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Lace up Your Shoes for Moonlit Strolls and History Hikes at Wake County Parks

Sample of programs available at Wake County parks in
October

As temperatures and leaves begin to fall, Wake County parks are perfect places to experience the changing seasons. 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 October.

Full Moon Hike on the ATT

Friday, Oct. 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

[American Tobacco Trail](#)

Take a moonlit stroll along the American Tobacco Trail to the Beaver Creek Bridge and back, listening and looking for nocturnal animals and participating in nighttime activities. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle and flash light, and to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. The program fee is \$1 per person and open to all ages. [Pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the New Hill Parking Area near the upper picnic table at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Fall Big Sweep

Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - noon

Lake Crabtree County Park

Join volunteers around the globe helping to clean the world's waterways during the Fall Big Sweep. Teams will pick up trash along the shore of Lake Crabtree and its connecting creeks. Gloves, bags and other supplies will be provided by the park, and prizes will be raffled off for participants. Individuals and groups are welcome. [Pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

History Hike

Saturday, Oct. 28, 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. The free tour is open to all ages and will feature hands-on, interactive activities for kids. [Pre-registration is required](#). Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

Canine Contests

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 - 3 p.m.

Crowder District Park

Bring your dog and join us for the fifth annual Canine Contests. We are looking for the best dog tricks and canine costumes in Wake County. If your dog has a special talent or a cool costume, come and show it off during this afternoon of fun. This event is free for all ages. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

Family Wildlife Series: Eeeek-O-Lanterns

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2 - 3 p.m.

Blue Jay Point County Park

Come out to Blue Jay Point County Park and learn about fall fruits of all kinds and who eats them. Then get your chance to create a Jack-O-Lantern of your own. Pumpkins are limited to one per family. The program fee is \$1 per person, and the event is open to all ages. [Pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200

Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Mouse's First Halloween

Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. - noon

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

One dark fall night, Mouse creeps out and hears strange sounds and sees spooky sights. What could it mean? Don't worry, Mouse—it's Halloween! Join us for a fun, yet spooky, tale by Lauren Thompson as we follow Mouse on his evening explorations. Then decorate your own mini-pumpkin using various craft supplies. This event is free for all ages, and pre-registration is not required. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh

Nature Lab: Perfect Predators

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Our forests and fields are home to several mammalian predators that help maintain balance in a healthy ecosystem. In this program, participants ages 6 to 12 years old will learn fun facts about these animals and explore for signs of them at the park. Bring a full water bottle, snack and a bag lunch to enjoy at the shelter. The program fee is \$12 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.

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