

# Jones Lake State Park

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## Activities

**Education and Events:** Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about Jones Lake State Park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration of the park for your group or class. Educational materials about Jones Lake State Park have been developed for grades 6-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Jones Lake program introduces students to the unique geology of Carolina bays.



**Camping:** The family campsites are equipped with a picnic table and fire ring/grill. Drinking water and a bathhouse are nearby. One site has electrical and water hookups. The park does not offer a dump station for recreational vehicles. Reservations are suggested but campsites are available on a first-come first-served basis if not reserved. A primitive group campsite includes a fire ring/grill, picnic tables, and benches. Available by reservation only and reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. No more than 35 people can occupy the site.



**Picnicking:** More than 50 tables and 15 grills are available at the picnic grounds. A grassy area, also available for picnicking, is adjacent to the beach in the shade of pine and cypress trees. The covered picnic shelter will accommodate up to 100 people. Use of the picnic shelter is free unless reservations are requested.



**Trails:** Bay Trail is a four-mile loop around Jones Lake, offering an excellent chance to experience the habitats of a Carolina bay. Begin Bay Trail at the picnic area or campground. Cedar Loop Trail is a one-mile journey through both the bay forest and sand ridge communities. Salters Lake Trail is a one mile, one way trail that connects the Bay Trail to Salters Lake.

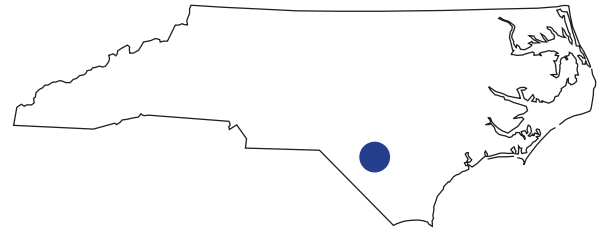


**Boating and fishing** are popular pastimes at Jones Lake. A road to the lake for small craft is located at the west side of the picnic area. Only motors that are 10 horsepower and under are allowed on the lake. Canoes and paddleboats may be rented at the boathouse adjacent to the pier from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day when lifeguards are on duty. Vehicular access to Salters Lake requires a permit issued by park staff. Few fish species are present due to the water's acidity. Yellow perch are the most abundant. Pier fishing is allowed only from lake trail access points.



**Swimming:** The sandy beach of Jones Lake is ideal for sunbathing and the shallow water is a swimmer's delight. A fee is charge for swimming from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day when lifeguards are on duty. A concession stand and bathhouse are located nearby.

## Location



Jones Lake State Park is located in Bladen County, four miles north of Elizabethtown, on Highway 242.

## 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.

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