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Seeds to Weeds: Diverse Park Programs Offered in September

What do beetles, inventions and storytellers have in common? They're all coming your way in September thanks to [Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#). Here's a sample of the programs available:

Family Wildlife Series: Going to Seed

Monday, Sept. 3 | 2 – 3 p.m.

[Blue Jay Point County Park](#)

Ever wonder how that plant got there? A seed, of course! Come learn about seeds and the many ways they get from place to place. Harvest seeds from the Blue Jay Butterfly Garden, and create seed packets to take them home for your yard. 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.

Billions of Beetles

Saturday, Sept. 8 | 10 – 11 a.m.

[American Tobacco Trail](#)

There are more types of beetles than any other kind of insect. Beetles live everywhere—some are colorful, some are harmful, but all are unique. We'll learn what makes beetles so successful, meet some up close and then go out to explore their habitats. This program is for all ages, and the program fee is \$1 per person. [Pre-](#)

[registration is required](#). Meet at the New Hill parking area at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Discover the Park: Walk in the Woods

Saturday, Sept. 8 | 10 – 11 a.m.

[Crowder District Park](#)

Take a walk in the woods and discover the animals and plants that call our park home. 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.

Kids Discover Nature: “Box Turtle at Long Pond”

Monday, Sept. 10 | 11 a.m. – noon

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Experience a day in the life of a box turtle through this special book, learn what makes turtles so wonderful, meet one of these lovable reptiles up close and create a turtle craft to take home. This program is for ages 1 – 6, and the program fee is \$4 per child. [Pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the Cypress Shelter. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Weed Warrior Wednesday

Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 6 – 8 p.m.

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

Become a weed warrior and help park staff battle against invasive species. Invasive species are non-native, aggressive plants that displace native species and have negative impacts on habitats and wildlife. Participating in Weed Warriors is a great way for high school students to help meet their volunteer service requirements. This program is for ages 16 and older. All participants younger than 18 must have a [Wake County Volunteer Waiver](#) signed by a parent. This is a free program, but [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Field School: Invent it! Inventors and the Patent System

Wednesday, Sept. 19 | 10 – 11 a.m.

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

All great inventions start out as ideas, and some even happen by accident. Hear invention stories, including the story of Oliver Evans, who invented the automated milling system used at Yates Mill; learn about the U.S. Patent System; and do some inventing of your own. Be sure to bring your creativity and wear your thinking caps. This program is for ages 7 – 14, and [pre-registration is required](#). Note: a History Detective Mill Tour is offered from 11 a.m. to noon—we encourage you to sign up for that as well for the ultimate program experience. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Storytelling Festival

Saturday, Sept. 29 | 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Historic Oak View County Park will host the 36th Annual Storytelling Festival, presented by Wake County Public Libraries and Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. The event will feature professional storytellers Willa Brigham, Josh Goforth, Linda Gorham and Michael Reno Harrell, as well as activity tents, food vendors and a hay wagon shuttle. Free for all ages, the festival takes place rain or shine. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, 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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