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Dorothea Dix Park

News Release



NORTH CAROLINA
MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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MEDIA ADVISORY: CITY OF OAKS PIRATE FEST THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dorothea Dix Park



WHAT: [City of Oaks Pirate Fest](#)

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

WHERE: The Big Field at Dorothea Dix Park
101 Blair Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

DETAILS: **Media should sign-in at the red and white striped information tent**

The FREE event will start with a literal bang—including a live cannon firing and performance by the [Motley Tones](#) pirate band—at 10 a.m. on Dorothea Dix Park’s Big Field. During the day, take advantage of many opportunities to learn about the history of pirates in North Carolina.

PARDON OUR NOISE: During our Pirate Fest event, surrounding neighbors of Dix Park may hear loud cannon fire. Please be aware that there is **no danger to public** if you hear these loud booms! The cannon fire will happen at approximately 10:00am, 2:30pm, and 5:15pm.

For a **full schedule** of all **performances** and **presentations**, visit <https://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/pirate-fest> or call 919-814-7000.

The City of Oaks Pirate Fest is presented by [Dorothea Dix Park Conservancy](#), the [North Carolina Museum of History](#), and [City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources](#). *Event partners include CBS 17, Curtis Media Group with KIX 102.9, The New Pulse 96.9/102.5 and Star 92.9, Wegmans, and Residence Inn.*

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

For information about Dorothea Dix Park, email info@dixpark.org or visit dixpark.org or follow the park on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Dorothea Dix Park

Dorothea Dix Park is the site of one of the most exciting new park projects in America. The 308-acre site blends historic architecture and rich landscapes into a unique destination in the heart of Raleigh, North Carolina. The effort to create Dorothea Dix Park is a public-private partnership between the City of Raleigh and Dorothea Dix Park Conservancy. The City owns and operates Dorothea Dix Park. The Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that exists to support the City in its efforts, serve as its philanthropic partner, and help ensure the creation and long-term success of Dorothea Dix Park.

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

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