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### ecoEXPLORE: Truths and Myths About Reptiles and Amphibians

Tuesday, May 17; 4pm - 5pm

Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians.

There is a lot of information about reptiles and amphibians in the world, and not all of it is accurate.

Explore some of the many herpetology myths and learn the truth in this interactive virtual program!

### Backyard Critters

FREE. Registration required. Meet at the picnic area near the park amphitheater at north end of the parking lot, between the pond boardwalk and open field.

Sunday, May 29;  
2pm - 3pm

#### Backyard Critters: Magical Metamorphosis

Most people know that a caterpillar becomes a butterfly or moth. But did you know that dragonflies start as aquatic predators? Or that maggots become flies? This program is all about the crazy life changes that some insects go through in their lifetime.

Saturday, April 30;  
11am - Noon

#### Backyard Critters: Bustling Beavers!

Did you know that beavers are actually large rodents? Join at the park and discover the parts of a beaver and what they like to eat. Build a beaver dam, test your knowledge in a round of trivia, and take home a fun beaver craft!

#### Yates By Night: Hopping Frogs

Thursday, April 21; 6pm - 7pm

As things warm up, the frogs come out! Come hike with a naturalist and learn how to identify different frogs and their calls. We will walk by the pond and our wetlands in search of amphibian friends. Come prepared to walk in wet environments.

#### Yates by Night: Fireflies, Nature's Nightlight

Fireflies are many people's favorite summertime insect. Discover how different species use different light colors and patterns, and find out which species are found in North Carolina. We will also see how many fireflies we can find and learn how they make their light!

### Virtual Programs

FREE. Registration is required. Note: This program is virtual. Please note that registration is handled through the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

#### ecoEXPLORE: Build-a-Reptile

Friday, June 10; 4pm - 5pm

Can you design a brand-new reptile? This will be a creative virtual program to make up a new reptile! Come with any artistic materials you want (crayons, paint, clay, recycled materials, natural materials, etc) and let's get building! This program is geared toward children in grades K-8 and their families, but all are welcome! You will learn about the ecoEXPLORE project during the program.

Sunday, June 26;  
2pm - 3pm

#### Backyard Critters: The Scaly World of Turtles, Snakes, and Lizards

Do you like animals that slither, hang out on logs in the sun, or remove their own tail to distract predators? Join this program to learn all about our local reptiles! We will also hike around and see how many reptiles we can find! Come prepared for a short hike.

### Yates By Night

FREE. Registration required. Meet at the picnic area near the park amphitheater at north end of the parking lot, between the pond boardwalk and open field.

Thursday, May 26;  
6pm - 7pm

#### Yates By Night: Mysteries of the Moon

Join us as we learn all about the Moon and its role in our solar system! We will talk about how moons are formed, and how other planets got their moon(s) too. Read a fun story, look through a telescope, and see if you can remember all the different phases of the moon!

Thursday, June 16;  
6pm - 7pm

REGISTER ONLINE FOR PROGRAMS!

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# Journeys to the Past

FREE; for all ages. (The program is designed for kids and adults; content is best suited for ages 7 and up). Registration is required. Meet on the back porch of the Visitor Center.

## Journeys to the Past: History Hikes

Sundays, April 24, May 22, & June 19; 2pm - 2:45pm

Join park staff for a hike to the gristmill and to the site of the miller's residence (which is no longer standing) to learn about the history of some of the people who have lived and worked on the land that is now a park. Learn about the old water mill and look for clues to find buildings that used to be here. Staff will use artifacts to talk about some of the people who lived, worked, or visited here.



## A Side of History

For all ages (best for ages 7 & up); FREE. Registration is required. Meet at the picnic area near the amphitheater at the north end of the parking lot, between the pond boardwalk and open field.

## A Side of History: Arbor Day!

Wednesday, April 27; 11am - Noon

Happy almost Arbor Day! Discover the history behind this special day; learn about the importance of trees; explore some of the threats that trees are facing from invasive bugs and diseases; and take a short walk to see some notable trees in the park. Hear the story of the Longleaf Pines that once dominated North Carolina's Coastal Plain and southern Piedmont, and make a tree-related craft to take home!

## A Side of History: Traditional Uses of Native Plants

Wednesday, May 25; 11am - Noon

Native Americans, who have lived in what is now North Carolina for thousands of years, traditionally relied on natural materials for many things, such as housing, clothes, food, tools, and fun. Many of the plants they used are still found in the area. Join this program and learn about the many uses of these native plants.

## A Side of History: Dress to Impress

Wednesday, June 22; 11am - Noon

Corsets, crinolines, and kepis, oh my! Though milling processes haven't changed that much since the mill was built in the 1760s, the way people dressed sure has. Join us to make your own fashion timeline, explore our costume collection of reproduction clothing, and make a craft to take home.



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# Park Tales

FREE. Registration required. Meet at the picnic area near the park amphitheater at north end of the parking lot, between the pond boardwalk and open field.

## Otters Love to Play

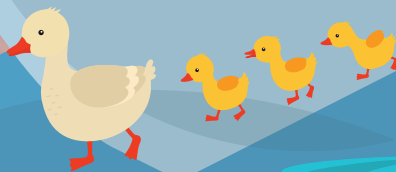
Tuesday, April 5; 11am - Noon

It is spring and a litter of baby River Otters emerges from a den to play! Follow the otters through the seasons as they chase one another, slide down mud banks, and learn to swim. Join us for "Otters Love to Play" by Jonathan London, learn some facts about otters, and make a cute otter craft to take home.

## Are You My Mother?

Tuesday, May 3; 11am - Noon

Many of our birds have made their nests, and their eggs have hatched! Join us for a reading of the classic children's story, written by P. D. Eastman, about a baby bird that gets lost and has to find its mother. After the story, we will learn about some of our birds, their nests, and eggs.



## Monarch and Milkweed

Tuesday, June 7; 11am - Noon

Join us as we follow the journey of Monarch butterflies as they migrate thousands of miles every spring in search of their favorite treat: milkweed plants. Explore how caterpillars become butterflies and how the amazing cycle of the Monarch life continues in this fun book by Helen Frost and Leonid Gord. Learn fun facts about these pollinators and make a fun Monarch-themed craft to take home!



# Self-Guided Activities

This is a SELF-GUIDED activities; it is NOT staff led.

## Exploration Stations

Self-guided Educational Tables- 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Batty Bats April 14-19  
Turtles May 19-24  
Pollinators June 23-28

## StoryWalk® at Yates

New to the StoryWalk® concept? Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to signs, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story.  
APRIL 4-30 "On the Farm" by David Elliott and Holly Meade  
MAY 3-31 "The Busy Tree" by Jennifer Ward and Lisa Falkenstern  
JUNE 2-30 "Over and Under the Pond" by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal



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