Pettigrew State Park is located in the coastal region of North Carolina, 60 miles east of Greenville on a peninsula between the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds. It is situated on the shores of Lake Phelps, our state’s second largest natural lake. From the mysterious origins of the lake to artifacts from Native Americans, Pettigrew has a rich and fascinating natural and cultural history.

**Fun Facts**

- The park was established in 1936.
- The Algonquin Indians were said to be seasonal hunters to Lake Phelps.
- The north shore of Lake Phelps makes up one of the last old-growth forests in eastern NC.
- The average depth of Lake Phelps is 4.5 feet. Maximum depth is 9 feet.
- At 16,000 acres, Lake Phelps makes up a great deal of Pettigrew State Park.
- The origins of Lake Phelps are a mystery. Theories include peat burn, underground spring, wind and wave action, meteor showers and glacier activity.
- The park is named after the Pettigrew family, who owned a plantation on the lands of today’s Pettigrew State Park. The original home burned in 1869 but was rebuilt and later dismantled in the 1950’s.
- Lake Phelps is fed mainly by rainfall, making it one of the clearest and cleanest lakes in North Carolina.

**Activities**

Experience the Park!

**FAUNA**

- Tundra swan
- Snow goose
- Kingfisher
- Black bear
- Bobcat
- Muskrat
- Zebra swallowtail

**FISHING**

- Catfish
- Yellow Perch
- Pumpkinseed
- Largemouth Bass

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30 dugout canoes have been located in the waters of Lake Phelps. One is 4,400 years old.