

The Great Outdoors



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

- **Mountains-to-Sea Birthday Hike**—Saturday, September 7, 9:30am. Celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail by joining a 3-mile hike. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Pump Station Trailhead.
- **History Hike**—Sunday, September 8, 2pm. Join a 3-mile hike along Fanny's Ford Trail. Learn about midwife and former slave Fanny Breeze and her family. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Picnic Tables.
- **Toddler Trek: Birds**—Saturday, September 14, 10:30am. Little kids (and their parents/guardians) are invited to join a short hike, followed by a reading of a story about birds. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Park Office.
- **Fighting for the Eno**—Sunday, September 15, 2pm. Join a hike along Pea Creek Trail and learn about the Eno River Association, a group of residents who preserved the land that is now the Eno River State Park. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Cole Mill Access, at the end of the parking lot.
- **Kangaroo Hike**—Wednesday, September 18, 9am. Young children and their families are invited to join a short hike and enjoy story time. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Picnic Shelter.
- **Meeting Catherine Dunnagan Hike**—Wednesday, September 18, 2pm. Join a hike along the Pea Creek and Dunnagan Trails and learn about the people who used to live in the area. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Cole Mill Access (in the lower lot).
- **Why Mills Rick**—Wednesday, September 25, 2pm. Join a 2- to 3-mile hike and explore the mill ruins and interesting geologic features. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Cole Mountain Trailhead.
- **Morning Bird Walk**—Sunday, September 29, 8am. Join a relaxing morning stroll and watch the birds. Be sure to wear long pants and sturdy shoes, and if you have binoculars, take those, too. Call to register; everybody will meet at the Fews Ford Parking Loop.

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:

- **Prescribed Fire Hike**—Sunday, September 8, 2pm. Learn about the fires that are intentionally set (and controlled) to replenish the soil. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes. Everybody will meet on the Duck Cove Trail in the Beaverdam State Recreation Area.
- **Build an Owl**—Sunday, September 22, 5pm. Make an owl craft and learn all about owls. Everybody will meet near Beaverdam Shelter 23.
- **Whose Scat Is That?**—Saturday, September 28, 10am. Join a short hike and learn how to identify animals by their tracks and what they leave behind. Call to register; everybody will meet at Shelter 12 in the Rolling View State Recreation Area.

These are *free* events!



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

No special events have been scheduled as of late.



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

- **Graylyn Road History Hike**—Saturday, September 7, 3:45pm. Join a 2.5-mile hike and explore old homesites, hear the families' stories, see where the National Park Office used to be, and enjoy the old quarry. Everybody will meet in the Multiuse Trail Parking Lot/Crabtree entrance off Glenwood Ave.
- **Camp Craggy Hike**—Sunday, September 22, 4:15pm. Join a hike to the old Boy Scout camp, explore the grounds, and see the old stone steps, swimming pool, quartzine council fire ring, and more. Everybody will meet in the Reedy Creek Parking Lot, on Harrison Ave, off Exit 287/I-40.

These are *free* events!



SKY EXPLORATIONS:

- **Astronomy Series: Saturn Viewing** (West Point on the Eno Park, 5101 N Roxboro Rd)—Friday, September 20, 8–10pm. Look for Saturn and explore the night sky through high-powered binoculars and telescopes. Astronomers from CHAOS, NCCU, NASA, and DPR will be there to help and to answer questions. It's *free*; call 919-560-4355 for more info. [activity code 11271]

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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, September 5, 1–5pm, 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*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm. [activity code 11229]
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, September 10, 1–5pm, 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*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm. [activity code 11230]
- **Full Moon Paddle** (age 7+)—Saturday, September 14, 7–9pm, at the Lake Michie Boating Area (2802 Bahama Rd, in Bahama). Paddle a canoe or kayak on Lake Michie at sunset and return under the full moon. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting wet. Register in advance; the fee is \$8. [activity code 11201]
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, September 19, 1–5pm, 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*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm. [activity code 11231]
- **Explore Nature**—Tuesday, September 24, 1–5pm, 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*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm. [activity code 11232]
- **Fourth Friday Fire**— Friday, September 27, 7–8pm, under 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 at the in on. It's *free*; call 919-560-4405 for more info. [activity code 11243]
- **Explore Nature**—Thursday, October 3, 1–5pm, 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*; drop in at any time between 1 and 4pm. [activity code 11233]
- **History Hike: Through Hugh's View** (age 10+)—Saturday, October 5, 10am–noon, at West Point on the Eno Park (5101

N Roxboro Rd). Join a hike and learn about the Mangum kids, especially Hugh, who eventually became a photographer. No dogs are allowed on this hike because everyone will be going in and out of buildings. [activity code 11506]

