



Our Mission

The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation exists to inspire all its citizens and visitors through conservation, recreation and education.

Conservation: To conserve and protect representative examples of North Carolina's natural beauty, ecological features, recreational and cultural resources within the state parks system;

Recreation: To provide and promote safe, healthy and enjoyable outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the state; and

Education: To provide educational opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural and cultural heritage.



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Haw River State Park



Welcome!

The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation manages more than 260,000 acres of iconic landscape, with a mission dedicated to conservation, recreation and education.

Across North Carolina, state park staff are proud of our parks and eager to welcome you and your family. Come to our state parks to marvel at our state's most beautiful natural resources, enjoy your favorite outdoor activities, and learn about the rich ecosystems, culture and history that make our parks wonderful.

About the State Parks System

- Includes 35 parks, four recreation areas, and 25 state natural areas
- Also includes four state rivers, seven state lakes, and 14 state trails
- More than 1,500 miles of trail in the system
- First unit was Mount Mitchell State Park, established on March 3, 1915
- Over 1,300 people employees across the state
- Unique recreational opportunities such as: windsurfing and hang gliding at Jockey's Ridge State Park; cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Elk Knob; and four-wheel driving on the beach at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

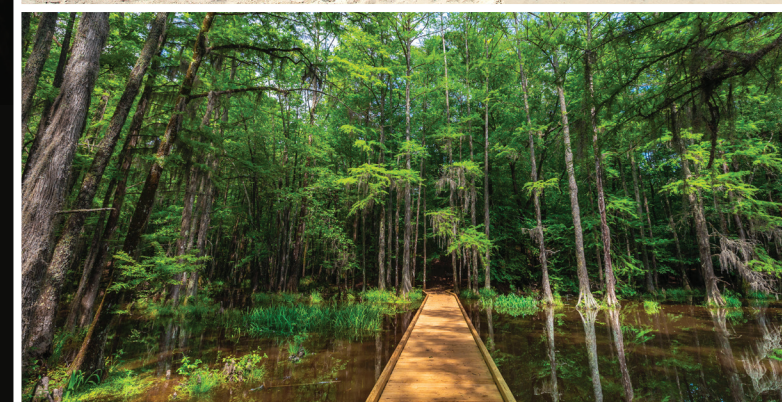
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Morrow Mountain State Park



Emerald State Park



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Jordan Lake State Rec. Area



Hanging Rock State Park



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Fort Macon State Park

Explore Diverse Terrain

Across the state parks system, opportunities for hiking, biking, and horseback riding abound. Trails range from easy to advanced and include some accessible on wheelchairs or with strollers. Most state parks are part of the Kids in Parks TRACK trails network, which includes engaging education activities for children. Some state parks are home to impressive rock formations, making them great for rock climbing, bouldering, or rappelling. Visit ncparks.gov to learn more!

Camping

With over 3,000 campsites available, our state parks offer many exciting camping options including tent and RV sites, group camping, paddle-in, walk-in, backpacking, and equestrian sites. Different types of cabins are also available at several parks across the state.

Fun on the Water

Paddling: Paddle the pristine rivers, expansive lakes, and coastal wetlands. Launch a boat from secure boat ramps and marinas. Explore natural wonders from a pedal boat, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard — a variety of equipment is available for rent at several parks.

Fishing: Cast a line for perch, trout, bass, catfish, or crappie. State parks offer saltwater and freshwater fishing in rivers, streams, estuaries, beaches, and lakes. All rules of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission are enforced.

Swimming: From spring-fed rivers to lakes, estuaries, and the open ocean, state parks offer swimming opportunities across the state to suit all adventurers.

Pack a Picnic

State parks provide the perfect atmosphere for enjoying a meal in the open air. Picnic areas are available in most parks and offer picnic tables, nearby restrooms, drinking water, and trash and recycling bins. Some picnic areas also have charcoal grills and nearby play areas or open fields.

Host Your Next Event in a State Park!

Reserve a spot at a state park for your next event! Many parks offer picnic shelters, community buildings, classrooms, conference rooms, and auditoriums that seat from 15 to 100 people. Visit our website to explore facilities and availability.



Discover More with Park Staff

Our enthusiastic, knowledgeable park staff lead fishing lessons, astronomy programs, wildflower hikes, guided paddles, and more. Enjoy our educational programs for all ages! Visit ncparks.gov for a list of upcoming events or to schedule a program for your school group.

Become a Junior Ranger!

Protect, Explore, Learn: The Junior Ranger program gives children the opportunity to learn about North Carolina's beautiful state parks through exploration, self-led educational activities, and programs. Earn patches at each state park!



School in Parks

The Schools in Parks Collaborative is a statewide initiative that ensures every North Carolina public school student has a meaningful learning experience in a state park before graduation. Created in partnership with the Center for Public Engagement with Science in the University of North Carolina Institute for the Environment, this yearlong professional development program fosters increased confidence and a sense of efficacy among teachers for grades 3, 4 and 5 in using outdoor science learning approaches in state parks to support their curriculum objectives.

Get Involved



FRIENDS OF RAVEN RD STATE PARK

Join or donate to the Friends of State Parks to help support North Carolina's state parks. The group helps provide funding for environmental education programs, as well as grants for state parks projects. You can also join a local friends group to support your favorite state park or make a donation to help improve our parks for future generations. Purchase a Friends of State Parks license plate through the NC Division of Motor Vehicles and get a free one-year membership to Friends of State Parks. Learn more at ncfsp.org.

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities—from improving park grounds and leading education workshops to serving as a campground host. No matter how you volunteer, you will play an important role in the mission of the state parks system. Learn more about volunteering and available opportunities at ncparks.gov or contact a state park near you.

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NC TRAILS



In addition to hundreds of miles of trails within state parks, North Carolina has numerous state trails located throughout the state. While not entirely contained within a particular state park, these trails are part of the state parks system. State trails are authorized by the NC General Assembly; the Division then creates a plan for the trail and partners with a support organization to see the trail come to reality. Please visit trails.nc.gov to learn more.

Dan River State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 90 miles ■ northern Piedmont Triad

Deep River State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 125 miles ■ Piedmont

East Coast Greenway State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 795 miles ■ V-shaped: one arm through Raleigh, Durham and the Triangle and other arm through Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, both meeting at Wilmington

Equine State Trail: 🐎 350 miles ■ southern Piedmont

Fonta Flora State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 100 miles ■ Asheville and the Foothills / Lake James

French Broad River State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 117 miles ■ western border

Haw River State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 80 miles ■ Piedmont Triad / west of the Triangle

Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 50 miles ■ southwest of Asheville

Mountains-to-Sea State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 1,400-miles ■ from Great Smoky Mountains National Park to the Outer Banks

Northern Peaks State Trail: 🚲 40 miles ■ High Country

Overmountain Victory State Trail: 🚲 225 miles ■ west

Roanoke River State Trail: 🚲 132 miles ■ Albemarle Sound

Wilderness Gateway State Trail: 🚲 🚴 🚶 170 miles ■ southwest of Asheville / the Foothills

Yadkin River State Trail: 🚲 162 miles ■ Piedmont

Reservations



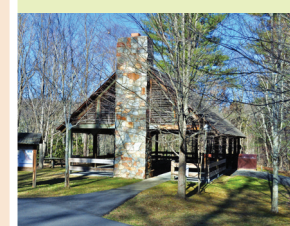
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Hanging Rock State Park



Raven Rock State Park



New River State Park



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Falls Lake State Rec. Area

Reservations can be made online on our website, by calling 1-877-722-6762 or in person at most state park offices. Online reservations must be made with a credit or debit card. Phone reservations can be made with a credit or debit card, money order or check.

Camping and Cabins

The state parks system has over 3,000 campsites available for reservation, including group sites, walk-in sites, paddle-in sites, backpacking sites, and equestrian sites. Camper, vacation, or primitive cabins are also available at several parks across the state.

Picnic Shelters

Picnic shelters are affordable and ideal for large group gatherings. Unreserved picnic shelters are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. However, the shelters are very popular, so reservations are recommended.

Auditoriums/Classrooms

Ideal for civic groups, clubs and educational events, many parks have reservable classrooms and auditoriums, with varying capacity. Conference rooms with seating up to 15 people are also available.

Community Buildings

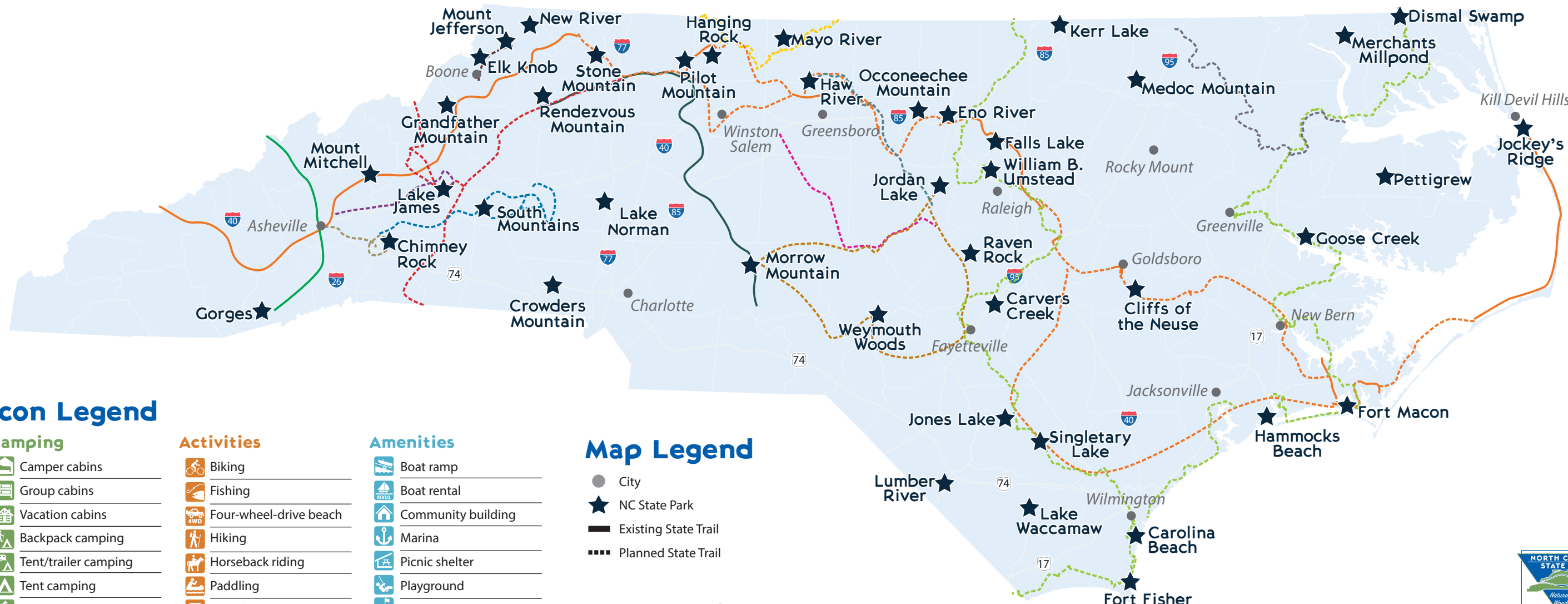
Community buildings are available at Falls Lake and Kerr Lake state recreation areas and Lake Norman, Morrow Mountain, and New River state parks. Community buildings have a large meeting space, kitchen facilities and restrooms. Some also have a fireplace and grills.



MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY!

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION



Icon Legend

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Camping | Activities |
| Camper cabins | Biking |
| Group cabins | Fishing |
| Vacation cabins | Four-wheel-drive beach |
| Backpack camping | Hiking |
| Tent/trailer camping | Horseback riding |
| Tent camping | Paddling |
| Equestrian camping | Picnicking |
| Paddle-in camping | Rock climbing |
| Group camping | Swimming |
| Electric hookup | |
| Electric & water hookup | |
| Full hookup | |
| Dump station | |

- ### Amenities
- Boat ramp
 - Boat rental
 - Community building
 - Marina
 - Picnic shelter
 - Playground
 - Visitor center

Map Legend

- City
- NC State Park
- Existing State Trail
- Planned State Trail

State Trails Legend

- Dan River State Trail
- Deep River State Trail
- East Coast Greenway State Trail
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Carolina Beach State Park

1010 State Park Road, Carolina Beach, NC 28428
 910-458-8206 carolina.beach@ncparks.gov



Carvers Creek State Park

2505 Long Valley Road, Spring Lake, NC 28390
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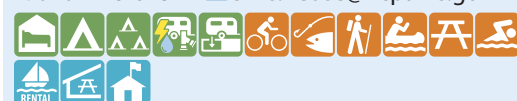
Chimney Rock State Park

743 Chimney Rock Park Road, Chimney Rock, NC 28720
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Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

240 Park Entrance Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578
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Crowders Mountain State Park

522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
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Dismal Swamp State Park

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Elk Knob State Park

5564 Meat Camp Road, Todd, NC 28684
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Eno River State Park

6101 Cole Mill Road, Durham, NC 27705
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Falls Lake State Recreation Area

13304 Creedmoor Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587
 984-867-8000 falls.lake@ncparks.gov



Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

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Fort Macon State Park

2303 E. Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
 252-726-3775 fort.macon@ncparks.gov



Goose Creek State Park

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Gorges State Park

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Grandfather Mountain State Park

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Profile Trailhead: 4198 NC Hwy. 105 N., Banner Elk, NC 28604
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*Park office is not connected to park land

Hammocks Beach State Park

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Hanging Rock State Park

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 336-593-8480 hanging.rock@ncparks.gov



Haw River State Park

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 336-342-6163 haw.river@ncparks.gov



Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Jones Lake State Park

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Jordan Lake State Recreation Area

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Kerr Lake State Recreation Area

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Lake James State Park

2229 Lake James State Park Road, Nebo, NC 28761
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Lake Norman State Park

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 704-528-6350 lake.norman@ncparks.gov



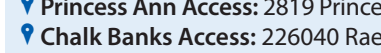
Lake Waccamaw State Park

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 910-646-4748 lake.waccamaw@ncparks.gov



Lumber River State Park

Princess Ann Access: 2819 Princess Ann Road, Orrum, NC 28369
Chalk Banks Access: 226040 Raeford Road, Wagram, NC 28369
 910-628-4564 lumber.river@ncparks.gov



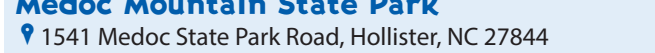
Mayo River State Park

500 Old Mayo Park Road, Mayodan, NC 27027
 336-427-2530 mayo.river@ncparks.gov



Medoc Mountain State Park

1541 Medoc State Park Road, Hollister, NC 27844
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Merchants Millpond State Park

176 Millpond Road, Gatesville, NC 27938
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Morrow Mountain State Park

49104 Morrow Mountain Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
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Mount Jefferson State Natural Area

1481 Mount Jefferson State Park Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
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Mount Mitchell State Park

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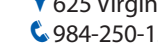
New River State Park

358 New River State Park Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
 336-982-2587 new.river@ncparks.gov



Occonechee Mountain State Natural Area

625 Virginia Cates Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278
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Pettigrew State Park

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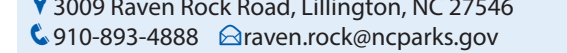
Pilot Mountain State Park

1721 Pilot Knob Park Road, Pinnacle, NC 27043
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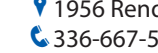
Raven Rock State Park

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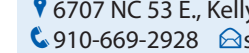
Rendezvous Mountain

1956 Rendezvous Mountain Road, Purlear, NC 28665
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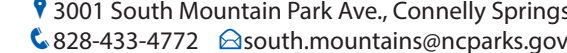
Singletary Lake State Park

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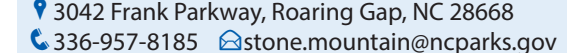
South Mountains State Park

3001 South Mountain Park Ave., Connelly Springs, NC 28612
 828-433-4772 south.mountains@ncparks.gov



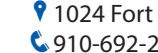
Stone Mountain State Park

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Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve

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William B. Umstead State Park

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