

# HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK LONGLEAF CELEBRATION 2021

Join us for some fun activities during the month of May to celebrate one of Harris Lake County Park's unique ecosystems, the Longleaf Pine forest! Check out our Longleaf Celebration link at [www.wakegov.com/harrislake/programs-events](http://www.wakegov.com/harrislake/programs-events) for links to all program opportunities or for more information.

## May 1 **Virtual Storytime: Smokey Bear Storytime-American Sign**

**Language** Read along with Smokey and Park Manager Christina Hester as they are joined by Sign Language Interpreter Erica Stucker to present "The Smokey Bear Story" in partnership with the NC Forest Service.

*Video Available Online*



May 1 **Virtual Storytime: La Historia Del Oso Smokey** El Oso Smokey y la educadora del parque Harris Lake, Amelia Williams, acompañadas por la invitada especial Mariangelly Sierra, que lee la historia de Smokey en español. *Smokey Bear and Harris Lake County Park Educator Amelia Williams joined by special guest Mariangelly Sierra reading Smokey's story in Spanish. Video Available Online*



May 8 **Virtual Wagon Ride** Join Harris Lake County Park staff on a virtual wagon tour of the Longleaf area with stops along the way to explain forest wildlife, stages of growth, and current management. *Video Available Online*

May 8 **Interview with NC Forest Service** Find out some of the cool information about forest management through prescribed burning in this interview with Jeff Ulrick and Chris Frey from the NC Forest Service conducted by Harris Lake's own burn boss, Park Manager Christina Hester. *Video Available Online*

May 12 11 am **Virtual Wild Wednesdays: Longleaf Forest Friends** Take a look at the animals that live in the Longleaf Forest. Deer, squirrels, and birds of all kinds make their homes in the forest, and we will discover the ways they use this special habitat's features for food and shelter.

*Online Registration Required*

May 15-May 30 **StoryWalk®: "Wangari's Trees of Peace"** May's StoryWalk® at Harris Lake will follow the true story of Wangari Maathai, who led a community movement in her homeland of Kenya that started a tree planting across the continent of Africa, eventually succeeding in restoring the forest around her village. StoryWalk® panels will be placed near some of our special trees at the park, with information about what makes them unique.

May 26 2 pm **Virtual Wild Wednesdays: Longleaf Learning with Smokey** Spend some time with Smokey Bear and learn all about forest fires and fire safety in this special program celebrating NC's Longleaf Pine. Park staff will work with Smokey to answer your questions in this virtual interview session.

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