

2020 Winter/Spring Nature Guide

Lake Johnson Park



Evergreens

Ever wonder why some trees stay green year-round? Join us as we learn about what makes evergreens so unique. \$3

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

#242487 Dec 7 Sa 1 - 2:30 pm

Lake Johnson Park Nature Explorers

Flip logs, dig holes, or sift through leaves with one of our naturalists. Participants will immerse themselves in nature and learn about the interesting things they find. \$2

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

Sundays 2 - 3pm

#242486 Dec 15

#248626 Jan 12

#248627 Feb 9

#248628 Mar 8

Where Do Animals Go in Winter?

Ever wonder where animals go during winter? Find out in this fun-filled program. We will explore hibernation, torpor, migration, and more. \$3

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

#242481 Dec 14 Sa 1 - 2:30 pm

Meteor Watch

Enjoy a late night out watching the Quadrantids meteor shower on its peak night. We will also enjoy a campfire with s'mores. \$3

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

#248829 Jan 3 F 7 - 10 pm

Environmental Lecture Series

Ages: 16+ Join us at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center for an exciting environmental lecture series held every 2nd Monday of the month. With a new topic each month, there is something for everyone. We will have professionals and graduate students presenting on topics that they know best! Call 919-996-3141 to find out more about our upcoming speakers and topics. Earn 1 hour of criteria III EE credit. Advance registration is not required but is helpful for planning purposes. FREE

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

Mondays

#242326 Dec 9 Bryan England 6 - 7 pm

#253441 Jan 13 Ben Wright 6 - 7 pm

#253442 Feb 10 Kyle Jones 6 - 7 pm

#253443 Mar 9 TBD 7 - 8 pm

#253444 Apr 14 TBD 7 - 8 pm

Winter Nature Crafts

Ages: 7+ Have last minute Christmas shopping to do? Need to wrap some presents? Drop off your kids to celebrate the first day of winter with fun nature crafts and get a couple of hours to yourself. \$4

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

#242482 Dec 21 Sa 1 - 3 pm

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Learn how to reduce, reuse, and recycle and enjoy some arts and crafts with recycled materials. \$3

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

#248629 Jan 25 Sa 10 - 11:30 am



Adult(s) must accompany child(ren), register, and pay program fee. Advance registration required for all programs. All ages welcome (unless noted otherwise), but most appropriate for children elementary school age. Register online today at reclink.raleighnc.gov using barcode listed with program.

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Early Bird Walk

Ages: 10+ This program is for beginner birders and well-practiced watchers alike. Join us as we take a morning trek around the lake to find our avian friends. We will focus on both songbirds and waterfowl. Bring your own binoculars if possible, as supplies are limited. Adult(s) must accompany child(ren) under 16, register, and pay the program fee. Advanced registration is required for this program.

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
Saturdays

#248572	Feb 15	8:30 - 10 am	Fee: \$3
#248581	Apr 18	8 - 10 am	Fee: \$4

Spring into Nature

Ages: 8 - 10. Drop off your child for a fun day of nature. We will play games, do crafts, and learn about what makes nature neat. This program is hands-on and will have many activities outdoors. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Pre-registration is required at least 48 hours in advance of the program. \$35 Residents / \$50 Non-residents

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248589 Mar 9 M 8 am - 5:30 pm

Family Fishing

All ages. Join us for this fun fishing program! Participants will learn how to cast and set up a rod and then go fishing in the lake. This is a great way to spend an afternoon with the whole family! Equipment is provided including rod, reel, and bait. Participants 3 years old and under attend free and do not need to register. \$4

Location: Waterfront Conference Center

#248580	Mar 15	Su	1 - 3 pm
#248580	Apr 18	Sa	10 am - 12 pm



Feathery Friends

All ages. Join us for the Great Backyard Bird Count! Learn about what makes birds cool, spend some time identifying birds at our feeders, and make your own bird treats to take home. All ages welcome, but most appropriate for families with children elementary age or older. \$3

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248573 Feb 15 Sa 10:30am - 12 pm



Bird Feeder Watch

Ages: 7+ Join us for the Great Backyard Bird Count! Spend some time counting birds at our feeders and then make your own suet bird feed to take home. Ages 7+ welcome, but most appropriate for families with children middle school age or older. \$2

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248574 Feb 16 Su 2 - 3 pm

Guided Nature Hike

Ages 4+. Join us for a 2-mile hike on the beautiful trails of Lake Johnson Park. A knowledgeable nature instructor will accompany you on each hike to discuss natural features and Lake Johnson's history. The hikes will be held on our unpaved trails that may not be suitable for children under the age of 7. Parts of the trail are considered moderate/strenuous. Participants should dress for the weather in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes that can get messy. \$2

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248575 Mar 14 Sa 10 am - 12 pm

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Pint-Sized Planters

What do plants need to survive? Why are plants important? In this sprint time program we will explore the needs of plants, make our very own seed starters and become little scientists as we take a closer look at pollinators! \$4

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248578 Mar 21 Sa 9 - 11 am

Shell-ebrating Turtles

Ever wonder what makes turtles so unique? We will learn about the different types of turtles, what makes each so special, and what you can do if you find one in the wild. You will even get an up close and personal look at Lake Johnson Park's very own box turtle! \$4

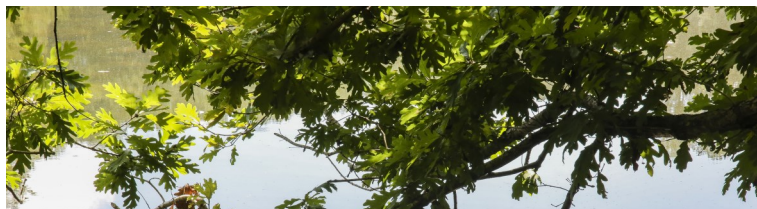
Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248577 Mar 29 Sa 1 - 3 pm



Gardening for Pollinators

Ages: 12+ Prepare your garden for spring by planting for pollinators. Learn how pollinators play an essential role in every ecosystem and what to plant to provide food and habitat for them. Participants will go home with knowledge of how to start their own pollinator garden and something to put in it. Adult(s) must accompany child(ren) under 16, register, and pay the program fee. Advanced registration is required for this program. \$4

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248585 Apr 19 Sun 1 - 3 pm



Tree-mendous Trees

Come join us for this tree-mendous program where you'll get to learn all about trees. We will learn what makes trees so unique, how we use them in our everyday lives, and even how to identify some of our common trees that can be found in your backyard! \$4

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248586 Apr 25 Sa 1 - 3 pm

Compass Basics

Ages: 12+ Have you ever been lost in the woods? This course will teach you the skill needed to navigate using a compass through fun, hands-on experience. We will end the course with a fun orienteering activity. \$5

Location: Waterfront Conference Center
#248576 Mar 22 Su 1 - 3 pm

Nocturnal Nature

Watch as the park comes alive when the sun slips behind the trees. Please join us on this night hike to unveil the nocturnal wildlife of Lake Johnson Park. We will call for owls, look for evidence of mammals, and identify singing amphibians. Participants should dress for the weather in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes that can get messy. \$4

Location: Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center
#248587 Apr 4 Sa 8 - 10 pm

Earth Day Adventure

Celebrate mother nature this Earth Day at Lake Johnson Park. Make a seed ball and enjoy a game while learning about how you can help our planet! \$3

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#248588 Apr 22 W 6 - 7:30 pm

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