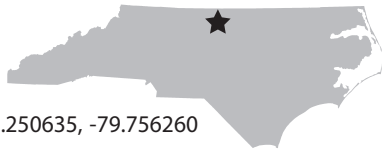


# Haw River State Park THE SUMMIT

Environmental Education & Conference Center



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## CONFERENCE CENTER INFORMATION

### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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, Haw River State Park and its picturesque terrain is the perfect place to connect with nature. Housed within this natural setting is The Summit Environmental Education and Conference Center, North of piedmont forest, fields, wetlands and uplands. Take Highway 150 in Browns Summit to Spearman Road and then to Conference Center Drive. 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 forest setting. It is ideal for board meetings, employee training programs, family reunions, youth or adult retreats, team building 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-style guest rooms; 10 cabins, each with four bunkbeds; full-service dining providing well-balanced, carefully planned meals; hiking trails; athletic field; gymnasium; outdoor pool open from Memorial Day to Labor Day; 6-acre lake for fishing and paddling; nine-hole disc golf course; two amphitheaters (with seating for 50 and 75); and optional Environmental Education programming including a low ropes challenge course. Contact The Summit for more information or to make a reservation.

## Trails

**Lake Loop Trail:** The 0.66-mile loop 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 blazed with red squares.

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

**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 and is blazed with orange circles.

## THE SUMMIT

### Environmental Education Center

The Summit is an environmental education learning center for children and adults of all ages. Our programs immerse participants in the environment through hands-on exploration of the natural world. Using a variety of courses and engaging activities, public and private schools as well as 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 The Summit are correlated to the North Carolina Essential Standards of 2009. Topics include animal adaptations, wetland ecology, soils, orienteering, wilderness survival and team building.

## Summer Camps

Come to Haw River State Park for summer fun and adventure! The Summit staff will lead participants in many exciting park adventures based on a different theme each summer. Each June, The Summit offers two week long day camps for rising 2nd through 5th graders. Themes explored in the past include archaeology, nature myths and wilderness survival. Rising 6th through 8th graders can 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 a space for grandparents and grandchildren to strengthen and enhance their "grand" relationships.

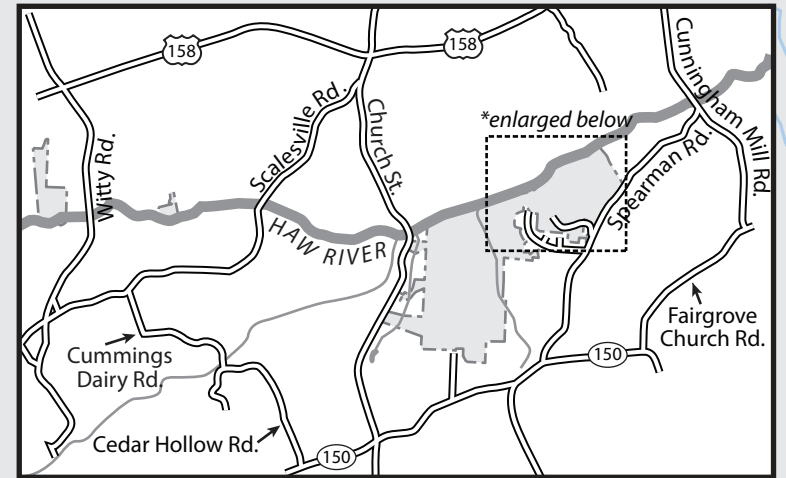
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### Legend

- Amphitheater
- Boardwalk
- Canoeing
- Disc Golf
- Gymnasium and Recreation Field
- Hiking Trails
- Parking
- Park Boundary
- Park Gate
- Park Office/Main Lodge
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Roads
- Swimming Pool

### Trails

Lake Loop Trail	0.6 mile	easy	red	■
Piedmont Loop Trail	1.4 miles	easy	blue	■
Wetlands Boardwalk	0.4 mile	easy	orange	●

