



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jump into June with Fishing, Faeries and Fun at Wake County Parks

Summer is here, and there's no better place to spend those long, hot days than at a Wake County park or preserve. Join us to explore nature, cast a line and get up close and personal with reptiles at fun, educational events throughout the month.

Here's a sample of activities taking place in June:

### **Remarkable Reptiles**

Saturday, June 1, 3 – 4 p.m.

#### [American Tobacco Trail](#)

Reptiles are cool critters! Learn more about these fascinating, often misunderstood animals, and meet our educational box turtle and a few friendly snakes. Bring a water bottle and your own chair or blanket. This program is for all ages, and [pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the New Hill parking area at the lower picnic table at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

### **Plant Detectives**

Sunday, June 2, 1 – 3 p.m.

#### [Lake Crabtree County Park](#)

Did you know there are more than 4,000 species of native plants in North Carolina? If you look outside and just see a sea of green, you are not alone. Learn how to distinguish one plant from another, and

find out why it's important to know which plant is which. This program is for ages 6 and older, and [pre-registration is required](#). Lake Crabtree County Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

### **Fishing for Beginners**

Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. – noon

[Harris Lake County Park](#)

Harris Lake County Park is home to a variety of fish species—including largemouth bass, black crappie, sunfish and catfish. Learn how to identify fish, and get a quick lesson on how to bait a hook, cast a line and handle your catch. Park staff will provide instruction, fishing poles and bait. Participants 16 and older must already have a North Carolina fishing license. This program is for ages 7 and older, and [pre-registration is required](#). Meet at the Fishing Pond (first gravel lot on your right). Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

### **Discovery Table: Trees**

Saturday, June 8, 1 – 3 p.m.

[Crowder County Park](#)

Stop by our discovery table to learn about the trees see you all around Crowder Park! Registration is not required. The display table, a self-guided activity, is located at the Upper Playground. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten Ten Road, Apex.

### **Family Wildlife Series: “Leaf” It to Me**

Saturday, June 15, 10 – 11 a.m.

[Blue Jay Point County Park](#)

Learn what trees need to grow, and “leaf” knowing how to identify common trees by their fresh summer foliage. Enjoy a walk in the park as you get acquainted with some of our favorite trees. [Pre-registration is required](#). Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Free Summer Meals**

Weekdays, June 17 – Aug. 9, 11 a.m. – noon

[Historic Oak View County Park](#)

Historic Oak View County Park will once again serve as a host site for the Wake County Summer Food Service Program's free

summer meals for children, offering free lunches at its Bluebird Shelter to all children 18 and younger. Children's activities will be featured each day in addition to lunch. Enrollment is not required. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

### **Natural Explorations: A Midsummer Day Dream**

Friday, June 21, 11 a.m. - noon

#### [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#)

What do Historic Yates Mill County Park and the woodland faeries have in common? They both love nature! Take a short walk near the millpond to search for evidence of faeries (sightings are not guaranteed), explore the astronomical aspects of Midsummer's Day and hear a few quotes from William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This program is for all ages, and [pre-registration is required](#). Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

To see a list of upcoming programs and events, visit [wakegov.com/parks](http://wakegov.com/parks).

### **Reminder**

Our [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.

### **About Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space**

[Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#) strives to provide outdoor recreation and educational opportunities while promoting environmental and cultural stewardship through a managed system of parks and open spaces. In 2018, more than 1.3 million people visited Wake County's 10 parks and nature preserves.

To learn more about [Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @WakeGovParks. You can also check out each of our parks on [Facebook](#).

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