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We are going to visit Historic Yates Mill County Park. Yates Mill is a 174 acre public park with the last operable water-powered gristmill in Wake County. The park also has natural walking trails, a museum, picnic areas, and gardens. Here at the park we can learn lot's of neat facts about nature, picnic, and play!

When we first arrive at Yates Mill we will park in the parking lot, and we will see a large building, which is the park's main office and museum.



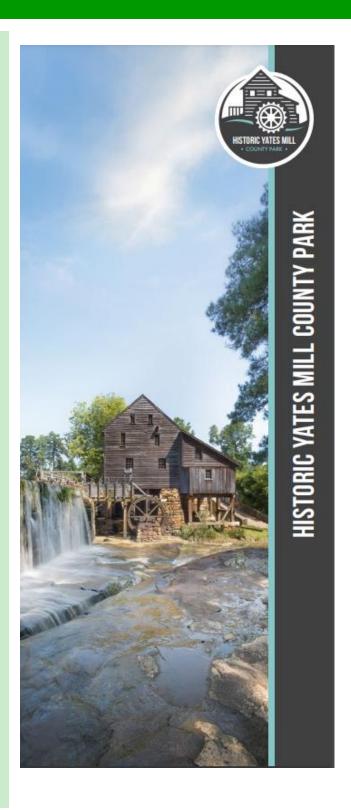
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When we enter the park office, we might see park staff at the front desk. They can give us information about Yates Mill and answer questions about our visit.

If no one is at the front desk, we can take a brochure from outside the building and begin our tour, and explore the inside of Yates museum. Here we can learn all about the park's history, see a natural history display, play in the kid's corner, and say hello to the park ambassador turtle, "Frankie".



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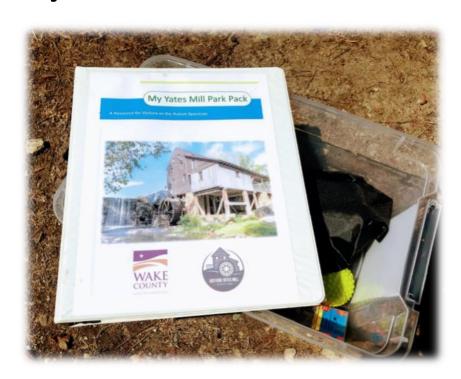
We can pick up a brochure which has information and a map of the park. This will help us plan where we will go and what we will see.

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If I designed a My Yates Mill Park Pack tour before our visit, I can follow my checklist. I can also change my tour and choose to see different things.

If I haven't designed a My Yates Mill Park Pack tour before my visit, I can create my own using the My Yates Mill Park Pack, which I can check out at the front desk of the park's visitor center.

Sometimes parts of the park can get crowded and noisy, but there are always quiet spots to explore. My family can read about <u>Tips for a Successful Visit</u> on the website so we know about these places ahead of time. These tips are also available inside of the My Yates Mill Park Pack's binder.

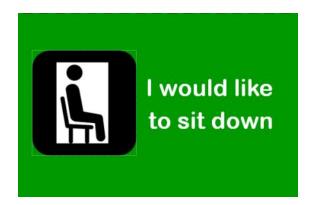


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If it is too noisy, I can ask for head phones to muffle the noise. I can also ask for toys if I need something to do with my hands. These are in the My Yates Mill Park Pack, which can be borrowed from the front desk inside of the visitors center.



If I need a break or want to leave, I will tell the adult I am with.





I hope I can visit Historic Yates Mill Park again soon!

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