

The Great Outdoors



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

- **Amphibian Enchiridion**—Saturday, October 9, 10–11:30am. Learn which natural habits of frogs and toads led some people to associate them with witchcraft and magic. Call to register; everyone will meet in the Cabe Lands Parking Lot.
- **Blind as a Bat**—Monday, October 11, 6–7:30pm. Join a hike around the Cole Mill area while learning how bats find their way in the dark. Call to register; everyone will meet at Cole Mill Access.
- **Salamander Search**—Tuesday, October 12, 9–11:30am. Join a hike in search of salamanders while learning about them and their neighbors. Expect to get muddy and dirty. Call to register; everyone will meet in the Cabe Lands Parking Lot.
- **Coffee with a Ranger**—Monday, October 18, 9–10am. Learn some local folklore over coffee (don't forget your coffee mug). Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Picnic Shelter.
- **The Anthony Cole House**—Friday, October 22, 1–3pm. Join a 2-mile-roundtrip hike to get a good look at the ruins of a mid-19th-century house. Be sure to wear shoes that can survive off-trail hiking. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.
- **Green Halloween Arts & Crafts**—Saturday, October 23, 10–11am. Little kids are invited to have fun making nature- and Halloween-themed projects to take home. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.
- **Spooky Scavenger Hunt**—Sunday, October 24, 11am–noon. Join in a fun, Halloween-themed outdoor scavenger hunt. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Picnic Shelter.
- **Mystery History of Cabrlands**—Wednesday, October 27, 2–4pm. Join a 2-mile-roundtrip hike and learn about the Cabe family and the Cabelands. Be sure to wear shoes that can survive off-trail hiking. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Cabe Lands Parking Lot.
- **Changing Leaves Tree TD Hike**—Thursday, October 28, 10–11:30am. Join a hike on the Cole Mill Trail and learn why some trees change color in the fall. Call to register; everyone will meet at Cole Mill Access.

- **Animals of Eno**—Thursday, October 28, 3–4pm. Learn about the various mammals that call the Eno River State Park home; have your mask on hand. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.
- **Constructing a Campfire**—Thursday, October 28, 6–7:30am. Learn how to safely build a campfire, enjoy a few snacks, and then learn how to properly put out the fire. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Loop Parking.
- **Slithering Snakes**—Friday, October 29, 10–11:30am. Join a hike in search of snakes while learning about their lives. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Access/Piper Cox House.
- **Terrifying Taxidermy**—Saturday, October 30, 3–4pm. See Eno River State Park's collection of stuffed animals and learn what makes for the best candidates. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office's Classroom.
- **Halloween Hike**—Sunday, October 31, 10am–noon. Join a hike and expect to see fun, spooky surprises. Feel free to wear your Halloween costume. Call to register; everyone will meet at the Few's Ford Park Office.

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 October.



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

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

- 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:

- **NC State Parks Storywalk** (all ages)—Friday, October 1, 8am–Wednesday, October 6, 9pm; Friday, October 8, 8am–Wednesday, October 13, 9pm; Friday, October 15, 8am–Wednesday, October 20, 9pm; Friday, October 22, 8am–Wednesday, October 27, 9pm; Friday, October 29, 8am–Wednesday, November 3, 9pm; Friday, November 12, 8am–Wednesday, November 17, 9pm.

These are *free* events!



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.



SKYWATCHING EVENTS:

- A **Stagville Under the Stars Skywatching Session** will be held on Friday, October 8, 7:30–9pm, at Historic Stagville (5828 Old Oxford Hwy). Enjoy an evening of African folklore/storytelling and stargazing through big Morehead Planetarium telescopes. It's *free*; click [here](#) for more info.

