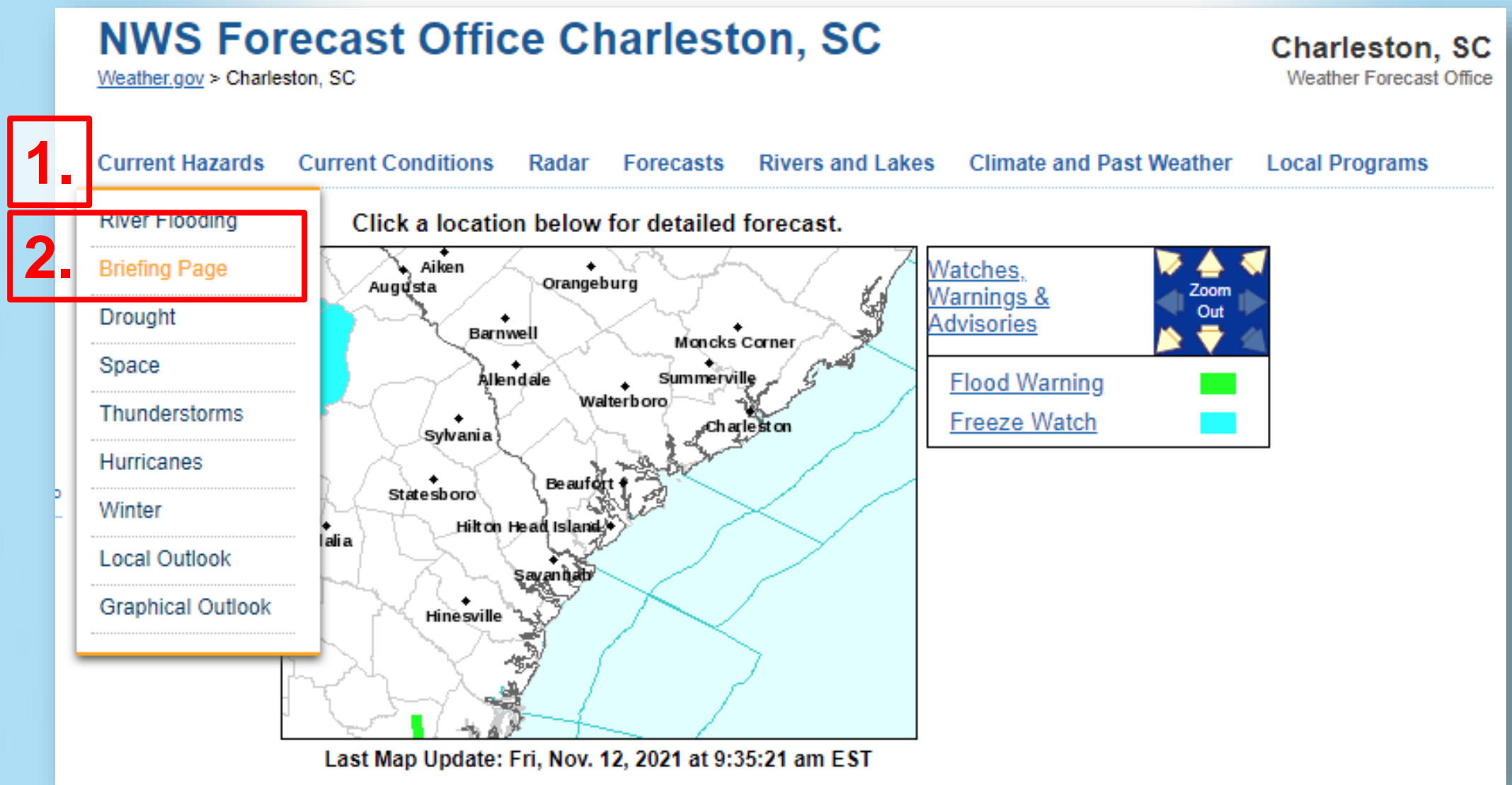


# Popular Pages: Briefing Page

The Briefing page is a “one-stop shop” of weather information to help keep you updated about the latest weather conditions and forecasts, particularly regarding any high impact weather.

To get to our **Briefing** page...

1. Hover over the “Current Hazards” menu
2. Select “Briefing Page”



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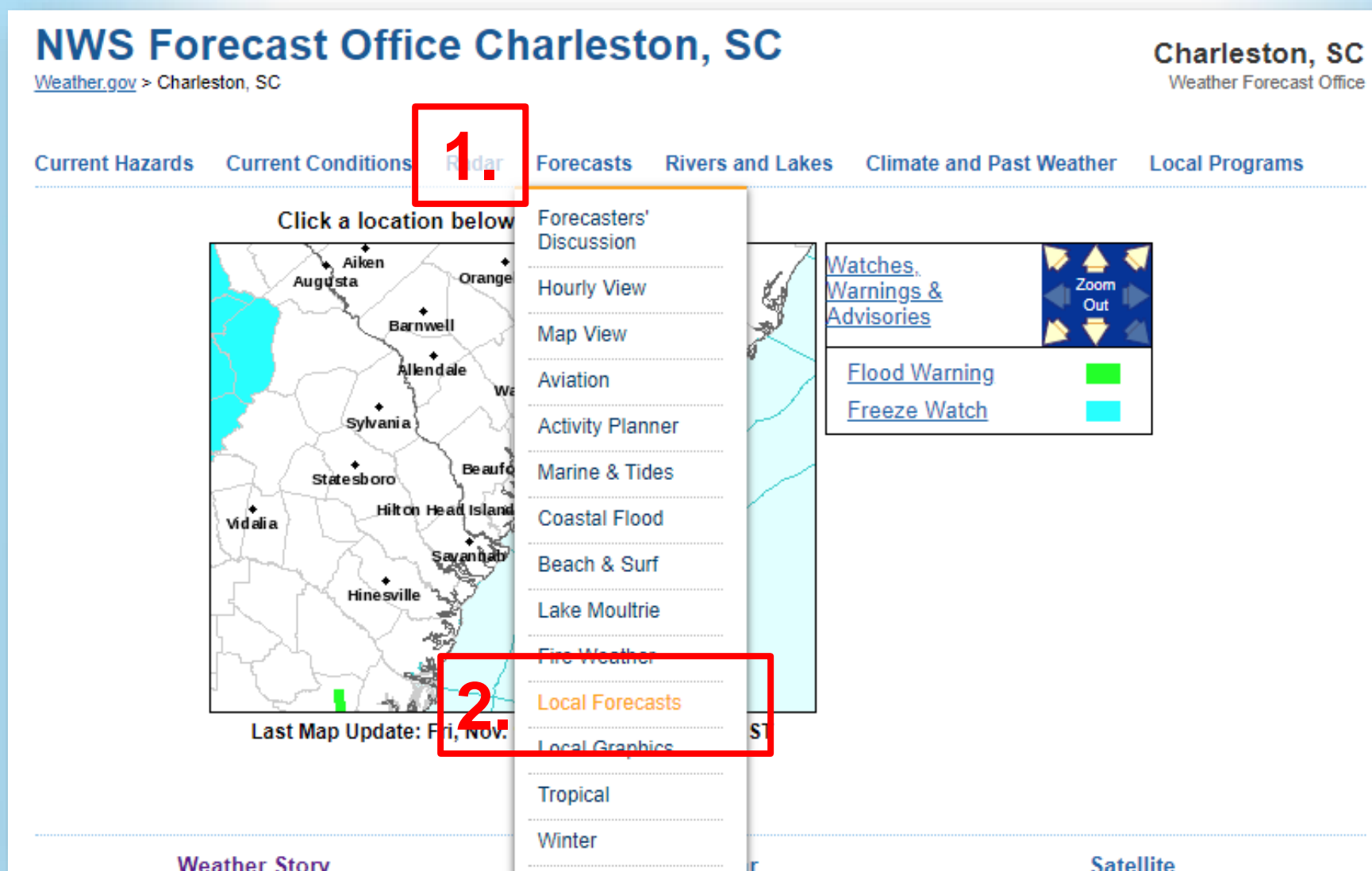
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# Popular Pages: Local Forecasts

Our Local Forecasts page is a “one-stop shop” for different ways to view our latest forecasts, including the Weather Activity Planner (see later slide for more info) and enhanced forecast graphics.

To get to our **Local Forecasts** page...

1. Hover over the “Forecasts” menu
2. Select “Local Forecasts”



The screenshot shows the NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC website. The navigation menu is visible, with the "Forecasts" link highlighted by a red box and the number "1". A dropdown menu is open, showing various forecast options. The "Local Forecasts" option is highlighted by a red box and the number "2". The page also displays a map of the Charleston area, a "Watches, Warnings & Advisories" section, and a "Last Map Update" timestamp.

# Popular Pages: Event Summaries

We have produced summaries of many significant weather events that have occurred across southern SC and southeast GA. This page will give you access to them.

To get to our **Past Significant Events** page...

1. Hover over the "Climate and Past Weather" menu
2. Select "Past Significant Events"

The screenshot shows the NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC website. The navigation menu at the top includes "Current Hazards", "Current Conditions", "Radar", "Forecasts", "Rivers and Lakes", "Climate and Past Weather", and "Local Programs". The "Climate and Past Weather" menu is open, showing options like "Past Observed Weather", "24 Hour Summary", "CoCoRaHS", "Climate Prediction", "Historical Records", "Past Rainfall", "Snowfall Records", "Drought Outlook", "Past Significant Events", "Local Tropical Cyclone History", "Local Climate Data/Plots", "Today in Weather History", and "Coastal Flood Event Database". The "Past Significant Events" option is highlighted with a red box and a red number "2". A red box with a red number "1" is placed over the "Climate and Past Weather" menu item in the navigation bar. Below the navigation menu is a map of the Charleston, SC area with various locations labeled, and a "Weather Story" section for Friday, November 12.

# Popular Pages: Today in Weather History

The Today in Weather History calendar allows you to click on any date and get a listing of significant local weather events and fun facts that occurred on that date.

To get to our **Today in Weather History** page..

1. Hover over the "Climate and Past Weather" menu
2. Select "Today in Weather History"

The screenshot shows the NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC website. On the left is a green sidebar with a "Customize Your Weather.gov" form. The main content area has a header "NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC" and a navigation menu. The "Climate and Past Weather" menu item is highlighted in orange and has a red box with the number "1" around it. A dropdown menu is open, showing various options. The "Today in Weather History" option is highlighted in yellow and has a red box with the number "2" around it. Below the navigation menu is a map of the Charleston area with the text "Click on the map below to zoom in." and "Last Map Update: Fri, Apr. 25, 2014 at 11:17:13 am EDT".

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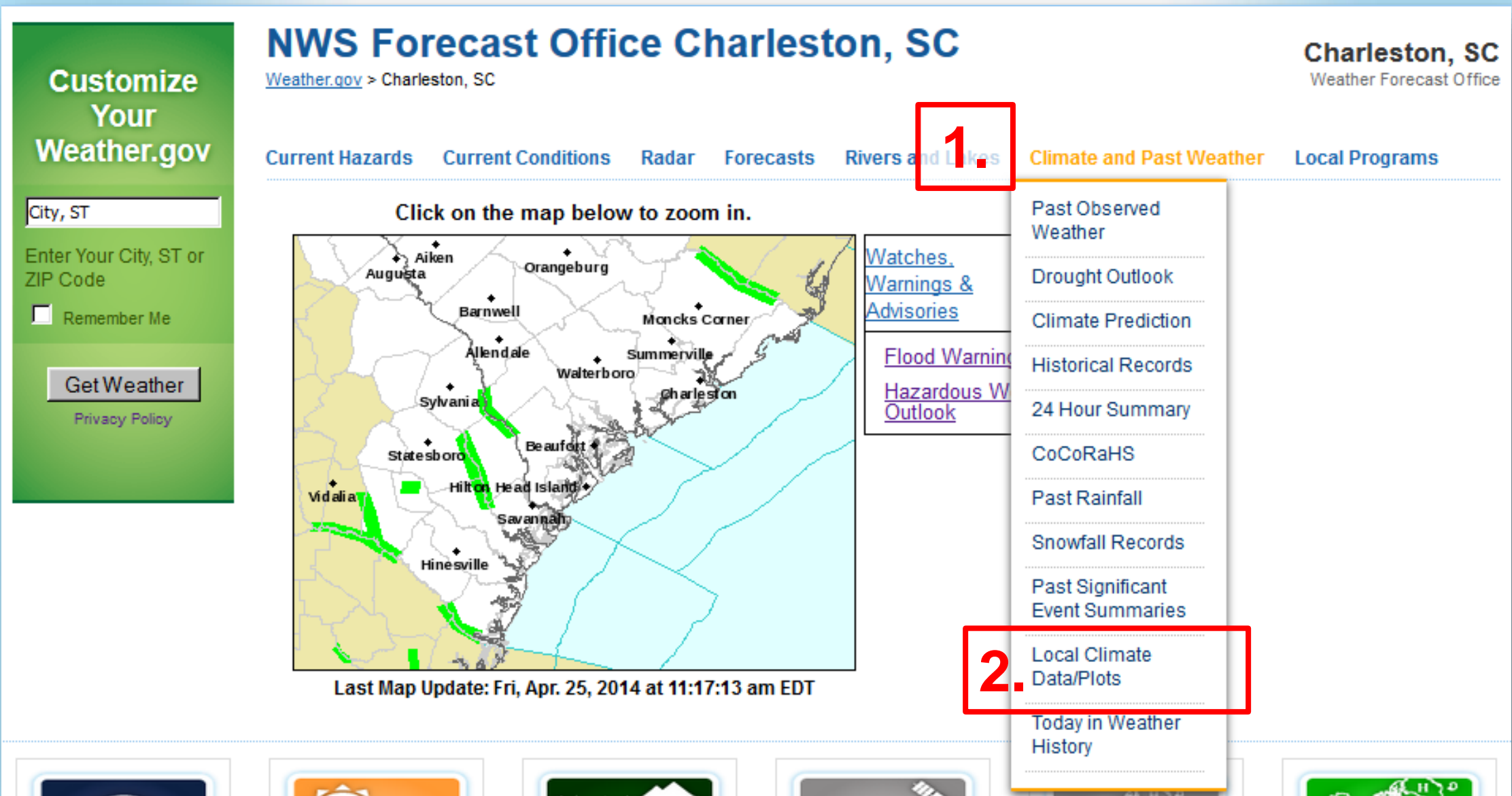
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- 24 Hour Summary
- CoCoRaHS
- Past Rainfall
- Snowfall Records
- Past Significant Event Summaries
- Local Climate Data/Plots
- 2. Today in Weather History**

# Popular Pages: Local Climate Data/Plots

Want to see plots of temperature & precipitation data or obtain climate data for a particular holiday, or even normals, records and extremes? Well, you can access all of that information on our Local Climate Data/Plots page.

To get to our **Local Climate Data/Plots** page..

1. Hover over the “Climate and Past Weather” menu
2. Select “Local Climate Data/Plots”

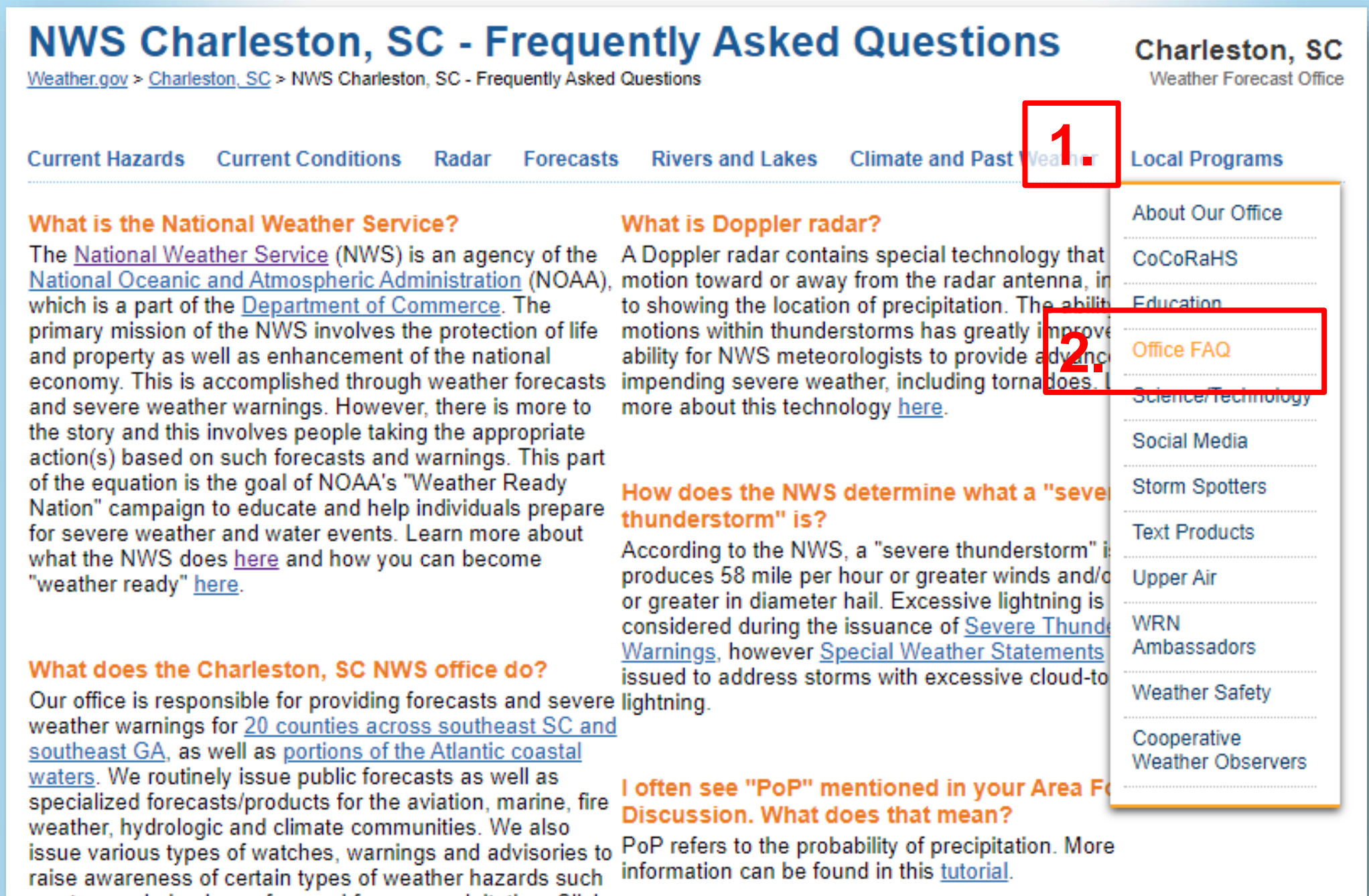


The screenshot shows the NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC website. On the left is a green sidebar with the text "Customize Your Weather.gov" and a search box for "City, ST". The main header includes "NWS Forecast Office Charleston, SC" and "Charleston, SC Weather Forecast Office". A navigation menu contains "Current Hazards", "Current Conditions", "Radar", "Forecasts", "Rivers and Lakes", "Climate and Past Weather", and "Local Programs". The "Climate and Past Weather" menu is highlighted with a red box and a "1." indicating it should be hovered over. A dropdown menu is visible, listing various options. The "Local Climate Data/Plots" option is highlighted with a red box and a "2." indicating it should be selected. Other options in the dropdown include "Past Observed Weather", "Drought Outlook", "Climate Prediction", "Historical Records", "24 Hour Summary", "CoCoRaHS", "Past Rainfall", "Snowfall Records", and "Past Significant Event Summaries". Below the navigation menu is a map of the Charleston area with the text "Click on the map below to zoom in." and "Last Map Update: Fri, Apr. 25, 2014 at 11:17:13 am EDT".

# Popular Pages: Frequently Asked Questions

To get answers to the most commonly asked questions...

1. Hover over the "Local Programs" menu
2. Select "Office FAQ"



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**What is the National Weather Service?**  
The [National Weather Service](#) (NWS) is an agency of the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), which is a part of the [Department of Commerce](#). The primary mission of the NWS involves the protection of life and property as well as enhancement of the national economy. This is accomplished through weather forecasts and severe weather warnings. However, there is more to the story and this involves people taking the appropriate action(s) based on such forecasts and warnings. This part of the equation is the goal of NOAA's "Weather Ready Nation" campaign to educate and help individuals prepare for severe weather and water events. Learn more about what the NWS does [here](#) and how you can become "weather ready" [here](#).

**What is Doppler radar?**  
A Doppler radar contains special technology that motion toward or away from the radar antenna, in to showing the location of precipitation. The ability motions within thunderstorms has greatly improved ability for NWS meteorologists to provide advanced impending severe weather, including tornadoes. Learn more about this technology [here](#).

**How does the NWS determine what a "severe thunderstorm" is?**  
According to the NWS, a "severe thunderstorm" is produces 58 mile per hour or greater winds and/or or greater in diameter hail. Excessive lightning is considered during the issuance of [Severe Thunder Warnings](#), however [Special Weather Statements](#) issued to address storms with excessive cloud-to-lightning.

**I often see "PoP" mentioned in your Area Forecast Discussion. What does that mean?**  
PoP refers to the probability of precipitation. More information can be found in this [tutorial](#).

**What does the Charleston, SC NWS office do?**  
Our office is responsible for providing forecasts and severe weather warnings for [20 counties across southeast SC and southeast GA](#), as well as [portions of the Atlantic coastal waters](#). We routinely issue public forecasts as well as specialized forecasts/products for the aviation, marine, fire weather, hydrologic and climate communities. We also issue various types of watches, warnings and advisories to raise awareness of certain types of weather hazards such as strong winds, dense fog, and frozen precipitation. Click

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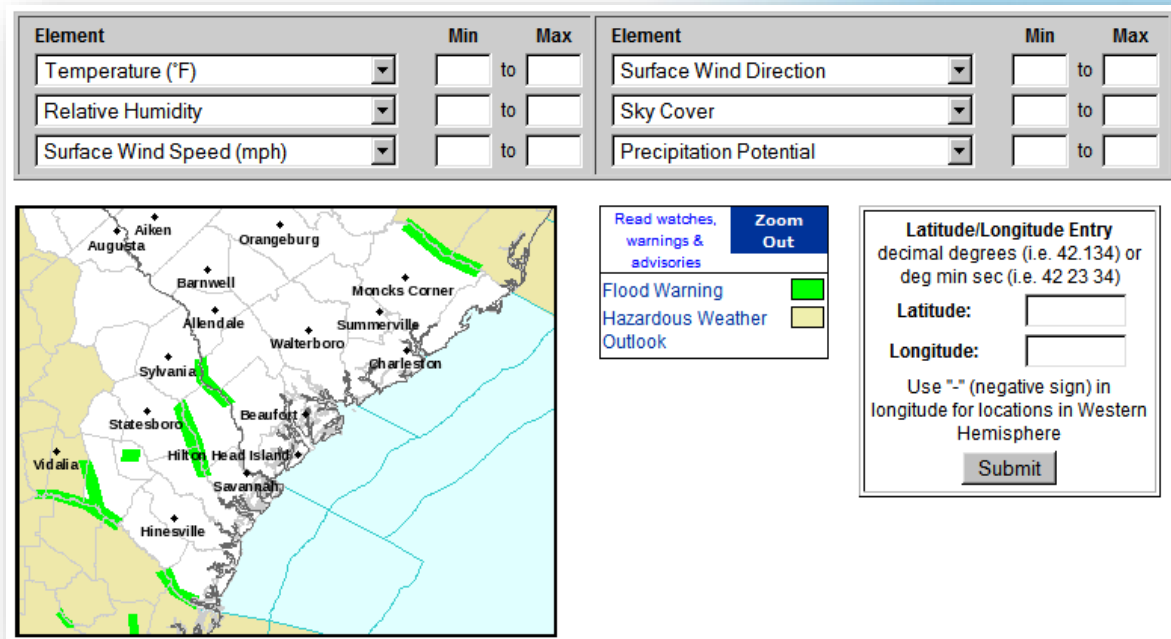
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# Forecast Planning Tools

There are several tools available from the “Forecasts” menu above the hazard map that you may not be aware of and could prove quite useful for activity planning purposes.

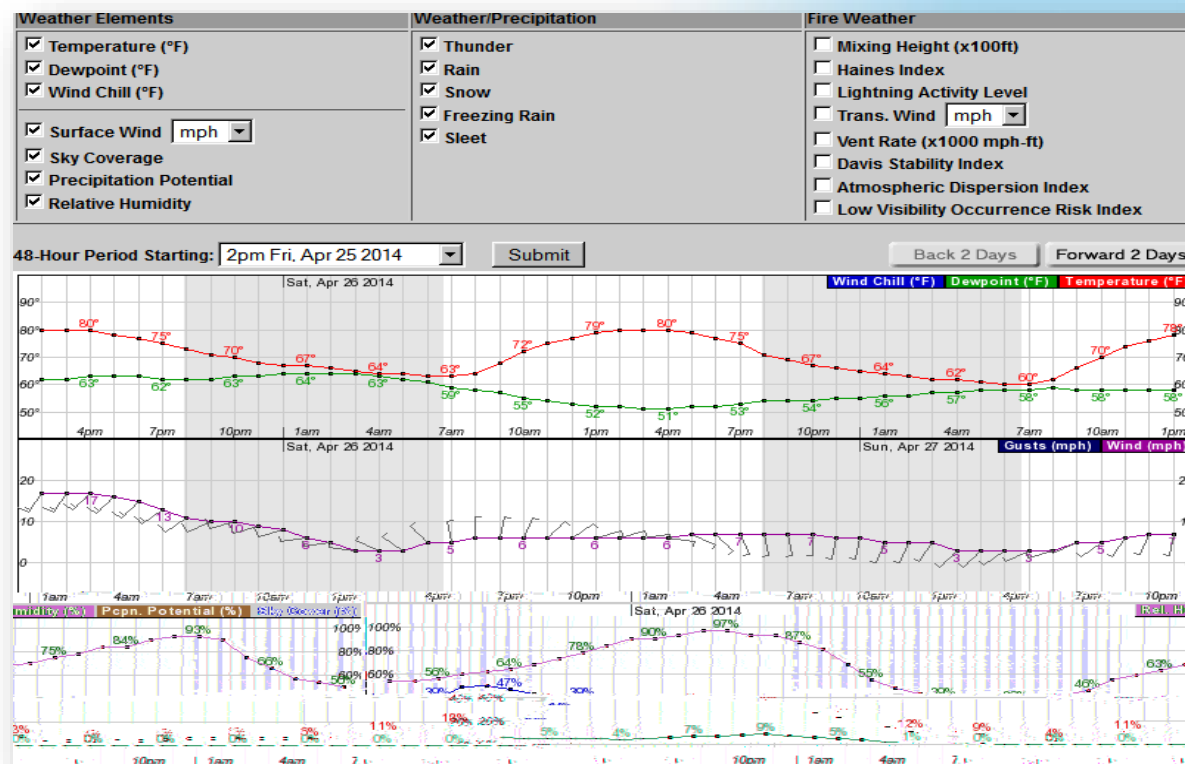
## Activity Planner

This tool allows you to query our forecast database to find when certain weather conditions are expected.



## Hourly View

This tool allows you to input your location and obtain the forecast in an hourly graph so you can easily see weather trends. You can even toggle on/off different weather parameters such as temperature, winds, relative humidity and precipitation potential.





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