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VOLUNTEER FOR BIG SWEEP AND FEEL THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT AT PARKS IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Fall Big Sweep

Give back to the community and your local park by volunteering to help keep the shoreline of [Lake Crabtree County Park](#) litter-free. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome, and gloves, bags and other supplies will be provided by the park. Call 919-460-3355 to register or for more information.

Saturday, October 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m. – A World of Webs

Spider webs are one of nature's most beautiful designs and help explain what plants and animals need to grow and how they are dependent. Explore nearby fields and woods at [Blue Jay Point County Park](#) for a variety of spiders, the webs they weave and participate in a food web game! The program fee is \$5/family or \$3/person and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 919-870-4330.

Sunday, October 11, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Special Event: Canine Contests

[Crowder District Park](#) is looking for the best dog tricks and canine costumes in Wake County! If your dog has a special talent and/or a super cool costume, join us at the park for an afternoon of recreational fun. This event is free and people of all ages are invited to attend.

Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Oak View Fishing Fun Day

Learn the basics of fishing with a cane pole and bait at [Historic Oak View County Park](#). This is a fun, free program that teaches children and adults the basics of fishing with a cane pole. Poles and bait will be provided by the park, and a NC Fishing license is not required for children under the age of 16.

Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Super Spiders

Spiders are some of the most misunderstood and interesting insects on the planet. Come to [Harris Lake County Park](#) to learn why they are beneficial to the environment. Following a brief educational lesson, participants will hike to see spiders in action at the park. This program is for all ages and the fee is \$5/family or \$3/person and begins at the Cypress Shelter.

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Full Moon Halloween Hike

Dress up in your Halloween costume or come as you are for an evening hike down the [American Tobacco Trail](#). During the hike, you will learn and search for bats, owls and other nighttime wildlife. As the night grows dark, the group will stop at the Beaver Creek Bridge to spotlight a beaver lodge. This program is for all ages and the fee is \$5/family or \$3/person. The hike will begin at the New Hill Parking Area, 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex, NC 27502.

Friday, October 30, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Yates by Night: Monsters of the Millpond

What lurks behind trees, slithers across the pond or hides in the watery depths? Monsters of the millpond! Don't go out alone after dark on "Mischief Night", but instead join a park naturalist at [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#) for a guided hike and explore the creepy critters that come out at night. This program is for ages 7 and up and the fee is \$5/family or \$3/person. Preregistration is required.

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