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Things are Heating Up at Wake County Parks

There's no better way to take advantage of June's warm weather than by checking out programs offered by [Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#). Whether you're looking for laid back nature hikes, fun disc golf lessons or tales about turtles, you'll find it at one of Wake County's parks and preserves. Here's a sample of the programs available in June:

Family Disc Golf Event

Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Disc golf players of all levels are invited to learn the basics or get a refresher from professionals from the Capital Area Disc League. Register for an instructional session at 9 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. Bring your own discs or borrow ours.

New this year: the Innova Option—a competitive round of play for beginners after the second instructional session starting at about 11:30 a.m. The Innova Option involves one round of play using standard Professional Disc Golf Association rules; however, players have the option to replay one throw on every hole. A special Innova Player's Pack, which includes a premium Innova disc, mini disc, reusable scorecard, sticker and pencil (a \$30 value), is available for

\$15 from CADL. Payment for the Player's Pack will be made separately.

This free program is for ages 6 and older. [Pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the disc golf gravel parking lot. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Archaeological DIG Event
Saturday, June 2, 9 – 11 a.m.

[Robertson Millpond Preserve](#)

Robertson Millpond Preserve will host a public event to showcase the work archaeologists are doing at this historic landmark. The dam and mill foundation were built in the 1820s, and plans are underway to design better viewing access and provide interpretative signage. The work these archaeologists do will help shape that design. Join us to see what they find! And while you are here, rent a kayak from [Paddle Creek](#) to paddle the pond for a full experience! Robertson Millpond Preserve is located at 6333 Robertson Pond Road in Wendell.

Habitat Hike Along the American Tobacco Trail
Sunday, June 3, 2 – 3 p.m.

[American Tobacco Trail](#)

As we walk along the American Tobacco Trail toward the Beaver Creek Bridge, we pass many habitats small and large. Discover what lives along the trail, and gain a new appreciation for the trail edges. This program is for all ages, and the fee is \$1 per person. [Pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the New Hill parking area lower picnic table at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Beginner Birding Classes
Saturday, June 9 and June 30, 9 a.m. – noon

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

What is the difference between birdwatching and birding? "Birding with Vernon" walk leader, Vernon Janke, will talk about the art of birding and the tools and techniques you need to improve your skills. Discover why birding is one of the most popular outdoor activities, and use your new knowledge on a bird walk around the

park. This free program is for ages 18 and older, and [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Discover the Park: Walk in the Woods

Saturday, June 9, 10 – 11 a.m.

[Crowder District Park](#)

Take a walk in the woods, discover the animals and plants that call our park home, and help collect data for our Natural Resource Inventory Database and other citizen science projects. All experience levels are welcome. This free program is for ages 14 and older, and registration is not required. Meet at the park office. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

Seasons on the Farm: Soap Making and Butter Churning

Sunday, June 17, 1 – 4 p.m.

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

For almost 200 years, farmers brought wheat and corn to what is now Yates Mill to have the grains ground into flour and meal. Today, you can stop by the Yates Mill visitor center to see a tabletop display about what tasks 19th-century farmers and their families did each month as part of their life on a farm. In June, learn about common household chores that were important to daily life, such as making soap and churning butter, then try your hand at making butter in a jar! This free program is for all ages, and registration is not required. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Monday – Friday, June 18 – Aug. 3, 11 a.m. – noon

[Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Historic Oak View County Park will serve once again as a host site for the Wake County Summer Food Service Program's free summer meals for children. Every weekday from June 18 to Aug. 3 between 11 a.m. and noon, the park will offer free lunches and activities for children 18 and younger at its Bluebird Shelter. Enrollment is not required, and there is no cost for the lunches. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

Family Wildlife Series: Totally Turtles

Saturday, June 23, 10 – 11 a.m.

[Blue Jay Point County Park](#)

Turtles are renowned in tales—from “The Tortoise and the Hare” to “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.” Come get the real scoop on turtles and how they “earn a living,” and maybe learn a new tale, too!. The program fee is \$1 per person, and [pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Reminder

The new [Park Locator](#) makes it easy to explore all the parks and preserves in Wake County! Filter results by activity or location, and get customized directions.

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