



# Community Feature

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### **YATES MILL TOURS RESUME IN JUNE**

Yates Mill, Wake County's only surviving gristmill, will reopen to the public in June after the successful completion of the first major repair to the building since its restoration in the 1990s. The reopening comes shortly after the eighth anniversary of [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#) and as [Yates Mill Associates](#) celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Guided tours of the mill will resume on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 1-3 p.m. On Saturday June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2014, the mill will have its first corn-grinding weekend where tours will be given by costumed interpreters and the mill will produce cornmeal.

“Yates Mill was established in 1756 with the mill being used to ground corn into meal and wheat into flour. It was a big attraction for neighbors who fished, swam and enjoyed picnics,” said Director of Programs Rebeccah Cope. “Today it is still a community center with more than 100,000 visitors every year. Families can enjoy mill tours, boardwalk fishing, hiking trails, history and nature programs.”

The mill normally offers weekend tours from March through November, but its opening this year was delayed while Yates Mill Associates replaced the building's forebay or flume—the "box" that carries water from the mill pond over the waterwheel. The project began in December, during which, park staff had a chance to explore new areas of the pond, observe changes in wildlife behavior and make repairs to masonry around the mill and dam.

For more information and for tours, go to [www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill/Pages/milltours.aspx](http://www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill/Pages/milltours.aspx).

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