

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Historic Yates Mill County Park



RECREATIONAL ADVENTURES:

GUIDED CANOE PADDLE

Nov. 11, 12:30-2 p.m. & 2:30-4 p.m.

Join us for a paddle around our millpond in one of our canoes. We will start with a quick lesson on basic canoeing, and then we'll paddle together up a creek. The last 45-60 minutes of the time will be free-paddling in the mill pond. If you have a valid fishing license and your own equipment, you can use this time to fish in our pond. Canoes, paddles, and flotation vests are provided. For ages 10 and up (with an accompanying adult). Each canoe can hold a minimum of 2 people and a maximum of 4 (800-pound total weight limit). Registration is PER BOAT. If you only need 1 boat, please register just 1 member of your group. FREE.

EXPLORATION STATION: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF WAKE COUNTY

Nov. 13-30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Today Wake County is an urban hub, but three hundred years ago it was a crossroads of Indigenous peoples. Learn more about Wake County's first residents, their cultures, and their struggle to survive and adapt to European colonization. Join us for this drop-in Exploration Station to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina, which today has the largest Indigenous population east of the Mississippi River. This self-guided table will be available inside the A.E. Finley Center. FREE.

PARK TALES: WE'RE GOING ON A LEAF HUNT

Friday, Nov. 21, 10-10:45 a.m.

Enjoy this story of three children looking for bright autumn leaves, then make a fun, fall-themed craft to take home! For all ages (best for ages 6 & under). Registration is required for everyone, and children must have adult accompaniment. FREE.

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST

*Saturday, Nov. 15; Sunday, Nov. 16,
& Friday, Nov. 28, 9:30-11 a.m.*

Join one of our naturalist staff members on a guided hike around the park to discover the plants and animals that live here! Come prepared to hike at least a mile on natural surfaces by wearing closed-toe shoes and bringing a full water bottle. Suggested for ages 8 and up. Registration is required for all family members, and children must have adult accompaniment. Please arrive at the park office five minutes early for program check-in. FREE.

ECOEXPLORE (VIRTUAL): MAMMAL ID

Friday, Nov. 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

How well do you know the furry animals that call our state home? See how well you do in our mammal ID quiz! This virtual program is geared toward children in grades K-8 and their families, but all are welcome! Registration is handled through the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. FREE.

HANDS ON HISTORY: A-MAIZE-ING GRAINS

Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-noon

How did people live while Yates Mill was operating as a business from the mid-1700s to the mid-1900s? Join us for a drop-in, hands-on activity to learn about different grains raised in the state in the past; thresh wheat by hand, and test your muscles on a mortar and pestle to make cornmeal the old-fashioned way. The program will meet in the mill yard (weather permitting). No registration required; FREE.

MILL HISTORY TOUR

Friday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Discover Historic Yates Mill - a place of business, community, and exciting local history! Watch a brief video, then explore the inner workings of the mill itself during this guided tour. There is no pre-registration; this is first-come, first-served. We encourage you to arrive inside the visitor center 20 minutes before the tour to sign up. FREE.

MILL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, Nov. 22 & 29, 1-4 p.m.*

**Sunday, Nov. 23 & 30, 1-4 p.m.*



Discover Historic Yates Mill during this free, drop-in program. The doors to the mill will be open, and historic interpreters will be available to talk about the history and inner workings of the mill and to answer questions. Stay for as long or as little as you like! Please note that space inside the mill is limited, allowing up to 20 visitors at a time. No registration required. FREE.

*Please note that the mill and surrounding areas are currently closed through mid-November due to construction.

To register for programs, scan the QR code or visit www.wake.gov/parks/yatesmill.

