Mayo River State Park is located close to the Virginia border in central North Carolina. The developing park currently consists of nine separate tracts along the Mayo River. The Mayo Mountain Access is the site of a former community park outside the town of Mayodan. The Mayo Mountain Access currently serves as the park’s headquarters while the rest of the park is developed along the river corridor. The park has one river access in the town of Mayodan, with plans to create more facilities along the river corridor in the future to include a visitor center, camping, hiking trails, picnic areas, and paddling and fishing accesses.

Fun Facts
- The park was established in 2003
- The park contains 2520 acres of land
- The large picnic shelter was designed by renowned architect Antonin Raymond.
- The large picnic shelter is similar in appearance to the St Paul Catholic Church in Japan
- The dam near the Mayo Mountain Access was originally used to generate power for a cotton mill in the 1890s.
- Evidence of native settlements are found in the river and along the river corridor
- In the 1800’s, the property was used by the Shady Grove Plantation, which had two grist mills.
- The property was owned by Washington Mills Company, the textile giant, in the late 1940’s to the early 1970’s.

Activities
- 2+ MILES OF HIKING
- CLASS II RAPIDS
- River Otter
- Fox Squirrel
- Great Blue Heron
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red Fox
- Wood Duck
- Beaver
- Black Bear
- Whitetail Deer
- Racoon
- Common Ravens nest in the area, proving that the area is more typical of the mountain than the piedmont.

Experience the Park!
- The belted kingfisher can be found hunting near and nesting along the riverbanks.
- The endangered Roanoke Logperch can be found here.
- Great place for birding! Two bird counts are held in the park annually.

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