Activities

Education and Events: Park rangers offer regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs at the park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration of Eno River State Park for your group.

Educational materials about Eno River State Park have been developed for grades 5-7 and are correlated to North Carolina’s competency-based curriculum. The Eno River program introduces students to the Eno River and focuses on water quality, indicator species, water testing, watersheds, aquatic sampling, resource management and stewardship.

Camping: The park has backcountry camping available to families, individuals, and groups. All sites require hiking in and supplies must be carried in. There is not a potable water source at the sites.

Small Group/Individual Camping: Each of ten sites offer a pad for tents, fire ring, lantern hook, and bench and a pit toilet serves each campground.

Group Camping: All group sites have tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings with benches, and a pit toilet. Reservations are required.

Trails: Stepping onto an Eno River trail is a journey into tranquility. Follow the river bank, journey through the woodlands, or hike a short nature trail for a close look at Eno River State Park. All trails are blazed and signed. Request a park trail map for descriptions and distances.

Picnicking: Fews Ford has 20 picnic sites, 10 of which are handicapped accessible. An accessible water fountain and restrooms are nearby. A 12-table picnic shelter with a fireplace and grill is also accessible and can be reserved for a fee. The Cole Mill picnic area includes 10 tables and four grills with drinking water and restrooms nearby. A group picnic area includes three tables and grill. Cole Mill also has two wheelchair accessible picnic tables and an accessible picnic shelter with eight tables and a grill. The shelter may be reserved for a modest fee.

Fishing: Wet your line in one of the best fishing streams in the Neuse River Basin. The Eno is a great place for fly-fishing, casting lures, or baiting with the ever reliable worms and crickets. Most of the river can be waded and there are many openings for bank fishing. All North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission fishing regulations are enforced.

Paddling: Travel the Eno by canoe or kayak passing through rolling hills and deep forest. Canoeing is usually difficult due to shallow water but is great fun right after a rain which raises the water levels. Levels are measured from gauges painted on road bridges and the Durham station USGS river gauge which can be viewed on the internet.

Location

Eno River State Park is located in Durham and Orange counties, northwest of Durham and east of Hillsborough. Five access areas may be reached from I-85 by exit 173 Cole Mill Road or exit 170 Highway 70 west.

Park Hours

North Carolina State Parks are open every day, with the exception of Christmas Day. Park hours vary with the seasons.

Please visit the North Carolina State Park website or contact the park office for the most current information about seasonal hours, activities, alerts, camping fees, programs rules and weather.

Make a reservation online at ncparks.gov or call 1-877-722-6762.

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