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Explore the Great Outdoors with Wake County Parks in September

Sample of programs throughout the month, including Take a Child Outside Week

Each month, [Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#) hosts programs that give visitors of all ages the opportunity to learn about animals and nature, park history and much more. The following is a sample of the programs scheduled for September.

Beginner Birding Class

Friday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - noon

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

What is the difference between birdwatching and birding? Vernon Janke of *Birding with Vernon* will talk about the art of birding and the tools and techniques you need to improve your birding skills.

Discover why birding is a popular outdoor activity and use your new knowledge on a bird walk around the park. This program is free, but [pre-registration](#) is required. Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Kids Discover Nature: The Fallen Log

Monday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. - noon

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Many animals make their homes in logs. Join us for a story, log exploration and crafts. This program is open to children ages 3 – 7 years old 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 Play Day at Blue Jay
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. - noon
[Blue Jay Point County Park](#)

September features color-themed activities for children ages 3 - 7 years old in Blue Jay's Natural Play Area. No registration is required. Check [Facebook](#) or call 919-870-4330 for possible cancellation in case of poor weather. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh. Follow signs from the playground to the Natural Play Area.

Discovery Table: Bugs
Saturday, Sept. 23, 1 - 3 p.m.
[Crowder District Park](#)

Stop by the free discovery table at Crowder District Park to explore the bugs of the park. Registration is not required. The display is located at the upper playground. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

Take a Child Outside Week
Sunday, Sept. 24, - Saturday, Sept. 30
[Multiple Park Locations](#)

Wake County Parks will celebrate Take A Child Outside Week by offering free outdoor programs at several of our parks. TACO Week is developed by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to get children outdoors to discover the natural world around them. Visit our [website](#) for a complete list of free programs including the following:

History Discovery Hike on the ATT - TACO Week Event
Sunday, Sept. 24, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
[American Tobacco Trail](#)

Discover the rich history and natural beauty of the American Tobacco

Trail. Take a walk through time to learn how people historically used and shaped the land along this old railroad bed while enjoying the sights and sounds of nature along the way. This program is free and open to all ages. Meet at the New Hill Parking Area near the upper picnic table at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Art in the Park: Apple Seeds and Orchard Fun - TACO Week Event

Sunday, Sept. 24, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Historic Yates Mill County Park

Join us for some fruitful fun. Learn about Johnny Appleseed, the legendary character based on American frontier nurseryman John Chapman who planted apple trees in several states. Play a game of Fruit Dash and try your hand at Apple Bushel Toss. Create a seed work of art to take home. This program is open to children of all ages with an accompanying adult. The program is free, but [pre-registration](#) is required. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

To view a complete list of parks programs, including the 35th Storytelling Festival on Sept. 30, visit our website at www.wakegov.com/parks/events.

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