

# The Great Outdoors



**ENO RIVER STATE PARK**, 6101 Cole Mill Rd, Durham, 919-383-1686, [ncparks.gov](http://ncparks.gov):

- **Talking Turtles**—Thursday, June 13, 10:30am. Listen to a talk about turtles, then join a short hike along the river in search of the seven species that live in the park. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Picnic Shelter.
- **Alien Invaders Hike**—Friday, June 14, 9am. Learn about local invasive plants while on a hike where you'll learn how to identify them, and hear about their negative impact on the local ecosystem. Call to register; everybody will meet in the Cole Mill Access parking lot.
- **Kangaroo Hike**—Saturday, June 29, 10am. Join a special hike for young children, toddlers, and infants in carriers. Be sure to take snacks and water. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Picnic Shelter.

These are *free* events! Call the Eno River Association at 919-620-9099 or click *here* for more info.



**FALLS LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA**, 13304 Creedmoor Rd, Wake Forest, 919-676-1027, [ncparks.gov](http://ncparks.gov):

No special events are planned for June as of yet.



**JORDAN LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA**, 280 State Park Rd, Apex, 919-362-0586, [ncparks.gov](http://ncparks.gov):

- **National Trails Work Day: Whack-Attack!**—Saturday, June 1, 9–11am. Join a park ranger on the Ebenezer Oak Trail, learn about bamboo, which is considered an invasive species, and help with its removal. Be sure to wear long pants and sturdy shoes, and take your work gloves. And don't forget your water and sunscreen; bug spray will be provided. Call to register; everybody will meet on Oak Trail in the Ebenezer Church Recreation Area.
- **Year of the Snake**—Sunday, June 2, 3–3:30pm. Learn all about snakes—the largest and smallest in the state, their life spans, how they survive the winters, and more. The park entrance fee is \$7. Call to register; everybody will meet in Parker's Creek Day Use Area/Beach Area.
- **Year of the Snake**—Sunday, June 9, 3–3:30pm. Learn all about snakes—the largest and smallest in the state, their life spans, how they survive the winters, and more. The park

entrance fee is \$7. Call to register; everybody will meet in Parker's Creek Day Use Area/Beach Area.

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**WILLIAM B UMSTEAD STATE PARK**, 8801 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, 919-571-4170, [ncparks.gov](http://ncparks.gov):

- **S'mores and a Story**—Thursday, May 30, 8–9pm. Enjoy the campfire and make s'mores after listening to a children's story with an outdoor theme. If time allows, the group can look for the bats that like to fly over the fields and parking lot. Call to register; everybody will meet at Reedy Creek Picnic Shelter #2.

This is a *free* event!



### **SKY EXPLORATIONS:**

- **Views from The Durham**—Monday, June 10, 9–11pm, on the roof of The Durham Hotel (315 E Chapel Hill St). Morehead Planetarium educators will host this skywatching session and encourage everyone to view the nighttime sky through one of their telescopes. It's *free*; call 919-962-1236 for directions and day-of if weather conditions cause you to wonder if the session will be cancelled.

This is a *free* event!



### **DURHAM PARKS AND RECREATION OUTDOOR EVENTS:**

Click [here](#) to view Durham Parks and Recreation's "Play More" catalog of classes, outings, and special events. Call 919-560-4355 for more info. You can register for events by going to [dprplaymore.org](http://dprplaymore.org) and then clicking on "Register Online." Don't forget the activity code.

- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, June 6, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the park by checking out a Nature Backpack, asking questions, and going off on your own. It's *free*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm.
- **Teen Float with Floats** (ages 13–17)—Friday, June 7, 4–6pm, at West Point on the Eno Park (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Float down the Eno River on a PFD (personal floatation device) while enjoying a root beer float. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting wet. The fee is \$8.
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, June 11, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the park by checking out a Nature Backpack, asking questions, and going off on your own. It's *free*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm.

- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, June 20, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the park by checking out a Nature Backpack, asking questions, and going off on your own. It’s *free*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm.
- **Summer Solstice Paddle** (age 7+)—Friday, June 21, 7–9pm, at Little River (1500 Orange Factory Rd, in Bahama). Paddle a canoe or kayak on the Little River and enjoy watching a beautiful sunset . Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that you don’t mind getting wet. The fee is \$8.
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, June 25, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the park by checking out a Nature Backpack, asking questions, and going off on your own. It’s *free*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm.
- **Fourth Friday Fire**—June 28, 7–8pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Sit by a campfire and enjoy a lesson about nature and the outdoors. It’s *free*.
- **High Ropes Discovery Days** (age 7+)—Saturday, June 29, 4:30–6pm and 6–7:30pm, in Bethesda Park (1814 Stage Rd, 919-560-4355). Have you tried DPR’s High Ropes Discovery Course yet? Safely navigate through a course made up of various obstacles—55 feet up! At the end, you can choose to exit via the giant swing or the zipline. The fee is \$8.
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, July 9, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5253 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the park by checking out a Nature Backpack, asking questions, and going off on your own. It’s *free*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm.



