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LONGLEAF FESTIVAL TO HIGHLIGHT PARK ECOSYSTEM

People are invited to Wake's [Harris Lake County Park](#) for its 5th Annual Longleaf Festival, to learn about the importance of the longleaf pine and its ecosystem. The event is free and will be held on Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Harris Lake County Park, 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

"We have had a great time holding this event for five years now. Families and kids get to learn how fire plays an important role in the survival of the longleaf pine through interactive activities," said Assistant Park Manager Jackie Trickel. "It's a unique way to experience the longleaf forest ecosystem on our hayride through the forest."

The [N.C. Forest Service](#) will have a bulldozer, pumper unit and other tools of the trade on display. There will be local experts with educational exhibits and live animals as well as a scavenger hunt and a Longleaf adventure course. Food vendors and live entertainment will be on site.

This event takes place rain or shine. For more information, call Harris Lake County Park at 919-387-4342 or visit www.wakegov.com/parks/harrislake/events.

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