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Celebrate the End of Summer this Month at a County Park

Sample of Programs Available at Wake County Parks in August

Each month, [Wake County Parks](#) hosts programs throughout the county to give visitors the opportunity to learn more about animals and nature, park history, and much more. The following is a sample of programs scheduled this month at your local Wake County parks.

A Side of History: Lighting the Way

Monday, Aug. 7, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

North Carolina is home to nine lighthouses including Cape Hatteras, which is the tallest in the country. Join us on National Lighthouse Day to hear the true heroic tale of Abbie Burgess, a young woman who was forced to run her family's lighthouse alone in the winter of 1856. Play a lighthouse game and make your own model lighthouse to take home. This program is open to visitors age five and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program fee is \$6 per person and [pre-registration is required](#). Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Family Wildlife Series: Twilight Hike

Friday, Aug. 11, 8 - 9 p.m.

Blue Jay Point County Park

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. This family program is open to visitors age five and up. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The program fee is \$1 per person and [registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Geocaching 101 on the ATT

Sunday, Aug. 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

American Tobacco Trail

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt where participants use a GPS to track down hidden "caches." In this program, learn about geocaching and then test your skills at finding geocaches hidden along the trail. We will provide GPS units, or you can bring your own unit or smartphone with a geocache app. This program is open to visitors age six and up. The program fee is \$1 per person and [pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the White Oak Parking Area at 1305 White Oak Church Road, Apex.

Kids Discover Nature: Beavers and Otters

Monday, Aug. 14, 11 a.m. - noon

Harris Lake County Park

August is a great time to learn about mammals that spend time in the water. Discover some interesting facts about these animals and see what they look like up close with our real beaver and otter mounts. This program is open to kids ages 3 - 7 with an accompanying adult. The program fee is \$4 per child and [pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the Cypress Shelter. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Nature Watchers: Winged Wonders

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1 - 2 p.m.

Crowder District Park

Butterflies feed on the sweet nectar from flowers, but what do caterpillars eat? Read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and discover caterpillars' favorite foods. Learn the life cycle of butterflies and make a caterpillar necklace. Then go on a scavenger hunt to search for

favorite foods of these neat insects. This program is for kids ages 3 - 5. The program fee is \$4 per child and [pre-registration is required](#). Children must have an accompanying adult. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

History Hike

Saturday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m. – noon

[Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Join staff for a guided tour of the property, including all of the buildings and features of Historic Oak View, with hands-on interactive activities for kids. The tour is free but [pre-registration is required](#). Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

Beginner Birding Class

Friday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. – noon

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

What is the difference between birdwatching and birding? Bird enthusiast Vernon Janke will talk about the art of birding and the tools and techniques you need to improve your birding skills. Discover why birding is one of the most popular outdoor activities, and use your new knowledge on a walk around the park. This program is open to visitors age 18 and up. This program is free, but [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

View a complete list of parks programs and register on our website at www.wakegov.com/parks/events.

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