

The Great Outdoors



ENO RIVER STATE PARK, 6101 Cole Mill Rd, Durham, 919-383-1686, ncparks.gov:

- **The Fanny Breeze Homestead Hike**—Friday, March 8, 11:30am. Join a 2.5-mile challenging hike and learn about Fanny Breeze, the African-American midwife of the Eno River Valley. Everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Parking Loop; call to register.
- **Sunday Morning Birds**—March 10, 8:30am. Join a bird-watching hike—don't forget your binoculars. Everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Parking Loop; call to register.
- **Wildflower Hike**—Monday, March 11, 1pm. Join a hike and enjoy the early-blooming flowers. Everyone will meet at the Pump Station Trailhead; call to register.
- **Sisters Trek: Wildflower Hike**—Tuesday, March 12, 1pm. This hike along the Pump Station Trail is an introduction to hiking for women. Everyone will meet at the Pump Station Trailhead; call to register.
- **Snakes: Myths & Legends**—Wednesday, March 13, 1pm. Learn all about snakes (by the way, 2019 is the Year of the Snake). Everyone will meet at the Park Office; call to register.
- **Fighting for the Eno**—Monday, March 25, 11am. Join a 1.3-mile hike and learn about Margaret Nygard's (and others') efforts to preserve the Eno River Valley. Everyone will meet at the Cole Mill Access; call to register.

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:

- **What Does a Park Ranger Do?**—Sunday, March 3, 2pm. Learn about the day-to-day duties of the park rangers. Everyone will meet at Beaverdam Shelter 24.
- **Building the Best Campfire**—Sunday, March 10, 1pm. Learn the various of starting a good campfire. Everyone will meet at Beaverdam Shelter 24.
- **Animals of Falls Lake**—Saturday, March 16, 3pm. Learn about the animals that live in the park and how (and where) to expect to see them. Everyone will meet in the Holly Point Amphitheater.

- **Whose Poop Is This?**—Saturday, March 23, 2pm. Join a hike and learn how to identify animals by their tracks and their “scat.” Everyone will meet at Rolling View Shelter 12.
- **Blind as a Bat**—Saturday, March 30, 11am. Learn how bats, which are nocturnal in nature, find food at night. Everyone will meet at Beaverdam Shelter 24.

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JORDAN LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA, 280 State Park Rd, Apex, 919-362-0586, ncparks.gov:

- **Birding on the Haw River**—Saturday, March 9, 9–11am. Explore the area in search of birds (while listening for their songs). Don’t forget your binoculars. Everyone will meet at the Old Bynum Bridge (502-592 Bynum Rd, in Pittsboro), just off Hwy 64; park near the bridge or in the lower parking lot at the Lower Haw Natural Area.
- **Do Bald Eagles and Ospreys Make Good Neighbors?**—Saturday, March 23, 2–3:30pm. Learn about migrating birds and how they interact once they return to Jordan Lake. Everyone will meet at the Visitor Center, just off Hwy 64.
- **Family Fishing Fiesta**—Sunday, April 7, 11am–3pm. Learn some fishing basics, boating and water safety, knot tying, and fishing regulations at this bilingual Spanish/English event. All materials will be supplied, but if you have a fishing rod, feel free to take it. Everyone will meet at the White Oak Recreation Area.

These are *free* events!



WILLIAM B UMSTEAD STATE PARK, 8801 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, 919-571-4170, ncparks.gov:

- **Graylyn Road History Hike**—Sunday, March 10, 3pm. Join a challenging 2.5-mile hike to the old quarry/dynamite shack area and learn about the former Cedar Forks community. Everyone will meet in the Multi-Use Trail Parking Lot; call to register.
- **Signs of Spring/Big Lake Hike**—Sunday, March 24, 2pm. Join a 4-mile hike around Big Lake; be sure to wear boots that you don’t mind getting wet. Everyone will meet in the Crabtree Large Parking Lot (just off Hwy 70/Glenwood Ave, in Raleigh); call to register.
- **Wild Edible Foods Walk**—Friday, March 29, 2pm. Join a 1.5-mile hike in search of wild edible foods. Everyone will meet in the Crabtree Large Parking Lot (just off Hwy 70/Glenwood Ave, in Raleigh); call to register.

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SKY EXPLORATIONS:

- **Astronomy Series: Night Sky at the Eno** (West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion, 5101 N Roxboro Rd)—Friday, March 8, 7–9pm. Explore the night sky with astronomers from Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society, North Carolina Central University, NASA, and Durham Parks and Recreation.
- **Skywatching Session**—Friday, March 8, 7–9pm, at Little River Regional Park (301 Little River Park Way, in Rougemont). Look through one of the telescopes provided by Morehead Planetarium educators. 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.

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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 and then clicking on "Register Online." Don't forget the activity code.

- **Fitness Week Night Hike**—Monday, March 4, 6:30–7:30pm, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Take a nice brisk walk through the park and enjoy the fresh air. It's *free*.
- **Nature Explorers** (ages 5–8)—Thursday, March 7, 10–11:30am, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Kids can join a nature hike through the park. There's a \$3 fee; go to dprplaymore.org and click on "Register Online."
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 7, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 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**—Tuesday, March 12, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 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.
- **High Ropes Discovery Days** (age 7+)—Saturday, March 16, 11am–12:30pm, 12:30–2pm, and 2–3:30pm, 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. Call to register; go to dprplaymore.org and click on "Register Online."

- **Nature Explorers** (ages 5–8)—Thursday, March 21, 10–11:30am, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Kids can join a nature hike through the park. There’s a \$3 fee; go to dprplaymore.org and click on “Register Online.”
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 21, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 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**—March 22, 7–8pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Sit by a campfire and enjoy a lesson about nature and the outdoors. It’s *free*.
- **West Point Work Day** (age 10+)—Saturday, March 23, 9am–noon, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Help with a restoration project and learn about the park’s fragile ecosystem.
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, March 26, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 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.
- **Nature Explorers** (ages 5–8)—Thursday, April 4, 10–11:30am, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Kids can join a nature hike through the park. There’s a \$3 fee; go to dprplaymore.org and click on “Register Online.”
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, April 4, 1–5pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 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.
- **Crafting at the Creek: The Art of Plant Preservation** (age 18+)—Wednesday, April 10, 6–7:30pm, at West Point on the Eno Park’s Environmental Education Pavilion (5101 N Roxboro Rd). Explore the art of plant preservation (such as pressing flowers between the pages of a book). There’s an \$8 fee; go to dprplaymore.org and click on “Register Online.”

