

## 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. **Clean up after your pets.**
3. **Keep pets on a 6-foot leash.**
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
- Swimming
- Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
- 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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LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK





# WELCOME TO LAKE CRABTREE

## ABOUT THE PARK

From hiking and history to fishing and flying kites, there's something for everyone at Lake Crabtree County Park. The 215-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 fly kites, toss a frisbee, kick a ball, walk a leashed pet and more. Two volleyball courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



## PLAYGROUNDS

Kids can burn off energy at the Tot Lot (for 2- to 5-year-olds) and the Kids Lot (for 5- to 12-year-olds).

The playgrounds are not supervised by park staff, so parents should keep an eye on their children.



## PICNICKING

Large groups, families and individuals will find the perfect place to picnic. Tables and grills are located throughout the park, and three shelters are available for rent. Each shelter has a charcoal grill, tables and horseshoe pit. Volleyball courts are nearby.

## GARDENS

Drought-tolerant plants that thrive in this part of North Carolina grow in the WaterWise Garden, presented by the Master Gardeners of Wake County and North Carolina Cooperative Extension. A Certified Wildlife Habitat® adjacent to the park office includes a bird feeder station and a sampling of native plants.

## HISTORIC HOMESITE

Get a glimpse into a more rural time. Small farms made up the bulk of the state's population until about 100 years after the Civil War. Call **919-629-2001** to listen to a self-guided tour.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Programs for schools, groups and the public are designed to accommodate a variety of ages and curricula. For a list of upcoming programs, visit [wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree](http://wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree) or call **919-460-3390**.





**Advanced trails**  
**Beginner trails**  
**Outer Loop trail**  
**Interior trails**  
**Connector trails**  
**Walkways**

**Old Beech Nature Trail**  
 (0.6 miles)  
**Lake Trail**  
 (6 miles)

**BIKE SKILLS AREAS**

Practice makes perfect! Hone your skills at a constructed element area, a pump track and dirt jumps. The advanced jumps are open for group sessions posted in the forum at [trianglemtb.com](http://trianglemtb.com).



**HIKING TRAILS**  
 (Foot traffic only)

**Lake Trail (6 miles)**

Blue blazes mark this pedestrian loop, which features the Heather Lee Carr Memorial and Black Creek footbridge. A portion of the trail is shared with the Town of Cary's Black Creek and Crabtree Creek greenways. The trail may take the average hiker 2.5 to 3 hours to complete.

- ▶ Bikes are only permitted on the section along the multi-use trails.
- ▶ No fishing is allowed on any portion of the Lake Trail.

**Old Beech Nature Trail (0.6 miles)**

This short loop provides a self-guided environmental education experience. Learn about habitat features as you travel from a young mixed forest to an older bottomland forest. A brochure is available at the trailhead kiosk.

**MULTI-USE TRAILS**  
 Cycling and hiking (9.4 miles)

Designed for the beginner to intermediate rider, these trails are used by mountain bikers, joggers and walkers. Motorized bikes are not permitted. Visitors share responsibility for the safety of the others, and cyclists must wear ANSI or Snell-approved safety helmets. The trail system can also be reached from the Town of Cary's Black Creek Greenway or from William B. Umstead State Park via Old Reedy Creek Road near Interstate 40.

**TRAIL STATUS**

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



**PARK ENTRANCE**  
**1400 Aviation Parkway**

**INTERSTATE 40**

**TO OLD REEDY CREEK ROAD PARKING AREA**



**BOATING**  
 Lake Crabtree is ideal for water sports like paddling, sailing and rowing. The park offers accessible, year-round public boat launch areas, including a two-lane ramp for trailered craft and car-top launch areas. Only non-gasoline-powered motors are allowed. A variety of boats are available for guests to use for free seasonally on the park's waterfront at the boat complex. Call boating staff at **919-460-3398**.

**FISHING**  
 An accessible pier and platform are along the shoreline. The park offers a Tackle Loaner Program through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (call **919-460-3390** for details). Fishing, which is catch-and-release, is permitted in designated areas only. All North Carolina fishing laws apply.

- Restroom
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Gardens
- Boat ramp
- Hand launch
- Historic homesite
- Open play
- Traditional/Natural playgrounds
- Volleyball
- Hiking trail
- Bicycling/Mountain biking
- Bike skills area

