

# 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. **Park only in designated areas.**
2. **Dogs and other pets are prohibited.** ADA service animals are welcome.
3. **Hike on the designated trails.** Bikes, off-road vehicles and horses are prohibited.
4. **Fishing is allowed on the pond boardwalk.** All North Carolina freshwater fishing regulations apply. Bank fishing is prohibited.

## The following are prohibited:

- Walking or climbing on the mill or dam
- Open fires
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco and vapor products
- Hunting
- Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
- Amplified music
- Swimming and personal boating
- Metal detectors and the collection/ removal of artifacts
- Firearms and explosives of any kind as per NCSU Policy REG 06.05.01
- Geocaches and other off-trail activities

## PARK PHOTO POLICY

Registration is required for client-based photography. For more information, visit [wakegov.com/parks/photography](http://wakegov.com/parks/photography).



## PARK HOURS

### GROUNDS

8 a.m. – sunset  
Seven days a week

### FINLEY CENTER

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Seven days a week

### MILL BUILDING





Scheduled tours:  
March – November

### PARK CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day

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HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK





# WELCOME TO HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK



## ABOUT THE PARK

Managed as a historic site and native wildlife refuge, the 174-acre Historic Yates Mill County Park features the last operating 18th-century water-powered grist mill in North Carolina's capital county. The park includes over three miles of hiking trails that traverse pond, creek, forest and wetland habitats. Picnic areas, boardwalks, overlook decks, a field classroom and an amphitheater are available year-round. Steep Hill Creek and a 3,300-acre watershed feed the 20-acre mill pond.

## PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS

The park was developed through a partnership among Wake County, NC State University and Yates Mill Associates. It has served as a field research facility for NC State since 1963, when the university purchased the mill property and 1,000 surrounding acres. The park is surrounded by NC State's Lake Wheeler Road Biological Field Laboratories.

## THE HISTORIC MILL

The mill, operated by the nonprofit group Yates Mill Associates, contains multiple generations of milling technology and displays the evolution of early industries in piedmont North Carolina. Guided tours are available March through November with corn-grinding demonstrations by costumed interpreters on the third weekend of each month. All tour revenue directly supports the mill's upkeep and operations.



## A.E. FINLEY CENTER FOR EDUCATION & RESEARCH

The Education Wing of the A.E. Finley Center for Education & Research houses an exhibit hall, auditorium, classrooms and staff offices. NC State University conducts biological studies in the center's Research Wing. Enjoy an excellent view of the pond and mill from a rocking chair on the building's back porch.

## EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The Finley Center's 2,200-square-foot exhibit hall contains artifacts and interpretive panels on local history, agriculture and the environment. It also features fun interactive activities including a historic dress-up corner. Park grounds include several wayside displays.

