

The Great Outdoors



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

- All programming and special events have been cancelled, but the following trails are open for walking and exploration: **Buckquarter Creek, Cabe Lands, Cole Mill, Cox Mountain, Dunnagan, Eno Trace, Fanny's Ford, Holden Mill, Knight & Piedmont, Laurel Bluffs, Pea Creek, Pump Station, Quarry, Ridge, and Shakori.** Click [here](#) for a full description of the trails and addresses of the access points.



FALLS LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA, 13304 Creedmoor Rd, Wake Forest, 919-676-1027, ncparks.gov:

- All programming and special events have been cancelled, but the following trails are open for walking and exploration: **BW Wells Long Loop, BW Wells Short Loop, Beaverdam Track/Duck Cove, Fox Trot, Dunnagan, Mountain Bike (Drop Zone), Mountain Bike (Inner Loop), Mountain Bike (Outer Loop), Mountain Bike (South Loop), Mountain Bike (West Loop), Rolling View Track, Rolling View, Sandling Beach Lake, Shinleaf Point, and Woodland Nature.** Click [here](#) for a full description of the trails and addresses of the access points.
- All beaches, group campsites, the community building, playgrounds, and the park office are still closed. Picnic shelters are not available for rental, and visitors are not allowed in closed areas.

Campers must have reservations for camping out, and reservations for available campsites can be made on the day of arrival up to 9pm. You can make reservations by calling 877-722-6762.

Hikers can still access and hike the entirety of the Falls Lake section of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail by parking at any of the trailheads where the trail crosses a road. Make sure that your vehicle doesn't block a gate or the roadway.

At the very least, Phase 2 rules are in effect for the following areas and facilities:

ROLLING VIEW: family camping, boat ramp, hiking access, restrooms/bathhouses open, beaches closed

HOLLY POINT: family camping, boat ramp (campers only), restrooms/bathhouses open, beaches closed

SHINLEAF: hike-in camping, hiking access, restrooms/bath houses open

HIGHWAY 50 BOAT LAUNCH: boat ramp, restrooms open

BEAVERDAM: boat ramp (non-gasoline-powered boats only), hiking trails, mountain biking trails (weather-dependent), picnicking (no reservations—first-come, first-served only) restrooms open, beaches closed

Be ready to pay daily entry fees for open areas daily. The bathrooms will be closed periodically for cleaning and disinfecting. Trash cans will not be available at the campsites, so you'll have to take your own trash to the dumpsters.

SANDLING BEACH: closed

BW WELLS: closed



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

- **Creek Side Hike**—Sunday, October 18, 2:15pm. Join a moderate 2-mile, on- and off-trail hike that will take everyone by Reedy Creek and Reedy Creek Lake and returning to Camp Whispering Pines. There will be a strict limit of 20 socially distanced participants, and the group will meet at Camp Whispering Pines (on the Reedy Creek Side, 2100 Harrison Ave). Click [here](#) to register.
- All programming and special events have been cancelled, but the following trails are open for walking and exploration: **Company Mill, Inspiration, Loblolly, Multiuse, Oak Rock, Pott's Branch, Sal's Branch, and Sycamore**. Click [here](#) for a full description of the trails and addresses of the access points.

- The tent campground is open for reservations only; reservations and payments must be made online. You can call 877-7-CAMP-NC (877-722-6762) or go [online](#).

The campground bathroom and showers will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 3pm and weekdays 9am to 1pm for thorough cleaning and disinfecting. Restroom facilities will be available at the park visitor center during these times.



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.

