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It's Pecan Picking and Turkey Time at Wake County Parks

Sample of programs available at Wake County Parks in November

Thanksgiving traditions and fall fun are coming to Wake County Parks this November. 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 the month.

Pecan Pickin' Month **November during Regular Park Hours** [Historic Oak View County Park](#)

During the month of November, families may pick one small bag of pecans off the ground in the park's pecan grove during regular business hours. Pecans cannot be taken directly from trees. Visitors can pick up lunch bags inside the Farm History Center to hold their pecans. No pre-registration is required. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

Nature Watchers: Wiggle Worms **Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. - Noon**

Crowder District Park

Earthworms have an important job—they help make the soil rich. In this program, children ages 3 to 5 years old will be able to learn about these natural recyclers through a fun story, hands-on activity and crafts. Children participating will even have the opportunity to hold a worm. The program fee is \$4 per child and [pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the Upper Pavilion. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

Family Wildlife Series: Who Wants to be a Scatologist?

Friday, Nov. 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Blue Jay Point County Park

Come to Blue Jay Point and get the “straight poop” on the subject of scat, also known as animal droppings. Join us to find out what scientists learn by studying scat. We will play a rousing game of “Who Dung It?” followed by a hike for some inspiration before making our own “Scat Snack.” The program fee is \$1 per person and open to ages five years and older. [Pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Beginner Birding Class

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 - 11 a.m.

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 is a program for adults only. The program is free, but [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Corn Grinding Demonstrations and Costumed Tours

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1 - 4 p.m.

Historic Yates Mill County Park

Join us for the last corn-grinding weekend of the year. Step back in time with our 19th century-costumed interpreters and watch the

millstones at work grinding corn into meal. Tours are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors ages 60 years old and over, and \$3 for children ages 7 to 16 years old. Tours for children ages 6 years old and under are free. [Pre-registration is encouraged](#). Tours are not available between noon and 1 p.m., and the last tour of the day begins at 3:40 p.m. Tickets are available at the mill. Nov. 18 is also the Yates Mill Associates' Holiday Sale with hand-made crafts, mill merchandise and stone-ground cornmeal for sale. There will be country dancing at noon and 4 p.m., as well as a historic trade display from 1 until 4 p.m. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Turkey Time and Campfire at the ATT
Saturday, Nov. 18, 4 - 6:30 p.m.

[American Tobacco Trail](#)

Join North Carolina State University Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management students for a unique experience at the American Tobacco Trail. Participate in fun games and interactive learning about turkeys, then finish the evening with a night hike along the trail and a marshmallow roast over a campfire. This program is open to all ages and costs \$2 per person. [Pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the New Hill Parking Area near the picnic table at the bottom of the hill at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Nature Lab: Fall Discoveries
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Fall is a great time to explore the woods and shoreline for signs of nature such as tracks, nests, beautiful leaves and interesting seeds. In this program, participants ages 6 to 11 years old can collect treasures from nature and use them to create a craft in the afternoon. Bring a full water bottle, snack and a bag lunch. The program fee is \$16 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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