

“Harris Lake County Park: A Destination for the Day”



PARK HOURS

8:00 A.M. — SUNSET,
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

(contact the park for seasonal closing times)

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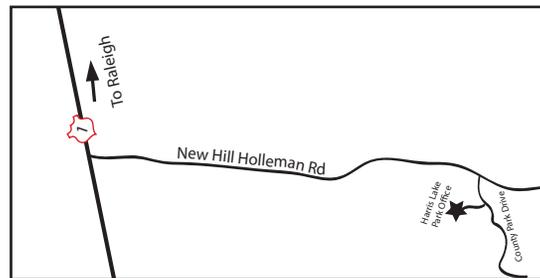


HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK IS CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS EVE
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety and enjoyment go hand in hand at Harris Lake County Park. The following rules and regulations have been established to ensure a safe and pleasant visit.

1. SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH
2. PETS MUST BE KEPT ON A 6 FOOT LEASH
(Please clean up after your pet.)
3. OPEN FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED
(Use park grills only)
4. PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS
(No parking on roadsides or outside park gates)
5. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:
 - a. Alcoholic beverages
 - b. Use of any tobacco and vapor products
 - c. Hunting
 - d. Feeding of wildlife in the park
 - e. Swimming
 - f. Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
 - g. Amplified music
 - h. Littering
 - i. Fire arms
This does not prohibit concealed handgun permit holders from legally carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11.
 - j. Overnight parking and camping



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Harris Lake County Park



Parks, Recreation
& Open Space

A Day at Harris Lake...

This 680 acre park forms a peninsula on beautiful Harris Lake. Harris Lake County Park is located in New Hill, NC (Southwestern Wake County) and is convenient to Raleigh, Cary, Apex, Holly Springs, and Fuquay-Varina.

TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

The Tackle Loaner Program, through the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, allows participants to check out a rod and reel combo and also adaptive fishing equipment made especially for persons with limited arm and hand mobility. Contact park office for more information.

PRIMITIVE GROUP CAMPING

Primitive organized group camping is offered at Harris Lake County Park. Groups must be supported by a governing body. The primitive camping site contains very minimal improvements and has a capacity of 50 persons including children and adults.

Fee: \$30 per night (must reserve and pay in advance by calling the park office).

CAR TOP BOAT LAUNCH

Car top boats such as canoes and kayaks may be launched from the park. The launch site is located near the Peninsula Trail Head and picnic area. No watercraft with trailers can be launched from the park. These users must use the Holleman or Highway 42 boat ramps located in other areas of Harris Lake. Access to the lake for hunting purposes is not permitted from the park.

HOG RUN BIKING TRAILS

MOUNTAIN BIKE USE ONLY

All mountain bike trail users must wear ANSI or Snell approved safety helmets.

- **Hog Run (beginner loop) ~ .7 miles**
The beginner loop starts at the main trail head and is identified by blue circles. This loop is designed to give those riders just starting out a taste of mountain biking. The terrain is relatively flat with few obstacles. The beginner loop is signed for one-way traffic only.
- **Hog Run (intermediate section) ~ 2.9 miles**
The intermediate sections are designed to challenge mountain bike riders with average skills and experience. These sections are identified by yellow circles. They have a narrower riding tread, and boasts more changes in elevation and other trail features.
- **Hog Run (advanced section) ~ 7.1 miles**
The advanced sections are identified by red circles. They offer the longest ride as they are made up of a series of sections that offer different routes and more challenges to the more skilled riders.

HIKING TRAILS

WALKERS AND JOGGERS ONLY

- **The Peninsula Trail ~ 5 miles**
Orange blazes with hiker image mark this trail. The trail head starts at the kiosk near the family picnic area and car top boat launch. A single blaze indicates the main trail route and a double blaze indicates a side loop off the main trail.

The Peninsula Trail is comprised of one main 5 mile trail with three smaller loops to provide hikers with several trails to choose from. The main trail may take the average hiker 2 hours to complete. Please be aware of park closing time and plan accordingly.

The Peninsula Trails will lead you on an adventure through a variety of forest habitats, around old farm ponds and along the shores of beautiful Harris Lake.

All trails are subject to closure for natural recovery, workdays, special events, and inclement weather.

Harris Lake Cell Phone Tours

We offer 3 self-guided cell phone tours that can be accessed by your cell phone or smart phone. The trails that are connected with a cell phone tour are identified by this  logo in this brochure and at each trail head sign.

Once you reach the trail head for a cell phone tour, then you can follow the instructions below:

- Scan the QR code or call the Harris Lake Cell Phone Tour number at (919) 424-0042 and then press the corresponding number at each trail stop.
- You can also go to myoncell.mobi/19194240042 to access the mobile web address.
- Once you are on the tour, you can access other commands by pressing the following keys:
 - Press 1 to rewind
 - Press 2 to pause/play
 - Press 3 to fast forward
 - Press # to stop
 - Press *0 to leave feedback on audio tour

Red Fox Interpretive Trail

Discover more about the animals and plants found at Harris Lake County Park. This trail is located near the beginning of the Peninsula Trail.

Womble Interpretive History Trail

Explore life on a farm as you learn about one of the families that lived on the property before the property became a park. This trail is a section off of the Peninsula Trail and is identified by trail signs and double orange trail markers.

Cypress Tree Trail

Test your knowledge and learn about some of the common trees found at Harris Lake County Park. This trail starts near the Amphitheater.

HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK



Environmental Education Programs

Harris Lake offers environmental education programs for public and private schools, organized groups, and the general public. Programs are designed to accommodate a variety of age groups and curriculum. Contact the park office for additional information about our on-site and outreach programs.



Buckhorn Disc Golf Course

This course offers 18 challenging holes, including water hazards. Each hole has long (blue), short (white) and recreational (red) tees to accommodate various levels of play. Scorecards are available in the mailbox at the 1st hole.

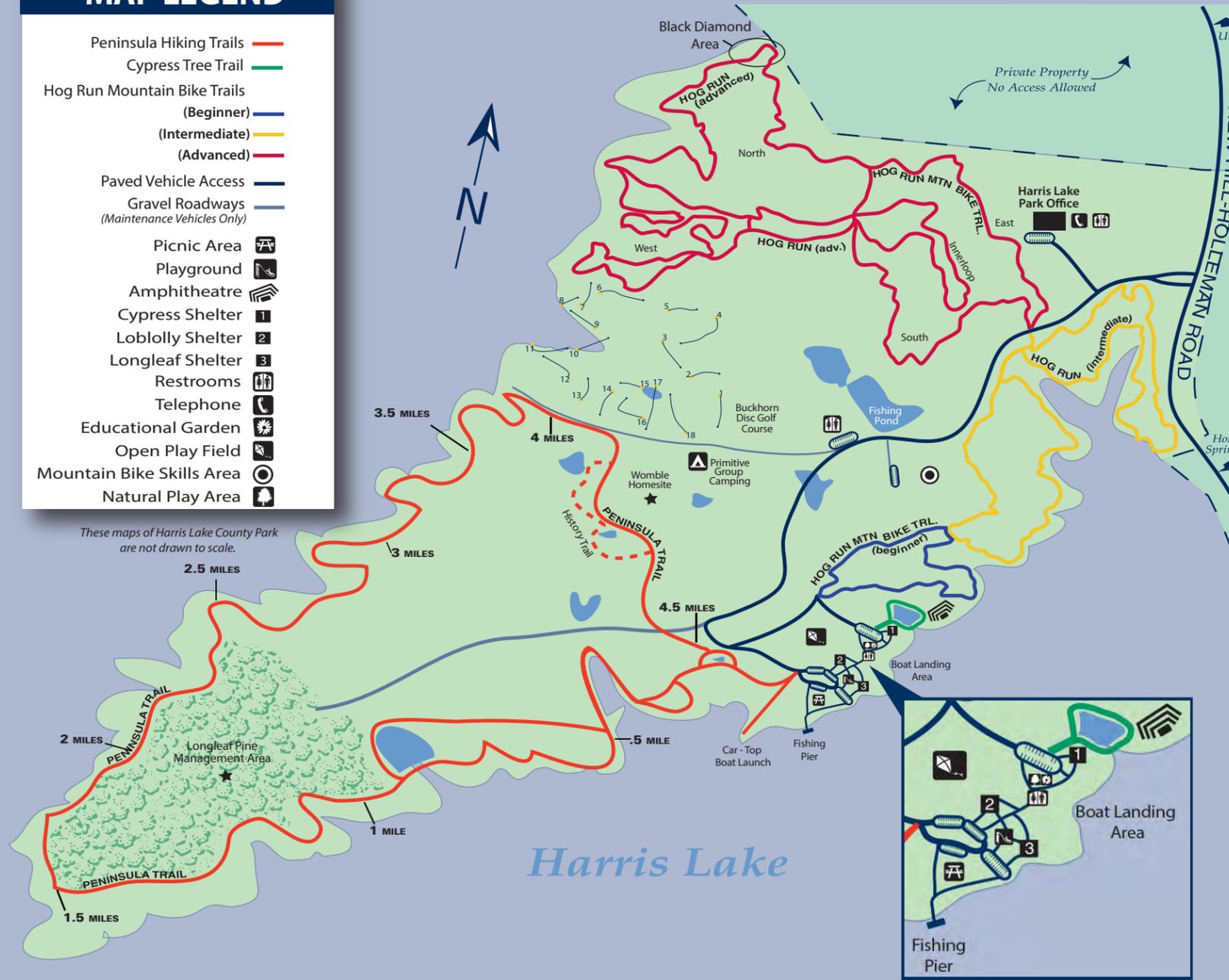


Picnic Opportunities

Picnicking opportunities are available for both large groups and individual families. There is a lake side picnic area with picnic tables placed in several locations. For groups, there are three picnic shelters available for rent. Each shelter has a charcoal grill, picnic tables, and horseshoe pit. Shelter reservations can be made by visiting the Harris Lake County Park website or calling the park office.

MAP LEGEND

Peninsula Hiking Trails	
Cypress Tree Trail	
Hog Run Mountain Bike Trails	
(Beginner)	
(Intermediate)	
(Advanced)	
Paved Vehicle Access	
Gravel Roadways (Maintenance Vehicles Only)	
Picnic Area	
Playground	
Amphitheatre	
Cypress Shelter	
Loblolly Shelter	
Longleaf Shelter	
Restrooms	
Telephone	
Educational Garden	
Open Play Field	
Mountain Bike Skills Area	
Natural Play Area	



TRAIL USER ETHICS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- BE MINDFUL OF OTHER USERS.** Respect the rights of all other trail users and obey all park rules and regulations. Show courtesy when passing other trail users, especially large educational groups.
- PLAN AHEAD.** Know your ability. Become familiar with Harris Lake County Park and the park's rules before use.
- USE DESIGNATED PARK TRAILS.** Please stay on the park's marked trails. Straying off trails tramples vegetation and can cause unwanted erosion.
- WILDLIFE IS WATCHING YOU.** In an environmentally friendly, natural setting such as Harris Lake, many wildlife species abound. This is their home. Take care not to disturb or alarm any wildlife living in the park.
- ALL PETS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.**
- LEAVE NO TRACE.** Tread lightly, leaving behind only footprints. The collection of any plant, animal, rock, or other natural item is prohibited, as well as the release of animals.
- SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.** The success of all trails at Harris Lake County Park depends on its users. Practice good trail ethics, immediately reporting any violators or natural hazards to park staff.
- ALLOW TIME TO FINISH OUTINGS BEFORE PARK CLOSING TIME.** Remember that as dusk approaches, wooded areas along trails become dark much earlier than trails in open spaces.
- BEWARE OF NATURAL HAZARDS.** Remember that you are in a natural environment. Plants such as poison ivy can cause allergic reactions. Please stay away from any potentially hazardous debris and notify staff immediately.



Fishing

The fishing pond is managed and stocked with channel catfish seasonally. All North Carolina freshwater fishing laws and regulations apply. The fishing pier, with handicap accessibility, is located on Harris Lake near the picnic area. The pier was built in cooperation with NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Progress Energy, and Wake County.



Mountain Bike Trails

Hog Run Trails: Named for the ditches and gullies formed many years ago from livestock traveling back and forth from the pen to the watering hole. Hog Run consists of a series of loops designed for any level. There are three main sections to provide riders with nearly eight miles of trails designed for varying skill levels.



Playground

Designed for children of all ages, our large playground is very convenient to parking, restrooms and the picnic areas. The playground is unsupervised by park staff; therefore, parents are encouraged to supervise their children's activity. An open play field is also available nearby.