



# Community Feature

## Parks, Recreation and Open Space

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### **FOREST FRIENDS, WINTER WATERFOWL AND ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS AT PARKS IN JANUARY**

#### **Friday, January 10 and Friday, January 31, 6-8 p.m. – Starry Nights**

Join the [American Tobacco Trail](#) staff for a night under the stars, explore local night sky and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows. Please bring blankets or chairs and a flashlight. Register for one or both dates. The program fee is \$5 per family or \$3 per individual and all ages are welcome. Register through Harris Lake County Park by calling 919-387-4342 or via [email at \[harris.lake@wakegov.com\]\(mailto:harris.lake@wakegov.com\)](#). Meet at the White Oak Parking Area, 1305 White Oak Church Road, Apex.

#### **Friday, January 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Forest Friends: Snowflakes**

Young children and adults are invited to discover the natural world through stories, hands-on nature activities, games and crafts in this monthly series at [Harris Lake County Park](#). Visitors will read a snowy story, play a snowflake matching game and create a snowflake to take home. The program fee is \$4 per child. Meet at the Cypress Shelter. To register, call 919-387-4342 or send an email to [harris.lake@wakegov.com](mailto:harris.lake@wakegov.com). Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

#### **Saturday, January 18, 9-11 a.m. – Winter Waterfowl**

Learn how to identify some of [Lake Crabtree County Park](#)'s winter visitors. Following a presentation about field marks and other helpful tips, we will test our identification skills on a walk along the lakeshore. Bring binoculars and field guides. This free program is for adults only and is eligible to meet Criteria II or III credit for [N.C. Environmental Education Certification](#). To register, call 919-460-3390. Lake Crabtree is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

#### **Saturday, January 18, 2-3:30 p.m. – Stamping Around Blue Jay**

Come to [Blue Jay County Park](#) to learn all about letterboxing, a combination of geocaching and problem solving. Bring a jacket for this all-outside program. The program fee is \$3 per person and \$5 per family. Registration is required. For information and to register, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

#### **Sunday, January 19, 2-3 p.m. – Fantastic Fossils**

Join staff at [Crowder District Park](#) and become a junior paleontologist. Play the rock cycle game and discover how rock fossils are formed. Learn and create the four types of fossils and then excavate

reptiles from eggs. This program is for all ages and the fee is \$5 per family. To register, call 919-662-2850. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

**Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, February 2 – The "Mill as Muse" Community Art and Photography Contests**

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#) has served as a source of artistic inspiration for more than two centuries and continues to be the subject of local works of art. Share your artistic creations by entering the park's eighth annual art and photography contests. Contest rules can be obtained at the park, by mail on request and on [wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com). The contests are free and include youth and adult categories with mill, nature and park subjects. For more information, call 919-856-6675. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

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