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Turnipseed Nature Preserve to Open this Weekend

Staff to lead tour at 10 a.m. Saturday

In the woods of eastern Wake County, 265 acres of trees, trails and wildlife will be available for you to explore starting this weekend.

This Saturday, Nov. 18, [Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#) will open the first phase of [Turnipseed Nature Preserve](#) to the public. The preserve will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until dusk.

Turnipseed is Wake County's second nature preserve. Located just south of Wendell, it features opportunities for wildlife viewing from its hiking trails, boardwalks and [140-foot-long pedestrian bridge](#) constructed earlier this year.

A free, staff-led tour of the preserve will be available at 10 a.m. this Saturday to celebrate the preserve's opening. Participants should meet in the parking lot at 7100 Hunt Valley Trail in Wendell.

The preserve includes a mix of different habitats, such as forests, wetlands, unique granite outcroppings and previously-farmed fields

that are now natural meadows. Land was purchased for the preserve between 2004 and 2011.

The second phase of the Turnipseed Nature Preserve will include additional hiking and nature trails throughout the property, as well as access and parking from Pleasants Road. Phase two is expected to open in 2018.

Learn more about Turnipseed Nature Preserve on our [website](#) and on the preserve's [Facebook page](#).

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