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EAGLE COUNTING, WAGON RIDES AND SCAVENGER HUNTING AT WAKE COUNTY PARKS IN JANUARY

Saturday, January 7, 2–3 p.m. – Side of History: Twelfth Night Celebrations

The darkest days of winter have passed and it's time to celebrate at Historic Yates Mill County Park. Enjoy refreshments and participate by making traditional crafts. The fee is \$5 per family. For information, call 919-856-6675. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Sunday, January 15, 2–3:30 p.m. – Winter Walk and Scavenger Hunt

Winter is a great time to get outside and experience nature. Participants can sharpen their observation skills, while hiking around the park. Patrons will also take part in a scavenger hunt to discover winter plant life and search for signs of animal activity. Meet at the Cardinal Shelter and enjoy hot cocoa. Bring a reusable mug for each member of the family. The fee is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. For information, call 919-662-2850. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

Wednesday, January 18, 7–8:30 a.m. – Eagle Count

Join the Lake Crabtree County Park staff in collecting data for the state and national count of bald eagles. Participants will be allowed in the park before it opens and will be staged at various locations around the lake. No prior experience is required. Enjoy a light breakfast and shade-grown coffee after the count. Meet at the manager's office. For information, call 919-460-3390. Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Saturday, January 21, 6–7 p.m. – Winter Woodland Wagon Ride

Bundle up and bring the whole family out for a wagon ride through the woods. Park staff will provide hot chocolate, and the serenity of the woods at night will provide the ambience. Dress warmly and bring blankets. Meet at the Longleaf shelter. The fee is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. For information, call 919-387-4342. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Friday, January 27, 5:30–6:30 p.m. – Owl Hike

Winter is a busy time for owls. Participants will learn about animals by taking an evening stroll through the woods. Meet at the New Hill parking lot. The fee is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. For information, call 919-387-2117. The American Tobacco Trail is located at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, New Hill.

Saturday, January 28, 2–3:30 p.m. – Pondering Opossums

Opossums are known for protective pouches, prehensile tails and periodic trash can raids. Patrons are invited to Blue Jay Point County Park to learn all about the state's oldest mammal. The fee is \$5 per family. Preregistration is required. For information, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

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