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TREASURE HUNTS, WATER'S MYSTERIES AND PARKS AFTER DARK IN AUGUST

Wednesday, August 5, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – The Mysteries of Water Nature Lab

Join us at [Harris Lake County Park](#) as we explore the mysteries of water while playing games, dipping in the pond, building a boat and much more. Bring a lunch and dress to get wet. The program is \$12 per child for ages 5-9 and will meet at the Cypress Shelter. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Friday, August 7, 8 – 9 p.m. – Twilight Hike

Listen for the cricket's chirp, the frogs' chorus and the call of the barred owl as we put our best foot forward on a Twilight Hike at [Blue Jay Point County Park](#). This family program is for ages 5 and up and the fee is \$5/family; \$3/individual. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Friday, August 14, 8 – 9 p.m. – Yates by Night: Late Summer Sounds

Join a park naturalist at [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#) for an evening hike to enjoy the sights and sounds of early summer. Learn tips for observing wildlife and find out how to identify the sounds made by birds, amphibians and insects as the sun goes down. This program is for ages 8 and up and the fee is \$5/family or \$3/person. Proper footwear and preregistration required. Yates Mill Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Saturday, August 15, 9 – 11 a.m. – Mapping the Motherload

Avast all ye hearties...all hands on deck for a treasure hunt at [Lake Crabtree County Park](#)! Learn basic orienteering skills and then use those skills to work with the other mateys on your team to see if you can locate the hidden treasure! Dress in your finest pirate garb; just be sure to dress for the weather and include insect repellent,

sunscreen, and suitable closed-toed shoes for hiking in the woods...aarrrr! This program is for ages 7 and up and the fee is \$3/person or \$5/family. Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m – 12 p.m. – Family Feature: Life Under a Log

What do you see under a fallen tree? Lots of decomposers at work and other critters looking for a dark, cool place to rest. We'll search at [Crowder District Park](#) for spiders, slugs and bugs and learn how important decomposition is in nature. This program is for all ages and the fee is \$5/family. Preregistration is required. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

Friday, August 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m. – ATT Night Hike

Hike down the [American Tobacco Trail](#) to search for evening wildlife, including owls, frogs, deer and much more. As it grows dark we will stop at the Beaver Creek Bridge to spotlight a beaver lodge. This program is for all ages and the cost is \$5/family or \$3/individual. The hike will begin from the New Hill Parking Area, 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex, NC 27502.

Saturday, August 29, 9 – 11 p.m. – A Starlit “View”: Astronomy Program

[Historic Oak View County Park](#) is partnering with Morehead Planetarium to bring you an evening filled with stories and stargazing. Learn star facts and stories in an introductory program and then, weather permitting, head to the front lawn for telescope observing and identifying stars and constellations! This is a free program and there is no registration required. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

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