PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety and enjoyment go hand in hand.
The following rules and regulations have been established to ensure a safe and pleasant visit.

1. **Speed limit is 20 mph.**
2. **Keep pets on a 6-foot physical leash.**
3. **Clean up after your pets.**
4. **Park only in designated areas.**
   No parking on roadsides or outside park gates.

The following are prohibited:

- Open fires
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco and vapor products
- Hunting
- Feeding of wildlife
- Collection or release of any natural material or living organism unless otherwise designated by Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space staff
- Amplified music
- Littering
- Firearms
  This does not prohibit concealed handgun permit holders from legally carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11.
- Overnight parking and camping
- ATVs and other motorized vehicles





PARK HOURS

GROUNDS

8 a.m. – sunset
Seven days a week

LAKE

Closes 30 minutes before the park closes

CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

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WELCOME TO LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK

ABOUT THE PARK

From hiking to boating to fishing and flying kites, there's something for everyone at Lake Crabtree County Park. The 73-acre park and adjacent 520-acre flood control lake provide unlimited opportunities for exploration. Keep reading to learn about park features and check out the map for information on water activities and trails.



OPEN PLAY AREA

The large floodplain area is a prime location to toss a frisbee, spread a picnic blanket, walk a leashed pet and more. Two volleyball courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLAYGROUNDS

Kids can burn off energy in either of our two playgrounds, both with features designed for children ages 2 to 12.



PICNICKING

Large groups, families and individuals can find the perfect spot to picnic at Lake Crabtree. Tables and grills are located throughout the park. The Beech, Dogwood and White Oak shelters each have a charcoal grill, tables and a horseshoe pit. Visit the park website for shelter reservation information.

GARDENS

Learn how to grow plants that thrive in this part of North Carolina in the Demonstration Garden, presented by the Master Gardeners of Wake County and North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Environmental education and outdoor recreation programs for schools, groups and the public are designed to accommodate a variety of ages and curricula. Call or visit us online for upcoming program info.



SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Scan the **QR code** or visit **wake.gov/parks/MobileTours** to begin your tour!

PARK ENTRANCE ▲
AVIATION PARKWAY

◀ Crabtree Creek Greenway

Old Beech Nature Trail

Lake Trail



PARK OFFICE

BOAT RENTAL

AMPHITHEATER

Haleys Branch Trails ▶
Reedy Creek Trailhead
Black Creek Greenway

Lake Trail

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- Restroom
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
  1. Beech
  2. White Oak
  3. Dogwood
- Gardens
- Open play
- Volleyball
- Playgrounds
- Boat ramp
- Hand launch

HIKING TRAILS
Foot traffic only

Lake Trail (6 miles)

Blue blazes mark this pedestrian loop around Lake Crabtree. Expect 2.5 to 3 hours to complete the full hiking loop, which is shared in part with the Town of Cary's Black Creek and Crabtree Creek greenways.

- ✕ Bikes are only permitted on the loop between the Park Office and Reedy Creek Trailhead and on Cary's greenways.
- ✕ No fishing is allowed.

Old Beech Nature Trail (0.6 miles)

This short loop provides a self-guided environmental education experience through beautiful upland and wetland habitats.

TRAIL STATUS

All trails are subject to closure for natural recovery, workdays, special events and inclement weather. Call **919-460-3390** for updates.

MULTI-USE TRAILS
Cycling and hiking

Haleys Branch Trails (6.75 miles, not pictured)

Experience mountain biking and hiking at this 151-acre property located on the other side of I-40. From the Old Reedy Creek Parking Lot, head 0.5 miles up the gravel road to reach the Haleys Branch trailhead. Trails are designed for beginner to intermediate mountain bikers. Visit **wake.gov/LCCPMTB** for more details.

Lake Trail (1.2 miles - between Park Office and Reedy Creek Trailhead only)

Want to extend your adventure? Start your ride from the trailhead by the Park Office to enjoy the extra miles right from the start.

BOATING

Lake Crabtree offers year-round public boat launch areas, including a two-lane ramp for trailered craft, car-top launch areas and an ADA-accessible dock. Paddle craft, sailboats and non-gasoline powered boats are permitted on the lake.

A variety of boats are available to rent for free seasonally on a first-come, first-served basis at the boat rental complex. Visit **wake.gov/LCCPboating** for more details.

FISHING

Catch-and-release fishing is permitted in designated areas only, including the pier, platform and ADA-accessible docks along the shoreline. All North Carolina fishing laws apply. Call **919-460-3390** to learn about the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Tackle Loaner Program.

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