

Pettigrew State Park

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Activities

Education and Events: Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about Pettigrew State Park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration for your group or class. Educational materials about Pettigrew State Park have been developed for grades 4-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Pettigrew curriculum introduces students to archaeological research and also focuses on the significance of Lake Phelps, hypothesis testing, preservation of cultural resources along with different facets of American Indian life.



Camping: The family campground is located between the park office and Somerset Place. Thirteen campsites, each with a picnic table and fire ring, are well-suited for tents and trailers. Water and restrooms with showers are nearby. The group campground is surrounded by a forested area and has easy access to Lake Phelps via a 650-foot boardwalk trail. Primitive camping facilities include tent pads, a fire ring, vault toilet and potable water.



Picnicking: A large cypress grove supplies plenty of shade for picnicking and offers the perfect setting for gatherings. Visitors may choose from individual picnic sites that are available on a first-come, first-served basis or reserve the picnic shelter including six tables. Grills are provided throughout this area along with water and restrooms located nearby.



Trails: The Somerset carriage road makes up a portion of the Bee Tree Trail. Beginning at the park office, it winds past the campground and Somerset Place, and leads to Bee Tree Overlook. Midway to the Bee Tree Overlook, Bonarva Trail, a 650-foot boardwalk trail, edges Bonarva Canal extending into Lake Phelps. The Lake Shore boardwalk Trail begins behind the picnic area and loops around to Somerset Place featuring a 224-foot pier that extends into Lake Phelps. Moccasin Trail leads northwest from the park office for approximately three miles to Moccasin Canal. The 350-foot boardwalk cuts through a cypress swamp to Moccasin Overlook. Bicycles are allowed on most of the park trails. The Pocosin Natural Area has a short trail to an observation tower.



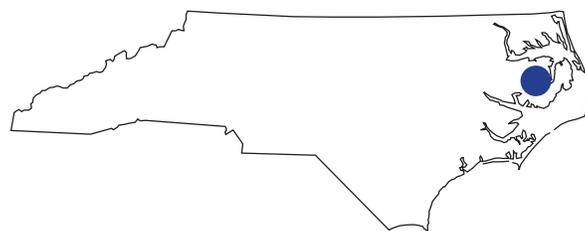
Fishing: Lake Phelps is known throughout the east for its bass fishing. The lake teems with largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed and catfish. Try your luck on the pier at Cypress Point. Anglers can wade in Lake Phelps from the boardwalk at the Pocosin Overlook. All regulations of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission apply.



Boating: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and power vessels have ample room to enjoy Lake Phelps. Launch a canoe from Cypress Point or use the boat ramp behind the park office. A canoe trail winds through the park's nearby waterways, offering paddlers the chance to view the environment up close. Information on canoe trails is available at the park office.



Location



Pettigrew State Park is located in Washington and Tyrrell counties, seven miles south of Creswell off U.S. 64. Take Hwy 64 toward Creswell. Take exit 558 (Alligood Rd.). Follow the signs approximately 8 miles to the park entrance. All roads leading to the main park entrance are paved.

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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