

January-March 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!
Call (919) 662-2850 or email crowderpark@wakegov.com to register or for more information.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Early Birders

Monday, February 17; 9–10 a.m.

Join us on a winter bird scavenger hunt! Search for common birds of the park and count them along the way. Practice using binoculars and learn how to identify these animals by shape and color. For all ages (recommended for children ages 4-10); FREE. Registration is required for all family members, and children must have adult accompaniment. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.



Tiny Tots

A half-hour weekday program for children ages 18 months to 3 years old, with an accompanying adult; FREE. Preregistration is required. Meet at Upper Pavilion.

Colors in Nature

Monday, March 30
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!

Crowder By Night

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

The Night Sky

Friday, January 10; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Winter is a great season to gaze at stars! Learn your way around the wintertime constellations, enjoy hot cocoa, and learn about the mysterious night sky. Use our binoculars or bring your own pair, but make sure you bundle up because it is cold outside!

Night Birds

Friday, February 21; 4:30–5:30 p.m.



Celebrate the 2020 Great Backyard Bird Count with a night hike at Crowder! Learn about owls and other birds that are active at night. Bundle up as it is cold outside!

Spring has Sprung

Friday, March 13; 5–6 p.m.

Shake off the winter blues and join us as we spot the early signs of spring, from seasonal sights and smells to the varied sounds of wildlife. Go on a sensory hike around the pond, then make a toad abode for the Spring Peepers around your home.



Family Features



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



Fantastic Fossils

Sunday, January 19; 1–2 p.m.

Fossils tell scientists how animals and plants lived a long time ago. Join us as we become Junior Paleontologists! Play the rock cycle game and discover in which rocks fossils form. Learn and experiment with the four types of fossils, then excavate pretend reptiles from eggs!



Happy Valentine's Day, Mother Nature

Sunday, February 16; 1–2 p.m.

Did you give a valentine to Mother Nature this year? Join us as we celebrate a day of love and kindness at the park! Make a few homemade valentine presents for our feathered friends including a nesting ball and a bird feeder. Then create a card from natural objects to give to a special someone while eating a Valentine-themed snack.

Crazy Corvids!

Sunday, March 22; 1–2 p.m.

Did you know crows, ravens, and blue jays are super smart? Stop by the park and learn all about these fascinating birds! Play a fun game to see if you could outwit a raven, read a cute story, and create a corvid-themed craft to take home. We will also practice our crow calls and go on a corvid hike.



Quarter Year Programs at Crowder County Park continued



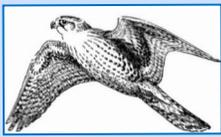
Nature Families

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.

Raptor Round Up

Tuesday, January 28; 11 a.m.–Noon

Get a closer look at the birds of prey that call



Crowder County Park home! Learn all about their adaptations through hands-on discovery centers. Then warm up and practice your communication skills to locate your family and discover who is who high up in the sky.

Tracking Down Tracks

Tuesday, February 25; 11 a.m.–Noon

Tracks can tell us so much about the behavior of animals. Learn to read the land to find out who has been here, where they were going, and how fast! Observe nature around us on a habitat hike and spot the winter wildlife. Then make and take home a cast of an animal track.



Marsupial Mayhem

Tuesday, March 17; 11 a.m.–Noon

Did you know that Opossums are the only marsupial located in North America? Come learn all about these fascinating animals and the important roles they play in maintaining healthy natural ecosystems. Play a fun game and take home a cute opossum craft.



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. Meet at the Upper Pavilion.

Hawks, Owls, and Eagles, Oh my!

Wednesday, January 29; 11 a.m.–Noon

What is our national bird? How many different hawks are there, and who goes whoooo in the night? Discover fun facts about these feathered hunters of the sky. Read a story, discover what makes a bird a bird, and play a birds of prey matching game. Then make a fun craft to take home!



Who's in the Forest?

Wednesday, February 26; 11 a.m.–Noon

If you cannot see animals, how do you know they are there or where they have been? Read a fun story about exploring the critters of the forest. Then discover a few sets of funny feet and match them up to their owners. We will end our class with a quick walk around the park to search for animal clues in a fun tracks-themed scavenger hunt.



Outstanding Opossums

Wednesday, March 18; 11 a.m.–Noon

Learn all about these marsupials through hands-on discovery activities, stories, and a fun craft! Then learn how an opossum hides and all about their favorite snacks!



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



What's the buzz about? You can...

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE!

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks>

What's New in Your Wake County Park

Despite its popularity, Crowder County Park is one of Wake County's smallest parks. But, over the summer, the Wake County Board of Commissioners voted to increase its total size — times four. The board approved spending \$4.9 million to purchase 96 acres of land north of the park.

Wake County is launching a master plan process, which will include input from the public, to determine how the land will be developed. Uses could include more hiking and walking trails, environmental education, and other recreation. We will let you know when planning for this begins.

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Kids Get Crafty

Great for families with children of different ages.
For all ages; FREE. Registration is not required. Children must have adult accompaniment. Meet at Cardinal Shelter.

Splendid Snowflake

Monday, January 13; 11 a.m.–Noon



Are you hoping for snow this winter? We can have some snow-themed fun either way! We will bring the materials if you bring the imagination.

Bird Bonanza

Monday, February 10; 11 a.m.–Noon

Birds come in different shapes, sizes, and patterns! Stop by to explore bird diversity and create a bird craft to take home. We will bring the materials if you bring the imagination!



Raindrops and Rainbows

Monday, March 9; 11 a.m.–Noon

Spring is here and the winter snow is melting away.



Create a weather craft to celebrate the new season. We will bring the materials if you bring the imagination!

Discover the Park

Walk in the Woods

Wednesday, January 22; 11 a.m.–Noon

Saturday, February 15; 11 a.m.–Noon

Friday, March 6; 11 a.m.–Noon

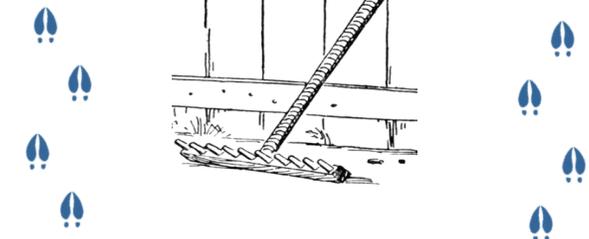
Take a walk in the woods to discover the animals and plants that call our park home and help to collect wildlife data for our Natural Resources Inventory Database



and other citizen science projects.

All experience levels are welcome. We can learn together! For all ages; FREE. Registration is not required.

Meet at the Park Office.



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



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Check Out A Discovery Box!

Would you like 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!



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.



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 (if applicable)

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.