

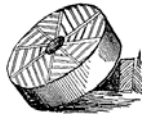
HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK PROGRAMS October through December 2009

Please pre-register for programs at Historic Yates Mill County Park.
Call the park office at (919) 856-6675, or go to the website at www.wakegov.com/yatesmill,
for registration or for more information on our programs.

Escape from "the daily grind" by participating in our public programs!

WEEKEND MILL TOURS:

Half-Hour Corn Grinding Tours



Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm.

Sunday 1:00-4:00pm:

October 17-18

November 21-22

Relive history the 3rd weekend of each month and experience the traditional way corn was ground into meal and wheat into flour, using waterpower, simple machines & millstones. Shell corn, see the mill in operation, and hear how the "gristmill" works from costumed interpreters. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Fee: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 16 & under, \$3 for seniors age 60 & over, babes age 6 & under are FREE.* Max limit: 15 participants. Last tour begins at 3:40pm.

One-Hour Mill Heritage Tours

Saturday and Sunday, 2:00-3:00pm:

October 3-4, 10-11, 24-25 and 31;

November 1, 7-8, 15 and 28-29

Explore Yates Mill's business and social history. View a presentation on the mill's owners and operations in the Finley Center auditorium, then head to the mill for a guided tour. Explore the first floor of the fully restored mill and see how power is transferred from the mill's waterwheel to its grist-milling machinery. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Fee: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 16 & under, \$3 for seniors age 60 & over, babes age 6 & under are FREE.* Max limit: 15 participants per tour.

**Tour fees directly support the Yates Mill Associates for maintenance and operations of Historic Yates Mill.*

****THERE IS NO MILL TOUR OFFERED**
ON NOVEMBER 14!**

DON'T FORGET...

For the holiday season, Yates Mill merchandise & cornmeal are for sale on the weekends when the mill is open for corn grinding.

SEASONAL EVENTS:

October Stills and Spirits: A Cider-Sipping Social

October 17: From 11:00am-3:00pm



Meet your friends, or make new ones, while sampling cider "down by the old mill stream". View an antique cider press and whiskey still, and explore how corn and other harvest produce are transformed into "spirits". This program is FREE while supplies last; pre-registration is not required.

Fall Family Fun at Yates Mill

November 21: From 11:00am-3:00pm

Make your visit to Yates Mill a "family day" in November. You and your family will have the opportunity to tour the mill (*fee applies*), take a scenic tour of the millpond in a canoe, participate in some old-time cane pole fishing, practice your acting skills in a play, "The Ride To The Old Mill", narrated by park staff and volunteers or just simply take in the refreshing fall air with a hike around the millpond.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM:

Military History of Yates Mill Tour

Wednesday, November 11: From 2:00 to 3:00pm

In honor of the valiant men and women who protect our homeland and freedom, a special mill tour will be conducted focusing on the military history of the mill and its owners. Learn about the mill's founder's Revolutionary War-era militia involvement, about the supposed Civil War-era attempted burn of the mill, and other stories. There is a \$3 pre-registration fee required and the tour is limited to 15 participants.

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CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

***The Three R's:
Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic in
historic North Carolina***



Come join us at Yates Mill as we learn about what schooling was like for colonial and antebellum schoolchildren!

Fee: \$4/child/program or all 3 for \$10
Ages: 8 & above
From 1:00 – 3:00pm
Pre-registration required.

Saturday, October 24:Reading

Colonial children learned to read with something called a Hornbook and would often be quizzed on those words with a Spelling Bee. In the **Reading** program, we will make our own Hornbooks and have a competitive Spelling Bee.

Saturday, November 7:wRiting

The first fountain pen was not invented until 1884. What did people use before then? We will find out in the **wRiting** program where we will make ink and practice writing like they did before ink pens.

Saturday, December 19:aRithmetic

How did people survive without calculators? We will sharpen our math skills with quick math recall exercises, hopscotch and figuring out exactly what an abacus is.

“Little Sprouts Storytime”

Fee: \$4/child/program or all 3 for \$10
Ages: 3-6
From 10:00 – 11:00am
Pre-registration required.



***The Apple Pie That Papa Baked
Monday, October 5***

What happened to the apples, juicy and red? Papa baked them into a pie. Join us for storytime, crafts and fun as we explore the autumn world of apples and the changing of the seasons and follow the life cycle of the apple tree.

***Pancakes, Pancakes!
Monday, November 2***

The barnyard rooster crows and Jack wakes up – hungry, of course! What does he want for breakfast? A big pancake! Will Jack ever get his pancake? Find out by joining us for storytime, crafts and good ol’ mill-time fun!

***Time to Sleep
Monday, December 21***

Frost on the grass, falling leaves. Days growing shorter. A sky full of geese. Even a skin “so tight I could not eat another bite” is a sign winter is on its way. Join us for the first day of winter at Yates Mill by participating in storytime, crafts and good ol’ mill-time fun.



“The Ingalls Family Long Winter”

Saturday, December 12: From 11:00am-12:00pm & 2:00-3:00pm
Sunday, December 13: From 11:00am-12:00pm & 2:00-3:00pm



Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family really had to tough it out. Learn what the family did to survive one especially “long winter”. Participants will try grinding wheat the way the Ingalls family had to using a coffee mill. Find out how the family celebrated Christmas and sample some holiday treats.

This program will take place in the Finley Center Auditorium.
There is a \$3 pre-registration fee required and a limit of 20 participants (not including accompanying adults).

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NATURAL EXPLORATIONS:

“Creatures of the Night” Hike

Friday, October 30: From 8:00-9:00pm



The woods around Yates Mill Pond are anything but quiet after dark! Join a park naturalist to explore the many creatures that “haunt” the night. Participants will learn to fine-tune their senses to identify the “Creatures of the Night”. Hot cider will be served at the end of the program in the Finley Center Lobby. The program is FREE. There is a limit of 15 participants and pre-registration is required.

The Natural Colors of Fall

Saturday, November 7: From 9:00–11:00am

Ever wonder why Mother Nature puts on such a display of colors in the fall? Come out to the millpond and join the park naturalist as we explore this amazing yearly event. Discover what these colors tell us about the weather, the environment, and the upcoming winter season, among other fascinating natural wonders. The program is FREE. There is a limit of 20 participants and pre-registration is required. This program is designed for ages 6 and above.

Wild Fowl On The Water!

Saturday, December 5: From 9:00-11:00am

Join the park naturalist as we paddle and observe Yates Mill Pond’s wild waterfowl. This program will require the use of park canoes. Prior canoeing experience is requested but not required. All safety equipment is furnished. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, field guides and warm clothing. A \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per boat pre-registration fee is required. There is a maximum of 3 people per canoe. This program is appropriate for ages 6 and above. Please note that this program will be cancelled if the air temperature is less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

110th Annual Audubon Society Bird Count

Saturday, December 19, from 7:00am-12:00pm

Join Naturalist John Connors of the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and members of the Wake Audubon Society for the annual winter bird count at Yates Mill Pond. Many reoccurring and some rare winter migrants have been counted. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and field guides. The program is FREE. Pre-registration is not required but those interested in participating should call the park office to find out where to meet. Come prepared for winter weather, including proper footwear.



“The Mill As Muse”

Coming in February 2010

The park will hold the 3rd annual “Mill as Muse” art reception on Friday, February 20, 2010, to celebrate the opening of a new display of artwork that were inspired by Yates Mill and the park environs. The exhibition will feature works of art created by professional and amateur artists, both young and old, and will highlight the winners of the 2010 “Mill As Muse” art and photography contests.

We encourage you to get your paintbrushes and cameras ready and try to capture the best images of Historic Yates Mill, the surrounding 174-acre park, and its flora and fauna, and then to enter next year’s “Mill As Muse” art and photography contests. Entries will be due February 1, 2010. Details will be provided in the next PROS Quarterly newsletter and will also be posted to the park website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Big Sweep!

Saturday, October 3: From 9:00am-12:00pm

In support of the North Carolina Big Sweep effort to clean up the state’s waterways, join park staff as we “sweep up” trash from around Yates Mill Pond and roads surrounding the park. This is a great opportunity for community groups to get involved with protection of the Swift Creek Watershed. Gloves and trash-bags will be provided. Come prepared for the weather and please wear proper clothing and footwear. Call the park to find out where to meet.

Advanced Mill History for Interpreters

Saturday, November 7: From 6:00-7:30pm

This course is offered to volunteers who have taken the mill interpreter-training program, are actively conducting tours, and wish to enhance their knowledge and understanding of Yates Mill’s history and operations. Test your “mettle” through a mill artifact discovery activity and hear about recent research findings regarding the mill’s owners, operators, and operations. This program is FREE but pre-registration is required. Refreshments will be provided.