

MAY PROGRAMS



Historic Yates Mill County Park

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST

Friday, May 1, 9:30-11 a.m.

Friday, May 15, 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! For ages 8 and up. Registration is required for all attendees, and children must have adult accompaniment. *FREE.*

HANDCRAFTING HISTORY: MAKE A PINCUSHION

Saturday, May 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn basic hand-sewing techniques and create a traditional-style pincushion using reclaimed wool and simple stitching methods. Explore the history of everyday sewing tools and mending practices. Best for adults and teenagers; teenagers do not have to be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. *FREE.*

EXPLORATION STATION:

SPRING ARRIVALS: BIRDS ARRIVING IN N.C.

May 15-31, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

We're at peak spring migration season for birds! Visit this educational display to learn about the different birds we are seeing at the park this time of year, and pick up a brochure about our seasonal migrants! This self-guided table will be inside the A.E. Finley Center. *FREE.*

PARK TALES: LITTLE RED HEN

Friday, May 22, 10-10:45 a.m.

Relive the beloved story of the Little Red Hen, who made a delicious cake using wheat she had ground at a mill just like Yates Mill! Then make a chicken hat craft to take home, and join staff for a brief exploration of the park's historic gristmill. Best for children ages 6 & under. Registration is required for all attendees, and children must have adult accompaniment. *FREE.*

GUIDED CANOE PADDLE

Monday, May 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a guided paddle around our pond in one of our canoes. We will start with a quick lesson on basic canoeing and paddling, then paddle together up a creek. For ages 10 and up. Registration is PER BOAT and required. *FREE.*

VIRTUAL ECOEXPLORE: REPTILE POP QUIZ

Friday, May 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Test your identification skills with this virtual program and see how many local reptiles you can identify! Best for children in grades K-8 and their families. Registration is handled through the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. *FREE.*

MILL TOURS

MILL OPEN HOUSE

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 23, & 30, 1-4 p.m.

Sundays, May 3, 10, 24, & 31, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, May 25, 1-4 p.m.

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! No registration required. *FREE.*

MILL HISTORY TOURS

Friday, May 8, 1-2 p.m. & 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 22, 1-2 p.m. & 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Discover Historic Yates Mill—a place of business, community, and local history. Join a historic interpreter for a guided walk to the mill, then explore the inner workings of the mill itself during this guided tour. Ten spaces are available online for pre-registration, and an additional 10 spaces are available for drop-in registration on the day of the tour. Best for ages 7 & up. *FREE.*

CORN GRINDING WEEKEND

Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17, 1-4 p.m.

See the historic gristmill in action! Hear the splash of water on the waterwheel, and join our historical interpreters for a tour inside the mill, where you can watch the millstones at work grinding corn into meal. Please note that space inside the mill is limited, allowing up to 20 visitors at a time. No registration is required for this drop-in program. *FREE.*

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