

The Great Outdoors



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

- **Anthony Cole House in Spring**—Sunday, March 1, 10:30am. Join a hike along the Buckquarter Creek Trail and learn about the people who used to live in the area. Everybody will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Fish Dam Road Hike**—Friday, March 6, noon. Join a 3-mile hike along this historic road in an old section of the park. This challenging hike over fallen trees is not recommended for kids or pets. Call to register; everyone will meet in the Cabelands Parking Lot.
- **Margaret Nygard and the Fight for the Eno**—Saturday, March 7, 2pm. Join a hike along Pea Creek Trail and learn about the Eno River Association and its mission to preserve the land that the park sits on. Everyone will meet at Cole Mill Access.
- **Spring Wildflower Walk** (age 6+)—Sunday, March 8, 10:30am. Join a nice walk and see the beautiful spring flower blooms. Everyone will meet at the Occoneechee Mountain picnic tables.
- **Salamander Spring**—Monday, March 9, noon. Join a 1.6-mile muddy hike to the Eno Quarry in search of Spotted Salamanders. Call to register; everyone will meet in the Cabelands Parking Lot.
- **Heron Homes**—Thursday, March 12, 10:30am. Help a park ranger make a nest and learn about the courtship dance of these long-legged birds. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Fews Ford Parking Loop.
- **Wild Wildflowers**—Friday, March 13, 2pm. Join a hike along the Pump Station Trail and look at and learn about the colorful spring flowers. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Pump Station Trailhead.
- **Toddler Trek: Spring** (ages 3 to 5)—Saturday, March 14, 10:30am. Join a short hike in search of signs of spring. Take water and a snack. Everyone will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Salamander Search** (age 5+)—Sunday, March 15, 2pm. Join a hike and look for local salamanders. Everyone will meet at the Pump Station Trailhead.
- **Dunnagan Trail Hike**—Thursday, March 19, 1:30pm. Join a 3-mile hike and enjoy the wildlife and landscape around the

Eno River. Take water and a snack. Call to register; everyone will meet in the Cole Mill Parking Lot.

- **Margaret Nygard and the Fight for the Eno**—Monday, March 23, 10am. Join a hike along Pea Creek Trail and learn about the Eno River Association and its mission to preserve the land that the park sits on. Everyone will meet at Cole Mill Access.

This is a *free* event! 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:

- **RX Fire Hike**—Sunday, March 1, 1pm. Learn how controlled fires are set to rejuvenate the soil while getting a look at fire tools and equipment. Everyone will meet at the Duck Cove Trailhead in the Beaverdam State Recreation Area.
- **BW Wells Heritage Day**—Saturday, April 4, 10am–4pm. Visit the Historic Rock Cliff Farm (1630 Bent Rd, in Wake Forest), which is where ecologist/botanist BW Wells lived after he retired. Learn about 19th-century farming techniques, go on nature hikes, play ecological games, and more. Everyone will meet in the BW Well Recreation Area.

This is a *free* event!



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

- **Careers at NC State Parks: Hiring Seminar**—Thursday, March 26, 10am–4pm. Anyone interested in working at one of the state parks is invited to learn about the opportunities and the application and hiring process. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register. Contact Rodney Lovett at 919-707-9374 or rodney.lovett@ncparks.gov if you have any questions.
- **Fire by Friction**—Saturday, March 28, 10–11 am. Learn how fires were started tens of thousands of years ago with the aid of bow drills, and then try your hand at starting one. Everyone will meet at the Crosswinds Campgrounds' Boat Ramp Pavilion.
- **Catch a Sure Thing (CAST)**—Sunday, April 5, 9–10:30am. Kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to learn about the various types of fish that can be found in the lake, and how to catch them. All gear will be provided. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Park Office.

These are *free* events!



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

- **Find Larry the Deer**—Thursday, March 5–Tuesday, March 24. Larry, the friendly taxidermy-mounted deer head, is being moved around to various hiding places in the park. From March 5 through 24, he can be found at these coordinates: N 35 51.224' W 078 44.185'. The first five people to find Larry and send in a selfie taken with him (to william.umstead@ncparks.gov) will win *free* canoe rentals for the upcoming 2020 canoe season.
- **No One Knows and No One Goes Hike III**—Saturday, March 7, 10:30am. Join a 4-mile hike and see old millstones in the woods, spring flowers, model A cars, a little-known rock outcrop, and more. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet in the Reedy Creek Parking Lot.
- **No One Knows and No One Goes Hike IV**—Sunday, March 8, 1pm. Join a 4.5-mile hike and see Camp Craggy, a scout camp that was in use in the 1920s; and also mountainous areas of the park. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet in the Reedy Creek Parking Lot.
- **Celebration of Spring Hike**—Saturday, March 14, 11am. Join an easy 1.3-mile hike around the Potts' Branch Trail. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet by the Crabtree entrance, off Glenwood Ave, in the first parking lot on your left past the Visitor Center.
- **No One Knows and No One Goes Hike V**—Sunday, March 15, 1pm. Join a 4-mile hike around Big Lake on- and off-trail and through two creek crossings with no bridges. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet by the Crabtree entrance, off Glenwood Ave, in the Big Lake Parking Lot.
- **Introduction to Wild Edible Foods**—Saturday, March 28, 1pm. Learn about wild foods that can be found throughout the park. Join a 1-mile hike in search of some of these foods and enjoy a few samples. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet by the Crabtree entrance, off Glenwood Ave, in the Big Lake Parking Lot.
- **Woodland Tales**—Sunday, March 29, 1:30pm. Join a 1-mile hike along the Oak Rock Trail and learn about the folklore that surrounds local plants, trees, and animals. Sign up on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more info and to register; everyone will meet by the Crabtree entrance, off Glenwood Ave, in the Oak Rock Trail Parking Lot.

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SKY EXPLORATIONS:

- **Skywatching Session**—Friday, March 6, 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.
- **Stargazing Series: Moon Viewing** (West Point on the Eno Park's Environmental Education Pavilion, 5253 N Roxboro Rd)—Friday, March 20, 7:30–9:30pm. Explore the night sky with astronomers from Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society, North Carolina Central University, NASA, and Durham Parks and Recreation. It's *free*; call 919-620-0120 for more info. [DPR activity code 11969]

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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.

- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 5, 10am–noon, under 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*. [activity code 11963]
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 12, 10am–noon, under 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*. [activity code 11963]
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 19, 10am–noon, under 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*. [activity code 11963]
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, March 26, 10am–noon, under 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*. [activity code 11963]
- **Fourth Friday Fire**—March 27, 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*. [activity code 11964]

- **High Ropes Discovery Days** (age 7+)—Saturday, March 28, 11am–12:30pm [activity code 11948], 12:30–2pm [activity code 11949], and 2–3:30pm [activity code 11950], 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."
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, April 2, 10am–noon, under 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*. [activity code 11963]
- **High Ropes Discovery Days** (age 7+)—Saturday, April 11, 11am–12:30pm [activity code 11951], 12:30–2pm [activity code 11952], and 2–3:30pm [activity code 11953], 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."

