

Haw River State Park THE SUMMIT

Environmental Education & Conference Center



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CONFERENCE CENTER INFORMATION

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8am to 5pm

Closed Christmas Day.

Please call the park office to find out about extended hours for some weekends. All visitors are asked to check in at the front desk before touring the facilities, hiking the trails or fishing.

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WELCOME

Located near the headwaters of the Haw River, picturesque terrain makes Haw River State Park the perfect place to connect with nature. Housed within this natural setting is The Summit Environmental Education and Conference Center; North Carolina State Park's first residential environmental education center.

The Summit is situated on 1,424 acres of piedmont forest, fields, wetlands and uplands. Take Hwy 150 in Browns Summit to Spearman Road to Conference Center Drive.

Until more permanent facilities are available, The Summit is the primary point of contact for all Haw River State Park operations.

A NATURAL PLACE TO MEET

The Summit provides conference center facilities in a peaceful setting; ideal for board meetings, employee training programs, family reunions, youth or adult retreats, teambuilding and club events. The Summit offers lodging, dining and meeting rooms for groups ranging from 10 to 180 guests.

AMENITIES

Amenities for conference guests include: eight indoor meeting spaces; 47 motel guest rooms; 10 cabins, each with four bunkbeds, sleeping eight per cabin; full service dining providing well balanced, carefully planned meals; hiking trails; athletic field; gymnasium; outdoor pool opened from Memorial Day to Labor Day; 6-acre lake for fishing and canoeing; 9-hole disc golf course; two amphitheaters (one seats 75 and the other seats 50); optional Environmental Education programming to include the low ropes challenge course. Contact The Summit for more information or to make a reservation.

TRAILS

Lake Loop Trail: The 0.66 mile round trip begins and ends at the Main Lodge. Take a leisurely stroll around the 6-acre Robins Nest Lake. This easy trail follows the shoreline and offers an opportunity to spot migrating water fowl, songbirds and local wildlife. This trail is marked with a red square.

Piedmont Loop Trail: The 1.42 mile round trip begins and ends at the Main Lodge. Enjoy a number of diverse scenic experiences within a short walking distance; including views of piedmont oak-hickory forest, a floodplain swamp and early successional fields. This trail is marked with a blue square.

Wetlands Boardwalk: The 0.43 mile one-way trail ends at the headwaters area of the Haw River. From here the Haw will travel over 100 miles before joining the Deep River just south of Jordan Lake. The boardwalk takes you over wetlands; giving you a close encounter with a unique North Carolina ecosystem. This trail is a spur off of the Piedmont Loop trail.

THE SUMMIT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (SEEC)

The Summit is a true-outdoor environmental education learning center for children and adults of all ages. The program immerses participants in the environment through hands-on exploration of the natural world. Using a variety of courses and engaging activities; public and private schools, community youth and adult groups; are encouraged to connect with nature. The "classrooms" include the unique wetlands of the Haw River, mixed forests, rolling hills, and an array of native wildlife.

All programs offered through SEEC are correlated to the NC Essential Standards of 2009. Topics include animal adaptations, wetland ecology, soils, orienteering, wilderness survival and teambuilding.

SUMMER CAMPS

Come to Haw River State Park for summer fun and adventure! The SEEC staff will lead participants in many exciting park adventures based on a different theme each summer. Each June SEEC offers two week-long day camps for rising 2nd through 5th graders. Themes explored in the past have been archaeology, nature myths, and wilderness survival. Older children, rising 6th - 8th graders, take part in Adventure Camp, which is a three-day camp with an emphasis on a deeper exploration of the park.

GRAND CAMPS

Our award-winning Grand Camp is a great three-day / two-night adventure for grandparents and their grandchildren. This amazing experience provides a fun and adventurous time and space for grandparents and grandchildren to strengthen and enhance their special "grand" relationships.

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