

The Great Outdoors



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

- **A Log-Rolling Good Time**—Tuesday, May 11, 10–11am. This is the Year of the Beetle. Join a wlk in the woods in search of various insects by checking the undersides of logs. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Pump Station Access.
- **Become a Busy Beaver**—Monday, May 17, 3:30–5pm. Learn how beavers build dams with mud, rocks, and twigs and try your hand at making one. Call to register; everybody will meet at Pleasant Green.
- **The Long Hike**—Friday, May 21, 9:30am–noon. Join a 6-mile hike and look at historic features along the Buckquarter Creek Trail, Ridge Trail, Shakori Trail, Fieldstone Trail, and Holden Mill Trail. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.
- **Skins, Scales, and Skeletons**—Friday, May 21, 4–5:30pm. Learn about the animals that live in the park by looking at taxidermy animals, fur samples, and skeletons. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.
- **Talking Turtles**—Wednesday, May 26, 2:30–4pm. Learn about seven different types of local turtles and join a short hike to see if you can spot some along the trails. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Cole Mill Access 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:

There are no *free* events on the docket for May.



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

There are no *free* events on the docket for May.

- All programming and special events have been cancelled, but the following trails are open for walking and exploration: **Children's Nature, Ebenezer Church Old Oak, Ebenezer Church, Jordan Lake Track/Seaforth Pond, New Hope, Poplar Point Campground, Vista Point Blue, and Vista**

Point Red. Click [here](#) for a full description of the trails and addresses of the access points.

- New Hope Overlook boat ramp, New Hope Overlook hiking trail and Seaforth boat ramp are open. To ease traffic and parking congestion at New Hope and Seaforth boat ramps, only vehicles hauling boats or jet skis will be permitted to access the boat ramp area. The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle (\$5 for senior citizens and veterans/military) and \$20 per bus/van will be collected for any vehicle that enters New Hope Overlook and Seaforth on weekends. Gates open at 8am and lock at 8pm.



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

- **Butterfly Garden Walk**—Saturday, May 8, 1pm. Join a tour of the Reedy Creek Butterfly Garden and learn how native flowers benefit wildlife (for example, you'll see how Monarch butterfly caterpillars feast on milkweed plants). Everybody will meet in the Reedy Creek parking lot (2100 N Harrison Ave, in Cary).
- **Pott's Branch Walk About**—Sunday, May 16, 10am. Join a 1.1-mile slow hike and see the plants and animals of the park. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at the Crabtree entrance (8801 Glenwood Ave, in Raleigh, in the picnic area of the first parking lot).
- **Meet the Mammals of Umstead**—Saturday, May 29, 11am. Learn about the mammals that live in the park. Everybody will meet in the Reedy Creek Picnic Area (2100 N Harrison Ave, in Cary).
- **StoryWalk for Juneteenth**—Friday, June 11, 5:30pm–Monday, June 21, 3:30pm. Enjoy this combination children's book and walking trail, and celebrate freedom by walking the 1/2-mile Inspiration Trail. Start at the Reedy Creek Access (2100 N Harrison Ave, in Cary).



DURHAM PARKS AND RECREATION OUTDOOR EVENTS:

- The city's playgrounds have officially reopened and will be open during normal hours—from dawn to dusk. DPR staff has been cleaning and disinfecting the playground in anticipation of kids returning to play on the swings, slides, etc. Please continue to have your face masks on hand in case you're not the only ones in the immediate area. Click [here](#) for a full list of all 55 DPR playgrounds.

