

**“Get to the Point...
To learn, play, explore.”**



PARK HOURS

8:00 a.m. — SUNSET,
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

BLUE JAY CENTER:

EXHIBIT HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.,
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

PARK OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Saturday

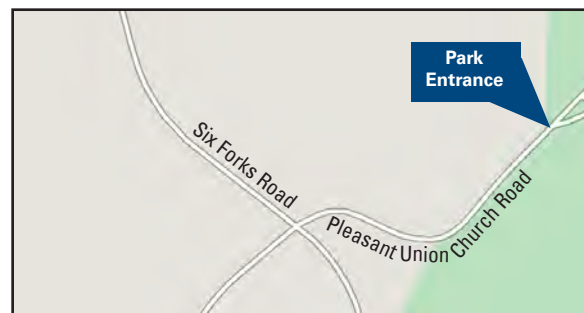


**BLUE JAY POINT COUNTY PARK IS CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY, CHRISTMAS EVE,
CHRISTMAS DAY, & NEW YEAR'S DAY**

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety and enjoyment go hand in hand at Blue Jay Point County Park. The following rules and regulations have been established to ensure a safe and pleasant visit.

1. SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH
2. PETS MUST BE KEPT ON A 6 FOOT LEASH
(Please clean up after your pet)
3. OPEN FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED
4. PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS
(No parking on roadsides or outside park gates)
5. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:
 - a. Alcoholic beverages
 - b. Hunting
 - c. Feeding of wildlife in the park
 - d. Swimming
 - e. Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
 - f. Amplified music
 - g. Littering
 - h. Fire Arms
 - i. Overnight parking and camping



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Blue Jay Point County Park



**Parks, Recreation
& Open Space**

Welcome to...

BLUE JAY POINT

This 236-acre park offers many opportunities to learn about and enjoy the natural world. Park attractions include environmental education, hiking trails, shoreline fishing, picnic areas, playgrounds, and open play areas. The mission and focus of Blue Jay Point is to provide opportunities for Wake County's population to experience environmental education in a natural setting.

BLUE JAY POINT HISTORY

Blue Jay Point opened in 1992 and was so named because the park is a peninsula or point, bordered on three sides by Falls Lake. Historically, there were many Blue Jays when the area was more open and farmed by tenant farmers. Since the park is forested now, we do not see as many Blue Jays. The land was purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1970s to create Falls Lake by damming the Neuse River. The lake provides flood control for communities downstream and drinking water for the city of Raleigh and other cities in the area.

ACCESSIBILITY

Blue Jay Point is designed with accessibility in mind. The Park has ADA access to all of the buildings and restrooms. Wheelchair and stroller friendly paved trails connect major park facilities. Transfer platforms at the bottom of play structures provide access for children in wheelchairs. Three picnic tables are wheelchair accessible (One on either side of the restroom, one by the playground, and another by the T-ball field).

BLUE JAY CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Enjoy hands-on exhibits on local ecology and conservation in the Blue Jay Center for Environmental Education. The Center offers a wide variety of programs, events, and volunteer experiences with a natural history and natural science focus for all ages.

Become a Blue Jay Friend! Receive our electronic newsletter "The Blue Jay Flyer" and be the first to know when it is time to sign up for upcoming programs, camps, workshops, and volunteer opportunities for children, families and adults. Each issue includes a "Blue Jay Pointer" section about some new aspect of the park.

Learn more about the environment over an extended stay! The park's Overnight Lodge exists to provide an extended overnight environmental education experience for any organized group. The lodge is used exclusively for this purpose.

Explore flora and fauna! Discover our interpretative Azalea Loop trail. The trail has 18 numbered posts and a corresponding brochure located at the trailhead near the park entrance gate.



You can print a checklist, search for images, discover fun facts or listen to sounds!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Try these suggested trail walks for a more healthy mind and body! Be sure to take this brochure and map with you on the trail.

Half-mile Walking Loops

- Walk around the edges of the Main and Cove fields and down and around the edges of T-ball field.
- Walk from Center parking lot to and around Azalea Loop Trail and back.

One-mile Walking Loop

Starting from the gravel overflow parking lot, walk down the Blue Jay Point Trail and turn right onto the Falls Lake Trail. Walk until you intersect the Beaver Point Trail and turn right. Walk up to next intersection with Azalea Loop and turn right. After you walk out to the park road, turn right to walk on the road shoulder to your car.

Two-mile Walking Loop

Enter Falls Lake Trail from the T-ball parking lot trailhead next to kiosk. Pay attention to the white blazes; you will have to make a turn as the trail merges with other trails. When you get to Beaver Point Trail, turn right and go up hill. Walk up to next intersection with Azalea Loop and turn right. After you walk out to the park road, turn right to walk on the road shoulder to your car.

BLUE JAY POINT COUNTY PARK



Discover & Study Nature!

Sign up for a program! Environmental education programming is the park's main attraction. Public programs and events for all ages are conducted throughout the year. Organized group programs are available upon request.



Play, Imagine, Create!

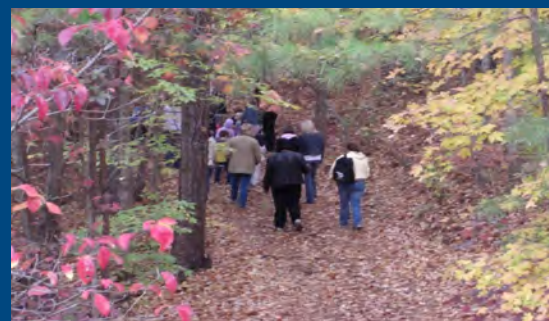
Jump on stumps, create nature art, and build a castle or fort in the Natural Play Area. This area also has a large "Sandy Hollow" sandbox in the shade for those summer days!



Slide, Climb and Run!

Challenge your kids physically on our Tot and Kids Lots! Please note the signage designating appropriate age ranges for each playground (Tot 3-5 years, Kid 5-12 years). Enjoy our open play areas and fly a kite, kick a ball, or play a softball game on our T-ball field!

Upper Barton Creek



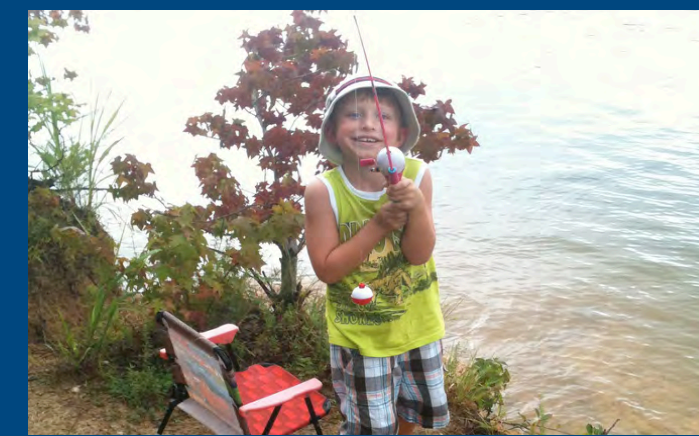
Take a Hike!

Yellow blazed trails are loops that are wide and mulched. Blue blazes lead to the lake! These trails are old road beds providing access to lake shore. Red blazes connect trails together. White blazes mark the single-file Falls Lake Trail, which meanders 3.1 miles within the park boundaries and is part of the longer Mountains to Sea Trail.



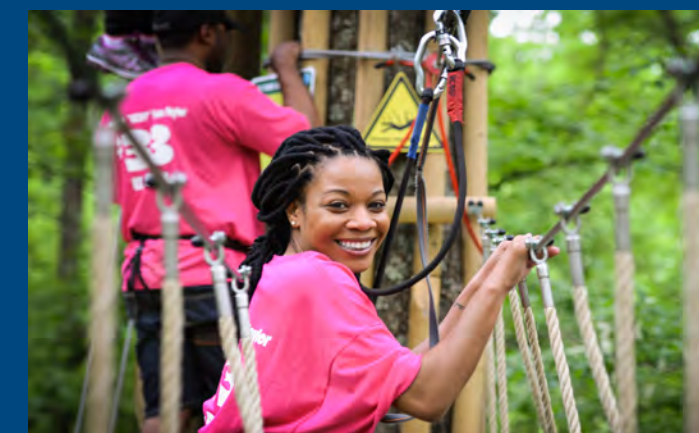
Have a Picnic!

Grill out on the grills provided and we will clean them after you leave! Please do not bring your own grills. There are 4 tables with no grills next to playground. Our largest picnic area has 18 tables and 5 grills. Next to the Natural Play Area are 5 tables and 2 grills. See inside of brochure for wheelchair accessible tables. All tables and grills are first come, first serve.



Stroll to Lake! Wet your line, not your feet!

Car door to lakeshore 0.2 mile or 5-10 min. Sandy Point Trail is the shortest walk to view the lake! Fishing is available along the lakeshore but swimming is not allowed anywhere in park. **All N.C. Fishing laws apply.**



GoApe - Tree Top Adventure

A Go Ape Treetop Adventure Course provides participants with 2-3 hours of outdoor fun and exercise. Go Ape provides a portion of their proceeds and stewardship services back to the park. Booking ahead recommended at: www.GoApe.com or 1.800.971.8271