

Lake Crabtree County Park – Group Programs

Animal Trackers	K-adult	Learn how to "read" the footprints and other signs that animals leave behind. Several options for activities including a hike, making track casts, and other hands-on activities.
Animals of Lake Crabtree	K-adult	Learn about predators, prey, adaptations, and habitat by looking at taxidermy animals and other items.
Astronomy	3rd-adult	You don't need a night sky to learn about the universe! Discover interesting facts about our planets and solar system through hand-on activities.
Birds (Multiple Options)	K-adult	Choose one or more topics from bird identification, adaptations, migration, conservation, and much more. We have several different hands-on activities and games for your group to learn more about birds.
Build A Beaver	K-3rd grade	Students will learn about adaptations using the beaver as an example. A volunteer will become a beaver to demonstrate each specific adaptation.
Butterflies and Moths	K-adult	Possible topics: the difference between butterflies and moths, body parts and adaptations, life cycle, basic identification of local species, migration
Composting and Decomposers	3rd-adult	Discover the benefits of composting and learn what happens in a worm bin (basic vermiculture). Learn the important role decomposers play in our ecosystem by investigating a rotten log.
Fish Frenzy	3rd-adult	Do you know which fish call Lake Crabtree home? Learn about fish anatomy, adaptations for survival, aquatic food chains, and more!
Fishing Fun	K-adult	Participants will learn basic casting techniques and what it means to be a responsible fisherman. Adults must have a fishing license to participate, and special adult/child ratios apply.
Flower Power	K-adult	Students will learn flower parts and look at real flowers (seasonal). We will also discuss methods of seed dispersal and pollination.
Funky Frogs	K-adult	Learn the life cycle of frogs and toads and the differences between the two. Other options include learning some common frog calls and looking for treefrogs in our monitoring area.
Habitats & Biomes	1st-adult	What are the four components of habitat that every animal needs? What is a biome? Explore the various habitats of Lake Crabtree and the plants and animals that call them home.
Insect Investigations	K-adult	Learn what makes an insect an insect. We'll talk about metamorphosis, body parts, and the important role insects play in our ecosystem. Additional topics include beneficial/harmful insects, methods of collection and identification and much more!
Junior Birder Patch Program	1st-6th grade	Earn the Junior Birder Patch by completing several activities. Topics include birdwatching tools, bird identification, migration, conservation and more!
Nature at Night	1st-adult	Owls, bats, flying squirrels and other nocturnal animals call Lake Crabtree home. Learn more about these animals and test your night vision on a hike through the park after dark.
Nature Hike	K-adult	Choose from our general nature hike or pick a theme for a hike on the Old Beech Nature Trail and beyond. Time can vary from 45 minutes to 2 hours.

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Orienteering	3rd-adult	Participants will learn basic compass and map reading skills. Navigate your way through a scavenger hunt, learn how to draw maps, and more!
Outdoor Survival Skills	3rd-adult	Do you know how to use a compass? Do you think you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness? We'll talk about how to be prepared for hikes and other outdoor activities and what to do if you are lost in the woods.
Owl Pellets	3rd-adult	You can learn a lot from an owl pellet! Students will dissect owl pellets and try to identify what they find inside. We'll also talk about the food web and adaptations of our local owl species.
Plants and Animals to Look Out For	3rd-adult	Learn how to identify the copperhead, black widow, brown recluse, and poison ivy. Distinguish between the facts and myths surrounding poisonous and venomous plants and animals.
Raptors	3rd-adult	Discover the amazing features of birds of prey. Learn how to identify our common hawks and owls, and see feathers, talons and taxidermy specimens up close.
Recycling & Solid Waste	3rd-adult	Discover better ways to dispose of "trash." Learn the three R's and the many benefits they provide.
Reptiles & Amphibians	K-adult	We will compare and contrast the animals that belong to these two groups, and learn about some of the reptiles and amphibians that live at Lake Crabtree.
Rocks In Your Head	3rd-adult	Discover the many ways you use rocks and minerals every day. Learn how to identify different types of rocks and minerals, how the rock cycle works, and how to use a dichotomous key.
Snakes Alive	1st-adult	Learn about the many species of snakes that call Lake Crabtree and North Carolina home. Find out what makes snakes so unique, and get up close and personal with Corny, the park snake.
Trees (Multiple Options)	K-adult	Choose one or more topics from the following: Goods from the Woods, tree cookies, tree life cycle, tree ID, and more. We have several different hands-on activities and games for your group to learn more about trees.
Turtle Talk	K-adult	Do all turtles swim? Can they come all the way out of their shell? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we explore the lives of these fascinating creatures.
Using Your Senses	K-3rd grade	Learn how animals use the five senses by playing games like "The Nose Knows" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?", or become a Nature Detective and use your senses to find animal clues.
Weather Wonders	2nd-adult	Participants will become meteorologists and learn the tools that are used to predict the weather. Activities include cloud identification, making a cloud in a bottle, reading a weather map, and more.
Winter Tree ID	5th-adult	After the leaves fall, trees can be hard to identify! Using twigs, buds, and other parts of the tree, participants will learn how to identify some of the common species found in the Piedmont.
Wonderful Water	2nd-adult	Learn about the water cycle by engaging in a rain game. Assist in an experiment to show how much water is on Earth, and find out where it is located. Other topics include learning about the properties of water, water quality, and water conservation.