

# FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Historic Yates Mill County Park



## LIFE ON LAND:

### A GUIDED HIKE WITH A PARK HISTORIAN

*Saturday, Feb. 7, 2-3 p.m.*

Join park staff for a walk around the pond and a discussion about local history. Learn about the way people have lived and worked in rural Wake County for more than 300 years. This program will be completely outdoors, so please dress for the weather and be prepared to walk about a mile. For all ages (best suited for ages 10 and up). Registration is required. FREE.

## HIKE WITH A NATURALIST:

### THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

*Friday-Monday, Feb. 13-16, 9:30-11 a.m.*

Join one of our naturalist staff members on a guided hike around the park to contribute to one of the world's largest citizen-science projects! Meet at the park office prepared to hike at least a mile by wearing closed-toe shoes and bringing a water bottle. Suggested for ages 8 and up. Registration is required for everyone, and children must have an adult accompaniment. FREE.

## DROP-IN SCIENCE:

### BIRDS OF A FEATHER

*Saturday, Feb. 14, 2-4 p.m.*

Since this weekend is the Great Backyard Bird Count, we thought it would be a good time to show off our bird specimen collection! Come by anytime during this drop-in program to learn about our local birds, and feel free to bring feathers from your own collection and see if our expert staff can ID them! For all ages; registration is not required. FREE.



## WILDLIFE THROUGH THE SEASONS AT HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK

*Now Open, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Stop by the A.E. Finley Center to enjoy the park's newest exhibit, which features photographs of 16 different animals seen here over the seasons. These photos were taken by park volunteer Dave Dorman, and the exhibit is made possible by a Stoskopf Foundation Wellspring Award. FREE.



To register for programs, scan the QR code or visit [www.wake.gov/parks/yatesmill](http://www.wake.gov/parks/yatesmill)

## PARK TALES: GROUP HUG

*Friday, Feb. 20, 10-10:45 a.m.*

Join park staff in reading a story about a forest of friendly animals who learn the contagious happiness that hugs can bring. Then make some fun, related crafts to share with someone you love! For all ages (best for ages 6 and under); adult accompaniment is required for all children. Registration is required. FREE.

## YATES MILL PONDERINGS: WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

*Saturday, Feb. 21, 1-1:45 p.m.*

Join park volunteer and hobbyist David Dorman for a look at his approach to wildlife photography at Historic Yates Mill County Park and other natural areas. He will share easy-to-understand tips on photo composition and camera settings, and where to find a wide variety of wildlife in central and eastern North Carolina. This 45-minute presentation is recommended for ages 8 and up, and participants are welcome to stay afterward for a question-and-answer session with the presenter. Pre-registration encouraged. FREE.

## HISTORY HIKE

*Sunday, Feb. 22, 2-2:45 p.m.*

Join park staff for a hike to the gristmill and the site of the miller's residence (which is no longer standing) to learn about the old water mill, and discover artifacts that tell stories of some of the people who lived, worked, or visited here. This program will be completely outdoors, so please dress for the weather. For all ages (best suited for ages 7 and up). Registration is required for all participants. FREE.

## ECOEXPLORE (VIRTUAL): ORNITHOLOGY SEASON WRAP-UP

*Friday, Feb. 27, 3-4 p.m.*

Show off your favorite bird observations and we will see how ecoEXPLORE is doing at finding all of North Carolina's feathered friends! This virtual program is geared toward children in grades K-8 and their families, but all are welcome! You will learn about the ecoEXPLORE project during the program. Registration is handled through the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. FREE.

