

AUGUST PROGRAMS

Historic Yates Mill County Park



En Plein Air Art Celebration: Traveling Art Exhibit

Aug. 7-Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

For two months this spring, local artists set up their easels across Wake County's parks and preserves, capturing their beauty and character through outdoor painting. Now you're invited to experience their work firsthand at a traveling art exhibit that will visit several parks throughout 2026 as part of the 50th anniversary of Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. This exhibit will be available at Historic Yates Mill from August 7 through October 11 inside the park's A.E. Finley Center. FREE.

Drop-In Art: Origami

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2-4 p.m.

Join park staff for this fun, drop-in program to make nature-inspired origami! Origami is the art of paper folding, using a square piece of paper to create three-dimensional shapes. Staff will be on hand to help you create birds and other animals as well as other shapes inspired by nature! No prior experience required. This program will meet in the visitor center. Best for ages 8 and up. Registration is not required as this is a drop-in program. FREE.

Park Tales: Snakes Have No Legs!

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

In this light-hearted picture book, learn how snakes can slither up trees, on land and even in the water. We will learn cool facts about North Carolina's snakes and do some fun snake crafts! For all ages (best for ages 6 and under). Registration is required, and children must have adult accompaniment. FREE.



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

Hike with a Naturalist

Friday, Aug. 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. For ages 8 and up; FREE. Registration is required for all family members, and children must have adult accompaniment. FREE.

Virtual ecoEXPLORE:

Entomology Season Round-up

Monday, Aug. 31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come share your favorite entomological observations and see the standout finds for the season! This virtual program is geared toward children in grades K-8 and their families. FREE.

MILL TOURS

Mill Open House

Saturdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sundays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10 a.m.-1 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. No registration required. FREE.

Mill History Tour

Fridays, Aug. 14 & 28, 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m..

Discover Historic Yates Mill—a place of business, community, and local history. Join a historic interpreter for a 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. Best for ages 7 & up. FREE.