PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS
Safety and enjoyment go hand in hand at Lake Crabtree 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

PARK HOURS
8:00 A.M. — SUNSET, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
THE LAKE CLOSES 1/2 HOUR BEFORE THE PARK

LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK IS CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS EVE
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR’S DAY

Lake Crabtree County Park
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Welcome to...

LAKE CRABTREE

This 215 acre park, adjacent to a 520 acre flood control lake, offers visitors a variety of recreational opportunities. Lake Crabtree County Park is located in Morrisville, NC and is convenient to Raleigh, Cary, and Durham.

Gardens

The WaterWise Garden, located next to the open play area, is displayed as a partnership with the Master Gardeners of Wake County and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. The garden features plants that are drought-tolerant and perform well in this area of North Carolina. A Certified Wildlife Habitat, located next to the Manager’s Office, provides a bird feeder station and a sampling of beneficial plants native to this area.

HISTORIC HOMESITE

Situated at the top of connector trail B, the home site provides a glimpse into a more rural time. Small farms of both landholding and tenant farmers, made up the bulk of the state’s population until about one hundred years after the Civil War. To learn more of the home site and post-Civil War life, follow the free self-guided tour, (919) 629-2001.

MULTI-USE TRAILS

CYCLING and HIKING - 9.4 miles

Cyclists must wear ANSI or Snell approved safety helmets.

These trails, designed for the beginner to intermediate rider, are used by mountain bikers, joggers, and walkers, each of whom shares the responsibility for the safety of the others.

The trail system can also be reached from the Town of Cary’s Black Creek Greenway or from William B. Umstead State Park via Old Reedy Creek Road near Interstate 40.

HIKING TRAILS

FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY

The Lake Trail – 6.0 miles

Blue blazes mark this pedestrian loop around Lake Crabtree. The trail head is located at the kiosk next to the Manager’s Office. Two highlights of the trail are the Heather Lee Carr Memorial and Black Creek footbridge. A portion of the trail is shared with the Town of Cary’s Black Creek Greenway. The trail may take the average hiker 2.5-3 hours to complete.

*Bikes are only permitted on the section along the multi-use trails.

*No fishing is allowed on any portion of the lake trail.

Old Beech Nature Trail - 0.6 miles

This short loop provides a self-guided environmental education experience at Lake Crabtree. A brochure, available at the trailhead kiosk, highlights habitat features as hikers travel from a young mixed forest to an older bottomland forest.

SKILL AREAS

The trails also feature several areas for skill development. There is a constructed element area near Trail 5, a pump track near Trail 1, and dirt jumps near Trail 2. The advanced jumps are open for group sessions posted in the forum at: www.trianglemtb.com

All trails are subject to closure for natural recovery, workdays, special events, and inclement weather. Please call (919) 460-3390 for trail updates.

PLAYGROUNDS

The park has two playgrounds. The Tot Lot, designed for 2-5 year olds, is located next to the Beech Shelter. The Kids Lot, located next to the Dogwood Shelter provides play opportunities for 5-12 year olds. The playgrounds are not supervised by park staff; therefore, parents should supervise activity.

BOAT LAUNCH

The park offers year-round public boat launch areas. A two-lane ramp is available for trailered craft and car top launch areas are located next to the open play area and car-top parking lot.

All lake users are cautioned that shallow waters less than three feet deep exist in many areas. *Only electric motors are to be operated in Lake Crabtree.

Learn about the natural resources found in Wake County Parks.

www.wcnrid.wakegov.com
Environmental Education Programs
Lake Crabtree 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 curricula. For additional information and class registration visit wakegov.com/parks/LakeCrabtree/pages/programs.aspx or call (919)460-3390.

Picnic Opportunities
Picnicking opportunities are available for both large groups and individual families. Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. For groups, there are three picnic shelters available for rent. Each shelter has a charcoal grill, tables, horseshoe pit, and volleyball courts are nearby. For additional information and class registration visit wakegov.com/parks/LakeCrabtree/pages/programs.aspx or call (919)460-3390.

Open Play Area
The large floodplain area offers opportunities for many activities. Kite flying, tossing a frisbee, kicking a ball, or walking a leashed pet are just some of the common uses of this popular area. There are two volleyball courts available on a first come-first serve basis.

Boating
Lake Crabtree is ideal for water sports such as paddling, sailing, rowing and fishing. The park has a year-round boat launch area which includes a trailer ramp and car-top access area. A variety of boats are available for rent seasonally on the park’s waterfront. For rates and hours of the rental operation please call 919-460-3398.

Fishing
An accessible pier and platform are available along the shoreline. The park offers a Tackle Loaner Program through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Contact staff for details. Fishing is catch and release, and is permitted in designated areas only. All N.C. Fishing laws apply. (See PCB brochure or visit website for more information.)