

# My Oak View Park Pack

A Resource for Visitors on the Autism Spectrum



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## Instructions:

1. Before you begin your visit, print out the checklist and the picture cards on the next pages to plan your trip to Oak View.
2. To help you decide where you want to go, read information about the different buildings and exhibits to learn about the history of Oak View and different activities you can explore during your visit to the park. Information can be found on our website and in our brochure.
3. When you've decided which areas you want to visit, cut out the corresponding cards and attach them to your checklist.
4. You can use the communication cards to say when you need to take a break, sit down, use the restroom, etc.
5. Be sure to leave some boxes on your checklist empty so you can add to your tour while you are at Oak View.
6. Bring your completed My Oak View checklist with you to the park.
7. Print out a blank checklist and extra cards in case you want to create another checklist while you are at the park.
8. When you are at the park and have completed a stop on your tour, check it off with a pencil in the "All Done" column.

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## Sensory tips & Activity Suggestions

### Noisy places

- The children's play area the "Farmer's Corner," located in the Farm History Center, can get very busy and loud during popular times. Quieter times are generally mid- to late weekday afternoons, early Saturday mornings, and early afternoon on Sundays. Building hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. The park grounds are open from 8 a.m. – sundown every day.

### Quiet places

- The walking trails (Jones Creek Trail 0.7 miles, Hunnicut Trail 0.4 miles) offer quiet, shady opportunities to explore. The pecan grove also provides a shady area to rest or picnic under one of the historic pecan trees. The fishing pond also offers a quiet, recreational opportunity (bring your own supplies, NC freshwater fishing regulations apply).

### Tips for a great visit

- Places that offer more interaction and sensory opportunities include the "Farmer's Corner" play area located in the Farm History Center, the "All in a Day's Work" play area in the Livestock Barn, and the "A Complicated Freedom" and "A Growing Challenge" exhibits in the Tenant House. Interpretive exhibits are also located in the Farm History Center, Cotton Gin House and Plank Kitchen.
- Be sure to visit our goats, and you can even bring baby carrots or diced apples and feed them a treat! (Please check in with staff before feeding them). The chickens, located next to the Tenant House, are also fun to watch as they scratch in and around their coop!

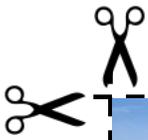
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## **Sensory tips & Activity Suggestions**

- **Additional resources available include**
  - **Sensory-seeking toys**
  - **Noise reducing headphones**
  - **Available to borrow at the front desk, ask park staff**

## **Social narratives available for:**

- **Independent family visit**
- **History Hike/Small group visit**
- **School field trip/Group program**



1 Farm History Center



2 Livestock barn



3 Cotton field



4 Cotton gin house



5 Cemetery



6 Kitchen garden



7 Plank Kitchen



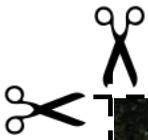
8 Water tower



9 Carriage house



10 Main farm house



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Gazebo



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Tenant house



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Pecan grove



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Olivia Raney Library



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Fruit orchard



Farm animals



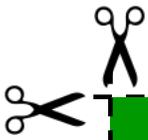
Fishing



Picnic



Hiking trails



I need a  
restroom



I need help



I would like  
a drink of  
water



I am ready  
to go home



I need a  
quiet space



I would like  
to sit down

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## WELCOME TO HISTORIC OAK VIEW

### ABOUT THE PARK

Founded in 1829, Oak View was a middle-class farm that expanded to encompass more than 900 acres. Today, the 27-acre site includes historic farm buildings and grounds that offer a glimpse into the successful farmstead and the different families who lived and worked there over the years. Explore and connect with daily farm life by strolling through the grounds, picnicking and fishing in the ponds. Although the farmers, crops and livestock are now gone, the land and remaining buildings continue to tell the farm's story.

### RECREATION

Relax and enjoy the park's natural beauty. Enjoy a picnic, cast a line in the ponds (NC freshwater fishing regulations apply), stroll through the orchards and gardens, or take a hike down a shaded trail. Planning a gathering? Two picnic shelters are available to rent.

### TOURS

Oak View accepts reservations for guided tours for all ages and curriculum-based educational programs for elementary school-aged students. Want to tour the park on your own? Ask any staff member about free, self-guided activities.



### PLACES FOR KIDS TO LEARN AND PLAY

The popular, interactive "Farmer's Corner" in the Farm History Center teaches children about farm life through hands-on activities, games, puzzles and books. Put your imagination to work and try your hand at farm chores at the "All in a Day's Work" station in the livestock barn.

### FARM ANIMALS

The chickens and goats love welcoming visitors to the park, so make sure to stop by and see them. The chicken coop is located next to the Tenant House, and the goats can be found in one of the outdoor pens or in the barn.



### EXHIBITS

Exhibits in many of the park's buildings interpret farm life from the 19th century to today.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Thousands of people visit Oak View each year for family-friendly events like Heritage Day in October and Sleigh Rides and Cider in December.

To see a calendar of events, visit:

**[wakegov.com/parks](http://wakegov.com/parks)**

## PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

1. **Speed limit is 10 mph.**
2. **Clean up after your pets.**
3. **Keep pets on a 6-foot leash.**
4. **Park only in designated areas.**  
No parking on roadsides or outside park gates.

### The following are prohibited:

- Open fires
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco and vapor products
- Hunting
- Feeding of wildlife
- Swimming
- Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
- Amplified music
- Littering
- Firearms  
This does not prohibit concealed handgun permit holders from legally carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11.
- Overnight parking and camping
- ATVs and other motorized vehicles



## PARK HOURS

### GROUNDS

8 a.m. – sunset  
Seven days a week



### BUILDINGS

**Monday – Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
1 – 5 p.m.

### CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day

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# HISTORIC OAK VIEW COUNTY PARK





# SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Visit [historicoakview.occncell.com](http://historicoakview.occncell.com) or call 919-629-2106 to begin your tour!



- 1 Farm History Center**  
Features the Farmer's Corner and park information
- 2 Livestock barn**  
Home to the park's goats and the All in a Day's Work play area
- 3 Cotton field**  
A demonstration field of cotton, the farm's primary crop for most of its existence
- 4 Cotton gin house**  
Built around 1900 to gin cotton from Oak View and surrounding farms
- 5 Cemetery**  
The final resting place of several members of the Williams family, who founded the farm in the 1830s
- 6 Kitchen garden**  
Herbs and flowers grown for culinary, medicinal, and aesthetic purposes
- 7 Plank kitchen**  
The oldest building on the property, built around 1825
- 8 Water tower**  
Constructed around 1900 to store water pumped from an underground well
- 9 Carriage house**  
Used for housing carriages and wagons, later converted to a two-car garage
- 10 Main farm house**  
First built for the Williams family in 1855, with additions added by the Poole family in the 1940s
- 11 Gazebo**  
First constructed in the 1910s out of red cedar logs
- 12 Tenant house**  
Built in 1870 and stylistically similar to the original Oak View tenant houses
- 13 Pecan grove**  
Planted in the early 1900s to supplement the farm's income following the boll weevil infestation
- 14 Olivia Raney Local History Library**  
Houses historical and genealogical research collections relating to the history of Wake County
- 15 Fruit orchard**  
Educational orchard featuring a variety of fruit trees and grape vines that thrive in North Carolina

- Farm animals
- Fishing
- Gardens
- Hiking trail
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Restroom

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Historic Oak View welcomes comments and suggestions about how we might continue to improve our accessibility. Please call, email, or write to us.

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