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All About Bugs, Star Gazing, Rockin' Fun at Wake County Parks in April

Ongoing – New Adventure Backpack: All About Bugs at [Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Historic Oak View County Park introduces Adventure Backpack: All About Bugs, a free self-guided activity geared toward elementary-aged children. The Adventure Backpack guides park visitors to many of the buildings around the park, with hands-on activities that teach them about insects and how they help out on the farm. Adventure Backpacks can be checked out at the Farm History Center. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

April 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Invasive Species Workshop at [Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

Celebrate North Carolina Invasive Species Awareness Week by becoming a Weed Warrior. Learn about the state's worst invasive plants and how you can help stop their spread. Learn to identify common Piedmont species and discuss management strategies for each. This free workshop is open to adults only and [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

April 10, 11 a.m.-Noon – Kids Discover Nature: Frog Fun at [Harris Lake County Park](#)

Kids ages 3 to 7 years old are invited to explore the pond to look for and catch frogs at Harris Lake County Park. Meet at the Cypress Shelter to learn why frogs sing and how they grow, and make a frog-themed craft. The fee is \$4 per child and [pre-registration is required](#). Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

April 10, 1:30-3 p.m. – Family Wildlife Series: The Nature of Art at [Blue Jay Point County Park](#)

Nature can be a beautiful form of art. Learn about the works of British land artist Andrew Goldsworthy before photographing your own piece of art made from found and supplied natural elements. This family program is part of the N.C.

Science Festival and is most appropriate for ages 5 years old and up. The program is free, and [pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

April 21, 6:30-10:30 p.m. – Star Party at the ATT at [American Tobacco Trail](#)
Wake County Parks, North Carolina State University Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management students, Agape Center for Environmental Education and Wake County Solid Waste are co-hosting a 2017 Star Party themed "Star Light, Star Bright" as part of the [NC Science Festival](#). This free event will take place at the back field of the White Oak Parking Area under the stars. There will be fun hands-on activities for all ages early in the evening. As the sun goes down, enjoy constellation storytelling and observe the night sky through telescopes and binoculars. Bring your curiosity, water bottle, chair or blanket, and your own viewing instrument if you have one. This program is free and pre-registration is not required. Meet at the White Oak Parking Area of the American Tobacco Trail at 1305 White Oak Church Road, Apex.

April 23, 2-3 p.m. – Family Features: Rockin’ Around the Park at [Crowder District Park](#)

Come explore the rocks of Crowder District Park through hands-on science. Conduct scientific tests to discover rocks’ hidden identities, learn the three types of rocks and play the rock cycle game. This program is for all ages, and children must be accompanied by an adult. The program fee is \$1 per person and [pre-registration is required](#). Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

April 27, 6-7 p.m. – A Side of History: They Wore What?! at [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

Corsets, crinolines, and kepis, oh my! Though milling processes haven’t changed that much since the mill at Historic Yates Mill County Park was built in the 1760s, the way people dress sure has. Stop by Historic Yates Mill to make your own fashion timeline, try on some colonial clothes, explore the park’s historic costume collection and play a round or two of “They Wore WHAT?!” This program is for ages 8 years and up, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. The program fee is \$1 per person and [pre-registration is required](#). Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Check out all the programs and events happening at [Wake County Parks](#) in April! Visit each of our parks on Facebook, and follow [@wakegovparks](#) on Instagram and Twitter.

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