

# The Great Outdoors



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

- **Squirrel It Away!**—Tuesday, November 10, 10–11:30am. Learn about squirrels' habit of hiding food over the winter season. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Picnic Shelter.
- **Salamander Search**—Tuesday, November 10, 2–4:30pm. Join a hike and search for salamander habitats. Call to register; everybody will meet in the Cabelands Parking Lot.
- **Holden Mill Village Hike**—Thursday, November 12, 1–3pm. Join a hike to the Holden Mill Village, where you can explore remnants of homes that existed at the time the mill was operational. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Dumont Access (999 Dumont Dr, in Hillsborough).
- **Toddler Trek: Hibernation**—Saturday, November 14, 10:30–11:30am. Join a short hike and learn where and how local animals hibernate. Call to register; everybody will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Piper-Cox House Walking Tour**—Wednesday, November 18, 3–4pm. Walk around the house and learn about its history and the families that lived there. Call to register; everybody will meet on the Piper-Cox House lawn.
- **History Hike: Anthony Cole House**—Thursday, November 19, 1–2:30pm. Join a short hike to the Anthony Cole Homestead to learn the history of the people who lived there. Call to register; everybody will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Fire Building 101**—Friday, November 20, 10–11:30am. Learn how to start a proper campfire and maintain it. Call to register; everybody will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Talkin' Turkey**—Friday, November 20, 4–5pm. Learn about the bird that was the original choice for national bird. Kids will be encouraged to make a craft. Call to register; everybody will meet on the Park Office porch.
- **Morning Bird Walk**—Saturday, November 21, 8–10am. Join a stroll and see how many bird species you can spot. Don't forget your binoculars if you have any. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Parking Loop.
- **History Hike: Fanny Breeze**—Monday, November 23, 9:30–11:30am. Join a hike along the Fanny's Ford Trail and learn about the formerly enslaved woman and midwife. Call

to register; everybody will meet at the Few's Ford Parking Loop.

- **What Is an Ungulate?**—Friday, November 27, 4:30–6pm. Learn about the lives of local ungulates (large mammals with hooves). Call to register; everybody will meet on the Piper-Cox House porch.

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):

- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Monday, November 9, 1pm. Join an easy, 1.2-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet on the Duck Cove Trail at BeaverDam Access. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Wednesday, November 11, 1pm. Join an easy, 1.5-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet on the Foxtrot Trail at BeaverDam Access. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Monday, November 16, 1pm. Join a moderate, 2-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet on the Shinleaf Point Trail at Shinleaf Access. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Wednesday, November 18, 1pm. Join a moderate, 1.4-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at MST Shinleaf. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Monday, November 23, 1pm. Join an easy, 2-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at MST Creedmoor. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Wednesday, November 25, 1pm. Join a moderate, 1.4-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at the BW Wells Long Loop. This is a rain-or-shine event.
- **Fall Hikes at Falls Lake**—Monday, November 30, 1pm. Join a moderate, 2.6-mile hike while practicing social distancing. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at MST Yorkshire. This is a rain-or-shine event.

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

- 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](http://ncparks.gov):

- **Forest Wise**—Saturday, November 7, 2–3pm. Join a short walk and learn about the trees, plants, and animals that live in the forest. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at the Visitors Center (8801 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, on the Crabtree Side).
- **A Little Bit of Everything Hike**—Sunday, November 8, 2–4pm. Join a 3.5-mile hike and see millstones, old springs, the old Camp Craggy Boy Scout Camp, maybe even Twin Falls. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet in the Reedy Creek Parking Lot (2100 N Harrison Ave); if the parking lot is full, park at Camp Whispering Pines.
- **Black Friday Hike**—Friday, November 27, 2–4pm. Join a 1.3-mile hike that will wind its way along a gentle creek. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet on the Potts Branch Trail.
- **Meet the Mammals of Umstead**—Friday, November 27, 2–3pm. Learn how local animals survive the winter in the park. Click [here](#) to register; everybody will meet at the Visitors Center (8801 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, on the Crabtree Side).

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## **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.
- There's a **lottery** in place to limit access to **Lake Michie** (2802 Bahama Rd, in Bahama) and **Little River** (301 Little

River Park Way, in Rougemont) in order to protect visitors by encouraging social distancing. Face masks are required for those times you encounter others at a relatively short distance.

Right now Lake Michie is open (Friday–Monday, 6:30am–6pm) for personal (nonmotorized) boat launches and fishing on the banks of the lake. Canoe and kayak (car-top) owners are first-come, first-served; visitors with trailered canoes and kayaks are the ones who have to go through the lottery system. If you have a personal motorized boat, you'll also have to get a permit through a lottery system. Boat rentals aren't available at this time.

Little River is only open (Friday–Monday, 6:30am–6pm) for bank fishing, and permits will be required through a lottery system. Boat rentals aren't available at this time.

Lotteries will run from noon to 6pm the day before you plan to launch your boat or go bank fishing. Text "LM Launch" to 31996 to be entered for a personal motorized boat launch permit at Lake Michie, or text "LR Bank Fish" to 31996 to be entered for a bank fishing permit at Little River Lake. Permit winners will be notified via text as soon as the lottery closes at 6pm.

- **Historic Tour of West Point on the Eno Park** (5150 N Roxboro Rd)—Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 2–3pm. See the West Point Mill, McCown-Mangum House, and the Hugh Mangum Museum of Photography and learn about the people who lived, worked, and played in the area. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the group size will be limited and everyone will practice social distancing. *Free* admission; visit the Facebook event page for more info.
- **Historic Tour of Leigh Farm Park** (370 Leigh Farm Rd)—Saturdays, 2–3pm. Visit this middle-class plantation, learn about the families' lives—those of the farm owners and the enslaved people, and see the Leigh Family Cemetery. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the group size will be limited and everyone will practice social distancing. *Free* admission; visit the Facebook event page for more info.

