



# William B. Umstead State Park

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## Activities

**Education and Events:** Park rangers offer regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs at the park. The park's **visitor center** not only helps visitors learn a little more about the area, but also serves as a site for interpretive programs. Contact the park office to find out about our regularly scheduled programs or to arrange a special exploration for your group or class.



**Trails:** William B. Umstead State Park offers a variety of trail experiences, including 22 miles of hiking trails. Visitors may choose between a short stroll along a nature trail



or a more extensive hike into the woods. No bikes or horses are allowed on the hiking trails. Approximately 13 miles of **bridle trails** traverse some of the most scenic parts of the park. Horses are restricted to these trails and are not permitted in other areas of the park, including hiking trails. The park is one of the few state parks offering trails for those who enjoy a bike ride through the forest. The **mountain bike trails** follow the same roads as the bridle trails and are accessed at the same points. Mountain bikes are prohibited on the hiking trails. Contact the park for more information.



**Camping:** The **tent/trailer campground** is open March 15 to December 1. The campsites offer picnic tables and grills. Hookups are not available, but drinking water and restrooms with showers are centrally located. Reservations are strongly advised. Any unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two **primitive camps** are open year-round for youth groups and non-profit organizations who want a more rugged camping experience. These include tent sites, a pit privy and running water and accommodate 25 people. Maple Hill Lodge, housing 25 people, is also available for groups. Facilities include a fireplace, drinking water and restrooms. Reservations are required for use of these camps.

Two **group camps** are available to youth groups and non-profit organizations. Each camp includes a mess hall and dining area, camper and staff cabins and washhouses. Group camps are open April through October and may be rented daily in spring and fall or weekly during the summer. Contact the park office for more information.

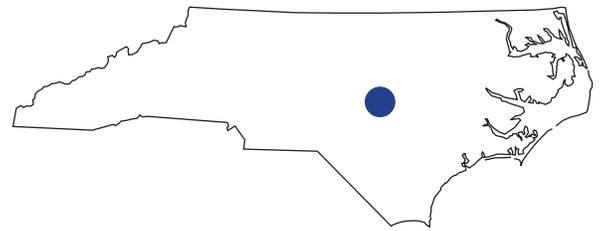


**Fishing:** Fishing is permitted in each of the three lakes and the many connecting streams. Common catches include bass, bluegill and crappie. Regulations of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission are enforced.



**Paddling:** Rent a canoe or paddleboat at the boathouse on Big Lake. Rentals are available from April through the second week in October. Private boats and gasoline motors are not permitted.

## Location



William B. Umstead State Park is located in Wake County, N.C., between Raleigh and Durham. The Crabtree Creek entrance is located 10 miles northwest of Raleigh off US 70. The Reedy Creek entrance is 11 miles west of Raleigh off I-40.

## 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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