Carvers Creek State Park
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GPS: 35.197026, -78.976785

Activities

The park won the Prescribed Burner of the Year Award for their outstanding environmental management.

Great place for birding: blue grosbeaks, pine and Blackburnian warblers and Savannah sparrows can be spotted in the park.

The park includes Long Valley Farm, which was once a winter getaway for James Stillman Rockefeller.

Fun Facts

- The park was established in 2005.
- Long Valley Farm is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Upon his death in 2004, Rockefeller donated Long Valley Farm to The Nature Conservancy.
- The 1,420-acre farm was donated to N.C. State Parks by The Nature Conservancy in 2010.
- The Rockefeller house was completed in 1938.

James Stillman Rockefeller

- Acquired Long Valley Farm in 1937
- Appeared on the cover of Time Magazine in 1924
- Grandson of William Rockefeller, one of the founders of Standard Oil of Ohio
- Was instrumental in the creation of the bank now known as Citigroup
- Served as the director for Pan American World Airways, Northern Pacific Railway, National Cash Register and Monsanto
- Won a gold medal in rowing at the 1924 Summer Olympics
- Married Nancy Carnegie, who was the grandniece of Andrew Carnegie
- Died at the age of 102 and was America’s oldest living Olympic champion at the time

Diverse habitats can be found in the park, including meadows of wildflowers and longleaf pine forests.

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A major flood in 2016 damaged the dam, drying out the scenic 100-acre millpond.

All eight species of woodpeckers found in North Carolina can be spotted in the park forests, including the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.