



# Community Feature Parks, Recreation and Open Space

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## **HERITAGE DAY, PUMPKINPALOOZA! AND CREEPY CRABTREE CELEBRATION AT WAKE PARKS IN OCTOBER**

### **Tuesday, October 2 – Thursday, Oct. 4, 1 - 4 p.m. – Aquatic Adventures**

Children grades K-5 are invited to visit Crowder District Park to track out at Crowder. Participants can join in on the Aquatic Adventures for one, two or all three days, and experience hands-on, outdoor science and learn about all about the water cycle, water power and the critters that call our pond home. The fee is \$12 per day or \$30 for all three days, and pre-registration is required. For information, call 919-662-2850. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

### **Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Heritage Day**

Visit Historic Oak View County Park to celebrate Heritage Day. There will be live music, animals, cane pole fishing, antique cars, carriage rides, heritage crafts, antique tractors, re-enactors and more. Capital Quilters Guild will display quilts and hold a quilt auction at 2 p.m. This event is free. For information, call 919-250-1013. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

### **Saturday, October 13, 1-3 p.m. – Natural Play Area “Grand Opening”**

Children, ages 8 and under, are invited to Blue Jay Point County Park to visit the newest attraction, the Natural Play Area, and learn about this popular new trend in children’s play. Children can enjoy cookies, face painting and a short “Woodland Bingo” scavenger hunt. The Natural Play Area is located next to the picnic area – just follow the wooden ‘Natural Play Area’ signs. For information, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Thursday, October 25, 2-3 p.m. – Pumpkinpalooza!**

Children, ages 7 to 9, are invited to Historic Yates Mill County Park to discover the story of our favorite autumn gourds. Children will paint pumpkins to take home and discover what lies beneath the rind. Participants will go on a pumpkin hunt, so comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The fee is \$4 per child. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 919-856-6675. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

**Friday, October 26, 4-7 p.m. and night hikes 7-8:30 p.m. – Creepy Crabtree Celebration**

Families are invited to Lake Crabtree to investigate the spookier side of nature. Participants will learn about bats, snakes and spiders and explore the park on a haunted hike. For information, call 919-460-3355. Lake Crabtree is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

**Sunday, October 28, 2 and 3 p.m. – Hayride and Pumpkin Carving**

Enjoy a fall hayride while traveling through to the Longleaf Forest in search of a pumpkin at Harris Lake County Park. After the hayride, enjoy hot chocolate while carving a pumpkin. The fee is \$10 per family with a pumpkin or \$5 per family without a pumpkin (hayride only). Registration is required. For information, call 919-387-4342. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

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