

April-June 2020 Programs at Crowder County Park



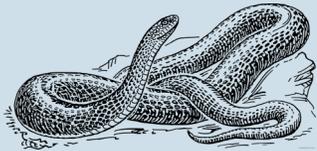
Programs require registration at least three days prior to the program date. Space is limited - don't miss out! Visit our website, call (919) 662-2850 or email crowderpark@wakegov.com to register or for more information.



SPECIAL EVENT **Pond Palooza!**

Saturday, May 2
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for this family-friendly event focused on amphibians, reptiles, and their habitats. Learn about frogs and the clean water we all need. Enjoy fun activities such as crafts and games, meet and greet with live animals, and view a variety of exhibitor displays. For all ages; FREE!
Registration is not required.



Look for updated exhibitor information here:
wakegov.com/parks/crowder/Pages/pondpalooza.aspx



Check Out A Discovery Box!

Want to explore the park with the knowledge of a naturalist? Check out a discovery box from the park!

Discovery boxes are self-guided lesson plans, intended for use by teachers of small classes or parents who wish to educate children without requesting a formal program through the office. All boxes come complete with hands-on lesson plans, equipment, story books, guides, and take-home activities!

Discovery boxes can be checked out at the park office. Stop by and sign one out today!

Keep up with all of the park's events and happenings!



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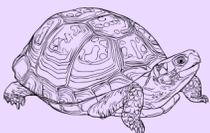
Family Features

For all ages; FREE. Registration is required for all family members and children must have adult accompaniment. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.

Let's Talk Turtles

Sunday, April 19; 2-3 p.m.

Crowder is home to many different types of turtles. Discover the turtles that live here and examine the special adaptations they have in order to survive. Walk down to the pond to play turtle bingo and then meet some of our fascinating turtle residents up close.



The Buzz on Bees

Sunday, May 17; 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate our #1 pollinator by learning about the busy bees of Crowder Park. Learn the dances of bees and how they communicate, discover how pollination works, and taste different types of honey. Then plant a flower in our container garden.



Beautiful Butterflies

Sunday, June 21; 2-3 p.m.

Explore the types of butterflies that call the park home and the different stages of their life cycle. Identify the special adaptations that butterflies have and go on a nature hunt to search for the perfect butterfly habitat!



Quarter Year Programs at Crowder County Park



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Nature Families

Great for families with children of different ages. For all ages; FREE. Registration is required for all family members and children must have adult accompaniment. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.

Super Senses

Tuesday, April 28; 11 a.m.–Noon

Did you know crickets can hear using their feet or that a rabbit's tongue has 17,000 taste buds? Discover fun facts about your five senses through hands-on activities and a nature walk. Explore prickly versus tickly objects, take the taste bud test, and make a smelly craft.



Beetle Mania

Tuesday, May 26; 11 a.m.–Noon

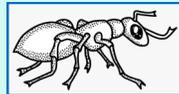
One in every four animals on Earth is a beetle! Beetles are everywhere! Learn the life cycle of beetles and compare and contrast them to different insects. Go on a bug hunt to discover beetles and use a magnifying glass to look at them up close! Then make a beetle craft to take home.



Ant Antics

Tuesday, June 16; 11 a.m.–Noon

Ants can lift and carry more than three times their weight! Hunt for ants in the garden, observe them in action, and play a fun game to discover how they build their colony. Wrap up the hour with a fun snack of “ants on a log.”



Nature Watchers

Preschool children with accompanying adult(s) discover the natural world through stories, hands-on nature activities, games, crafts and outdoor exploration. For ages 3-5; FREE. Registration is required and children must have adult accompaniment. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.

Hear Here

Wednesday, April 29; 11 a.m.–Noon

Do you hear that? Discover the sounds of nature at the park through games and hands-on activities! Read "The Listening Walk" and go on a scavenger hunt using just your ears! Then make a turtle tambourine!



Billions of Beetles

Wednesday, May 27; 11 a.m.–Noon

Beetles are one of the coolest groups of insects on Earth. They are known as living jewels because of their shiny colors. Read "The Very Clumsy Click Beetle" and make your own flipping beetle. Then go on a bug hunt to find beetles and bugs!



Amazing Ants

Wednesday, June 17; 11 a.m.–Noon

Ants are amazing creatures and they are always on the go. Learn the parts of an ant using play dough, create an Ant Restaurant to discover their favorite foods, and go on an ant hunt to look at them under a magnifying glass! Then make a fun craft to take home.



Tiny Tots

For ages 18 months - 3 years (with an accompanying adult); FREE. Registration is required. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.



Colors in Nature

Monday, April 20; 10:30–11 a.m.

Practice your colors by sorting natural objects found in the park! Then go on a nature hunt to find plants and animals of different colors!

Movement in Nature

Monday, May 11; 10:30–11 a.m.

Work on your motor skills through center-based activities. Practice threading, sorting, jumping, and catching. Then play with musical instruments.

Animals in Nature

Monday, June 1; 10:30–11 a.m.

Practice your recognition skills through sorting, matching, and more! Move like animals in nature and find park critters in a fun scavenger hunt.

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Crowder By Night

Family programs that explore the park at night. For all ages (adult accompaniment is required for all children); FREE. Registration is required. Meet at the Heron Shelter.



Night Time Explorers

Friday, April 3; 7:30–8:30 p.m.

The park comes alive after dark! Let the moon guide your way as we stroll around the pond in search of these night-time critters. Play fun games and try to catch some nocturnal bugs! Don't forget a flashlight to spot the spiders!

Fantastic Frogs

Friday, May 8; 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Rribbit! Listen to the chorus of frogs and toads as the sun sets at Crowder Park. Sort through facts about toads and frogs, play froggy bingo, and make a herp hotel! Then walk down to the pond and hear our amphibian friends in action!



Summer Fun

Friday, June 26, 7–8 p.m.

Join us for a night of family fun at the park! Play nature games, observe nocturnal animals, and roast s'mores around the campfire.

Kids Get Crafty

For all ages (adult accompaniment required for all children); FREE. Meet at the Cardinal Shelter. We will bring the materials if you bring the imagination!

Eco-Crafts



Monday, April 6; 11:00 a.m.–Noon
Help us celebrate Earth Day by creating fun craft projects from everyday objects!

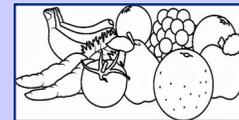
Spring Flowers

Monday, May 4; 11:00 a.m.–Noon
The flowers are in full bloom at the park! Create a craft bursting with color inspired by nature.



Fresh Fruits & Veggies

Monday, June 29; 11:00 a.m.–Noon
June is Fresh Fruits and Veggies Month! Create a painting using fresh produce as stamps.



Discover the Park

Walk in the Woods

TURTLES—Saturday, April 18; 11 a.m.–Noon

BIRDS—Saturday, May 16; 11 a.m.–Noon

FLOWERS—Friday, June 19; 11 a.m.–Noon

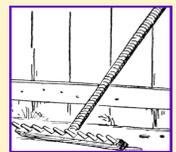
Take a walk in the woods to discover the amazing wildlife and learn how the park changes as seasons turn. Help us to collect wildlife data for our inventory and other citizen science projects along the way! All experience levels are welcome! For all ages; FREE. Registration is not required. Meet at the Park Office.



Volunteer at the Park!

Want to do more to help out your community park? Consider volunteering at Crowder County Park. Call us or stop by to learn about the exciting new ways you can lend a hand.

Call (919) 662-2850



Visit www.wakegov.com/parks/crowder and sign up for our email list to receive program and volunteer information!



Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space *Public Program Registration Form*

Park
Location:

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

Completely fill out, print & sign this form, then mail or drop off the form & payment at the park where the program(s) takes place.

Participant(s) First Name Last Name

Gender Date of Birth (xx/xx/xxxx) Parent Name (if participant is under 18)

Names & Birthdates of Participating Family

Residential Address: Street

City State Zip Code

Phone (Home) Phone (Mobile) Phone (Work)

Email Address Role in Family

Emergency Contact Relation Emerg. Phone No.

I would like to be added to the e-Newsletter for this park—please respond with “YES”, “NO” or “I’m already on it”.

How did you find out about these programs?

PROGRAM TITLE	DATE	TIME	FEE	PAYMENT (staff use only)	
				Checks should be made out to:	
				"Wake County Parks"	
				Cash \$ _____	
				Check \$ _____	Check # _____ Date _____

WAIVER: I, for myself or as a parent or guardian, hereby assume all of the risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the activities. I release, absolve and indemnify Wake County, employees of the County, volunteers, contractors and/or sponsors from all risks and hazards associated with the activities and in the event of an injury, do expressly waive all claims against them. I understand that no insurance coverage is provided by Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. *I further release all copyrights for photos taken during said programs that may or may not have myself or my child(ren) published in future educational or promotional materials. All attempts will be made to contact individuals prior to releasing any names either in print or otherwise.*

REFUND POLICY: Class fees are 100% refundable when the class is cancelled by park staff. Anyone wishing to withdraw from a class that has not been cancelled by park staff must request a refund, in writing, at least one week before the scheduled start of the class. Refunds will not be given for withdrawals made less than the one-week period, other than for verified medical/hardship cases.

I agree to this waiver and refund policy. _____
SIGNATURE DATE

Wake County park programs are provided for people of all abilities. If you need a reasonable modification, please indicate so here: _____
 Requests are accommodated in compliance with ADA regulations.

Visit www.wakegov.com/parks to sign up for email updates regarding future programs and events at all of the County Parks!