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Wake County Nature Preserves Open Seven Days a Week

Visitors now have more opportunities to hike through the boulders of Turnipseed Nature Preserve or paddle Robertson Millpond Preserve's unique blackwater cypress swamp. Previously offering only weekend hours, both preserves are open from 8 a.m. – sunset seven days a week until Aug. 2.



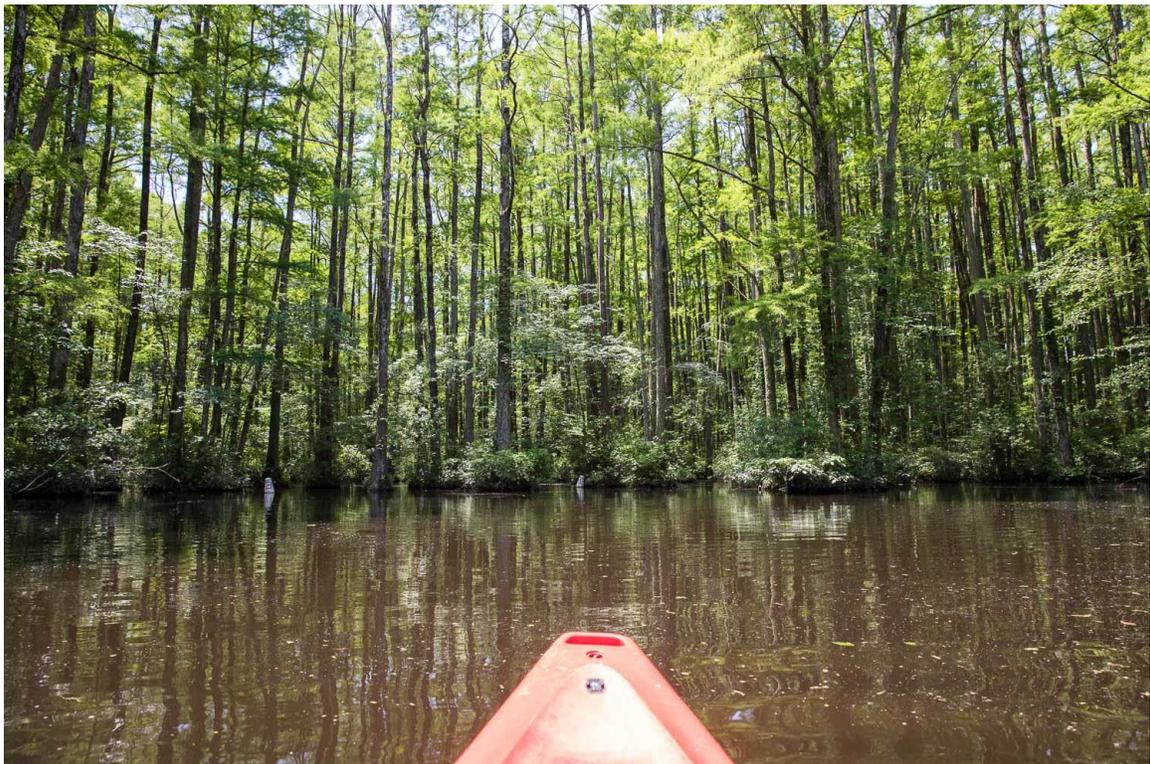
“We want to make it possible for everyone to experience our nature preserves,” said Chris Snow, director of Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. “While Turnipseed and Robertson Millpond are already popular on the weekends, we wanted to open

them up to weekday visitors, as well. The summer months are a great time to explore new areas of Wake County.”

The expanded operating schedule was included in the budget approved by the Wake County Board of Commissioners last year. The long-term goal is for the preserves to be open on the same schedule as Wake County’s eight parks—seven days a week, 361 days a year.

The 265-acre [Turnipseed Nature Preserve](#) is located south of Wendell near the Johnston County line. Special features include granite rock outcrops and boulders; diverse habitats, including wetlands, forests and meadows; and a variety of wildlife species. Entrances are available at 7100 Hunt Valley Trail and 1525 Pleasants Road in Wendell.

[Robertson Millpond Preserve](#) is an 85-acre refuge for nature lovers, canoeists and kayakers. It features the only bald cypress blackwater swamp habitat in Wake County. The entrance is located at 6333 Robertson Pond Road in Wendell.



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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.

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