

## **Accessible Travel Guide to N.C. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources Sites**

We are committed to welcoming everyone to our museums, parks and attractions, and making your visit comfortable and enjoyable. Where possible, our sites provide amenities such as assistive listening devices, Braille signage, wheelchairs, accessible facilities and other features to assist those who need them.

This guide serves as your gateway to our many locations across the state and their accessible features.

## Museums, Aquariums and Zoo

### N.C. Museum of Art

One of the South's premier art museums with major holdings in European paintings, Egyptian funerary art, sculpture and vase painting from ancient Greece and Rome, American art, Judaic art and international contemporary art.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Free ADA-compliant parking is available.
- Curb cuts are located at all entrances to the Museum.
- Motorized and regular wheelchairs of standard size as well as rollators are available free of charge and may be checked out at the Information Desk in West or East Building.
- Elevators are available to all floors of East Building. West Building is a single story.
- Accessible restrooms are available in West Building and on the top three levels of East Building.
- Family restrooms are available in the Education Lobby of East Building. Please ask a guard for assistance to access the family restrooms in West Building.
- Museum entrances have automatic doors.
- Service animals are welcome.
- Although the Museum Park includes some paved trails, wheelchairs are not recommended because of steep grades in the natural landscape.

#### Hearing Loss:

- Assistive listening devices are available from audiovisual staff in the SECU Auditorium and available for docent-guided tours at the Information Desk in West Building.
- School and public docent-led tours including American Sign Language (ASL) are available upon request with at least four weeks' notice. Contact [Jen Coon](#), (919) 664-6820.
- A written transcript of the Cell Phone Tour is available at the Information Desk in West Building.
- The SECU Auditorium features a Hearing Loss loop to provide improved accessibility for visitors with telecoils.

#### Vision Loss:

- Braille is on all museum directional signs and elevators.
- Large-print label text is available at the entrance to special exhibitions.
- Audio description is provided for select outdoor films by Arts Access Inc.
- Docent-led tactile tours are available for visitors with vision loss. Please request these tours at least four weeks in advance. Contact [Beth Shaw McGuire](#), (919) 664-6778.
- Large-print labels for selected works in the permanent collection are available at West Building Information Desk.

### **Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA)**

A museum that focused on exhibiting the work of contemporary artists from across the South, nation and world.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces in front of the original front door and more in the main parking lot.
- Museum is wheelchair-accessible
- Smooth stone and brick paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The interior has marble floors with a gently sloped ramp connecting the old house to the modern building. Leather benches provide areas of rest.
- The entrance is level. Doorbell for visitors who cannot open the door.
- One accessible family restroom. Sink faucets have timed release push-button handles.

#### Hearing Loss:

- An assistive listening system is available.

#### Vision Loss:

- Restroom signs have Braille.

### **The N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences - Raleigh**

North Carolina's most-visited museum and the largest natural sciences museum in South, exploring our natural world through interactive exhibits, educational films, and hands-on learning areas.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking is available on streets and in designated lots.
- Wheelchairs are available from the front desk.
- Elevators are available in both the main building and the Nature Research Center.
- Accessible restrooms are located on each floor.
- Ramps are available to enter both the main building and the Nature Research Center and both entrances have touch-activated doors.

#### Hearing Loss:

- The NC NatSci Museum app for Apple devices provides a multimedia guide of all museum exhibits as well as a navigable map that allow visitors with vision loss or blindness, those who are hard of hearing or deaf, those with learning disabilities, as well as the general public, an enhanced museum visit. [Museum Guide iOS app on iTunes](#)
- Apple iPod touch devices are available to borrow from the Museum Store to use the NC NatSci app for those that do not have their own device.

- Assistive Listening Devices are available for visitors with hearing loss attending live presentations in the WRAL 3D Theater and events in the Environmental Conference Center.

#### Vision Loss:

- The NC NatSci Museum app for Apple devices provides a multimedia guide of all museum exhibits as well as a navigable map that allow visitors with vision loss or blindness, those who are hard of hearing or deaf, those with learning disabilities, as well as the general public, an enhanced museum visit. [Museum Guide iOS app on iTunes](#)
- Guided and tactile tours are available for small groups of visitors with disabilities in downtown Raleigh facilities. Pre-registration required.
- A Tactile Kit for visitors with vision loss can be reserved by visitors prior to their visit by contacting the Accessibility & Inclusion Coordinator.
- Bluetooth iBeacon technology is available for independent wayfinding and navigation of the Nature Research Center for visitors with vision loss or blindness. Download [Blindsquare's full version](#), or a free [Museum-only version \(Blindsquare Event\)](#).

#### **The N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences - Whiteville**

The southeast regional branch of North Carolina's most-visited museum featuring an investigative lab, PlaySpace and discovery forest.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Two accessible parking spaces.
- The museum entrance has a ramp for wheelchair access.
- Accessible restrooms are available.
- Wheelchairs are available.

#### Hearing Loss:

- Some touch-screen displays have captions.

#### Vision Loss:

- Specimens in the Naturalist Center and discovery boxes in the Discovery Forest provide a tactile experience.

#### **N.C. Museum of History**

North Carolina's flagship history museum with exhibits covering 14,000 years of history under one roof with a focus on the state's military history, decorative arts and culture.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Accessible parking is available in the surface parking lot located in the block east of the museum (enter at booths off Jones Street or Edenton Street. Metered street parking available. Parking is free on weekends.
- Ramp access is available on the Edenton St. side of the museum, providing access to the museum's main entrance. A second accessible entrance from Jones St. provides access to classroom/restaurant level and elevators to the museum lobby.
- Elevators are available on all levels.
- Ramp access entrances have touch-activated doors.
- Courtesy wheelchairs are available at the information desk.
- Accessible restrooms are located on the lobby floor and restaurant/classroom level.
- Wheelchair-accessible spaces are located at the rear of the Daniels Auditorium.
- Service animals are welcome.

#### Hearing Loss:

- The museum provides assisted listening devices for programs in Daniels Auditorium. Ask the AV technician in the booth.
- Most videos in exhibits have a button to press to display captions. Sign language interpreters are available with two weeks' notice.

#### Vision Loss:

- Large-print brochures are available.
- The signs next to the statues outside the museum and the restroom signs have Braille.

### **Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum**

A regional history museum that tells the story of thousands of shipwrecks that dot the North Carolina coast.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Five accessible parking spaces.
- The museum entrance has a ramp for wheelchair access.
- Accessible restrooms are available.
- Wheelchairs are available for visitors.

#### Hearing Loss:

- The museum has text boards and written text for some videos.

#### Vision Loss:

- Interior doors have Braille signage.

### **North Carolina Maritime Museum at Beaufort**

The official repository of artifacts recovered from Blackbeard's flagship, Queen Anne's Revenge and home to exhibits highlighting North Carolina's coastal culture.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- One accessible parking space.
- The museum entrance has a ramp for wheelchair access.
- Accessible restrooms are available.
- Wheelchairs are available for visitors.

#### Hearing Loss:

- All exhibits have text panels or labels that provide information.
- The museum will provide a sign language interpreter with advance notice.

#### Vision Loss:

- 3-D Touch Me exhibits.
- Braille exhibit guides are available.
- Large-print text on exhibit signs.

### **North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport**

A regional history museum that tells the story of the Cape Fear region's people and their relationship to the water, including a special focus on pirates of the Lower Cape Fear and blockade runners.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking spaces.
- The museum is fully wheelchair accessible.
- One accessible restroom.

### **Museum of the Cape Fear**

A museum that interprets the history of southeastern North Carolina; the 1897 Poe House, which illuminates turn-of-the-century upper middle class life; and Arsenal Park, where the Civil War-era Fayetteville Arsenal once stood.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space.
- Brick and concrete sidewalks at least 4 feet wide with areas of rest. The terrain at Arsenal Park contains small slopes.
- Both the museum and Poe House entrances are wheelchair-accessible.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- The museum has an elevator.

- Touch boxes and interactive exhibits are wheelchair-accessible.
- Visitors unable to access the second floor of the Poe House are given a pictorial book with a brief description of what visitors see and hear on the tour.

Hearing Loss:

- Videos shown in the museum have captions.

Vision Loss:

- Music audio is provided in some galleries.
- Touch items can be found throughout the museum.

**Museum of the Albemarle**

A regional museum capturing the history of northeastern North Carolina and showcasing American Indians, watermen, farmers, craftsmen and other communities.

Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking spaces available
- Concrete paths at least 4 feet wide with curb cuts.
- Carpeted floors inside the museum.
- Museum entrance has a ramp.
- Six accessible restrooms.
- The museum has an elevator.
- The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

Additional:

- Nursing room is available upon request.

**Mountain Gateway Museum**

A regional museum that encourages the preservation and understanding of the culture of the state's mountain region.

Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space.
- Three concrete paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The grounds between the buildings have grass with a park-like atmosphere.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Not all areas of the museum are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but most visitors do not have great difficulty moving about in a wheelchair.

## **The North Carolina Zoo**

The world's largest natural habitat zoo with exhibits focused on the animals of North America and Africa.

### Physical Disabilities:

- 51 accessible parking spaces are available.
- Both entrances are on a level walking surface and have accessible drop-off points for visitors who are mobility-impaired.
- Zoo paths are asphalt and concrete at least 4 feet wide with some slopes. Signs point out areas with gentle slopes. Benches provide areas of rest.
- A Zoo-wide transportation system is available to help visitors navigate to three strategic locations inside the park to begin their walk to the habitats. Please note that habitats are not viewable from the trams or buses.
- Rental wheelchairs are available at both park entrances.
- Coolers, food or beverages used for medical purposes can be checked at either entrance, tagged and brought inside the Zoo.
- Trained service animals are welcome.
- Accessible restrooms are available.
- The Carousel ride at Junction Plaza is ADA compliant and includes a swan bench seat that accommodates wheelchairs. The 4-D Theater is also ADA accessible.

### Hearing Loss:

- The zoo has ample directional and exhibit information signs and provides a park map upon entry.

### Vision Loss:

- Restroom signs have Braille.
- The Smart Cart has objects that provide tactile stimulation.
- The "Why Bear Why?" book has an audio feature.

### **NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**

An aquarium that takes a broader look at the state's natural environment while focusing on the lower Cape Fear. Feel the smooth skin of a gliding stingray and marvel at free-flying butterflies and roar with the dinosaurs.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Nine marked accessible parking spaces. Six have a 5-foot-wide access aisle, and three do not.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Three accessible restrooms for each gender.
- The aquarium, interpretive bike path and garden decks are wheelchair-accessible.
- Free wheelchairs are available upon request for use on site.

#### Hearing Loss:

- Assistive listening devices providing amplified narration are available free of charge.
- With pre-registration visitors may receive guided tours and narration for feedings and other programs. Please call 910-458- 7468 to arrange a visit.
- Captioned films are available as well as large-print scripts of many free daily programs.

#### Vision Loss:

- Guided tours are available free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Please call 910-458-7468 to register a group.

### **NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island**

An aquarium exploring the waters of Outer Banks. Marvel at the largest collection of sharks in the state, touch stingrays and see sea turtle conservation work in progress.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Nine marked accessible parking spaces.
- All entrances, exits, exhibits and restrooms are wheelchair accessible.

#### Hearing Loss:

- A Pocket Talker and neckloop are available.

#### Vision Loss:

- The aquarium has two touch tanks always open to visitors.
- If visitors with vision loss call ahead of time, the aquarium's education staff can make carts available with items that provide a tactile experience such as beach finds, shark skin and animal furs.

### **NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores**

An aquarium offering visitors the opportunity to meet the thousands of aquatic animals that call all regions of North Carolina home.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Accessible parking spaces available.
- The aquarium and the Marsh Boardwalk are wheelchair-accessible. The Bogue Sound Overlook has a wheelchair-accessible distance viewer.
- The aquarium entrance has a ramp.
- Five wheelchairs are available to check out at the Visitor Services desk.
- Three accessible restrooms for each gender.

#### Hearing Loss:

- A script of the Fintastic! exhibit is available at the Visitor Services desk and on the web site.

#### Vision Loss:

- The Fintastic! exhibit from 2010-11 features tactile fish with touch-activated audio and was designed for visitors with vision loss. One model remains on display.
- See the website for a full list of "Touching Experiences."

### **Jennette's Pier**

A world-class fishing pier off the Outer Banks that also includes interactive science exhibits, aquarium displays and a beach access.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces.
- Beach access mats provide wheelchair access from the bathhouse to the beach.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Standard wheelchairs and a beach wheelchair are available upon request.
- Golf cart assistance from the parking lot to the pier is available upon request.
- The pier offers two accessible fishing areas with a lowered railing for easy accessibility.
- Eight accessible restrooms.

#### Vision Loss:

- Braille signs and audio exhibits are available.
- The pier hosts the N.C. Lions Club's annual Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament every October.

## Historic Sites

### Alamance Battleground

The site of a revolution that helped to spark the Revolutionary War.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- No designated paved parking spaces. Accommodations can be made as necessary for easy access.
- Natural ground with grass. No paved paths. Some slopes. Benches near the restroom provide an area of rest.
- The visitor center entrance is level.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Visitors may drive or be driven to the Allen House (approx. 80 yards from the visitor center). Staff are available to assist visitors with mobility issues.

#### Hearing Loss:

- Orientation video has volume control but is not captioned.

#### Vision Loss:

- Restroom signs have Braille.
- Two plaques outside the visitor center are a map of the site with raised letters and shapes that visitors with vision loss can feel.
- Two monuments across the street also have raised letters.

### Aycock Birthplace

The birthplace of North Carolina's education governor.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces: one at the visitor center and one at the picnic shelter.
- A concrete path at least 4 feet wide with slopes leads from the parking lot to the visitor center. An uneven dirt path leads to the schoolhouse and the home.
- The interior of the visitor center has a ramp and carpeted floors.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

#### Hearing Loss:

- A video tour is available, but is not captioned.

#### Vision Loss:

- 12 Braille copies of the site's brochure are available (courtesy of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind).
- The site offers tactile tours that allow visitors to touch reproduction items.
- Restroom signs have Braille.

### **Battleship North Carolina**

One of the most decorated battleships of World War II that now serves as a memorial to all North Carolina veterans.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking spaces are available.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The main deck of the ship provides the best access for visitors with mobility disabilities. The interior contains steps and ladders.
- The Back Porch Tour designed for groups with limited mobility gives them a taste without coming aboard through a 10-minute video, a tour of the Visitor Center and Exhibit Hall and a visit to the Observation Deck. Allow four weeks' notice.
- A new walkway around the ship is fully accessible.

### **Bennett Place**

The place where the Civil War truly ended; the site of the largest surrender of the Civil War.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level. The Bennett House and kitchen house have steps.
- The picnic area has two wheelchair-accessible picnic tables and there is a walkway leading into the picnic area that is wheelchair friendly.

#### Hearing Loss:

- The site's two videos are not captioned.

#### Vision Loss:

- Signs in the visitor center have large print with good contrast.

### **Bentonville Battlefield**

The site of the largest Civil War conflict in North Carolina.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- One accessible parking area marked by a sign. The rest of the parking area is either gravel or grass.
- The visitor center and restrooms are at ground level. The historic structures have steps.
- Two accessible restrooms.

- The visitor center, restrooms and Tour Stops are wheelchair-accessible.
- Photo book available for visitors with mobility disabilities to see historic structures.

Hearing Loss:

- The audio-visual elements are not captioned.
- The site requires a request in writing two weeks in advance for a sign language interpreter.

Vision Loss:

- Cellphone audio tours are available at 910-535-2008.

**Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson**

A Civil War fort and the ruins of an early colonial settlement.

Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Entrance to the site is level.
- Two manual wheelchairs are available.
- The path through the exhibits in the visitor center has a ramp. The path to the fort has a bench along the way as well as a ramp with handrails, and the boardwalk has a 40-footlong bench. Steel cable around the excavated foundations makes them visible at low heights.

Hearing Loss:

- The orientation video in the visitor center is not captioned, but a script is available.

Vision Loss:

- The site director will give a private tour to a visitor with vision loss who requests one.

**Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum**

A pioneering effort in African American education emphasizing the contributions African Americans made in North Carolina.

Note: The site asks groups when scheduling if there are special needs in order to help the site plan accommodations.

Physical Disabilities:

- Ten marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.
- Five accessible restrooms.
- One building has an elevator.

Hearing Loss:

- Orientation video is not captioned, but a script is available.
- The walking campus tour provides the material ordinarily offered in a guided tour in written form.

Vision Loss:

- The orientation video provides a verbal overview of the site, and the guided tour offers details for visitors with vision loss.

**CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center**

An interactive museum exploring the Civil War surrounding one of the war's few remaining ironclad ships.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Tours of the CSS Neuse are accessible to all visitors. The Governor Caswell Memorial is fully accessible.

Hearing Loss:

- The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss:

- The orientation film does not have audio description.
- Signs feature various font sizes on various backgrounds.

**Duke Homestead**

The birthplace of the world's largest tobacco company that would eventually make North Carolina the heart of an international tobacco empire.

Physical Disabilities:

- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and the house are wheelchair-accessible. Historic buildings have steps.

Hearing Loss:

- A script for the orientation video is available.
- Written materials are available for the historic area.

Vision Loss:

- Orientation video does not include audio description.

**Fort Dobbs**

A frontier fort during the French and Indian War and North Carolina's only site from the period.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Accessible restroom facility on site.

- The nature trail is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Vision Loss:

- Fort Dobbs offers various objects that visitors with vision loss may touch, including a scale model of the fort and reproductions of period clothing and bullets. Tactile tours are offered.

**Fort Fisher**

A Civil War fort that tells story of the fall of Wilmington during the Civil War and served as a World War II training facility.

Physical Disabilities:

- Five marked accessible parking spaces in the museum lot and four at the oceanfront.
- One paved path, one concrete path, one boardwalk path and three dirt paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes. The paved and concrete paths have ramps.
- The visitor center entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two regular wheelchairs are available.

Hearing Loss:

- A script of the orientation video is available.

**Historic Bath**

North Carolina's first town.

Physical Disabilities:

- No marked individual spaces in the paved parking lot, but there is one reserved accessible parking sign near the Visitor Center entrance.
- Visitor Center entrance is level.
- The Van Der Veer House has a ramp with a slope no greater than 1:12. The guided tour homes (Palmer-Marsh and Bonner) have steps.

Hearing Loss:

- A captioned version of the 15-minute orientation film is available upon request.

Vision Loss:

- Visitor signs (restrooms and the orientation room) have Braille.

**Historic Edenton**

Featuring 18th and 19th century history, North Carolina's second oldest town Edenton was one of the fledgling nation's chief political, cultural, and commercial centers.

Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space in a gravel lot at the Visitor Center. The Barker House has a paved parking lot.

- The Visitor Center has a ramp. St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Chowan County Courthouse both have a ramp. The Barker House has 10 steps, the Cupola House has three steps, and the Iredell House has five steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two wheelchairs are available for loan.
- The trolley has a wheelchair lift and space to anchor one wheelchair.

Hearing Loss:

- A script is available for the audio-visual program.

Vision Loss:

- A Braille copy of the audio-visual program is available.

**Historic Halifax**

The place where the "Halifax Resolves" was adopted, the first cry from an entire colony recommending independence from England.

Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space with curb cuts near the visitor center.
- The entrance to the visitor center, the Tap Room tavern, the Jail and the archeological museum each has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.

Hearing Loss:

- Demonstrations allowing visitors to see and try the demos themselves can be arranged with advanced notice.
- The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss:

- Guided tours and demonstrations such as buttermaking that allow participants to feel objects can be arranged with advanced notice.
- A Braille version of the film's script is available.

**Historic Stagville**

The center of North Carolina's largest pre-Civil War plantation and one of the largest such operations in the South.

Note: The site makes every attempt to accommodate any visitor with a disability and is flexible to work with any group to resolve any issue surrounding touring the facilities.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center and two at the Bennehan House.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.

Hearing Loss:

- The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss:

- The orientation film does not contain audio description.

### **Horne Creek**

A historic site showcasing middle class farm life in the northwestern Piedmont at the turn of the 20th century.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- A ramp at the farmhouse's rear entrance provides access to the first floor.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The site is not fully wheelchair-accessible but will provide golf cart transportation and tours only to visitors with mobility disabilities and Physical Disabilities challenges and to expectant mothers upon request.
- An all-terrain wheelchair is available.

Vision Loss:

- A Braille information brochure is available in the visitor center.

### **House in the Horseshoe**

The site of a significant Revolutionary War skirmish and home to one of North Carolina's early governors.

Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space.
- The entrance to the Alston House has steps, but a ramp leads to the sun porch. A ramp leads to the greeting station's museum and gift shop.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

Hearing Loss:

- A written walking tour brochure is available.

### **NC Transportation Museum**

A museum focusing on history that moves you, located on the site of the Southern Railway's former steam locomotive repair facility.

Physical Disabilities:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces at Barber Junction and two by the Roundhouse.
- The entrances to Barber Junction and the Mechanic's Office have a ramp, and the entrance to the Roundhouse is level.
- Accessible restrooms in Barber Junction, the Mechanic's Office and the Roundhouse.
- The train ride has a wheelchair lift available with 15 minutes notice and six spaces for wheelchair tie-downs.
- Wheelchairs are available.

Hearing Loss:

- The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss:

- Many signs have large print and good contrast.
- The orientation film does not contain audio description.

**Polk Historic Site**

North Carolina's only presidential site, focused on our nation's 11 president and the issues that dominated his term.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp. The house and the kitchen have three steps each.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Visitors with mobility disabilities may need assistance on the path to the historic buildings.

Hearing Loss:

- The film is not captioned.

Vision Loss:

- A Braille version of the guided tour is available.

**Reed Gold Mine**

The site of the first documented discovery of gold in North America that launched the country's first gold rush.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center and the stamp mill have a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The stamp mill has an elevator.
- The underground tour is on a level gravel surface with the exception of a series of steps at the end. Visitors with mobility disabilities may elect to return from the tour using the level entrance.
- Two wheelchairs capable of going through the underground are available.

Hearing Loss:

- The site has a written tour script for the general tour and the nature tour loop.

Vision Loss:

- A Braille tour script is available; it is of the older tour script and may not contain the same information the newer scripts contain.

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park**

A celebration of the first English settlement in America, including a hands-on historic site with a kid-friendly museum, 16th century replica ship and American Indian town.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Nine marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a boardwalk ramp with wooden handrails.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- The ship, Elizabeth II, is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

#### Hearing Loss:

- The park does not provide sign language interpreters for the Performance series.

#### Vision Loss:

- The park offers numerous hands-on activities.
- Large-print signs with good contrast.

### **Somerset Place**

The prototypical Antebellum plantation, and of the state's largest before the Civil War.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- One accessible parking space marked by a sign near the visitor center.
- The entrance to the visitor center and each historic structure has steps. Only the entrance to the restrooms has a ramp. Portable ramps provide access to the visitor center.
- Two accessible restrooms.

#### Vision Loss:

- Objects for visitors to touch include sedge brooms, baskets and ironware.

### **State Capitol**

A National Historic Landmark. prime example of Greek Revival architecture and the home to all of state government for decades.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Five marked accessible parking spaces available in a visitor lot on the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- The first-floor men's restroom is accessible. Women may request to use the accessible first-floor staff restroom.
- The building has an elevator.
- All areas except the third floor are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

#### Hearing Loss:

- Tour materials are available in writing.

Vision Loss:

- With one week's advanced notice, the staff will provide a touch tour. The grounds contain bronze objects that provide a tactile experience.

**Thomas Wolfe Memorial**

The childhood home of one of North Carolina's most famous writers, and the setting of his best-known novel.

Physical Disabilities:

- One accessible parking space in front of the Visitor Center.
- The visitor center is level with the ground. The historic house has steps, but a wheelchair lift provides access.
- One accessible restroom for each gender in the visitor center.
- Only the first floor of the house is accessible (stairs to the second floor).
- The visitor center is fully accessible.

Hearing Loss:

- Printed supplemental handouts are available, including a script of the audio-visual program in the visitor center.

**Town Creek Indian Mound**

An archaeological site focusing on early Native American culture.

Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- The ramp to the mound and townhouse is 25 feet long with an incline of approximately 50 degrees.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- The burial hut and the visitor center/museum are wheelchair-accessible.

Hearing Loss:

- The visitor center has an orientation movie that is captioned.
- Self-guided tour leaflets are available for touring the site.

Vision Loss:

- Restroom signs have Braille.

**Tryon Palace**

Historic homes and gardens crowned by a grand palace, all at North Carolina's first state capitol.

Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces at the North Carolina History Center and two in the Eden Street lot.

- Palace main building: ramp for first floor access. Palace Kitchen Office and Stables: ramps. Other houses: steps only. A photo album is available for visitors who cannot tour the second floor.
- One accessible restroom for each gender at the Way Station and the Palace Stables.
- Wheelchairs are available in the History Center.
- The gardens are accessible to all visitors, but some surfaces may be uneven.

Hearing Loss:

- Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour or request a sign language interpreter.

Vision Loss:

- Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour.

**Vance Birthplace**

A representation of 19th century frontier life and the birthplace of one of North Carolina's most famous governors.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and picnic shelter are accessible to people with mobility disabilities.

## State Parks

### Carolina Beach State Park

Diverse coastal ecological communities support rare plants, including Venus flytrap.

Physical Disabilities:

- Accessible fishing pier and boardwalk.
- Accessible bathhouse.
- Accessible campsites have an accessible picnic table, a raised grill, and a paved path to the bathhouse.
- Features an accessible trail funded by UNC-Wilmington.

### Carvers Creek State Park

Diverse habitats, 100-acre millpond, picnic areas, historic buildings from the James S. Rockefeller's Long Valley Farm, bank fishing, and a lovely boardwalk extending 90 feet into the cypress trees of the millpond.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The park office has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom.
- The park has an ADA-friendly picnic area next to the park office, and park staff will open a gate to allow very close vehicle access as requested.
- On Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., the park provides a shuttle program for visitors with disabilities, senior citizens and anyone who cannot make the half-mile hike to the Rockefeller house area and the observation and fishing deck.
- The observation deck has ADA access features.

### Chimney Rock State Park

Spectacular vistas of Hickory Nut Gorge. Historic tourist destination, 26-story elevator, 404-foot waterfall, over 6,000 acres, rock climbing and bouldering. Admission.

Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces in upper parking lot.
- The Meadows restroom is paved with one marked accessible parking space.
- The gift shop and deli are wheelchair-accessible.
- One accessible restroom in upper parking area.
- A wheelchair-accessible elevator inside the mountain takes visitors near the top of the Chimney.

### Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

Multicolored cliffs up to 98 feet tower over historic river. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea Paddle Trail. Swim lake open during summer

Physical Disabilities:

- Nine marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitors center, picnic bathroom and lake area all have a ramp. All other buildings have steps.
- Two accessible restrooms are open year-round at the picnic areas and the visitor center.
- The bathhouse is wheelchair-accessible as are two campsites with stand-up grills and wheelchair-accessible picnic tables.

**Crowders Mountain State Park**

Two of the highest peaks in Kings Mountain Range, 20-mile views, streams and lake environments.

Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces. The lake has hard-packed gravel accessible parking space.
- The Visitor Center has a ramp.
- The parking areas and many pathways are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but some trails have hard-packed gravel or hardened earth with slopes and without areas of rest.
- The park has an accessible family and group campground, each with a wheelchair-accessible picnic table, grill and paved pathway to vault toilets.

Vision Loss:

- The visitor center has a touch screen that provides park information and some signs with large print.

**Dismal Swamp State Park**

More than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails on 14,000 acres of the historic Great Dismal Swamp. Wetland habitat and wildlife viewing on half-mile boardwalk. Kayak/canoe/bike rental. Underground Railroad historic designation. Visitor center and museum.

Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible half-mile boardwalk.
- The visitor center is accessible.
- Accessible restrooms available.
- With advanced notice, the park can provide special assistance (staff permitting).

Vision Loss:

- The Visitor Center has objects that visitors can touch.
- Some labels have small print that may be difficult for visitors with low vision to read.

**Elk Knob State Park**

Scenic vistas from more than 5,500 feet in elevation with rare and unique plant communities. Enjoy a picnic after a rugged hike to the summit. Visit on a snowy day to enjoy cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space.

- Park entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom.
- Not all trails are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Eno River State Park**

Scenic wilderness corridor encompasses 14 miles of river, multiple cultural history sites, and an extensive trail system. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Six marked accessible parking spaces.
- The park entrance has a ramp.
- Four accessible restrooms available.
- Wheelchair-accessible water fountain near Few's Ford.
- Ten of 20 picnic sites are accessible.
- A 12-table picnic shelter with a fireplace and a grill is also accessible and may be reserved for a fee.
- An eight-table shelter at the Cole Mill Access is accessible and may be reserved for a fee.

### **Falls Lake State Recreation Area**

Expansive reservoir and woodlands, habitat for diversity of animals, including American bald eagles. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- All parking lots have marked accessible parking spaces.
- The park office/visitor center has a ramp at the building's rear.
- The Community Building's entrance is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.
- Each restroom has an accessible toilet stall.
- An accessible fishing pier is located at Beaverdam and Rollingview.
- Accessible picnic shelters are available at Beaverdam, Rolling View and Sandling Beach.
- Accessible swimming is available at Beaverdam, Rolling View and Sandling Beach.
- Accessible campsites are available at Holly Point, Rolling View and Shinleaf.

### **Fort Fisher State Recreation Area**

Barrier island between Cape Fear River and Atlantic Ocean is home to rare and endangered coastal birds and sea turtles.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Seven marked accessible parking spaces.
- A long, winding boardwalk ramp with areas of rest leads up to the park office and to the beach.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The park has two Landeez all-terrain wheelchairs available for beach access.

### **Fort Macon State Park**

Restored historic fort that played a key role in Civil War, barrier island beach. Fort tours, Civil War reenactments or enjoy the beautiful beach.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- 18 marked accessible parking spaces at the bathhouse.
- Paved pathways at least 4 feet wide lead to the visitor center and the fort.
- The Visitor Center and Bathhouse have accessible restrooms.
- A video about the park presents a virtual tour for those who cannot physically access the park.
- The park has two Landeez all-terrain wheelchairs available for beach access.

Hearing Loss:

- The park video tour has subtitles and closed captions.

Vision Loss:

- The park video has audio description that can be turned on upon request.
- A tactile model of the fort and of the island are on display.
- Restroom signs have Braille.

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### **Goose Creek State Park**

Hardwood swamps and brackish marshes along the Pamlico River, oaks draped in Spanish moss.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrances to the Environmental Education/Visitor Center and the Outdoor Classroom have a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- One accessible trail.
- One primitive campsite is accessible with an accessible picnic bench.
- The picnic shelters, auditorium and classroom are accessible.

### **Gorges State Park**

An 8,000-acre park on the Blue Ridge Escarpment with waterfalls, gorges and dramatic elevation changes provide for a concentration of rare and unique plant and animal species. A LEED-certified visitor center with exhibits, large picnic shelters with fireplaces, hiking trails, observation decks and primitive backcountry camping.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four parking areas with two to four marked accessible spaces in each area.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Accessible restrooms at the Visitor Center and the Bearwallow and White Pines picnic areas.

#### Vision Loss:

- The Visitor Center has a large exhibit hall with hands-on activities, including a water cart exhibit that allows visitors to play in running water that creates different sound and stream behaviors.
- Some exhibits have sound features that play automatically.

### **Grandfather Mountain State Park**

12 miles of rugged, scenic trails with magnificent views from rock outcrops and forested coves; highest peak at 5,946 feet. Home to over 70 rare/endangered species and 16 distinct natural communities. Adjacent to the private Grandfather Mountain attraction.

Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces at the office.
- The office entrance has a ramp.
- The office has one restroom with a stall that is 5 feet by 5 feet with grab bars.

**Hammocks Beach State Park**

On mainland and islands; park operates a seasonal passenger ferry to ocean beach, maritime forests, salt marshes, tidal creeks. Sea turtle nesting site.

Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The ferry to the island is accessible, and the park will provide transportation on the island if requested.

Hearing Loss:

- The auditorium has an assistive listening system.

**Hanging Rock State Park**

Rock outcrops at elevations up to 2,580 feet, five waterfalls, mountain lake, access to scenic river. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

Physical Disabilities:

- 23 marked accessible parking spaces.
- A 5-foot-wide asphalt trail leads from the lake parking lot to an accessible fishing pier.
- The asphalt trail to the Rock Garden is wheelchair-accessible.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- One campsite is wheelchair-accessible as is the adjacent showerhouse.
- Two vacation cabins are wheelchair-accessible.
- A picnic shelter is ADA accessible.

**Haw River State Park**

The Summit Environmental Education and Conference Center provides training facilities, environmental education opportunities and overnight accommodations.

Physical Disabilities:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces.
- All buildings have a ramp or a level entrance.
- Four accessible restrooms for each gender.
- An elevator is available.

Hearing Loss:

- Sign language interpreters can be hired if needed.

### **Jockey's Ridge State Park**

Tallest living sand dune along U.S. Atlantic coast, barrier island ecology. Stroll along the sound or hang glide from a dune. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Six marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The park provides a dune ride with 24-hour notice and has a beach wheelchair available for use.

### **Jones Lake State Park**

Carolina bay environment, five-mile hiking trail through diverse habitats with lake overlooks.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Ten marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance is level.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Beach wheelchairs are available for use on the lake beach area.
- Campsites and picnic shelters are accessible.

#### Vision Loss:

- Braille signage on doors.

### **Jordan Lake State Recreation Area**

13,900-acre reservoir, home to American bald eagles. Several areas for day-use or overnight recreation.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces at the park office.
- The park office has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The group tent and RV campsites are accessible.
- The non-electric and electric campsites are accessible near each shower house.
- Picnic shelters are accessible.

### **Kerr Lake State Recreation Area**

50,000-acre reservoir with 800 miles of shoreline spanning North Carolina/Virginia state line.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Each of the seven areas has at least two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The Satterwhite Point Amphitheater Trail is paved and meets ADA requirements.
- The visitor center entrance has a ramp.
- Each area has at least one accessible restroom.
- Satterwhite Point has a Rolleeze all-terrain wheelchair available upon request to provide access to the defined swim area.
- Each area has at least one accessible campsite.
- Exhibits at the park office/visitor center were designed to comply with ADA requirements.

Hearing Loss:

- Five Easy Listener assistive listening devices are available.

**Lake James State Park**

Vistas of surrounding Black Mountains overlooking manmade 6,812-acre lake. Take advantage of the many recreation opportunities this lake has to offer.

Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces at the Catawba River Area and eight at the Paddy's Creek Area.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom facility at the Catawba River Area and two at the Paddy's Creek Area.
- The park has one accessible fishing pier, two accessible campsites, an accessible showerhouse near the campsites and an accessible picnic shelter at Paddy's Creek.
- To arrange a special exploration of Lake James State Park for a group or class, contact the park office.

**Lake Norman State Park**

State's largest manmade lake at 32,510 acres. More than 30 miles of biking trails.

Physical Disabilities:

- 22 marked accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes and areas of rest lead to the Visitor Center, Community Building, accessible fishing dock, Dragonfly Trail and all three shelters.
- The visitor center entrance is level.
- Six accessible restrooms.
- A beach wheelchair is available for beach access.
- Facilities that have a ramp or wheelchair access include swimming area, the community building, the family campground showerhouse and the Osprey and Kingfisher picnic shelters.
- The park requires at least 72 hours advanced notice to provide accommodations for visitors with disabilities such as allowing vehicular access down a service road to a picnic area that is not accessible by wheelchair.

**Lake Waccamaw State Park**

One of the largest Carolina bays with unique plants and animals, including alligators.

Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Five accessible restrooms.
- A paved, accessible trail leads from the visitor center to the lake. Shelters and picnic tables, including accessible picnic tables, are along the trail.

Vision Loss:

- Rooms have Braille signage.

### **Lumber River State Park**

State Nature & Scenic and National Wild & Scenic 115 miles blackwater river. Enjoy Griffin's Whirl, a unique reverse flow area.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- Of the 23 primitive campsites, Site #1 at Princess Anne and Site #3 at Chalk Banks are designated as accessible. All campsites at Chalk Banks are accessible with slight difficulty.
- Picnic shelter is accessible.

### **Mayo River State Park**

A visitor's center, hiking trails, picnic tables and a picnic shelter are situated near two fishing ponds. Call the park office for updates on new facilities.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The park office has a ramp.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and all outdoor structures are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Medoc Mountain State Park**

Exposed rock outcrops, bluffs, steep topography, rocks, minerals unusual to piedmont.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Four accessible restrooms.
- One electric campsite, one non-electric campsite and primitive campsite #1 are wheelchair-accessible.
- The picnic shelter is wheelchair-accessible.
- Not all trails are paved, and they include wooden steps.

### **Merchants Millpond State Park**

Maze of towering bald cypress trees draped in Spanish moss dominates millpond and adjacent swamp. Rent a canoe/kayak to explore the millpond.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Four accessible restrooms.
- The auditorium, classrooms, drive-to campsite 14, the picnic shelter and a one-third mile trail are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Morrow Mountain State Park**

Mountains up to 936 feet, peaceful lake. These pinnacles are the remains of one of the oldest mountain ranges in the eastern United States.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Numerous accessible parking spaces.
- Some buildings have a ramp, and some buildings have level entrances.
- Numerous restrooms that are mostly accessible.
- The park has an accessible picnic shelter in the lower picnic area, an accessible fishing pier, six accessible campsites in the C loop, one accessible group campsite (Campsite 4) and one accessible vacation cabin.

### **Mount Jefferson State Natural Area**

Panoramic views from scenic Blue Ridge mountaintop at 4,683-foot elevation. National Natural Landmark.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- Entrance to the park office is level.
- One accessible restroom in the park office.
- Not all trails are accessible.
- The picnic shelter is accessible, but the nearby restrooms are not.

### **Mount Mitchell State Park**

Highest peak east of the Mississippi at 6,684 feet, views up to 100 miles, North Carolina's first state park. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- 12 marked accessible parking spaces.
- Paved 280-yard Summit Tower Trail is ADA-accessible.
- The entrance to the park office, restaurant, and gift shop/museum all have a sidewalk to a ramp.
- Three accessible public restroom facilities located at the park office, the summit area and the restaurant.
- A four-passenger All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) is available upon request to transport people with mobility disabilities to the Observation Deck. This service is not available during inclement weather.
- A boardwalk ramp and paved accessible path lead to a picnic area near the summit to provide an opportunity for all visitors to experience Mount Mitchell's vistas from the picnic shelter.

#### Vision Loss:

- The exhibit hall has tactile objects and signs with good contrast.

### **New River State Park**

Nationally designated Wild and Scenic and American Heritage River. It offers canoeing and hiking past scenic rock outcrops, farmlands and woodlands.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center entrance has a ramp.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- All learning displays in the visitor center are wheelchair- accessible, and the deck area has a bench for resting.
- Two drive-to campsites with electric, water and sewer hook-ups are completely accessible with a paved path to the restrooms.
- Eighteen drive-to campsites are wheelchair-accessible; eight have electric, water and sewer hook-ups, and the remaining 10 have electric hook-ups only.
- The picnic shelters and Community Building are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area**

Over three miles of trail circle around the highest point in Orange County, providing beautiful views of the mountain and the Eno River.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- No marked accessible parking spaces.
- Entrance is level.
- There are no buildings at this facility.

### **Pettigrew State Park**

Second-largest natural lake in state, old-growth trees, American Indian artifacts including second-oldest dugout canoe in U.S., plantation historic site and grave of Confederate general.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Marked accessible parking spaces.
- Entrance has a ramp.
- Some family and drive-to campsites are accessible, but the washhouse is not.
- The primitive group campsite and two picnic shelters are accessible.
- Boardwalks are accessible.
- The ADA-compliant, quarter-mile Lakeshore Trail boardwalk has wooden guards on both sides; multi-use platforms for fishing, swimming or accessing kayaks/canoes from; and two swim ladders to access the water.

### **Pilot Mountain State Park**

National Natural Landmark offering scenic vistas of Blue Ridge mountains. Canoe the Yadkin River as it flows for two miles through the park.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Restrooms do not meet full ADA standards for turning a wheelchair.
- The drive to the summit has one accessible overlook, and the summit picnic area has an accessible path.

### **Raven Rock State Park**

Landmark bluff that stretches 150-foot-high and more than a mile along the Cape Fear River.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Seven marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp/flat surface.
- Two accessible restrooms in the visitor center and two in the picnic area.
- The park has some wheelchair-accessible paths, but some nature trails are not wheelchair-accessible.

### **Singleary Lake State Park**

Carolina bay environment, scenic lake vistas, undeveloped shoreline.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- One marked accessible parking space at the park office, one at Camp Loblolly and four at Camp Ipecac.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Five accessible restrooms.

### **South Mountains State Park**

Mountain peaks to 3,000 feet, 80-foot waterfall. Parts of the park were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Six marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- Ten accessible restrooms.
- One primitive campsite is wheelchair-accessible and can be reserved in advance.
- Two equestrian campsites and the picnic shelter at the Jacob Fork parking area are wheelchair-accessible.

### **Stone Mountain State Park**

Rock dome rising 600 feet above the valley floor, waterfalls, mid-19th century homestead, Blue Ridge mountain views. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- 16 marked accessible parking spaces.
- All buildings are wheelchair-accessible.
- Seven accessible restrooms.
- The Family Campground has two accessible campsites with full hookups and 16 accessible campsites with no hookups.
- All three picnic shelters are accessible.
- Not all trails are accessible.
- The park has two wheelchair-accessible fishing piers.

### **Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve**

Longleaf pine forest; broad, flat valleys; rare and endangered species include red-cockaded woodpecker, pine barrens tree frog, bog spicebush.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the natural history museum is level.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- One 300-yard section of the Pine Barrens Trail is the only wheelchair-accessible trail at this time and provides access to plants and animals, including the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

#### Vision Loss:

- The preserve provides headsets that are mp3 players with four stories for use on the 1 trail.
- The museum has multiple audio exhibits, including a large mural that depicts flora and fauna in the park and that has push buttons allowing visitors to hear their calls.

### **William B. Umstead State Park**

More than 5,000 acres of hardwood forest in urban Triangle region including creeks, lakes and extensive trail network with scenic overlooks.

#### Physical Disabilities:

- 19 total marked accessible parking spaces in four different areas.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Restrooms in the visitor center and the picnic area and bathrooms near the Reedy Creek picnic shelters are accessible.
- The lower parking lot serving the boat house and picnic shelters leads to a one-fourth mile paved loop around the picnic area.
- The Crabtree section's parking lot leads to an 8-foot wide paved trail to the Big Lake Dam and boat house.
- The Reedy Creek section has one accessible picnic shelter.

#### Hearing Loss:

- A script of the visitor center videos is available at the front desk.
- Two interactive video monitors contain no audio.

#### Vision Loss:

- The exhibit area has new L.E.D. lighting and some large-print signs with good contrast.
- Two interactive video monitors contain no audio; visitors with vision loss may need assistance using these.
- Restroom signs have Braille.