Dismal Swamp State Park
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Located in North Carolina’s northeastern border with Virginia, Dismal Swamp State Park provides numerous recreational opportunities. The area surrounding the park has a rich history intertwining with George Washington, the Underground Railroad and Prohibition. The park provides public access to the Great Dismal Swamp, the largest remaining swamp in the eastern United States, and its unique and abundant plant life and wildlife.

Fun Facts
- The park was established in 1974
- At one time, the swamp covered 1.28 million acres.
- Dismal Swamp is a 22-mile long canal, and one of the largest remaining swamps
- One of the largest pieces of undeveloped land in the eastern US
- Covered in peat soil - which can be from 3-15 inches deep
- Dismal Swamp was an integral part of the underground railroad, and home to the largest Maroon Colony in the US.
- To settlers, “dismal” meant swamp.
- The rich, coffee brown color of the water comes from the tannins in tree leaves.
- The entrance has a one-of-a-kind hydraulic swing bridge.

Experience the Park!
- 10 TRAILS
- 16 MILES OF HIKING
- The rare Hessel’s Hairstreak Butterfly can be found at Dismal Swamp.
- The swamp is said to be haunted by ghosts.
- Because Dismal Swamp is a drier swamp, there are more red maple and white cedar trees versus cypress.
- Many fruits grow wild at Dismal Swamp: blackberry brambles, persimmons and blueberries.

Activities
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Boating

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- Wild turkey
- Bobwhite
- Deer
- Marsh rabbit
- Raccoon
- Black-throated green warbler
- Opposum
- Gray fox
- Bobcat
- Black bear

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