

# Cliffs of the Neuse STATE PARK



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## Fun Facts

- The park was established in 1945
- Local landowner, Lionel Weil, proposed the area to become a park in 1944, and along with other individuals donated the land in 1945.
- The cliffs were slowly carved over millions of years by the erosive action of the Neuse River waters.
- The park sits on what was once a ceremonial ground for the Tuscarora and Saponi Indians.
- During the Civil War, the CSS Neuse was built near the park in 1862 to challenge Union control of the state's coastal waters.
- The mineral springs in the area were touted for the water's healing properties.
- Reservable Facilities include picnic shelters, Camper Cabins, an auditorium and classrooms.

## Activities



Located 2 miles from the Seven Springs township in Wayne County, Cliffs of the Neuse State Park sits on steep cliffs overlooking the Neuse River. Some trails follow the cliffs' edge for great views of the river, while other traverse pine forests and lead to small creeks that make for quiet fishing spots. An 11-acre lake allows for boating and swimming, while campgrounds and camper cabins offer an opportunity to stay overnight.

## Experience the Park!

7 miles of  
hiking and  
biking trails



Spanish moss  
reaches the  
western limits of  
its distribution  
at Cliffs of the  
Neuse.

## FAUNA

- River otter
- Muskrat
- Opossum
- Raccoon
- Copperhead
- White-tailed deer
- Eastern fox squirrel
- Pileated woodpecker
- Prothonotary warbler



Layers of sand, clay,  
seashells, shale and  
gravel form the  
multicolored cliff surface.



## FLORA

- Cypress
- Galax
- Wild ginger
- Longleaf pine



The waters  
were also  
used for  
whiskey  
stills



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