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Celebrate the Holidays at Wake County Parks

Sample of programs available at Wake County Parks in December

Cider and holiday crafts are just a few of the things awaiting park visitors during the month of December. 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 this holiday season.

Sleigh Rides and Cider

Saturday, Dec. 2, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

[Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Historic Oak View County Park's favorite holiday tradition features horse-drawn carriage rides, hot apple cider, live music, handmade crafts, holiday activities and of course, Old Saint Nick himself. The event is free and no pre-registration is required. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

Winter Waterfowl Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. - Noon

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

Lake Crabtree is a birding hotspot, and a great place to observe both common and uncommon winter waterfowl. Learn how to identify various species by looking at field markings, behaviors and more. Participants will spend time observing waterfowl on the lake and are advised to dress appropriately for the weather. This program is open to adults only and [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Discovery Table: Beavers

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1 - 3 p.m.

[Crowder District Park](#)

Visiting Crowder Park? Stop by our free discovery table to learn about beavers. Registration is not required. The display table is located at the Upper Playground. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

The Ingalls's Long Winter

Friday, Dec. 22, 10:30 a.m. - Noon and 2 - 3:30 p.m.

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

Learn what "Little House on the Prairie" author Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family had to do to survive one especially long winter and find out how they celebrated Christmas. Taste an old-fashioned peppermint candy stick and bring home a homemade holiday craft. Participants are welcome to dress up in their best pioneer outfit. The program fee is \$6 per child and open to children ages 7 years and older. [Pre-registration is required](#). Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Nature Lab: Kids Get Holiday Crafty

Friday, Dec. 22, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Bring your kids to the park for a day of crafting and nature while you take advantage of a few more hours of holiday shopping. The crafts your child creates will make great keepsakes or gifts for Christmas. Send a lunch, water bottle and holiday spirit. We will provide a snack, music and all the supplies. The program fee is \$16 per child and open to children ages 6 to 10 years old. [Pre-registration is required](#). This has become a holiday tradition at Harris Lake County

Park so please register early. Meet at the Park Office. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Family Wildlife Series: Green and on the Scene

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2 - 3 p.m.

Blue Jay Point County Park

Do you think winter time means everything is dried up, dull and dreary? Think again! Join Blue Jay Point park staff for an outdoor adventure hunting winter plants and trees that are green and on the scene. The program fee is \$1 per person and the event is open to all ages. All participants must be independently mobile or in child backpacks. No strollers please. [Pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

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