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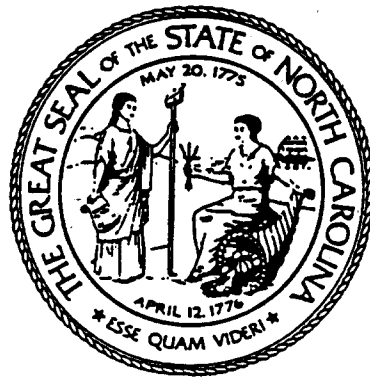
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Foreword

The *Environmental Education Centers in North Carolina Guide* is part of an ongoing process of identifying Environmental Education Centers across the State of North Carolina. Objective 2.9 of *The North Carolina Environmental Education Plan* is titled "Promote Environmental Education Centers" and reads "Support existing environmental education centers in North Carolina. Ensure communication among environmental education centers to identify needs and opportunities for coordinating programs to the mutual benefit of the centers and their customers."

"Explanation: North Carolina has many public and private environmental education centers serving a diverse statewide audience. Identifying and coordinating these centers, addressing their needs and opportunities, ensuring communication among them and coordinating their educational resources with the needs of the general public will further their missions. Promoting these centers will further enhance the availability of valuable environmental education resources to schools and the general public."

Developing this *Guide* was the first step in implementing this objective. In August of 1996, representatives from the centers listed in this *Guide* met and ultimately formed the North Carolina Association of Environmental Education Centers (NC AEEC). For more information on this Association please contact the Office of Environmental Education at 919-733-0711 or 800-482-8724.

This *Guide* is the third edition of the *Guide to Environmental Education Centers in North Carolina* published in June of 1995. The Guides are being distributed at the 1999 North Carolina Environmental Education Conference "Living the Commitment."

If your center meets the definition below and you would like to be included in the next edition of the *Environmental Education Centers in North Carolina Guide* please complete the forms in the back of the *Guide* and return them to the Office of Environmental Education.

An Environmental Education Center is defined as: "Any facility open to the public with programs and resources which promote environmental education through programs and processes that increase awareness, knowledge, and skills, and result in understanding, making informed decisions, taking constructive action, and making the commitment to ensure stewardship of all interdependent parts of the earth's environment."

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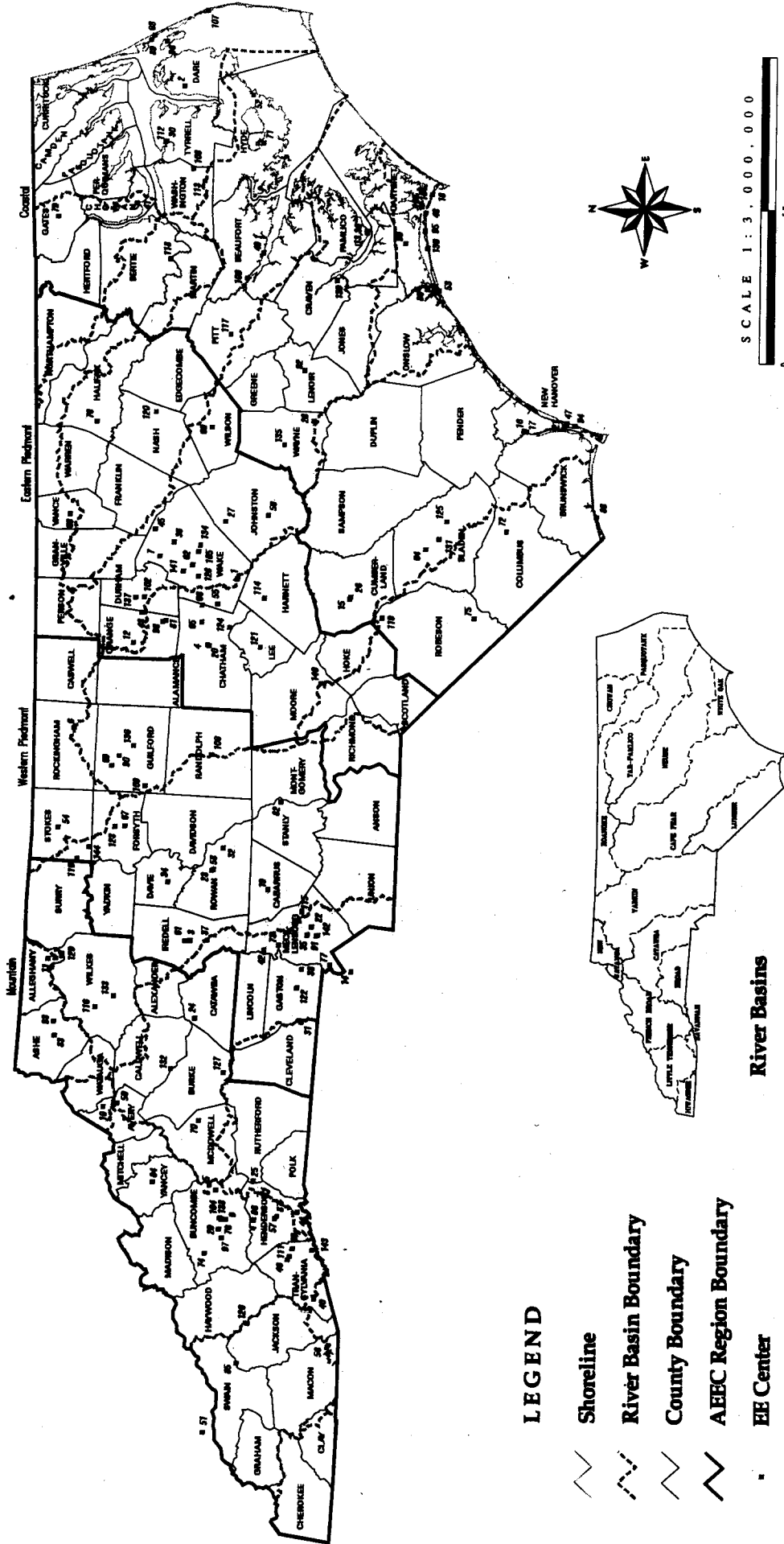
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Fuquay-Varina, NC

Mission: Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of North Carolina serves in partnership with congregations of the ELCA as a Christ-centered ministry which encourages and enables people to live lives of service and witness, and to experience and affirm inter-relationships with all God's creation in an intentional Christian community. LOM encourages spiritual growth for the whole person by providing encounter with scripture, experience with the wonders of nature, the witness of staff and opportunities for worship, re-creation and development of relationships and leadership abilities. Environmental Education-related goals: be a resource to the Synod, congregations and the community; provide quality programs, staff and facilities responsive to the needs of individuals, families, congregations and communities; develop a Biblically-based sense of responsibility for peace, justice and our environment.

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Location: Highway 42 to Cokesbury Road; drive 3.7 miles to River Road; turn right on River Road; 1.7 miles to Agape driveway; turn right onto the Agape driveway (it is unpaved); 0.9 miles to the well-marked main entrance.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School groups K-8; special programs - general public.
Open year-round.
School groups: \$5.00/student; Other groups: fees vary.

Total Annual Visitation: Between 2,000 and 3,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	Primarily K-8
Student Participants:	1,500
Adult Program Participants:	200

Program/Site Features: The ACE Education program is a carefully developed and integrated program designed to meet goals for science set forth by the NC DPI (Standard Course of Study). Activities make use of experiential learning – proven to be the most effective method of education. Teachers and students may customize their field trip according to their classroom needs. The program takes place on 624 diverse acres of wooded hills, streams, pond, swamp, flora, fauna and the Cape Fear River.

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Unique Site Features: Agape is a small microcosm of all three geographical regions of North Carolina. Situated on the fall line, Agape has characteristics of both the Piedmont and Coastal Plain. The Cape Fear River drainage system has created a mosaic of hills and valleys reminiscent of the foothills in the eastern part of the state. Evidence of previous dwellers includes a still-standing log cabin, several foundations and wells, three small cemeteries, field furrows and arrowheads.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Manteo, NC

Mission: The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to preserve a national network of lands and waters for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife and plant resources of the United States for the benefit of present and future generations.

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World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.outer-banks.com/alligator-river>

Operator: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Location: Take US Highway 64 East. From the North, take US Highway 158 South to US Highway 64 West.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
The Refuge is open year round during the daylight hours.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 15,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 3,500

Newsletter Information: *Wings* — Published quarterly. Contact the refuge for more information.

Program/Site Features: Alligator River is the site of wildlife interpretation trails, canoe/kayak trails, wildlife tour routes (bear observation); interpretive and educational programs, and red wolf howling safaris.

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Unique Site Features: Alligator River is a unique "pocosin" habitat with wild populations of black bear (easily observable) and red wolves, as well as alligators and red cockaded woodpeckers.

River Basin: Pasquotank

Allison Woods Foundation Statesville, NC

Mission: To preserve and restore the 1,000-acre historic property known as Allison Woods and to provide environmental, historical and cultural education programs for the public.

Contact Information: Laura Webb, Education Director
Allison Woods Foundation
437 Walnut Street
Statesville, NC 28677
Phone: 704-872-1930 Fax: 704-872-1138

Operator: Non-profit foundation

Location: From I-77, take exit 54 (this is the exit just north of the I-77/I-40 junction). Travel north on 21 for 3.5 miles until you cross the South Yadkin Bridge. Continue another 1.2 miles. The entrance to Allison Woods is on the right (across from the saw mill).

Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12 school groups, teachers, senior citizen groups, clubs and general public.
Group programs by appointment year-round. For other scheduled events, please call for newsletter.
Admission: \$1.00 per person.

Total Annual Visitation: 2,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	1,650
Student Participants:	800
Adult Program Participants:	650
Outreach Program Participants:	200

Newsletter Information: *Allison Woods Foundation Newsletter*— Published twice a year. Newsletter is free. Call and request to be added to mailing list.

Program/Site Features: We offer environmental education and history programs for groups, workshops for teachers, gardening seminars, recreational walks, cultural events, and summer day camps. Our education theme, *Children of the*

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Watershed, utilizes the Allison Woods mini-watershed to teach the connectedness of water and its importance as a natural resource throughout history.

Unique Site Features: Allison Woods was designated a site of Regional Importance in the 1996 Iredell County Natural Heritage Inventory and a National Historic Site in 1995. The site contains miles of hiking trails, bottomlands, hardwood coves, pine stands, a seeping bog, tributary to a major river, open fields and ponds -- 1,000 acres in all.

River Basin: Yadkin

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy Pittsboro, NC

Mission: ALBC protects genetic diversity in livestock and poultry species through conservation and promotion of endangered breeds. These rare breeds are part of our own national heritage and a unique part of the earth's biodiversity.

Contact Information: Executive Director or Program Coordinator
American Livestock Breeds Conservancy
Post Office Box 477, 15 Hillsborough Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Phone: 919-542-5704 Fax: 919-545-0022
Email: albc@albc-usa.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.albc-usa.org>

Operator: American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, 501(c)3 non-profit

Location: Located on the courthouse circle in Pittsboro.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
Open weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., for special events, call ahead for appointments.

Total Annual Visitation: 1,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Outreach Program Participants: 2,000

Newsletter Information: *ALBC News* — Published bi-monthly. Call for membership information.

Program/Site Features: Information clearinghouse on endangered breeds, sustainable livestock production, production of publications and science curriculum.

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Unique Site Features: Educational materials for children through adult, especially for novice livestock stewards. Unusual library focusing on heritage breeds and livestock history.

River Basin: Cape Fear

**BackCountry Outdoor Education Center
Montreat, NC**

Mission: To provide an interdisciplinary educational program that helps students acquire a greater appreciation of and respect for the creation through practical knowledge and heightened awareness, which helps students experience new found competence, confidence and satisfaction in learning.

Contact Information: James Bowles, Director
BackCountry Outdoor Education Center
Post Office Box 218
Montreat, NC 28757
Phone: 828-669-6889 Fax: 828-669-6865
Email: james@backcountry.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.backcountry.org>

Operator: Blue Ridge Parkway BackCountry, Pinnacle Ministries, Inc.

Location: Located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway 15 miles from Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in the east. Located one hour from Asheville, BackCountry is in the heart of Pisgah National Forest yet easily accessible.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Fifth grade students through adults.
Open March through November.

Total Annual Visitation:
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	500
Student Participants:	350
Adult Program Participants:	20
Outreach Program Participants:	850

Newsletter Information: *BackCountry News* — Published quarterly. Contact us for more information.

Program/Site Features: Classes include geology/soils, birds of prey, forest ecology, night hikes, travel programs to nearby Mt. Mitchell, camping in authentic tipis, and cooking over open fires. Wilderness-based courses are also available.

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Unique Site Features: The Center features tremendously diverse flora and fauna including freshwater streams and springs, oak-hickory forests, bottomlands and ridgetop ecosystems, wildlife from black bears to salamanders. Optional travel programs to nearby Mount Mitchell State Park introduce students to the Canadian Spruce Fir vegetative zone.

River Basin: French Broad

Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center Reidsville, NC

Mission: To provide year-round training and educational programs to youth and those who work with youth. The Center's programs are designed to motivate and serve as a laboratory for innovative and effective educational approaches.

Contact Information: Jeff North, Interim Center Director
Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center
804 Cedar Lane
Reidsville, NC 27320
Phone: 336-349-9445 Fax: 336-634-0110
World Wide Web Address:
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/4H_Camps/betsy.html

Operator: North Carolina State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Location: The Penn 4-H Educational Center is situated on the 1,000-acre Chinquapenn Plantation 30 miles north of Greensboro and a few miles off Hwy. 14, in Reidsville.

Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12, organized groups.
Environmental and High Ropes Programs available: March through May, September through December; Summer Camps: June through August.
Call for fee information.

Total Annual Visitation: 10,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	8,000
Adult Program Participants:	1,000
Outreach Program Participants:	1,000

Newsletter Information: *Penn Pals* — Published bi-annually. Call for more information.

Program/Site Features: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center is a modern conference and environmental education facility. The 200-acre site provides a wide variety of examples of typical Piedmont ecosystems. Wetlands, streams,

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small ponds and a 25-acre lake provide opportunities for the study of birds, animals, reptiles and plants. Students learn history through experiencing the lifestyles of early American Indian and pioneer inhabitants of the Piedmont area. Training is provided in group dynamics, cooperation, communication and problem solving in innovative classes on the ropes challenge course and canoeing. Teachers select from 26 classes for one, two or three-day programs (overnight and non-resident programs available).

Unique Site Features:

Students and teachers are housed in eight cabins accommodating 25 individuals each, with bath facilities and a small meeting area. An auditorium and recreation building facilitates large group programs, while two classrooms and the Wagoner Learning Center are available for smaller classes. The Corn Jug Nature Center and Laboratory provides a center for environmental programs and activities. Additional facilities include: pioneer homesite, Native American homesite, beaver boardwalk, dining hall, two outdoor amphitheaters, outdoor aquatic study shelter, interpretive trails, weather station, 15-element ropes/challenge course, compass course, athletic fields, business office and staff housing.

River Basin:

Roanoke

Blue Jay Center for Environmental Education Raleigh, NC
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Mission:

It is the mission of Blue Jay Point County Park, through the Blue Jay Center for Environmental Education, to provide opportunities for Wake County citizens to experience environmental education in a natural setting.

Contact Information:

Chris Snow, Park Manager
Blue Jay Center for Environmental Education
3200 Pleasant Union Church Road
Raleigh, NC 27614
Phone: 919-870-4330 Fax: 919-870-4327
Email: csnow@co.wake.nc.us
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.co.wake.nc.us>

Operator:

Wake County Government – Division of Parks and Recreation

Location:

Located in northern Wake County on Falls Lake. Directions: From the I-440 Beltline: take Six Forks Road - north; proceed approximately nine miles north on Six Forks Road; at the intersection of Six Forks and Pleasant Union Church Road, take a right on Pleasant Union; road ends at park gate.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: Organized groups, individuals and families.

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Open 8:00 a.m. until sunset, 361 days per year (park is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days).
Fees vary with activity and/or facility.

Total Annual Visitation: 104,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 10,100
Student Participants: 310 groups; 9,920 participants
Adult Program Participants: 150

Newsletter Information: *The Wake County Parks Quarterly* — Published quarterly. To subscribe, call 919-856-6679, or visit your nearest Wake County Park facility.

Program/Site Features: Park amenities include: trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, the Education Center and its exhibits, gardens and fishing in Falls Lake. Park program opportunities are available on almost all age levels and focus on natural science and natural history topics of Piedmont North Carolina. **Meeting and overnight facilities are available to those organizations actively conducting environmental education.

Unique Site Features: Unique site features include 264 acres mostly natural site on Falls Lake.

River Basin: Neuse

Blue Ridge Assembly Environmental Education Center Black Mountain, NC

Mission: The purpose of the environmental education programs at Blue Ridge Assembly is to foster in all participants an awareness and appreciation for the interdependence of all living things. Classes and activities develop conceptual understanding and scientific problem-solving abilities while promoting the critical thinking skills needed to make responsible environmental decisions. All programs are designed to help school participants meet statewide competency-based curriculum requirements.

Contact Information: John Paul Thomas, Environmental Education Coordinator
Blue Ridge Assembly Environmental Education Center
84 Blue Ridge Circle
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Phone: 828-669-8422 Fax: 828-669-8497
Email: ymcabra@aol.com

Operator: YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

Location: Blue Ridge Assembly is located two miles off Interstate 40, 15 minutes east of Asheville, North Carolina. Traveling on I-40, take exit 64 – Black

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Mountain/Montreat, Hwy. 9 – and turn south on Highway 9. Proceed less than one-half mile and bear right onto Blue Ridge Road. Travel 0.9 miles and turn left at the Blue Ridge Assembly sign. Follow Blue Ridge Assembly Drive through the main gate and into the Assembly grounds.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School groups (K-12), families, and active older adults. Programs available year round. Offices open 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on weekends. Day, overnight and extended programs available.

Total Annual Visitation: 14,000+
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Perspective* — Published twice per year. Contact Blue Ridge Assembly to be put on mailing list.

Program/Site Features: Deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina, Blue Ridge Assembly offers a 1200-acre outdoor classroom with rushing streams, extensive woodland habitats, interpretive trails, a fifty-foot Alpine Tower, and magnificent overlook views of the Craggy Range, including Mount Mitchell, highest point in the Eastern United States. With its mountain-top view of the world, Blue Ridge Assembly opens a new horizon in environmental education through outdoor classes in forest ecology, stream study, geology, ornithology, animal adaptations, weather, wildflowers, field mathematics, and more. Historical and cultural programs focus on the Cherokee Nation and the folk traditions – including music, storytelling, and dance – of European settlers in the Southern Appalachians. A special leadership development curriculum features challenge-based activities that teach communication, teamwork, and conflict resolution skills.

Unique Site Features: Modern facilities complement the natural surroundings. Air-conditioned meeting spaces provide indoor instructional and assembly areas for groups up to 500. Overnight lodges feature comfortable sleeping rooms with private baths – cottage accommodations are available for smaller groups. Buffet-style meals are plentiful and served in a spacious cafeteria setting. Exciting, challenging, fun, and designed to fit a wide range of curriculum needs, the environmental education program at Blue Ridge Assembly brings environmental principles and processes into focus by putting people in touch with the earth. Founded in 1906, Blue Ridge Assembly is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

River Basin: French Broad

Blue Ridge Parkway
Asheville, NC

- Mission:** To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.
- Contact Information:** Patty Lockamy, NC Interpretive Specialist
Blue Ridge Parkway
400 BB&T Building
Asheville, NC 28801
Phone: 828-298-0398 Fax: 828-271-4313
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.nps.gov/blri/>
- Operator:** United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
- Location:** The Blue Ridge Parkway extends 469 miles along the crests of the southern Appalachian. In North Carolina, the Parkway links the towns of Sparta, Boone, Linville, Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland, Asheville and Cherokee to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public.
Open daily, May 1 - October 31 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 23 million
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 52,000 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 1,505,000 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 64,000 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Parkway Milepost* — Published 3 times per year: spring, summer, fall.
- Program/Site Features:** The Parkway has five campgrounds, two lodges, eight visitor centers with a full range of seasonal programming and unsurpassed views of the North Carolina high country.
- Unique Site Features:** The Blue Ridge Parkway passes through some of the most scenic portions of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Elevations range from nearly 600 to over 6,000 feet with corresponding ecosystems. Southern Appalachian natural and cultural resources including Richland Balsam, Mt. Pisgah, Folk Art Center, Craggy Gardens, Museum of NC Minerals, Linville Falls, Linn Cove Viaduct, Moses Cone Estate, Julian Price Lake and Doughton Park.
- River Basin:** French Broad, Linville, New

Camp Broadstone
Boone, NC

Mission: Camp Broadstone places people in unusual classrooms to teach participants practical living skills to help them learn more about themselves, and to learn about their relationships with other people and their environment. We use adventure programming as well as environmental education to accomplish our goals.

Contact Information: Judith Bevan, Director
Camp Broadstone
PO Box 32042 Appalachian State University
Boone, NC 28604
Phone: 828-963-4640 Fax: 828-963-6588
Email: bevanjk@appstate.edu
World Wide Web Address:
http://www.conferences_camps.appstate.edu

Operator: Appalachian State University

Location: 1.3 miles from Highway 105 South in the community of Valle Crucis.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Organized groups of youth and adults.
Call for open dates and schedule.
Call for fees.

Total Annual Visitation:
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: Can house 88
Student Participants: 39/group

Program/Site Features: We offer two environmental classes: "Plants and Animals in Communities" and "Freshwater Ecology" to the groups of young people who attend our camp.

Unique Site Features: Located in the Boone area, we have access to some of the most beautiful mountain and river environments to use as our classrooms. We offer summer enrichment programs for gifted and talented 4th - 9th grade.

River Basin: Watauga

Camp Cheerio
Glade Valley, NC

Mission: The goal of Camp Cheerio is for each person who passes through our gate to grow in appreciation and knowledge of; him or herself, this world in

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which we live, his or her relationship to peers and adults and the creatures and plants that have been placed here with us.

Contact Information: Keith Russell, Adventures Director
Camp Cheerio
1430 Camp Cheerio Road
Glade Valley, NC 28627
Phone: 336-363-2604 Fax: 336-363-3671
Email: advkeith@aol.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://users.aol.com/BrantB1.cchome.html>

Operator: YMCA of High Point, North Carolina

Location: Located two miles north of Roaring Gap, North Carolina. From I-77 east on Highway 21 North at Elkin, North Carolina toward Sparta, North Carolina. Cheerio is 20 miles from I-77 just off Highway 21 North.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Grades 1-12, teachers and adults.
Open mid-March through mid-May, September through mid-November.

Total Annual Visitation: 1,236
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Camp Cheerio sits on a scenic mountain top in Northwest North Carolina. The site includes open fields, forest, lake and streams. All programs are customized to meet the needs and goals of each group. Activities range from Environmental Education to Adventure Education.

Unique Site Features: Adjacent to Stone Mountain State Park.

River Basin: New

Camp Chestnut Ridge Efland, NC

Mission: To foster stewardship and cooperation through non-competitive, hands-on learning experiences.

Contact Information: Julia Howington, Assistant Director
Camp Chestnut Ridge
4300 Camp Chestnut Ridge Road
Efland, NC 27243
Phone: 919-304-3900 Fax: 919-563-3559
Email: camper@aol.com

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- Operator:** North Carolina United Methodist Commission on Outdoor and Camping Ministries, Inc.
- Location:** Located between Durham and Burlington. From I-85: Take exit # 160 (Efland) turn south on Mt. Willing Road, travel one mile, turn left on Chestnut Ridge Church Road, travel 1.5 miles turn right on Camp Chestnut Road (dirt road next to church).
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: K-12 and adults.
Open March through May and August through November.
Fees vary with program.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 1988
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants:** 120
- Program/Site Features:** We provide custom designed programs in environmental education and team building. Day and residential programs are available.
- Unique Site Features:** Forestry demonstration area (open spring 1999), 9-acre lake, variety of succession stages on site.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Camp Sea Gull & Seafarer - Extended Season Programs Arapahoe, NC

- Mission:** "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that emphasize strong spirit, mind and body for all." -- YMCA of the USA Mission Statement
- Contact Information:** Rick Coyle, Program Director
Camp Sea Gull & Seafarer - Extended Season Programs
218 Sea Gull Landing
Arapahoe, NC 28510
Phone: 252-249-1111 x 415 Fax: 252-249-1266
Email: sgneuse@aol.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.seagull-seafarer.com>
- Operator:** Capital Area YMCA
- Location:** Adjacent to the Minnesott Ferry Station in Minnesott Beach on Route 306. From New Bern, follow NC Highway 55 East to Grantsboro; in Grantsboro, turn right on NC Route 306 South and drive toward Minnesott Ferry Station. Entrance to Camp Sea Gull is one mile beyond Minnesott Beach town line on the left.

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Visitor Information: K-12 audience.
Open March 15 - May 31; August 20 - October 15.
Fees vary according to duration of stay and meals served.

Total Annual Visitation:
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: Coastal Ecology
Student Participants: 1,400

Program/Site Features: Neuse River rummage; pond ecology; animal evidence; map and compass; survival; challenge course; Alpine tower; canoeing; sailing; motor boating; 1,100 ft. pier.

Unique Site Features: The site borders the Neuse River Estuary on 350 acres; course offerings include coastal ecology, and aquatic studies in brackish and fresh water environments; extensive Environmental Discovery Center with indigenous and exotic wildlife offers hands-on animal studies; team building course and Alpine Tower on site.

River Basin: Neuse

Camp Thunderbird Environmental Education Center Lake Wylie, SC

Mission: The purpose of the Environmental Education Center at Thunderbird is to provide an interdisciplinary environmental education program where students acquire practical knowledge while sharpening their sense so they may better appreciate and respect the environment.

Contact Information: Camp Thunderbird Environmental Education Center
Two Thunderbird Lane
Lake Wylie, SC 29710
Phone: 803-831-2121 Fax: 803-831-2977

Operator: Greater Charlotte YMCA

Location: From Charlotte, North Carolina, take I-77 South to the Carowinds Boulevard exit. Turn right onto Carowinds Boulevard. Travel two miles. Turn left onto Highway 49 South. Travel six miles; after crossing the bridge and the state line, take your first left (1/4 mile). Go 100 yards and turn left into the camp.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Youth groups, teen groups, adult groups and family groups. Day and overnight programs.
Open Monday through Sunday, year round 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 18,000+
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 11,500

Newsletter Information: *The Environmental Times* — Contact Center for information.

Program/Site Features: The Environmental Education program is correlated to the North Carolina State Curriculum objectives. Programs include Forest Ecology, Aquatic Biology, Recycling, Wildlife Studies, American Heritage, Astronomy, Group Dynamics, Leadership Development, Ornithology, Orienteering, Global Education, and more. Instructional areas include forest sites, compass courses, lake study areas, a star lab planetarium, a progressive ropes course with a 45', three-sided climbing tower, an educational garden, bird feeding stations, a log cabin, and more. Available with the on-site program is a traveling program called Project S.U. N. (Students Understanding Nature). Conference facilities available.

Unique Site Features: With over a mile of shoreline along Lake Wylie, a mile-long interpretive trail and 120-acre nature preserve, the facility is home to foxes, bobcats, owls, hawks, osprey and many other native Piedmont residents. In addition, the EEC has an international partnership with a Tropical Rainforest Program in the Amazon Basin of Brazil. The EEC at Thunderbird is one of the largest residential Environmental Education Centers in the United States.

Cape Fear Botanical Garden Fayetteville, NC

Mission: The purpose of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden is to enrich, inspire and serve the Cape Fear Region as a dynamic center for the collection, culture and aesthetic display of plants; to encourage the enjoyment of natural beauty of plants and birds; to promote environmental stewardship, and; to provide education and research resources for the community.

Contact Information: Greg Nace, Executive Director
Cape Fear Botanical Garden
Post Office Box 53485
Fayetteville, NC 28305
Phone: 910-486-0221 Fax: 910-486-4209
Email: cfbg@foto.infi.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.fayetteville.nc.com/botanicalgarden>

Operator: Non-profit organization

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- Location:** From I-95, take exit 52. Head west on Hwy. 24 toward Fayetteville (approximately 4 miles to downtown). Turn right at light at Eastern Boulevard; go 1/4 mile and exit to the right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, K-12 students and teachers.
Open year round, except Sundays mid-December through mid-February;
Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Adults: \$2.00; Children under 12: Free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 12,000-15,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program Participants:** 1,200
Student Participants: 800
Adult Program Participants: 400
- Newsletter Information:** *Cape Fear Botanical Garden* — Published quarterly. Available with membership.
- Program/Site Features:** Special events and educational tours; native and ornamental plants.
- Unique Site Features:** An 85-acre urban forest which contains old growth forest, many native species, as well as cultivated species. Property borders along Cross Creek and the Cape Fear River.
- River Basin:** Cape Fear

**Cape Fear Museum
Wilmington, NC**

- Mission:** Cape Fear Museum collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets the objects related to the history, science and cultures of the lower Cape Fear, and makes their objects and their interpretation available to the public through educational exhibits and programs.
- Contact Information:** Tom Falvey, Science Educator
Cape Fear Museum
814 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: 910-341-4350 Fax: 910-341-4037
Email: cfm1.wilmington.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.co.new.hanover.nc.us/cfm/cfmmain.htm>
- Operator:** New Hanover County/Grassroots Science Museums Collaborative Grant

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- Location:** Located in Wilmington, eight blocks east of the Cape Fear River on Market Street.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Residents and visitors of the Lower Cape Fear region; special programs for elementary and middle school student groups.
Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adults: \$4.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 35,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Waves and Currents* — Published quarterly. Available with membership in Cape Fear Museum Associates and by request.
- Program/Site Features:** Cape Fear Museum features programs such as the Family Science Saturday Series (third Saturday of each month), *What's In Your Backyard?* (natural history field trip for third grade students); *The Hole World* (temporary exhibit featuring burrowing animals of the Lower Cape Fear -- open forum May 15, 1999 through Labor Day 2000).
- Unique Site Features:** The site features the Michael Jordan Discovery Gallery, a natural history of the Lower Cape Fear region; waves and currents, a history of the Lower Cape Fear.
- River Basin:** Cape Fear

Cape Fear River Watch, Inc. Wilmington, NC

- Mission:** To have a constantly vigilant organization, open to everyone, dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the health, beauty, cleanliness and heritage of the Cape Fear River Watershed.
- Contact Information:** Bouton Baldrige, Riverkeeper
Cape Fear River Watch, Inc.
617 Surry Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: 910-762-5606 Fax: 910-772-9381
Email: CFRW@wilmington.net
- Operator:** Non-profit
- Location:** Location: At the foot of Castle Street, on the Cape Fear River, near the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Directions: In downtown Wilmington, turn

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west onto Castle Street off Front Street, and then left onto Surry Street, our headquarters are on the left.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, K -12, college students, adults and other organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., closed on Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's days.

Total Annual Visitation: 1,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *RiverCurrents* — Published quarterly. Free to members; call for membership information.

Program/Site Features: CFRW, Inc. offers several opportunities for environmental education and community development, including: canoe outings, creek keepers program; hands-on experiences such as field trips and clean-ups; providing a research library for public use; hosting seminars on environmental and preservation issues; sponsoring and conducting clean-ups of area waterways.

Unique Site Features: Located right on Cape Fear River, directly across from public boat ramp; easy access for canoe outings and field trips. Building has library, conference room and multi-purpose room, and acts as headquarters for the Cape Fear Riverkeeper.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Cape Lookout National Seashore Harkers Island, NC
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Contact Information: Cape Lookout National Seashore
131 Charles Street
Harkers Island, NC 28075
Phone: 252-728-2250 Fax: 252-728-2160
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.nps.gov/cal/>

Operator: United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Location: Cape Lookout National Seashore's visitor center is located on the eastern end of Harkers Island, approximately 20 miles east of Beaufort, North Carolina and 30 miles south of the Cedar Island terminus of the Cedar Island - Orcracoke Ferry. From Beaufort, take US 70 East to Harkers Island Road. From Cedar Island, take SR12 South past the Atlantic turnoff to US 70 West. Continue on US 70 to Harkers Island Road. The visitor center is at the end of the road.

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- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public.
Visitor center on Harkers Island is open daily 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (except Christmas and New Year's). Visitors' Centers in the Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters and in Portsmouth Village are open from April to November (hours vary).
There are no entry or camping fees.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 300,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants:** 200-300
- Program/Site Features:** Programs on the history of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse are given daily during the summer at the Keeper's Quarters. Education programs for schools and other organizations available year round by reservation.
- Unique Site Features:** The seashore is a 55-mile long section of the Outer Banks running from Ocracoke Inlet to Beaufort Inlet. There are three undeveloped barrier islands, which make up the seashore – North Core Banks, South Core Banks and Shackleford Banks.
- River Basin:** White Oak

<p style="text-align: center;">Carl Furr Planetarium and Environmental Resource Center Concord, NC</p>

- Mission:** To aid in the development of citizens who are well-educated, responsible, nurturing and dedicated to a promising future for all who inhabit this planet in a rapidly changing world.
- Contact Information:** Deanna Duncan, Planetarium Director
Carl Furr Planetarium and Environmental Resource Center
505 Highway 49 South
Concord, NC 28025
Phone: 704-786-0125 Fax: 704-782-1239
Email: g-d-duncan@msn.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us>
- Operator:** Cabarrus County School System
- Location:** Housed inside Central Cabarrus High School, which is located on Hwy. 49 20 minutes north of Charlotte.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Cabarrus County and neighboring counties.
Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or through special requests.

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Free to Cabarrus County residents; \$25.00 for outside the county.

Total Annual Visitation:

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	1,500+
Adult Program Participants:	100+
Outreach Program Participants:	500+

Newsletter Information: *The C.A. Furr Planetarium* — Published quarterly. Call the planetarium for more information.

Unique Site Features: The C.A. Furr Planetarium sits on the Central Cabarrus High School Campus. The campus is 86 acres of various microsystems.

River Basin: Yadkin

Carnivore Preservation Trust Pittsboro, NC

Mission: The Trust's mission is preserving the rain forest ecosystem and the animals on which it depends. The Trust works to save endangered species that perform essential ecological functions such as pollinations, pest control and seed dispersal. The Trust fulfills its mission through education, captive breeding, animal reintroduction, and assistance to law enforcement and animal control agencies.

Contact Information: Leigh Scott, Program Director
Carnivore Preservation Trust
1940 Hanks Chapel Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Phone: 919-542-4684 Fax: 919-542-4454
Email: cptistrm@mindspring.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.cptigers.org>

Operator: Non-profit organization governed by a board of directors

Location: The Trust is located on 60 acres in rural Chatham County. The Trust preserves a natural setting which contains enclosures for 250 rare and endangered animals representing 16 species. Potential visitors or volunteers must call for reservations and directions.

Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12 students, university and post graduate classes, civic groups, scout troops, scientists, teachers and the general public. Programs, tours and volunteer opportunities are offered by reservation only.
All education programs are provided free of charge.

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Total Annual Visitation: 3,000

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Outreach Program Participants: 2,500

Newsletter Information: *The Palmroller* — Published six times per year. \$15.00 minimum donation.

Program/Site Features: The Trust offers a popular interactive program entitled "Tropical Animals and Ecosystems." Our educators cover several topics, including: the importance of tropical rain forests, interdependence of plants and animals, threats to endangered animals, and ways that everyone can help.

Unique Site Features: The Trust has a large collection of unusual exotic animals. Some of these animals, such as the binturong, are not well represented in zoos despite their ecological importance. The Trust's visitors and volunteers have a unique opportunity to learn about these animals and the services they perform for the environment.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Carolina Beach State Park
Carolina Beach, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: James O'Neal, Park Ranger
Carolina Beach State Park
Post Office Box 475
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
Phone: 910-458-8206 Fax: 910-458-6350
Email: cabestpk@isaac.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

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Location: New Hanover County, 10 miles south of Wilmington, NC Highway 421 on Dow Road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School groups, other organized groups and general public.
Open November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; May through August 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 3,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 2,000
Adult Program Participants: 500
Outreach Program Participants: 500

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The park offers an exhibit hall, classroom, auditorium, five hiking and nature trails, picnic area, camp ground and group camping area. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Unique site features include: five species of carnivorous plants including venus fly traps, and lime sink ponds.

River Basin: Cape Fear

**Carolina Raptor Center
Charlotte, NC**

Mission: The Carolina Raptor Center is dedicated to environmental education and to the conservation of raptors through public education, the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned birds and research.

Contact Information: Edy MacDonald, Director of Education
Carolina Raptor Center
Post Office Box 16443
Charlotte, NC 28297

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Phone: 704-875-6521 Fax: 704-875-8814
World Wide Web Address: <http://birdsofprey.org>

- Operator:** Non-profit
- Location:** Take 85 to 77 North, exit 16B (Sunset), head west. At first stop light, turn right; this is Beatties Ford Road. After approximately five miles, turn left on Sample Road. We are one-half mile into Latta Plantation Nature Preserve.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Students, adults and families.
Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday noon - 5:00 p.m.; open most holidays.
Students: \$2.00; Adults: \$4.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 232,726
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 48,027 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 138,734 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 29,802 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Flight* — Published quarterly. Call for membership information.
- Program/Site Features:** Visiting organizations get up close and personal with our raptors. A private tour and introduction to our owls, hawks, falcons and vultures can be arranged.
- Unique Site Features:** Two miles of nature trails where over 20 species can be observed, 2,500 square feet eagle aviary with bald and golden eagles.
- River Basin:** Catawba

Catawba College, Center for the Environment
Salisbury, NC

Contact Information: Dr. John Wear
Catawba College, Center for the Environment
2300 W. Innes Street
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-637-4738 Fax: 704-637-4221
Email: jwear@catawba.edu
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.catawba.edu/enviro>

Visitor Information: Currently under development.

River Basin: Yadkin

Catawba Science Center
Hickory, NC

Mission: To further the public's understanding of science and technology through the use of educational programs, exhibits, teaching collections, and activities which emphasize the physical participation of individuals.

Contact Information: Lori Field, Director of School Programs
Catawba Science Center
243 3rd Avenue, NE, Post Office Box 2431
Hickory, NC 28603
Phone: 828-322-8169 Fax: 828-322-1585
Email: lori@catawbasience.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.catawbasience.org>

Operator: Non-profit organization

Location: 243 3rd Avenue, NE, Hickory, North Carolina. On the SALT Block.
Follow signs from I-40, exit 125.

Visitor Information: Audience served: PreK-12 students, adults, teachers and general public.
Open Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Children 12 and under: \$1.00; Adults: \$2.00; Catawba Science Center Members: Free.

Total Annual Visitation: 103,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	36,00
Adult Program Participants:	3,000
Outreach Program Participants:	36,000

Newsletter Information: *Imprints in Science* — Published quarterly. Contact Science Center for membership information.

Program/Site Features: Catawba Science Center is a hands-on institution which offers high quality educational exhibits and programs encompassing the natural and physical sciences. Exhibits include a Hall of Life Science with a living mountain stream, a Physical Science Arcade, BodyWorks, KidSpace (exploration area for toddlers), Race Ways (properties of motion), and special traveling exhibits. A wide variety of fun, educational programs are offered for all ages including summer and after school sessions, field trips, teachers workshops, Family Camp-in's and Family Science Nights.

Unique Site Features: Catawba Science Center is located in the Arts & Science Center of Catawba Valley (neo-classical architecture). Our Hall of Life Science contains dioramas of North Carolina habitats and a living mountain

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stream. Nearby is a unique wetland, forest and field environment where we conduct special programming.

River Basin: Catawba

Chimney Rock Park Chimney Rock, NC

Mission: Our goal is to acquaint the public with the special natural features and beauty of Chimney Rock Park and to promote appreciation and understanding of our natural heritage at the same time.

Contact Information: Clint Calhoun, Naturalist
Chimney Rock Park
Post Office Box 39
Chimney Rock, NC 28720
Phone: 828-625-9611 or 800-277-9611 Fax: 828-625-9610
Email: visit@chimnerockpark.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.chimneyrockpark.com>

Location: Located 25 miles southeast of Asheville on Hwy. 64/74-A in Chimney Rock, North Carolina

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
The ticket plaza is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; the park remains open until 7:00 p.m. during daylight savings time. The ticket plaza is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; the park remains open until 6:00 p.m. during non-daylight savings months.
Adults: \$9.95, Youth (ages 6-15): \$5.00; Group rates available – Adults: \$8.00, Youth: \$4.00.

Total Annual Visitation: 250,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Views From Chimney Rock* — Contact Park for information.

Program/Site Features: The staff includes a team consisting of a naturalist and an ornithologist who direct individualized programs for groups on botany, ecology, natural history and ornithology. The park features 2 1/2 miles of nature trails, all of which lead to 404 ft. Hickory Nut Falls. The Nature Center presents exhibits on the flora, fauna, history, geography and geology of the region with special emphasis on endangered species. Handouts and self-guided tour materials are available along with a special guide for teachers.

Unique Site Features: A 26-story elevator facilitates easy access to part of the 1,000-acre privately-owned nature park. Unusual microclimate provides habitats for

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numerous endangered plant species. A 300 ft. monolith highlights the interesting geological features of the area.

River Basin: Broad

Clark Park Nature Center Fayetteville, NC

Mission: Clark Park is intended to provide seasonal and year-round quality leisure opportunities with greatest significance given to educational and interpretive programs related to nature and history so as to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Fayetteville while preserving the sanctity of the park for local flora and fauna.

Contact Information: Ronald Bickram, Park Ranger Supervisor
Clark Park Nature Center
631 Sherman Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28301
Phone: 910-433-1579 Fax: 910-433-1762

Operator: City of Fayetteville - Parks and Recreation Department

Location: Turn on Sherman Drive to Clark Park from Ramsey Street (US 401 Business).

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups, other organized groups and families.
Open Monday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 18,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	15,000
Student Participants:	10,000
Adult Program Participants:	5,000
Outreach Program Participants:	16,500

Newsletter Information: *The Wild Orchid*— Published bi-annually. Call for information.

Program/Site Features: Interpretation and environmental education using the nature center (houses small, live animals and exhibits related to nature and the environment) and park where three trails allow for viewing water activity, wildlife, vegetative types, wetlands, covered bridge, canoe put-in and campground.

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Unique Site Features: Unique features include a waterfall and the Cape Fear River. It is the only natural habitat for deer, turkey and other wildlife.

River Basin: Cape Fear

**Clemmons Educational State Forest
Clayton, NC**

Mission: The mission of the NC Forest Service: to develop, protect, and manage the multiple resources of North Carolina's forests through professional stewardship, enhancing the quality of life for our citizens while ensuring the continuity of these vital resources. The Educational State Forests have been developed for use as living outdoor classrooms to teach school children and the public that forests are complex, interdependent ecosystems, which can be managed for a diversity of uses on a sustainable basis.

Contact Information: Michael Huffman, Forest Supervisor
Clemmons Educational State Forest
2411 Old US 70 West
Clayton, NC 27520
Phone: 919-553-5651 Fax: 919-550-8050
Email: clemmons esf@mindspring.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources

Location: Two and one-half miles west of Clayton on Old US 70. Follow brown recreational signs to forest.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Students K-12, teachers and general public.
Open mid-March through mid-November; Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. during daylight savings time); closed Mondays.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 50,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 13,000
Adult Program Participants: 1,000
Outreach Program Participants: 1,000

Program/Site Features: Clemmons Educational State Forest offers 20 Ranger conducted classes on topics relating to the ecology of managed forests (contact office for a

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program guide), Project Learning Tree Workshops and Investigating Your Environment Workshops (for teachers, natural resource professionals, scout leaders, etc.).

Unique Site Features:

At Clemmons Educational State Forest, visitors can listen to the wind in the trees or they can listen to the trees tell a story (Talking Trees Trail) each with a recorded message about itself, its site and forest history. Forest geology trail (Talking Rocks) features the major rock types found in North Carolina that explains the geology and soils of the forest. The Forest Demonstration Trail offers timely information, examples of forestry practices highlighted by Longleaf Pine Restoration areas. A Forestry Exhibit Center features many interactive exhibits with large murals and many historical and cultural items that help visitors understand why we are called the "Tarheel" state!

River Basin:

Neuse

<p>• Cliffs of the Neuse State Park Natural and Cultural History Museum Seven Springs, NC</p>

Mission:

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Contact Information:

Karl Kaylor, Park Ranger
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park Natural and Cultural History Museum
345-A Park Entrance Road
Seven Springs, NC 28578
Phone: 919-778-6234 Fax: 919-778-7447
Email: clne_ncdpr@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator:

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location:

From Hwy. 70 Bypass in Goldsboro turn on Hwy. 111 South. Park is approximately 11 miles on left from intersection of Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 111.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public, school groups and organized groups.
Open daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed Christmas Day.

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Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 150,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The park provides three types of programs. Geology programs tell about the cliffs that have been carved into the Neuse River. Plant and animal programs are accented by the wide variety of species located in the park. The cultural background of the surrounding community provides for many historical programs. On-site facilities of learning include an interpretive museum, an outdoor amphitheater, four nature trails, and 750 acres of creeks, trees and wildlife. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The cliffs rise 90 feet above the river and extend along the bank for 600 yards. The layers in the cliffs are part of the Black Creek Formation laid down during the Cretaceous period over 66-million years ago. The plants that grow in the park are characteristic of the coastal plain region as well as North Carolina's mountain region.

River Basin: Neuse

<p>Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum Asheville, NC</p>

Mission: The mission of Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum is to foster an appreciation for the Earth and its mineral resources through exhibits, educational programming, and the collection and care of specimens.

Contact Information: Cassandra Love, Director of Education
Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum
2 South Pack Square
Asheville, NC 28801
Phone: 828-254-7162 Fax: 828-251-5652
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.main.nc.us/Colburn>

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- Location:** 2 South Pack Square, downtown Asheville in Pack Place; from Interstate 240, take exit 5A/Merrimon Avenue and follow signs for Pack Place.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: All ages, school groups and general public.
Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adults: \$3.00; Seniors/Students: \$2.50; Children: \$2.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 25,300
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants:** 9,000
Outreach Program Participants: 5,550
- Newsletter Information:** *Touchstone* — Published five times a year. Contact museum for information.
- Program/Site Features:** Sixteen programs on Energy Resources, rocks and minerals, stars and constellations, volcanoes and earthquakes, etc. Exhibits featuring gemstones and minerals from around the world, and a section on NC gems and minerals.
- Unique Site Features:** The Goodman Earth Science Center, a hands-on gallery on the forces that shape the Earth to open in 1999.
- River Basin:** French Broad

Columbia Theater Cultural Resources Center Columbia, NC

- Mission:** To interpret human interaction with the environment in the Albemarle region, especially as seen in the history of farming, fishing and forestry.
- Contact Information:** Tom Stroud, Projects Director
Columbia Theater Cultural Resources Center
304 Main Street
Columbia, NC 27925
Phone: 252-766-0200 Fax: 252-796-0218
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.estuarium.com>
- Operator:** Partnership for the Sounds
- Location:** Main Street in Columbia, one block north of Hwy. 64. Turn on either Broad Street or Water Street, then look for theater marquee when you reach Main Street.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: All ages, school and tour groups.

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Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., schedule may change seasonally.

Adults: \$2.00, Children (ages 5-17): \$1.00.

Total Annual Visitation: Opened October 1998
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Soundwaves* — Published quarterly. Call 252-796-1000 for more information.

Program/Site Features: Programs available on sustainable use of natural resources. Nearby boardwalk and outdoor classroom in bottomland swamp along Scuppernong River gets visitors into the environment.

Unique Site Features: Coast's only animatronic figure, "Hunter Jim;" historic artifacts; 20-minute film on region's history and environment; 1920 Model-T; free popcorn.

River Basin: Pasquotank

Crowders Mountain State Park Kings Mountain, NC
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Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Deidri (Dee) Sarver, Lead Ranger
Crowders Mountain State Park
522 Park Office Lane
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Phone: 704-853-5375 Fax: 704-853-5391
Email: crowders@vnet.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

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- Location:** I-85 to exit 13 at Edgewood Road; follow park signs for one mile to Route 29/74; right onto 29/74 for 1.8 miles; left onto Sparrow Springs Road (SR 1125) for 3.2 miles; follow park signs on road to park entrance.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, schools and clubs/private organizations. Programs with advance notice; others for general public on most weekends.
Open November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March through October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Park closed on Christmas Day.
Admission free; Camping and canoeing concession fees.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 300,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 2,000 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 1,000 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 1,000 |
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** A new visitor center is scheduled for completion by mid-1999 which will house offices, exhibits, working lab, classroom and theater-style auditorium. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** A 3,024-acre park featuring two 900-1000 ft. monadnocks above the piedmont peneplain. Hiking trails ascend to the cliff tops of either of the peaks. Spectacular views await those from the heights. Turkey vultures and the less common black vultures soar around the cliffs. Rock climbing is allowed on Crowders Mountain.
- River Basin:** Catawba

Dan Nicholas Park Nature Center
Salisbury, NC

- Mission:** Dan Nicholas Park Nature Center's mission is to provide the citizens of Rowan County an opportunity to learn more about the natural world around them and develop an appreciation for the environment.
- Contact Information:** Dan Nicholas Park Nature Center
6800 Bringle Ferry Road
Salisbury, NC 28146
Phone: 704-636-2089 Fax: 704-639-0947
Email: 103105.2277@compuserve.com
- Operator:** Rowan County Parks and Recreation Department
- Location:** From I-85, take exit 79 near Salisbury and follow signs to the park on Bringle Ferry Road in Eastern Rowan County.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, K-12 students.
Open October through March: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** ~45,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants:** 4,000
Adult Program Participants: 400
- Program/Site Features:** The facility houses a collection of reptiles, birds of prey, and mammals including a hands-on petting area. Our programs include general animal discussions and specific programs on demand to accommodate scout, school and private groups. Day camps covering various activities are available - all free.
- Unique Site Features:** We are located on a 410 acre park with a two-mile trail through a Piedmont second growth forest and creek bottom. Fishing and other recreational activities are available.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
Belmont, NC

- Mission:** To inspire all who enter to become partners with nature, by preserving and perpetuation a nurturing environment for horticultural excellence,

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aesthetic enjoyment, educational opportunity, research and appreciation of the botanical and agricultural heritage of this region. To this end, the Garden is dedicated to the glory of our Creator.

Contact Information:

Bill Hilton, Jr., Director of Education and Research
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
6500 South New Hope Road
Belmont, NC 28012
Phone: 704-825-4490 Fax: 704-825-4492
Email: info@stowegarden.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.stowegarden.org>

Location:

Southwest of Charlotte on Lake Wylie, Route 279 near South Carolina state line. Call for directions or see <http://www.stowegarden.org/>

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups. Guided field trips by appointment. Childrens' and adult programs, workshops and lectures throughout the year. Call for dates, times and prices.
Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon - 5:00 p.m.; closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call for additional summer hours.
Admission free; donation suggested.

Newsletter Information: *The Garden Path* — Published quarterly. Call for more information.

Unique Site Features:

The formal gardens are an elegant collection of diverse species and unusual cultivars, with an especially good collection of perennials. The Woodland Trail passes by the two ponds and through woods and meadow. Also open now are a Four Season's Garden, Kitchen Garden, Butterfly Garden and Hummingbird Garden. In late 1999, the Garden will expand from ten to 110 acres with a new Visitor Pavilion.

River Basin:

Catawba

Davie Soil and Water Conservation District - KIT (Keep in Touch) with Your Natural
Resources
Mocksville, NC

Mission:

The DSWCD mission is to provide leadership and administer programs to help people conserve, improve and sustain our soil and water resources. The KIT (Keep in Touch) Project provides environmental education information, materials, instructional aids, demonstrations and presentations to stimulate environmental awareness, impart accurate information, and teach wise decision-making skills pertinent to natural resource conservation.

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Contact Information: Barbara Tropy, Education Coordinator
Davie Soil and Water Conservation District - KIT (Keep in Touch) with
Your Natural Resources
180 South Main Street, Room 313
Mocksville, NC 27028
Phone: 336-751-5011 Fax: 336-751-1375

Operator: Conservation District operates with Natural Resources Conservation
Service

Location: Downtown Mocksville, exit #164 from I-40 and follow signs into town,
South Main Street next to the courthouse in the County Office Building.
From Lexington come in on Hwy. 64. From Salisbury come in on Hwy.
601.

Visitor Information: Audience served: All Davie County public and private schools grades K-
12, teachers, community members (agricultural and urban).
Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except government
holidays.

Total Annual Visitation: 5,000
(Includes visitors and environmental
education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The ReSource* — Published quarterly.

Program/Site Features: The DWSCD KIT provides delivery and pickup of requested materials and
resources within the county. Topics include water, groundwater, soil and
water conservation poster contest. Topics now being prepared include
water cycle, groundwater demonstration, soil and water conservation,
watershed, soil erosion, earthworms and soil helpers.

Unique Site Features: The KIT library of resources is the unique feature of the center. It is
designed to meet curriculum requirements for the county schools and to
be responsive to teachers' expressed resource needs.

River Basin: Yadkin

**Discovery Place
Charlotte, NC**

Mission: To stimulate the public's interest in and understanding of science,
mathematics and technology by providing quality educational facilities,
activities and exhibits.

Contact Information: Jerry Reynolds, Vice President, Programs and Education
Discovery Place

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301 N. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
Phone: 704-372-6261 Fax: 704-337-2670
Email: jerryr@discoveryplace.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.discoveryplace.org>

- Operator:** Discovery Place- private, non-profit organization
- Location:** Located on 301 North Tryon Street in uptown Charlotte
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Pre-school through senior adults.
Exhibit Halls: September through May
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
June through August
Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Omnimax Theater and Planetarium: September through May
Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
June through August
Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Adult: \$6.50; Children (6-12 years) and Senior Adults (60+): \$5.00;
Children (3-5 years): \$2.75; Under 3: Free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 558,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 523,025 |
| Student Participants: | 227,000 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 331,000 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 49,000 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Discovery Place Quarterly*— Published quarterly. Contact the museum for membership information.
- Program/Site Features:** A three-story Rainforest exhibit with live plants, birds and reptiles focuses on the ecology and the diversity of lives in rainforests of the world. Live programs and classes for school groups and the general public explore the plight of the rainforest under the pressures of increasing demand for resources and by human populations. The aquarium exhibit explores the diversity of aquatic life with theme aquarium tanks containing various species of marine and freshwater fishes and invertebrates. Programs and classes for school groups and the general public cover various aspects of the ecology of aquatic environments.

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Unique Site Features: Rainforest exhibit features 30-40 specimens of birds and reptiles in a unique indoor rainforest habitat complete with live plants and waterfalls. The Aquarium features numerous theme aquaria and an ocean pool where visitors can handle many forms of marine invertebrates.

River Basin: Catawba

Don Lee Center
Arapahoe, NC

Mission: Promoting environmental awareness through adventure-based programming.

Contact Information: Environmental Education Coordinator
Don Lee Center
315 Camp Don Lee Road
Arapahoe, NC 28510
Phone: 800-525-5475 Fax: 252-249-0497
Email: campdonlee@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.nccumc.org/donlee/index.html>

Operator: The North Carolina United Methodist Commission on Outdoor and Camping Ministries, Inc.

Location: From Raleigh, take Highway 70 East to New Bern. Take the fourth New Bern exit (East Front Street/Highway 55). Follow signs to Highway 55 across the Neuse River Bridge. At the first traffic light after the bridge, turn right onto Highway 55 east to Grantsboro. Turn right onto Highway 306 toward Arapahoe, and travel about two miles after passing the Arapahoe School. Turn left onto Buckland Road, traveling 1.5 miles to the first stop sign (intersection of Buckland and Don Lee Roads). Turn right, travel about two miles and turn right into the Don Lee Center.

Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12, youth and adult groups.
Open year round, Sunday to Sunday. Hours depend on length of stay.

Total Annual Visitation: 12,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Ship's Log*— Occasional chronicle. Public may subscribe, contact Center for information.

Program/Site Features: "Coastal Communities" is a curriculum-based adventure program designed to expose participants to the natural wonders and rich history of

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coastal North Carolina. The program offers 21 curriculum options (River and Creek Exploration, Marshlands/Wetlands), as well as visits from the Neuse River Keeper and local Creek Keeper. Trips to area attractions are also available. We offer on-site housing and all meals are family-style.

Unique Site Features:

On a riverside setting near Oriental, North Carolina, the Don Lee Center overlooks the lower Neuse River and the western section of the Pamlico Sound. From the calm of a small pond to the roar of the stormy river, this setting offers a full experience of the coast's environmental gifts and wonders.

River Basin:

Neuse

Duke Power State Park Troutman, NC

Mission:

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Contact Information:

Casey Rhinehart, Park Ranger
Duke Power State Park
159 Inland Sea Lane
Troutman, NC 28166
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Email: dpstpark@i-america.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator:

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location:

Located at Lake Norman – 10 miles south of Statesville and 32 miles north of Charlotte. Access the park at exit 42 off I-77 and follow the signs.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation:

350,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Program Participants: 5,000
Student Participants: 1,250
Adult Program Participants: 3,000
Outreach Program Participants: 750

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Officer, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The 1,458-acre park is located on the northeastern shore of Lake Norman. A variety of environmental education programs are provided by park rangers with emphasis on water quality issues. Most programs are designed to provide hands-on experiences for the program participants. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The park protects a variety of plant communities in various stages of succession.

River Basin: Catawba

**Durant Nature Park
Raleigh, NC**

Mission: Durant Nature Park was established in 1979 to provide the citizens of Raleigh and Wake County the opportunity to interact with and understand the diverse natural heritage of the lower Piedmont region. Our educational programs are designed to be enjoyable and enhance the school science curricula. The park also offers a variety of outdoor educational experiences and rental facilities.

Contact Information: Durant Nature Park
8305 Durant Road
Raleigh, NC 27614
Phone: 919-831-6856 Fax: 919-831-6470

Operator: City of Raleigh, Department of Parks and Recreation

Location: Northeastern Raleigh, off US #1 North, turn west onto Durant Road, go one mile.

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- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, pre-school through elementary students.
Open year round, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 50,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Trillium*— Published two times per year. Contact the park for information.
- Program/Site Features:** Durant Nature Park offers a variety of hands-on, field-based programs for families, organized groups and schools. These include both natural history and adventure opportunities. "Nature of the City" offers weekend outings for families; "Science Afield" schedules groups which choose from a menu of program offerings during spring and fall; "Nature in the Neighborhood" provides an outreach nature program to community centers across the city and "Raleigh Adventure Programs" include training and field trips in canoeing, rock climbing and more.
- Unique Site Features:** Durant Nature Park is a 240-acre facility which includes two lakes, stream and a mix of pine and hardwood forest and open meadows.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Eagle's Nest Camp Pisgah Forest, NC
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- Mission:** Experiential education for young people, promoting the natural world and the betterment of human character.
- Contact Information:** Paige Lester-Niles, Assistant Director
Eagle's Nest Camp
43 Hart Road
Pisgah Forest, NC 28708
Phone: 336-761-1040 Fax: 336-727-0030
Email: page@enf.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.enf.org>
- Operator:** Eagle's Nest Foundation
- Location:** From Asheville, take I-26 South. Go right at Exit 9 on 280 West. After 16 miles, turn left at the light on Rt. 64 East. Go four miles, turn right on Crab Creek Road; go 1.5 miles, turn right on Everett Road. Go .75 miles, turn left on Hart Road. Foundation is first driveway on right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Children ages 6 -17.

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Open June through August.
\$1675 for three weeks.

Total Annual Visitation: 1500
(Includes visitors and environmental
education program participants)

Student Participants: 188
Adult Program Participants: 80

Newsletter Information: *The Eagle* — Published bi-annually. Call the office for more information.

Program/Site Features: Programs and site features include: organic gardens, barn and riding ring, lakes, athletic field, arts arena, cabins, lodges, open-air dining room, music, Explorer's Club, backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, biking, trekking, cultural exchanges, small community life, ceramics, arts and crafts and drama.

Unique Site Features: The Camp is located in close proximity to Pisgah National Forest.

River Basin: French Broad

Earthshine Mountain Lodge Lake Toxaway, NC

Mission: To encourage students and adults in discovery learning experiences they will never forget to a level they never expected. All will gain new perspective on the wonders and complexity of the natural world and their place in it.

Contact Information: Kim Heinitsh, General Manager
Earthshine Mountain Lodge
Route 1, Box 216-C
Lake Toxaway, NC 28747
Phone: 828-862-4207
Email: earthshine@citcom.net
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.earthshinemtlodge.com>

Operator: Limited Liability Co.

Location: We are located in Transylvania County off Hwy. 64, just west of Brevard, North Carolina. Eleven miles west of Brevard, turn right onto Silversteen Road. Go 7/10 of a mile and turn left onto Golden Road. Take this 1.6 miles to our driveway on the right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Private and public schools (grades 3 through college), church groups, youth groups.
Open year round.

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- Total Annual Visitation:** 2,000 for 3-day programs
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Earthshine Gazette* — Published annually. Call to be placed on mailing list.
- Program/Site Features:** Our "Earth Explorers" science program sweeps students away on a daring quest to gain knowledge from strange mythical creatures straight out of the ancient mountain mist. In addition, "Destination: 1840" is our signature living history program while "Success" program takes groups on our High Ropes course and team building adventures and so much more.
- Unique Site Features:** Earthshine is a "rustic elegant" country inn that offers extensive outdoor education 3-day programs. Our 70 mountain top acres border Pisgah National Forest. We have exceptional outdoor labs for geology, hydrology, botany, zoology and adaptive studies. We have an active pioneer village including authentic log cabin and blacksmith shop and a farm filled with goats, sheep, chickens and horses.
- River Basin:** Savannah

Edenton National Fish Hatchery Edenton, NC

- Mission:** The educational mission of the Edenton National Fish Hatchery is to stimulate sustainable community well-being within the area through the promotion of responsible, nature-based tourism, environmental education, and stewardship.
- Contact Information:** Lucille Harrell, Outreach Coordinator
Edenton National Fish Hatchery
Post Office Box 329
Edenton, NC 27932
Phone: 252-482-4118 Fax: 252-482-2106
Email: Lucille_Harrell@FWS.gov
World Wide Web Address: http://R4FR_EDNC
- Operator:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Location:** Located at 1104 W. Queen Street. Turn off Highway 17 onto W. Queen Street, approximately two miles.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: PreK-college, general public, organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Closed holidays.
Admission free.

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Total Annual Visitation: 12,000

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Edenton National Fish Hatchery has 36 ponds, 25 acres of water used for preservation and restoration of Striped Bass, American Shad and Cape Fear Shiners. Tours, fishing clinics, and presentations are routinely offered. Restoration and preservation are stressed.

Unique Site Features: The Hatchery features a raised 200 ft. boardwalk through bottomland hardwood wetland ending in a fishing pier; classroom that seats 32, opening August 1999; aquariums and exhibits.

River Basin: Chowan

Energy Explorium Huntersville, NC

Mission: Hands-on exhibits provide unique opportunities to learn how electricity is produced at nuclear, fossil and hydroelectric power plants. Electricity conservation is taught through computer games, lighted displays and talking exhibits.

Contact Information: Energy Explorium
13339 Hagers Ferry Road NG03E
Huntersville, NC 28078
Phone: 704-875-5600 or 800-777-0003 Fax: 704-875-5602

Operator: Duke Power Company

Location: Approximately 15 miles north of Charlotte, North Carolina. Take exit 25 or 28 on I-77 and we are located six miles west of Cornelius on Highway 73, near McGuire Nuclear Station and Lake Norman.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, K-16, civic and professional groups. Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Day and New Year's Day.

Total Annual Visitation: 40,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Located on Lake Norman, the Energy Explorium offers a one-mile long nature trail, wildflower garden, picnic facilities, a 17-minute film on the history of Lake Norman and a self-guided tour through the facility. Duke Power's Energy Educators offer presentations to school, professional and civic groups. Topics include: Electric Safety, Electricity Generation,

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Nuclear Energy and Environmental Stewardship. Programs can also be customized. All sites and programs are free to the public.

Unique Site Features: Tours of McGuire Nuclear Station, McGuire's Control Room Simulator, Duke Power's Environmental Center, and Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Station may be available. Some tours have special requirements. Please call for additional details.

River Basin: Catawba

Eno River State Park Durham, NC
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Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Lori Marlow, Park Ranger II
Eno River State Park
6101 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705
Phone: 919-383-1686 Fax: 919-382-7378
Email: enoriver@gte.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Eno River State Park is located in Durham and Orange counties, northwest of the city of Durham. Five access areas may be reached from I-85 by exiting onto Cole Mill Road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open November through February 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; May through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 212,348
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Program Participants: 7,715

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Park staff and volunteers offer a variety of programs to the public and schedule programs for groups. Open programs are advertised in area newspapers. Groups may call the park office to schedule programs. Programs can be tailored to meet group needs. Themes revolve around environmental education and interpretation of the Eno River Valley. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The centerpiece of this 2,622-acre park is the scenic, rocky Eno River flowing through a mixture of Piedmont and mountainous terrain, vegetation and wildlife. The river is accessible by trail and canoe.

River Basin: Neuse

Falling Creek Camp Tuxedo, NC

Mission: Our mission is to provide a setting, a program, and dedicated leadership to allow our guests a maximum opportunity for personal growth and fun as they develop an understanding of their relationships with nature, their fellow man, and God.

Contact Information: Joe Duckett, Director of Environmental Programs
Falling Creek Camp
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Tuxedo, NC 28784
Phone: 828-692-0262 Fax: 828-696-1616
Email: fallingcrk@ioa.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://home.navisoft.com/camppage/fallingc.html>

Operator: Falling Creek Camp For Boys, Inc.

Location: 25 minutes south of Hendersonville. Take Highway 25 to exit 1 (Bob's Creek Road), go west two miles to Falling Creek Camp Road. Turn right and follow the signs.

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- Visitor Information:** Audience served: School groups, families and other organized groups. Live animal shows available year round. Environmental and Adventure Programs available March through May and August through November.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 1,500
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Fire Speaks* — Published quarterly.
- Program/Site Features:** Falling Creek Camp is situated on over 1,000 acres in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Several streams, a river and three lakes offer aquatic habitats, while mixed deciduous hardwood and conifer woodlands, pastures and moss and fern covered bottoms provide homes for many wildlife species. One-, two- and three-day Environmental Programs are offered in the spring and fall for school or church groups, families and other organized groups; topics include: aquatic environments, forest stewardship, wildlife adaptations and caring for our ecology. The Nature Hut, open April to October, offers displays of local and exotic live wildlife such as: turtles, salamanders, snakes, frogs, fish, a red-tailed hawk, a barred owl, Amazon parrots, green iguanas, poison frogs, tarantulas, scorpions, tortoises, lizards, and much more. Adventure Programs offer beginning rock climbing, mountain biking and backpacking for individuals and small groups. Live Animal Shows are also available, visiting schools in much of the Southeast. The shows bring live animals to your location to teach about interesting animals and their habitats; rain forests, deserts or woodlands.
- Unique Site Features:** Falling Creek operates as a summer camp for boys from June to August. Facilities available for off-season groups include: 33 cabins, dining hall, lodge, climbing tower, nature hut, ropes course, mountain bikes, canoeing and swimming lakes, fishing lakes, archery and riflery ranges, tennis and basketball courts and a large sports field. Several rare or endangered plants and animals make their home at Falling Creek, such as: green salamander, pileated woodpecker, timber rattlesnake, pink ladyslipper, and orange bearded orchid.
- River Basin:** Broad

Falls Lake State Recreation Area Wake Forest, NC

- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational

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opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

- Contact Information:** Paul Donnelly, Park Ranger III
Falls Lake State Recreation Area
13304 Creedmoor Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587
Phone: 919-676-1027 Fax: 919-733-3499
Email: fallslak@bellsouth.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** 15 miles north of Raleigh on Highway 50.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 675,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Variety of programs given year round to all ages. Programs are given at one of five developed recreation areas around Falls Lake. Some programs are given at local schools as requested. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** 12,000-acre lake with 24,000 acres of land adjoining. The area is operated by Division of Parks and Recreation and the Wildlife Resources Commission. Facilities include swim areas, picnic sites, picnic shelters, boat ramps, trails and camping.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Forest Discovery Center, Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site
Pisgah Forest, NC

- Mission:** The Cradle of Forestry in America was established to preserve the history of forestry, especially in the context of the Biltmore Estate, and to promote the understanding of multiple uses of natural resources.
- Contact Information:** Cindy Carpenter, Interpretation and Education Program Manager
Forest Discovery Center, Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site
1001 Pisgah Highway
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
Phone: 828-877-3130 Fax: 828-884-7527
Email: mmilosch/r8_nc_pisgah@fs.fed.us
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.cradleofforestry.com>
- Operator:** USDA Forest Service
- Location:** I-26 , exit Hwy. 280 to Brevard; turn right at intersection of Highways 280/64/276; continue 11 miles on Hwy. 276. Facility entrance is on the right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, K-12 and teachers.
Open April 17 through November 7 daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adults: \$4.00; Youth ages 6-17: \$2.00; Under 6 years old are free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 65,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 5,000 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 10,500 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Cradle News*— Published quarterly. Contact: Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association; Annual dues: \$25.00 per family, \$15.00 per individual.
- Program/Site Features:** The Forest Discovery Center offers interpretive exhibits designed for full accessibility and different learning abilities. The exhibit themes are forest ecosystems, management, and environmental issues. Two walking trails focus on the history of the site (from 1890 to 1909), and feature seven historical buildings and a restored logging locomotive. "Living with the Forest" is a program created for 3rd graders (includes North Carolina curriculum objectives) that uses role playing of mountain families in the 1890's.
- Unique Site Features:** The 6,500 acre site is a wooded valley with an elevation of 3,200 feet within the Pisgah National Forest. It contains the headwaters of Looking Glass Creek and South Mills River plus a unique bog system. The forest is

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mixed hardwoods with large stands of white pines plus thickets of mountain laurel and rosebay rhododendron.

River Basin: French Broad

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area Carolina Beach, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Park Superintendent
Fort Fisher State Recreation Area
Post Office Box 475
Carolina Beach, NC 28458
Phone: 910-458-8206 Fax: 910-458-6350
Email: cabestpk@isaac.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Fort Fisher State Recreation Area is located in New Hanover County five miles south of Carolina Beach off US 421. It may also be reached from Brunswick County via the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry which crosses the Cape Fear River.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Open every day; Restrooms open from March 15 - November 15; Refreshment stands and lifeguards: Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Total Annual Visitation: 1 million
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Fort Fisher State Recreation Area provides the public with access to the Atlantic Ocean, while also protecting rare and endangered species. Through a variety of interpretive and environmental education programs, visitors can learn about protected species and other interesting features of the park. The salt marsh, tidal creeks and mudflats form a natural outdoor laboratory in which to discover the wonders of the coastal environment. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The four miles of beach are one of the few remaining undeveloped stretches of shoreline on North Carolina's coast where licensed four-wheel drive vehicles are allowed access for surf fishing.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Fort Macon State Park Atlantic Beach, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
Portraying and interpreting plant and animal life, geology and all other natural features and processes included in Fort Macon State Park.

Contact Information: Randy Newman, Park Ranger
Fort Macon State Park
Post Office Box 127
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Phone: 252-726-3775 Fax: 252-726-2497
Email: ftmacon@nternet.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

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- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Two miles east of Atlantic Beach on SR 1190.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public.
The Fort is open daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; office hours are 8:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 1.3 million
(includes visitors and environmental
education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 45,529 |
| Student Participants: | 8,604 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 36,925 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 350 |
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office,
North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687,
Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Fort Macon State Park is situated at the eastern end of Bogue Banks in
Carteret County, North Carolina. This barrier island has become heavily
developed in recent years, leaving the park as the only large natural area
on the island. Fort Macon offers a wide range of programs: EELE
BARRIER Beginnings, Turtle Talk and Fort History. The environmental
education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet
called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The
EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the
park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina
Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more
information about the park's EELE and other environmental education
programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** Site contains historic Fort Macon.
- River Basin:** White Oak

Goose Creek State Park Environmental Education and Visitors Center Washington, NC

- Mission:** The Environmental Education Center at Goose Creek State Park exists for
the enjoyment, inspiration, and awareness of outdoor education
opportunities. Its mission is to increase the awareness, knowledge, and
understanding of natural systems -- the interdependence of all living things
and the impact of human activities; and to provide environmental

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education opportunities that promote stewardship of the State's natural heritage.

- Contact Information:** Goose Creek State Park Environmental Education and Visitors Center
2190 Camp Leach Road
Washington, NC 27889
Phone: 252-923-2191 Fax: 252-923-0052
Email: goosecreek@beaufortco.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Eight miles east of Washington on 264, make a right onto Camp Leach Road, continue on this road until you see the park entrance on the right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, teachers, students and adults.
Open daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 100,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Goose Creek offers many environmental programming opportunities. The park offers many wetland programs and programs on the species found in the area. The park offers canoe tours and programming available as it is surrounded by creeks and the Pamlico River. Many scenic hikes are also available in the park. Trails venture through cypress swamps, freshwater marshes, brackish marshes, upland pine forests and river front views among the live oaks. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** Seven miles of trails, 3/4 mile trail through a hardwood swamp, swim beach, canoe trail, campground, picnic shelter and a 9,000 square foot Environmental Education Visitors Center.
- River Basin:** Pamlico

Grandfather Mountain
Linville, NC

- Mission:** To make it easy and enjoyable for our guests to experience the pristine, natural features of the mountain while preserving and stewarding the environment for future generations.
- Contact Information:** Grandfather Mountain
Post Office Box 129
Linville, NC 28646
Phone: 800-468-7325 Fax: 828-733-2608
Email: nature@grandfather.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.grandfather-mountain.com/one-mile-up>
- Operator:** Privately owned and operated.
- Location:** One mile south of the intersection 221 and the Blue Ridge Parkway, two miles north of Linville, North Carolina.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public.
Open everyday, weather permitting, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 250,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Grandfather's Voice* — Published bi-annually. Contact Grandfather Mountain for information.
- Program/Site Features:** Nature Museum; four award-winning nature movies; Animal habitats featuring black bears, bear cubs, cougars, deer, eagles, and otters; Mile-high swinging bridge; and 12 miles of backcountry trails.
- Unique Site Features:** Highest peak in Blue Ridge range – designated by United Nations as part of International Network of Biosphere Reserves – most biologically diverse mountain in eastern USA.
- River Basin:** Catawba

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
Townsend, TN

- Mission:** To provide programs that will increase the awareness, appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural resources of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and promote appropriate stewardship of these resources.

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- Contact Information:** Wanda Dewaard, Special Programs
Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
9275 Tremont Road
Townsend, TN 37882
Phone: 423-448-6709 Fax: 423-448-9250
Email: gsmmit@smokiesnha.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/tremont.htm>
- Operator:** United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
- Location:** Follow I-40 West in Tennessee to the Route 66 Sevierville - Pigeon Forge exit. Follow 66 South to 441 South. Once in Pigeon Forge follow 321 South to Townsend. Turn left in Townsend and follow 73 into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Once in the park, follow the road to the Y-intersection with signs to Gatlinburg or Cades Cove. Turn right toward Cades Cove and follow a short distance where a sign indicates the road to the Great Smoky Mountains Institute to the left. Turn left and follow Tremont Road two miles (you will cross two, two-lane bridges) to the Institute turning left across the 1-lane bridge. Office is on the left side of road.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Teachers, K-12, college students and adults.
Fees range from \$45.00 - \$350.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 12,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 7,000 |
| Student Participants: | 4,000 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 100 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Walker Valley Reflection* — Published quarterly. Contact Institute to receive; donations encouraged.
- Program/Site Features:** We are a residential environmental education center based inside The Great Smoky Mountains National Park that caters to school programs but also offers teacher workshops, adult programs and summer camps.
- Unique Site Features:** The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is our classroom. In this classroom, visitors gain a better appreciation not only of the Park, but of their world in general and their responsibility toward it. Facilities include: Caylor Lodge, a modern, open dormitory which houses 135; the Elsie Burrell Activity Center with a large activity room, smaller meeting rooms and modern dining hall; Smoky Pavilion picnic shelter; covered campfire area; nature shop; library; main office; a large playing field bordered by the Middle Prong of the Little River and miles of mountain trail that surround the Center.

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River Basin: Middle Prong Little River

Gull Rock Art and Nature Center
Engelhard, NC

Mission: To offer opportunities and discoveries in wetland culture, art and nature.

Contact Information: Joan Mullen, Owner/Coordinator
Gull Rock Art and Nature Center
3697 Gull Rock Road
Engelhard, NC 27824
Phone: 252-925-4641
Email: joansmullen@hotmail.com

Operator: Private ownership

Location: Located near the end of Gull Rock Road, six miles east of the Mattamuskeet Lodge, turn off Great Ditch Road at Lake Landing at the camping sign. Follow the signs that read "Gull Rock" and "Camping." We are six miles off Hwy. 264 and located next to the camping facility.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Pre-K through adult.
Open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; weekends by appointment.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: Newly opened
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: 140 acres of wetland habitat located on the coast of Hyde County. Privately owned and allows for plant and wildflower collecting. Can coordinate workshops with current classroom studies SA: Animal Kingdoms, Astrology, etc., Birding, Night Hikes and Seasonal Owl Hootings, National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Habitat #21863. CATCH booklets and materials free.

Unique Site Features: The Center's features include: art gallery, studio, museum, and lab; fishing equipment, wooden boats are built and restored on site; nature trails and canals suitable for canoeing; campground with hot showers and RV hookups; primitive camping sites; professional outdoor educator/artist on staff; extreme remote area offers excellent star-gazing opportunities.

River Basin: Tar-Pamlico

Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration, of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreation resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Park Ranger
Hammocks Beach State Park
1572 Hammocks Beach Road
Swansboro, NC 28584
Phone: 910-326-4881 Fax: 910-326-2060
Email: habe@nternet.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Located off Highway 24 in Swansboro.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, schools, and organized groups.
Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Passenger Ferry Schedule: Monday and Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (departs mainland every hour on the half-hour); Wednesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (departs every half-hour).
Passenger Ferry Tickets: Ages 3 and under: Free; Ages 4-12: \$1.00; Adults: \$2.00.

Total Annual Visitation: 42,500
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	17,000
Adult Program Participants:	8,500
Outreach Program Participants:	8,500

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The site features beach environment, nature center and classrooms. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning

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Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Bear Island, a 3-mile undeveloped coastal barrier island only accessible by boat.

River Basin: White Oak

Hanging Rock State Park Visitor Center Danbury, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Jaye Dow, Lead Interpretive Ranger
Hanging Rock State Park Visitor Center
Post Office Box 278
Danbury, NC 27016
Phone: 336-593-8480 Fax: 336-593-9166
Email: ncs1220@interpath.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: In Stokes County, four miles northwest of Danbury, park entrance is on Moore's Springs Road (SR1001) which lies between NC 8/89 east of park and NC 66 west of park.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, schools and institutions.
Open year round 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; June through August 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 400,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Programs interpret geological, natural and cultural history of the park including civilian conservation corp that constructed the park, unique diversity of plant and animal life and geology. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The Park is located in Sauratown Mountain Range, elevation 1000-2570 ft. Within the boundaries of the park are exposed rock outcrops, five waterfalls, 12-acre lake and 18 miles of hiking trails.

River Basin: Roanoke

<p>Harris Energy and Environmental Center Harris Plant Visitors Center - CP&L New Hill, NC</p>
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Contact Information: Harris Energy and Environmental Center
Harris Plant Visitors Center - CP&L
3932 New Hill-Holleman Road
New Hill, NC 27562
Phone: 919-362-3404 Fax: 919-362-3446
Email: sue.mcnickel@cplc.com or lisa.tutor@cplc.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.cplc.com>

Operator: Carolina Power and Light Company

Location: Located 22 miles southwest of Raleigh and 22 miles northwest of Sanford off US 1. Turn off US 1 at the New Hill exit. Go south on New Hill-Holleman Road approximately 1.3 miles. Visitors Center is on the right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Teachers, K-12 students, adults and general public.
Open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., closed holidays.

Total Annual Visitation: 20,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Program/Site Features: The Center offers visitors numerous ways to learn about nuclear energy. Enjoy the White Oak Nature Trail and picnic area, which features the native plants found on the land around the Harris Plant.

Unique Site Features: Harris Nuclear Plant (three miles from site). "Watchable Wildlife" designation by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; Urban Wildlife designation by the National Institute for Urban Wildlife.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Highlands Nature Center
Highlands, NC

Contact Information: Highlands Nature Center
Post Office Box 580
Highlands, NC 28741
Phone: 828-526-2623 or 828-526-2602 Fax: 828-526-2797
Email: hibio@wcu.edu

Operator: Highlands Biological Foundation

Location: Horse Cave Road, Highlands, North Carolina

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
Dependent on weather conditions, open May through September.
Admission free.

Program/Site Features: Summer programs for children and weekly adult/general seminars on various topics.

Unique Site Features: Adjacent to Botanical Garden with over 450 labeled species.

River Basin: Little Tennessee - Cullasaja

Holmes Educational State Forest
Hendersonville, NC

Mission: Classes conducted at the educational state forests will help learners understand forests are complex, interdependent ecosystems which can be managed for a diversity of uses on a sustainable basis.

Contact Information: Holmes Educational State Forest
Route 4, Box 308
Hendersonville, NC 28739
Phone: 828-692-0100 Fax: 828-698-0086

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World Wide Web Address:

<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources
- Location:** 8 1/2 miles west of Hendersonville, North Carolina on Crab Creek Road.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public and K-adult.
Open third Wednesday in March through Friday before Thanksgiving;
Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; hours vary Saturday and
Sunday; Closed Monday.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 26,000-30,000
(Includes visitors and environmental
education program participants)
- Program/Site Features:** Fourteen classes have been developed by Educational State Forest Rangers
and the Department of Public Instruction to meet the North Carolina
Competency Based Curriculum. Rangers conduct 30-45 minute classes on
a variety of topics associated with forests and the forest ecosystem. More
information on specific classes is available upon request.
- Unique Site Features:** The unique site features include three-sided exhibits, a forestry center
explaining aspects of the managed forest, an audio trail (Talking Trees)
explaining forest growth and a demonstration trail showing different forest
management practices being used.
- River Basin:** French Broad

Horizons Unlimited Salisbury, NC

- Mission:** The mission of Horizons Unlimited is to provide opportunities for learning
beyond the school classroom. The experiences include time for students
to actively participate in their own learning: doing science; simulating
history; and investigating the rich environment provided by the exhibits of
the Center. By offering innovative learning experiences designed to
increase knowledge and understanding of history and the physical and
biological sciences, teachers offer the opportunity for students to better
appreciate the world in which we live.
- Contact Information:** Lisa Wear, Nature Science Specialist
Horizons Unlimited
1636 Parkview Circle
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-639-3004 Fax: 704-639-3015
Email: huteachlw@salisbury.net

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- Operator:** Rowan-Salisbury Schools
- Location:** Take I-85 to Salisbury. Take the Salisbury exit toward downtown on Innes Street; follow Innes through downtown; turn right onto Mahaley Avenue; turn left onto Parkview Circle. Horizons is at the end of Parkview Circle.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: School children primarily and teachers.
By appointment school days.
Groups by appointment only, \$1.50 per child.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 18,488
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants:** 17,868
Adult Program Participants: 620 public groups
- Program/Site Features:** Hands-on programs designed to enhance science education for students in Rowan and Davie counties.
- Unique Site Features:** 30-acre hardwood swamp, 1842 one-room school house, planetarium, 800-gallon marine touch tank, tropical rainforest/aviary exhibit, nature trails, health/wellness center.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center Four Oaks, NC

- Mission:** To provide outdoor educational opportunities by promoting the sustainable use of natural resources by fostering understanding of environmental issues and concepts and by creating and enhancing citizens' awareness and appreciation of the conservation, preservation and restoration of North Carolina's natural resources.
- Contact Information:** James Sasser, Director/Wildlife Biologist
Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center
6601 Devil's Racetrack Road
Four Oaks, NC 27524
Phone: 919-938-0115 Fax: 919-938-0224
Email: asgfa@agfas
- Operator:** Johnston Community College
- Location:** Located 7 1/2 miles from I-95/US 701 intersection on SR 1009 (Devil's Racetrack Road).

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- Visitor Information:** Audience served: K-12 and college, civic groups and general public. Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Other times available.
- Total Annual Visitation:** Newly opened
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program/Site Features:** Programs are offered to organized groups (K-12, 4-H, civic, etc.). College continuing education and regular study classes are also held on site. The Nature Center contains six ecoterrariums which house different species of native plants, reptiles and amphibians. Additional environmental/ecological and natural history displays are planned for the near future. There is approximately 33 miles of paths and trails on the property. A large native wildflower garden for birds and butterflies is currently under construction.
- Unique Site Features:** The Nature/Learning Center sits on 2,856 acres of land of which 2,606 is forested, mostly mature bottomland hardwoods. The north end of the property is bordered by roughly 3/4 miles of the Neuse River. The southern end is approximately a four-mile border with Hannah and Mill Creeks. The property has many different types of habitats; fallow and managed fields, longleaf and loblolly pine stands, mixed hardwoods, bottomland hardwoods, ephemeral and vernal pools, beaver swamps and several ponds. Currently, 17 acres are being restored to wetlands. There are also large populations of white-tailed deer and wild turkeys among a very diverse and healthy population of songbirds, raptors and wildflowers.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Imagination Station Science Museum Wilson, NC

- Mission:** The mission of Imagination Station is to present, in a variety of ways, the concepts of science, math, technology and related disciplines in a relevant fashion to people of all ages, especially children of eastern North Carolina.
- Contact Information:** Jobi Bridgers
Imagination Station Science Museum
Post Office Box 2127
Wilson, NC 27894
Phone: 252-291-5113 Fax: 252-291-2968
Email: imagine@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://museums.mdmi.com/imaginationstation>

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- Location:** Imagination Station is located in downtown Wilson in the historic Post Office and Courthouse.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public and eastern North Carolina.
Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adults: \$3.50; Children: \$3.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 40,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants: 20,000
Adult Program Participants: 10,000
Outreach Program Participants: 14,000
- Newsletter Information:** *Lab Notes* — Published quarterly.
- Program/Site Features:** This unique site blends the historic with the scientific in an exciting hands-on arena of more than one hundred fifty hands-on exhibits. The historic property retains the flavor of the former US Post Office and Federal Courthouse while affording the visitor the opportunity to explore marine animals, exotic wildlife, computer technology, the simulation and history of flight and aviation and an array of interactive exhibits covering the physical sciences from electricity and magnetism to simple machines and communications. Exhibits are located on three floors of the facility with the former federal courtroom serving as an auditorium and program demonstration space for educational programming that is correlated with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in science and mathematics. The Beth Mercer King Gallery houses a small planetarium with programs for students and the general public. Our "Science On Wheels" outreach program serves students and schools throughout North Carolina.
- Unique Site Features:** This historic federal building retains the flavor of the past with unique architecture blending the world of science and technology in a unique setting.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage Statesville, NC

- Mission:** The primary mission of the Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage is to showcase and preserve the history and culture of our area for future generations. To this end, the staff is planning an exhibit telling the story of the old water-works and Statesville at the turn of the century.
- Contact Information:** Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage
1335 Museum Road

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Statesville, NC 28625

Phone: 704-873-4734 Fax: 704-873-4734

World Wide Web Address: <http://www.iredellweb.com/museum>

- Operator:** Non-profit, financed by donations
- Location:** Within Statesville's city limits, north of I-40, between exits 150 and 151.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: All age levels, kindergarten through adult.
Open year round, except national holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year's. Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Winter hours, December 1 through March 1: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Admission fee: \$2.00 for nonmembers ages 6 and up.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 22,500
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Horizons* — Published four times per year. Contact the Museum for information.
- Program/Site Features:** Nature trails, bog area, teacher workshops, grade-level tours on exhibits, and pioneer culture tours (social studies). Living history tours provided for anyone (schools or groups) with emphasis on colonial lifestyle of the late 18th Century of Iredell County. We feel students need to learn about their area first and then relate to world. We accept being caretakers of the unique ecosystem within our property and try to use it to educate visitors to have a better understanding of their natural heritage and environment.
- Unique Site Features:** 30-acre site with walking trails, living history site, wooded area with creek, natural bog, mature forest with wide range of trees and wildflowers.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

The JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University Raleigh, NC

- Mission:** To promote the widest possible variety of new and better adapted plants for innovative, environmentally sound landscapes.
- Contact Information:** Pamela Christie, Secretary
The JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University
Department of Horticultural Science, Box 7609
Raleigh, NC 27695

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Phone: 919-515-3132 Fax: 919-515-7747

- Operator:** North Carolina State University
- Location:** The J.C. Raulston Arboretum is located off the US 1-64 Bypass (Beltline) in Raleigh near the State Fairgrounds, the NCSU Vet School and Meredith College on Beryl Road, between Hillsborough Street and Western Boulevard.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, green industry, primary, secondary and university students.
Open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 128,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 1,850 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 9,000 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 10,850 |
- Newsletter Information:** *JC Raulston Arboretum Newsletter* — Published four times per year. Call 919-515-3132 for more information; basic membership begins at \$30.00.
- Program/Site Features:** The Arboretum features eight acres of walking paths through plant collections. Guided tours available with prior arrangement. Lectures, workshops, special tours available. Unique plant introduction program.
- Unique Site Features:** The Arboretum features 450 feet of perennial borders, pool garden, Japanese garden, white garden, model home gardens and over 5,000 varieties of new and unusual plants.
- River Basin:** Neuse

<p style="text-align: center;">Jockey's Ridge State Park Nags Head, NC</p>
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- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

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- Contact Information:** Kelley Thompson, Park Ranger II
Jockey's Ridge State Park
Post Office Box 592
Nags Head, NC 27959
Phone: 252-441-7132 Fax: 252-441-8416
Email: ncs1180@interpath.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Jockey's Ridge State Park is located on Hwy. 158 in Nags Head. The main entrance to the park is near milepost 12.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups, and other organized groups.
Open November - February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 850,000-950,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 5,323 |
| Student Participants: | 4,553 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 370 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 400 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Friends of Jockey's Ridge* — Published four times per year. Individual subscription: \$10.00; family \$20.00; business \$50.00. *The Steward* — Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Jockey's Ridge State Park has a visitor center, museum and auditorium. The park offers many programs for the general public and organized groups of all ages. The park also offers a Dune Ranger program for children ages 7-13 years. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

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Unique Site Features: Jockey's Ridge is the tallest living sand dune on the East Coast rising over 120 feet.

River Basin: Pasquotank

Jones Lake State Park Elizabethtown, NC

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Contact Information: Jones Lake State Park
113 Jones Lake Drive
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
Phone: 910-588-4550 Fax: 910-588-4322
Email: jone@intrstar.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: The park is located approximately four miles north of Elizabethtown on NC 242.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 80,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Jones Lake State Park offers a 20-site campground with bathhouse for family camping. Day-use visitors may enjoy various activities such as

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picnicking in the large lakeside area, hiking on the three-mile self-guided Lake Trail which encircles Jones Lake, or taking part in water sports. These include swimming and canoe rentals which are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Fishing and boating are open year round. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Jones Lake State Park in Bladen County covers 2,208 acres including two natural lakes. Jones Lake, the park's namesake, is about 224 acres and Salters Lake is 315 acres. These Carolina bay lakes are shallow, elliptical depressions with a southeast-northeast orientation.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Jordan Lake Educational State Forest Chapel Hill, NC

Mission: To develop, protect, and manage the multiple resources of North Carolina's forests through professional stewardship, enhancing the quality of life for our citizens while ensuring the continuity of these vital resources -- North Carolina Forest Service Mission Statement

Contact Information: Diane Steltz, Forest Supervisor
Jordan Lake Educational State Forest
2832 Big Woods Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Phone: 919-542-1154 Fax: 919-542-1707
Email: ncdfjrjordanlake@mindspring.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources

Location: From Raleigh/Apex/Cary: Hwy. 64 West, cross Jordan Lake, turn right onto Big Woods Road, the forest entrance will be on the right (approximately three miles down Big Woods Road).

Visitor Information: Audience served: Teachers, preK-adult students and general public. Open year round except Christmas Day and Thanksgiving; Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For weekend hours, call the forest office.

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Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 30,835
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 5,565
Adult Program Participants: 75

Program/Site Features: Environmental Education classes, Talking Tree Trail, 1.5 mile Demonstration Trail, Picnic Shelter, Picnic Area and public restrooms.

Unique Site Features: Located between the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain, the forest showcases a wide variety of pines and hardwoods found in a wetland ecosystem.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area Apex, NC

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Contact Information: Sue McBean, Ranger
Jordan Lake State Recreation Area
280 State Park Road
Apex, NC 27502
Phone: 919-362-0586 Fax: 919-362-1621
Email: jordanlake@mindspring.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Highway 64; 10 miles east of Pittsboro. The sign reads "State Management Center."

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Office admission is free.

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Total Annual Visitation: 1.5 million

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 194 programs; 8,471 participants

Newsletter Information: *Jordan Lake Voice* — Yearly. Call for more information. *The Steward* — Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Programs are available for the general public throughout the year. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Jordan Lake is a 14,000-acre lake. There is a year-round population of bald eagles on the land surrounding the lake.

River Basin: Cape Fear

The Joseph Andres Gutierrez Geology and Earth Science Education Center Winston-Salem, NC

Mission: To educate children (primarily elementary aged) in how important geology and other earth sciences are and demonstrate to them the many varied ways in which work and mineral products are essential to a safe comfortable productive and enjoyable life.

Contact Information: The Joseph Andres Gutierrez Geology & Earth Science Education Center
Post Office Box 4239
Winston-Salem, NC 27115
Phone: 910-744-2015 Fax: 910-744-2019

Operator: Vulcan Materials Company

Location: In Winston-Salem, from I-40 take US Highway 52 North, go to University Parkway exit (north) take the first right onto Patterson Avenue.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School children, teacher groups and special interest.
Minimum group of 20 - maximum group of 50.
Open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; prior scheduling required.

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Total Annual Visitation: 5,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Review and discuss geological exploration equipment and methods; view an extensive collection of rocks and minerals, learning their uses; view/tour a modern active quarry which supplies the aggregates needs for a 140,000 population, surrounded by commercial, residential and business properties.

Unique Site Features: Museum with small classroom and exhibits, out-of-doors equipment display and observation deck overlooking a 50+ year old rock quarry.

River Basin: Yadkin

Kerr Lake State Recreation Area Henderson, NC
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Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Kerr Lake State Recreation Area
6254 Satterwhite Pt. Rd.
Henderson, NC 27536
Phone: 252-438-7791 Fax: 252-438-7582
Email: kela@vance.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: I-85 to Satterwhite Point Road (exit 217), go north to end of road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Office open year round: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Park hours vary throughout the year. Park open every day except Christmas.

Total Annual Visitation: 1.5 million
(Includes visitors and environmental

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education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Kerr Reservoir State Recreation Area consists of seven parks located on a 50,000-acre reservoir. Each park is an excellent representation of northeast piedmont habitat. Our programs feature in-park studies of fauna and flora and related environmental topics. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public. Outreach programs to area schools are also available.

Unique Site Features: Kerr Reservoir is one of the largest lakes on the East Coast with over 800 miles of wooded shoreline. Cultural and archaeological sites are also present.

River Basin: Roanoke

Lake Higgins Environmental Education Center Summerfield, NC

Mission: The goal of our programs is to foster participants' appreciation for the beauty and resources provided by our natural environment.

Contact Information: Sue Davis, Program Coordinator
Lake Higgins Environmental Education Center
4235 Hamburg Mill Road
Summerfield, NC 27358
Phone: 336-643-4295 Fax: 336-545-5959

Operator: City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department

Location: Lake Higgins Environmental Education Center is located off of Hwy. 220N about 3.5 miles outside the city limits of Greensboro.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Guilford County schools and local civic groups and surrounding areas, K-12, teachers and general public.
Open Tuesday through Sunday, year-round operational hours.

Total Annual Visitation: 5,000+

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(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 4,000
Adult Program Participants: 1,000

Program/Site Features: Lake Higgins Environmental Education Center has a classroom where various models of the fish and wildlife found at the lake and surrounding area are featured. There are also trails located at Lake Higgins where guided nature trails and tree and wildlife habitat programs are taught.

Unique Site Features: Lake Higgins is a 280-acre municipal reservoir. In addition to the reservoir, the Taylor Turner Hatchery Pond is located at Lake Higgins. The memorial pond is used to nurture catfish and trout in season.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Lake James State Park Nebo, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Lake James State Park
Post Office Box 340
Nebo, NC 28761
Phone: 828-652-5047 Fax: 828-659-8911
Email: lajasp@jcu2.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: The park office is located in McDowell County, five miles northeast of Marion on NC 126. From I-40, take the Nebo/Lake James exit (#90), head north, cross US 70 and follow the signs to the park.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, schools groups and other organized groups.

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Open November - February, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; closed Christmas day.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 115,000 (day use area only)
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	3,200
Student Participants:	1,600
Adult Program Participants:	960
Outreach Program Participants:	640

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Offers a wide variety of regularly scheduled programs year-round. Special programs can usually be developed for specific groups if adequate lead-time is allowed. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Located on the shore of Lake James.

River Basin: Catawba

Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Swan Quarter, NC

Mission: To stimulate, community-driven economic well-being within the Albemarle-Pamlico region through the promotion of responsible, nature-based tourism, environmental stewardship, and education.

Contact Information: Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge
Route 1, Box N-2
Swan Quarter, NC 27885
Phone: 252-926-1422 Fax: 252-926-1743

Operator: Partnership for the Sounds, Inc.

Location: Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, Hyde County - North Carolina

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- Visitor Information:** Audience served: K-12, college and general public.
Open Tuesday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Evenings by reservation.
- Newsletter Information:** *Sound Bites* — Published quarterly. Contact Partnership for the Sounds, Post Office Box 55, Columbia, North Carolina 27925.
- Program/Site Features:** Research and education and programming focusing on migratory waterfowl and the Atlantic Flyway system.
- Unique Site Features:** 121 step observation tower, North Carolina's largest freshwater lake, lodge on Historic Register, Field Station for Coastal Research (East Carolina University), Pump station and canal system from early 1900's effort to drain lake for farming.
- River Basin:** Tar-Pamlico

Lake Waccamaw State Park Lake Waccamaw, NC

- Mission:** To manage our natural resources for use now and to preserve them for generations to come to serve and protect our lands and waters. The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreation resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
- Contact Information:** Lake Waccamaw State Park
1866 State Park Drive
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450
Phone: 910-646-4748 Fax: 910-646-4915
Email: sila@intrstar.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Lake Waccamaw State Park is located in Columbus County 38 miles west of Wilmington and 12 miles east of Whiteville. The park is located off SR 1947 (Bella Coola Road). Look for signs on US 74/76 or NC 214.

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Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 61,924
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Containing one of the most unique Carolina bay lakes, Lake Waccamaw State Park comprises 8,938 acres of water and 1,732 acres of land. While most Carolina bays have naturally high levels of acid making it difficult to sustain a great diversity of aquatic life, Lake Waccamaw has limestone bluffs along the north shore that make its water suitable for many species of plants and animals. The park has three primitive group camping sites. Each site contains picnic tables, fire circle and grills, and pit toilets. Reservations are accepted for organized groups. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Lake Waccamaw hosts at least five species on the state's rare plant list: the venus-hair fern, green-fly orchid, seven angled pipewort, narrowleaf yellow pondlily and water arrowhead. Several endemic species of fish and two endemic mollusks are found in Lake Waccamaw. At least 52 species of game and nongame fish swim in the water of Lake Waccamaw.

River Basin: Lumber

Latta Plantation Park Huntersville, NC

Mission: To facilitate public understanding of the natural world, its processes and human influences upon it. Environmental Education Goal: To foster the development of an environmentally conscious public possessing the knowledge and skills to make responsible decisions regarding the environment.

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- Contact Information:** Marek Smith, Environmental Education Specialist
Latta Plantation Park
5225 Sample Road
Huntersville, NC 28078
Phone: 704-875-1391 Fax: 704-875-1394
- Operator:** Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department
- Location:** North of Charlotte - Hwy. 77 -- take exit 16B (Sunset West). At the second traffic light take a right (Beatties Ford Road), five miles. Take a left onto Sample Road. Park entrance is at the end of Sample Road. Center is located on the right just inside the park entrance.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: K-12 schools, teachers, organized groups and the general public.
Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 10,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Natural Connections* — Published quarterly. Contact Center at 704-598-8857.
- Program/Site Features:** Located in northwest Mecklenburg County, Latta Plantation Park is a green peninsula extending into Mountain Island Lake (the Catawba River). The park boundaries encompass over 1,000 acres. Facilities include five nature/hiking trails, a picnic area with two picnic shelters, rental canoes and canoe access to the lake, Cowan's Ford Wildlife Refuge and an Interpretive Center with displays and classroom. The Carolina Raptor Center and Historic Latta Place are two additional facilities located within the park. These facilities operate independently of the county park.
- Unique Site Features:** Access to the Catawba River (Mountain Island Lake) for aquatic programs. An educational forestry trail demonstrates various forestry management practices. Cowan's Ford Wildlife Refuge is excellent for viewing wildlife and wildlife management techniques. The park's forest is in varying stages of succession and Hurricane Hugo's impact on the area is very evident.
- River Basin:** Catawba

Long Branch Environmental Education Center Leicester, NC
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- Mission:** The Long Branch Environmental Education Center's mission objectives are: 1) Conservation — promoting the stewardship of natural resources

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within the Southern Appalachian bio-region including its land, wilderness, topsoil, plant and animal species, air and water quality and all genetic resources. 2) Research – experimenting with strategies of environmental design and permaculture, organic farming and orcharding, aquaculture, passive solar water heating, micro-hydropower systems, recycling, composting, and waste utilization and compost toilet systems. 3) Education – sharing these strategies with the public through demonstration programs, conferences, seminars and workshops in order to promote self-reliance, appropriate technology and environmental integrity.

Contact Information:

Long Branch Environmental Education Center
Post Office Box 369, Big Sandy Mush Creek
Leicester, NC 28748
Phone: 828-683-3662 Fax: 828-683-9211

Operator:

Private, independent, non-profit organization

Location:

From US Hwy. 19-23 in Asheville, take NC Hwy. 63, 11 miles to Sandy Mush Creek Road/Earlies Mountain Road and turn left. Continue for seven miles to Boyd Cove Road, turn right and continue 1.5 miles to Long Branch sign. Continue straight up driveway to Center located at the head of the cove.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public, pre-schoolers, college and older adults.
Open by appointment and Saturdays.

Total Annual Visitation:

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Over 2,000

Newsletter Information:

Watershed and Agayuli — Contact Center at 828-683-3662.

Program/Site Features:

The Long Branch Environmental Education Center was set aside in 1974 as an ecological sanctuary and land trust. It has developed into an educational center for sharing positive strategies of local self-reliance in the areas of environmental design, organic food production, renewable energy, shelter design and construction, appropriate technology, resource conservation, recycling, wildlife protection and improved environmental quality.

Unique Site Features:

The land is over 1,635 acres of rugged wilderness and farmland in a south facing cove, ranging in elevation from 3,000 to 5,000 feet. Structures include a passive solar conference center, three passive solar staff residences with three attached solar greenhouses, three composting toilets, a traditional 1917 farm house with a state-of-the-art energy conservation retrofit, an old tobacco barn converted into a rustic dormitory, and miscellaneous outbuildings, including a secluded shelter.

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River Basin: French Broad

Lumber River State Park
Orrum, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Neill Lee, Park Ranger II
Lumber River State Park
2819 Princess Ann Road
Orrum, NC 28369
Phone: 910-628-9844 Fax: 910-628-5643
Email: ncs1439@interpath.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: US 74 East from I-95; 12 miles to Creek Road (Follow directional signs from this point.) Right nine miles to Princess Ann Road; left, park is three miles.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open daily; November - February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Camping fee.

Total Annual Visitation: 20,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	1,200
Student Participants:	600+
Adult Program Participants:	300+
Outreach Program Participants:	300+

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Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: North Carolina's newest State Park, Lumber River offers a black water river and the highest banks along it. Canoeing and fishing are available as well as camping and picnicking. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: This park contains the highest banks along the Lumber River; a dark water river.

River Basin: Lumber

MAGIC Garden Environmental Education Center Asheville, NC

Mission: Mountain Area Gardeners in Communities (MAGIC) is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization dedicated to increasing food availability, nurturing environmental stewardship and personal growth and building community through cooperative gardening efforts and environmental education programs. Educational and therapeutic garden programs are offered to students, senior citizens, city housing residents, and special populations. MAGIC is committed to urban gardening and food production as a means toward creating a network of neighbors and neighborhoods across city, county and region.

Contact Information: Victoria Maddux, Education Coordinator
MAGIC Garden Environmental Education Center
Box 168
Asheville, NC 28802
Phone: 828-299-8466 Fax: 828-299-3664
Email: magica@buncombe.main.nc.us
World Wide Web Address: http://mainsrv.main.nc.us/magic_gardens/

Operator: MAGIC Community Gardens, non-profit, financed by donations.

Location: From I-240 Asheville Bypass: Traveling west, take the Montford Avenue exit. Turn right off the exit ramp onto Montford Avenue. Traveling east take the Montford Avenue exit, turn right off the exit ramp. At the next light turn right again onto Montford Avenue. Drive down Montford

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through two more lights, past the Montford Store (on right) and the Samasati Center (on left - a big yellow house with blue shutters). Turn left on Pearson, .2 miles down hill. Watch for "Barricade Ahead" sign on your right. The Center gardens and parking are across the street on your left.

- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Educators, students (including home schoolers), gardeners, public housing youth, populations in need and general public. Open April through October by appointment.
- Newsletter Information:** *The MAGIC Touch* — Published several times per year. Contact office at 704-299-8466.
- Program/Site Features:** All programs teach: "conservation, preservation, wise use of natural resources" (NC Science Curriculum). Youth Market Garden: life systems and organic growing methods; environmental stewardship and food market projects. Teacher workshops: building school gardens, NC K-5 Science correlations for garden practices and environmental education. (MAGIC's An Educator's Guide to Basic Organic Gardening Practices is included.)
- Unique Site Features:** Many raised-bed, organic gardens in an urban area, featuring vegetables, herbs, cutting and sensory plants and others to be developed.
- River Basin:** French Broad

McDowell Nature Center Charlotte, NC

- Mission:** To facilitate public understanding of the natural world, its processes and human influences upon it. Environmental Education Goal: to foster the development of an environmentally conscious public possessing the knowledge and skills to make responsible decisions regarding the environment.
- Contact Information:** Environmental Education Specialist
McDowell Nature Center
15222 York Road
Charlotte, NC 28278
Phone: 704-588-5224 Fax: 704-588-5226
- Operator:** Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department
- Location:** Traveling on I-77 take exit 90 on to Carowinds Boulevard. Go west approximately three miles to Highway 49/York Road. Turn left on to Highway 49/York Road and go four miles. The Nature Preserve entrance will be on the right. Follow directional signs to the Nature Center.

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Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, schools, teachers, individuals and organized groups of all ages.
Open year round: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturdays and holidays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 10,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Natural Connections*— Published quarterly. Call 704-598-8857 to have name added to mailing list.

Program/Site Features: Our beautiful nature preserve is host to an abundant variety of plants and animals in habitats ranging from old field to forest, stream, marsh and lake. An educator's guide detailing a variety of different program opportunities is available.

Unique Site Features: Facilities include a nature center with exhibits focusing on insects. A well-equipped classroom with video microscope. Picnic shelters, campground, fishing piers, playground, seven miles of hiking trails and a handicapped accessible trail.

River Basin: Catawba

Medoc Mountain State Park Hollister, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Medoc Mountain State Park
Post Office Box 400
Hollister, NC 27844
Phone: 252-445-2280 Fax: 252-445-4826
Email: medocmtn@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

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- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Highway 48, SR 1002
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open daily; November - February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 47,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward* — Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Programs at Medoc Mountain State Park are geared for different grade levels, and include topics such as geology, animal adaptations, soil conservation, and predator/prey relationships. Groups are also welcome to visit the park for self-guided expeditions. Facilities include restrooms, picnic areas, almost ten miles of trails, and family and group camping. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** Medoc Mountain State Park is a wonderful place to learn about geology. The land-forming influences on the Piedmont and the Coastal plain have both had an effect on the formation of the area as the park sits near the fall line.
- River Basin:** Tar-Pamlico

<p>Merchants Millpond State Park Gatesville, NC</p>

- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation

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opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information:

Floyd Williams, Park Ranger
Merchants Millpond State Park
71 US Hwy. 158 East
Gatesville, NC 27938
Phone: 252-357-1911 Fax: 252-357-0149
Email: memistatepark@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator:

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location:

Merchants Millpond is located in Gates County and may be reached from US 158, NC 32 and NC 37. The park is approximately 30 miles from the cities of Ahoskie, Elizabeth City and Edenton, North Carolina and from Suffolk, Virginia.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open daily; November - February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation:

88,282

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information:

The Steward— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features:

Interpretive programs take place throughout the year, covering almost any topics. Park rangers guide you on exciting explorations where you'll uncover fascinating natural surroundings and make great discoveries about the world in which we live. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features:

Merchants Millpond State Park is a very special place where coastal pond and southern swamp forest mingle, creating one of North Carolina's rarest

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ecological communities. Together with upland forest, these environments create a haven for flora and fauna.

River Basin: Chowan

Mitchell 4-H Educational Center Swansboro, NC
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Mission: To provide year-round training and educational programs for youth and for those who work with youth. The Center's programs are designed to motivate and serve as a laboratory for innovative and effective educational approaches. The Center is unique in that it brings the resources of North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University along with governmental, public and private agencies to bear on youth development issues and then utilizes a low cost residential setting to deliver those resources.

Contact Information: Kenneth Scott Cross
Mitchell 4-H Educational Center
247 4-H Camp Road
Swansboro, NC 28584
Phone: 910-326-3172 Fax: 910-326-2124
Email: m4hcntr@nternet.net
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.swansboro.com/htm>

Operator: North Carolina State University

Location: From Raleigh: Take I-40 East to Kennansville, then Hwy. 24 East to Swansboro. Go right on Old Hammocks Beach Road one mile, then right on 4-H Camp Road, which takes you directly into the center.

Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12.
Open year round.
\$15.00 - \$80.00 depending on day/residential.

Total Annual Visitation: 6,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	4,800
Student Participants:	4,080
Adult Program Participants:	120
Outreach Program Participants:	600

Newsletter Information: *Tidal Notes* — Published quarterly. Subscription is free, just contact the Center.

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Program/Site Features: A complete residential facility that is handicap accessible. We supply visiting schools with a program based on students' experiential learning. Our program is integrated into the North Carolina School Curriculum so that it introduces and reinforces concepts studied in the classroom. Curriculum includes both instruction and hands-on activities for the following subject areas: water quality, nonpoint and point source pollution, riparian zones, residential best management practices, wetlands management, understanding your ecological address, aquatic systems both fresh and salt water, habitat preservation and soils and ground water.

Unique Site Features: Surrounded by a vast estuary that is designated as a primary nursery area for the protected development of marine aquatic and wildlife species. Being located about 150 yards from the Inter Coastal Waterway, also allows for dynamic programming on barrier islands.

River Basin: White Oak

Morehead Planetarium Chapel Hill, NC

Mission: Dedicated to enlightenment of the people of North Carolina through the sciences and the arts.

Contact Information: Lee Shapiro, Planetarium Director
Morehead Planetarium
250 E. Franklin Street, CB# 3480, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC 27599
Phone: 919-962-1237 Fax: 919-962-1238
Email: astrlts@email.unc.edu
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/mhplanetarium>

Operator: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Location: From I-40, take exit 266, go south four miles to Franklin Street, turn east about 1/4 mile, planetarium is on the south side of street.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Preschool through college, general public and teachers. Open Sunday and Tuesday through Friday 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 110,000 paid visitors
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Sundial*— Published quarterly. Contact Planetarium for more information.

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Program/Site Features: Premier astronomy education center for lay education in North Carolina. Star Theater shows, classes, exhibits, outdoor sundial, rose garden, public information.

Unique Site Features: All Mercury, Gemini, and all but one Apollo astronaut went through some of their training at Morehead Planetarium.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Morrow Mountain State Park Albemarle, NC

Mission: The North Carolina State Parks System exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features, and resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Wade Stubbs, Park Ranger
Morrow Mountain State Park
49104 Morrow Mountain Road
Albemarle, NC 28001
Phone: 704-982-4402 Fax: 704-982-5323
Email: momo@ctc.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Six miles east of Albemarle off NC 740 onto Morrow Mountain Road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
Open every day except Christmas.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 400,000

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	5,920
Student Participants:	500
Adult Program Participants:	2,500
Outreach Program Participants:	750

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Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Natural and cultural history programs and hikes. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Geology and geologic processes of the Uwharrie Mountains, mature hardwood forests, Kron house restoration area, park buildings built by CCC and WPA in 1930's and 1940's.

River Basin: Yadkin

Mount Jefferson State Natural Area Jefferson, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features, and resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Michael Lambert, Park Ranger
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area
Post Office Box 48
Jefferson, NC 28640
Phone: 336-246-9653 Fax: 336-246-3386
Email: moje@skybest.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Mount Jefferson State Natural Area is located in the northwestern corner of North Carolina in Ashe County. It is located between the towns of Jefferson off of US 221 Bypass. Follow posted signs to the park.

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Visitor Information: Audience served: K-12 with emphasis on grades 5-8, school teachers and the general public.
Open November through February 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.; March and October 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; April, May and September 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; June through August 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Open year round except Christmas Day.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 63,606

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	286
Adult Program Participants:	540
Outreach Program Participants:	18

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The primary interpretive theme for Mount Jefferson State Natural Area is geology. Interpretive programming covers a wide variety of geology topics that include rock and mineral identification, Mount Jefferson and the Appalachian Mountain Orogeny, crystal shapes, and the rock cycle. Other interpretive programming covers unique plant communities, cultural history and the Mount Jefferson area done with many other interpretive topics related to Mount Jefferson. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Geology: the rock outcrops of Mount Jefferson provide an excellent opportunity for interpretive study of various geologic concepts. Unique Plant Communities: Mount Jefferson contains a diversified arrangement of unique plant communities that usually occur further north. Panoramic Views: The panoramic views from Mount Jefferson are the most significant scenic values in the park.

River Basin: New River

Mount Mitchell State Park
Burnsville, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features, and resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Jonathan Griffith, Ranger
Mount Mitchell State Park
Route 5, Box 700
Burnsville, NC 28714
Phone: 828-675-4611 Fax: 828-675-9655
Email: momi@yancey.main.nc.us
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Located on NC 128 off the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 355.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public and special requests.
Open year-round, except Christmas Day; November - February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 300,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: General public programs are offered primarily on the weekend during the summer and fall on various topics concerning Mount Mitchell. Special programs are available for groups who request it. Two to three weeks advance notice must be given for a special program. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-site activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more

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information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The park is home to the highest peak east of the Mississippi River.

River Basin: French Broad

<p style="text-align: center;">Mountain Farm School -- Great Smoky Mountains National Park Cherokee, NC</p>
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Mission: The Mountain Farm Museum contains historic farm structures which were relocated to the site. The purpose of the site is to interpret regional farm life circa 1900 and the impact people have had on the land which is now Great Smoky Mountains.

Contact Information: Mountain Farm School – Great Smoky Mountains National Park
150 Hwy. 441 N
Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: 828-497-1900 Fax: 828-497-1910

Operator: United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Location: Two miles north of Cherokee on US 441 North.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public and local schools.
Open sunrise to sunset, year round.

Total Annual Visitation: 250,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: The site preserves one of the finest collections of historic log structures in the National Park System. Educational program for local students provides hands-on experience in regional farm life and preservation concepts.

Unique Site Features: The site is located in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a 500,000-acre wilderness sanctuary preserving one of the world's finest examples of temperate deciduous rain forest.

River Basin: Little Tennessee

Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station
Fletcher, NC

Mission: In addition to the traditional mission of the North Carolina State Agricultural Research Stations, the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station offers support activities for the North Carolina Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

Contact Information: Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station
200 Fanning Bridge Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
Phone: 828-684-7197 Fax: 828-684-7503

Operator: North Carolina State University Agricultural Research Station

Location: Between Asheville and Hendersonville, exit 9 off I-26, go west on NC 280, one mile to Fanning Bridge Road, go north (right) two miles – Station is on the right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; special appointments can be arranged.

Total Annual Visitation: 2,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Programs cover cultural practices; adaptability; the control of weeds, disease and insects; and using composted garbage from the landfill to grow plants. The Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station offers support activities for the North Carolina Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program. This is a fun tour that offers hands-on learning to children.

Unique Site Features: This 335-acre station specializes in fruit, vegetable and ornamental research. Apple research is the largest component, since 85% of the state's apple production is located in counties surrounding the station. Greenhouses and laboratory complexes are located on site.

River Basin: French Broad

Mountain Trail Outdoor School
Hendersonville, NC

Mission: The Mountain Trail Outdoor School's purpose is to offer programs which provide youth and adults the chance to experience positive community, to grow physically and mentally, improve self-confidence, and increase awareness and stewardship of our natural environment. The Mountain

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Trail Outdoor School uses an experiential education model to teach and inspire youth and adults to care for the environment around them, both the natural and human resources.

Contact Information:

Paul Bockoven, Director of Outdoor Education
Mountain Trail Outdoor School
Post Office Box 250
Hendersonville, NC 28793
Phone: 828-692-9136 Fax: 828-696-3589
Email: kanuga@ecunet.org Subject: MTOS
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.kanuga.org/mtos.htm>

Operator:

Kanuga Conferences, Inc., a non-profit education and retreat center affiliated with the Episcopal Church

Location:

Located six miles southeast of Hendersonville. From I-26, take exit # 18 onto Route 64 West to Hendersonville. In town, turn left on Church Street (Route 25 South), travel nine blocks and turn right onto Kanuga Street (changes into Kanuga Road). Travel four miles to a triangular Kanuga sign, turn right and follow Kanuga Lake Road approximately two miles to the Kanuga Conference Center sign (past Camp Kanuga for Boys and Girls sign) turn right onto Kanuga Conference Drive. The Administrative Offices are in the first building on the right. The Mountain Trail Outdoor School is at the end of the main road at the Bob Campbell Youth Campus.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: Third grade and up, public and private schools, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, adults, public and business groups. MTOS operated last August through Early June. Program rates dependent on length of stay.

Total Annual Visitation:

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 3,300

Newsletter Information:

Kanuga News — Published quarterly. Contact Kanuga to place your name on the mailing list at no charge.

Program/Site Features:

The Mountain Trail Outdoor School offers a variety of environmental and adventure classes which are tailored to meet each group's needs and goals. The activities allow students to learn, while having fun and exploring their surroundings, themselves, and their connections to others and the environment. Our 1,400-acre outdoor classroom includes an immense diversity of life and many beautiful and complex ecosystems. The residential setting at Kanuga's Bob Campbell Youth Campus provides comfortable lodging and great food prepared by Marriott, while still being rustic and affordable.

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Unique Site Features: Two rare species are found here: the endangered Mountain Sweet Pitcher Plant, and the threatened Bog Turtle. Over 1,400 acres of beautiful mountain forests, lakes, trails and views.

River Basin: French Broad

<p style="text-align: center;">Museum of Coastal Carolina Ocean Isle, NC</p>

Mission: The mission of the Museum of Coastal Carolina is to stimulate the public's interest in, and understanding of, the natural science, environment and cultural history of the coastal region of the Carolinas by providing quality educational facilities, activities and exhibits.

Contact Information: Robert Cline, Director
Museum of Coastal Carolina
21 East Second Street
Ocean Isle, NC 28469
Phone: 910-579-1016 Fax: 910-579-1016
Email: museum@nccoast.net
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.discoveryplace.org>

Operator: Museum of Coastal Carolina

Location: Go to Ocean Isle Beach, take a left on Second Street. The Museum will be on your left.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public.
The Museum is open daily year round.
Adults: \$3.50; Under 12: \$1.50.

Newsletter Information: *Volunteer/Member Newsletter* — Published three times per year.
Contact the Museum at the above address for subscription information.

Program/Site Features: Programs at the Museum include beachcombing, shell hikes (year round), sea turtle nesting and live reptile programs (summer months). Special school programs are available upon request.

Unique Site Features: The Museum features barrier island beach, tidal wetland and remnant maritime forest.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Nags Head Woods Preserve
Kill Devil Hills, NC

- Mission:** To preserve the biological diversity of the Nags Head Woods Maritime Forest and to promote its use for educational, recreational and scientific use.
- Contact Information:** Tracy Triggs-Matthews, Education Coordinator
Nags Head Woods Preserve
701 W. Ocean Acres Drive
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Phone: 252-441-2525 Fax: 252-441-1271
Email: tmatthews@nhwoods.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.tnc.org>
- Operator:** The Nature Conservancy -- non profit
- Location:** The Preserve is located at milepost 9 1/2 in Kill Devil Hills. Turn west on Ocean Acres Drive. Drive through a residential area until road becomes dirt, down a hill and around a bend. The parking lot is on the left.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, members, children and adults.
Open Summer: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Fall, winter and spring: Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Suggested donation of \$3.00.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 15,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 500 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 300 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 200 |
- Newsletter Information:** *The Oakpost* — Published four times a year. Membership starts at \$25.00 annually.
- Program/Site Features:** Summer field trips: kayaking, hiking and Friday Family Fun; weeklong and daytime EcoCamps for students K-1, 2-3, 4-5, and 6-8; special fall programs; up to five miles of trails, a gift shop and visitors center open to the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** Rare maritime forest — only five containing similar communities in the world!
- River Basin:** Pasquotank

Natural Science Center of Greensboro
Greensboro, NC

Mission: The Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc., a private not-for-profit corporation consisting of a museum, zoological park and planetarium, provides the surrounding community and region with the highest quality experiential education opportunities possible for a facility of its type. The Natural Science Center's educational opportunities include: 1) self-guided tours, 2) staff and docent presentations, 3) special programs, 4) children's workshops, 5) community outreach and 6) meeting facilities for affiliated clubs and organizations presenting programs open to the public. The Natural Science Center: 1) holds its collections in trust for citizens, 2) makes extensive use of items in its collections both in staff/docent programs and as integral parts of in-house constructed displays and exhibits and 3) provides opportunities for the public to view highest quality extended-loan and traveling exhibits. The Natural Science Center's continued growth and development is guided by: 1) a commitment to excellence in the daily operation of the facility for the public good, 2) the development and presentation of innovative educational opportunities, 3) a sense of social responsibility in that all members of the community and region have access to, and be encouraged to participate in the educational opportunities of the Natural Science Center and 4) financial integrity to insure the future ability of the Natural Science Center to act as a first rate collections repository and educational facility. Above all else, the Natural Science Center of Greensboro seeks to fulfill its mission by effectively responding to the needs to provide for all people of the area a museum, planetarium and zoological park which meets the needs of the regional area.

Contact Information: Natural Science Center of Greensboro
4301 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455
Phone: 336-288-3769 Fax: 336-288-0545

Operator: The Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc.

Location: 4301 Lawndale Drive

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, groups from schools, church scouts, civic and special interest clubs.
Open year round; Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

Total Annual Visitation: 190,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

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Newsletter Information: *Pendulum Press* — Published quarterly.

Program/Site Features: Programs are offered for school groups on such topics as animal survival, endangered species and herpetology. Numerous nature study and environmental education labs and workshops are conducted during the summer months.

Unique Site Features: The Natural Science Center features a museum, zoo, planetarium and wooded natural area. The zoo includes a display of endangered lemurs with accompanying displays about lemur conservation. The museum's Herpetarium includes both native North Carolina herptofauna and rare, exotic species.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Nature Museum
Charlotte, NC

Mission: To stimulate the public's interest in and understanding of science, mathematics and technology by providing quality educational facilities, activities and exhibits.

Contact Information: Jim Hoffman, PR/Marketing Associate
Nature Museum
1658 Sterling Road
Charlotte, NC 28209
Phone: 704-372-6261 Fax: 704-372-6261
Email: jmh@discoveryplace.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.discoveryplace.org>

Operator: Discovery Place, Inc.

Location: Located off East Boulevard adjacent to Freedom Park.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School groups, children and parents.
Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission is \$3.00.

Total Annual Visitation: 50,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 30,000

Newsletter Information: *Discovery Place Quarterly* — Published quarterly. Call for more information.

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Program/Site Features: The exhibits and collections of the Nature Museum focus primarily on plants and animals native to the piedmont and foothills region of North Carolina. Educational programs and workshops for preschool through grade five students are offered year round.

Unique Site Features: A one-quarter mile long nature trail features both bottom land and upland tree and plant species along with wildflower garden and a large stand of native paw-paw trees. A suspension footbridge crosses Little Sugar Creek and opens onto Freedom Park and Freedom Park Lake. Both the stream and the lake support a variety of wildlife including geese, ducks, herons, frogs and turtles. The Museum is also home to a wonderful butterfly pavilion.

River Basin: Catawba

**Neuseway Nature Center
Kinston, NC**

Mission: To provide free nature and environmental experiences to the public and school groups in the Kinston area and beyond.

Contact Information: Melissa McCoy-Suggs, Naturalist
Neuseway Nature Center
401 W. Caswell Street
Kinston, NC 28501
Phone: 252-939-3367 Fax: 252-939-3129

Operator: Kinston/Lenoir County Parks and Recreation

Location: On Highway 11/55 beside King Street Bridge. Off of Highway 70/258 Bypass in Kinston.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open October through April: Tuesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; May through September: Tuesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Program/Site Features: Camping, hiking, fishing, picnicking canoeing, nature center, meeting room, guided tours for large groups.

Unique Site Features: Lower level cave with live exhibits focusing on the Neuse River.

River Basin: Neuse

New River State Park
Jefferson, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health, and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features, and resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Doug Blatny, Ranger II
New River State Park
Post Office Box 48
Jefferson, NC 28640
Phone: 336-982-2587 Fax: 336-982-3943
Email: neri@skybest.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: From eastern North Carolina, take Hwy. 421 at Wilksboro; take Hwy. 16 North until it dead ends into Hwy. 88. Turn right on Hwy. 88 for 1.2 miles; turn left on Wagoner Road until it leads into park. From western North Carolina, take Hwy. 221 North through Boone, then north to Jefferson. Turn right on Hwy. 16/88 South. Stay on Hwy. 88 when Hwy. 16 splits off. Follow Hwy. 88, 1.2 miles to Wagoner Road access. Turn left, road dead ends at park.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school classes and other organized groups.
Open November - February 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; March and October 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; April, May and September 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; June - August 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 125,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	2,700
Student Participants:	1,890
Adult Program Participants:	810
Outreach Program Participants:	700

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Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: New River State Park offers three separate sites located along the river designed for overnight canoe camping. Two sites are accessible by car and provide camping, fishing, picnicking, and hiking. One location has a picnic shelter and the other has an enclosed community building. Both facilities may be reserved. Program topics include nature hikes, native animal interpretation, guided canoe trips and our specialty "Aquatic Sampling." The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The New River offers hands-on environmental learning experiences. The New River has recently been designated as an American Heritage River and is a National Wild and Scenic River.

River Basin: New

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher Kure Beach, NC

Mission: The North Carolina Aquariums are established to promote an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse natural and cultural resources associated with North Carolina's ocean, estuaries, rivers, streams, and other aquatic environments.

Contact Information: Andy Wood, Curator of Education
North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher
2201 Fort Fisher Boulevard
Kure Beach, NC 28449
Phone: 910-458-8257 Fax: 910-458-6812
World Wide Web Address: [http:// www.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.com)

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of North Carolina Aquariums

Location: Located three miles south of Kure Beach on Hwy. 421 (21 miles south of Wilmington).

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public and school groups.

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Open seven days per week; Labor Day to Memorial Day 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Memorial Day to Labor Day 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Closed New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Total Annual Visitation: 340,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Aquarium News* — Published quarterly. Contact the Aquarium at 910-458-8257.

Program/Site Features: Programs include guided field trips; live animal presentations, films. Exhibits include: 20,000-gallon shark tank, alligator exhibit, skate and ray exhibit, life size sculpture of humpback whale and calf, and a gallery of salt water aquariums featuring native marine life.

Unique Site Features: Located within a State Park Area with estuarine, open beach and ocean and coastal thicket habitats.

River Basin: Cape Fear

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores Atlantic Beach, NC

Mission: The North Carolina Aquariums are established to promote an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse natural and cultural resources associated with North Carolina's ocean, estuaries, rivers, streams, and other aquatic environments.

Contact Information: Bob Patton, Education Curator
North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores
Post Office Box 580
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Phone: 252-247-4003 Fax: 252-247-0663
World Wide Web Address: [http:// www.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.com)

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of North Carolina Aquariums

Location: 1 Roosevelt Drive, Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina -- five miles west of Atlantic Beach on NC Hwy. 58.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups (K-college) and other special groups.
Open 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily – Memorial Day through Labor Day;
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily – off-season. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

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Adults: \$3.00; Seniors: \$2.00; 6 years - 17 years: \$1.00; Pre-registered North Carolina school groups: free.

Total Annual Visitation: 289,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 70,500

Student Participants: 29,000

Outreach Program Participants: 950

Newsletter Information: *Aquarium News* — Published quarterly. Membership hotline: 800-832-FISH.

Program/Site Features: The aquarium exhibits a collection of unique and colorful fishes and marine animals native to North Carolina. Special exhibits include the Living Shipwreck, the Loggerhead Odyssey (sea turtles), Precious Waters (estuaries and alligators), and a touch tank. Our education program offers daily public programs including films, slide presentations, live animal demonstrations, marshland beach walks. Fee programs include dredge and trawl trips, canoe trips, craft classes, etc. Special request programs are available to schools and other groups as staff and time permits. Quarterly public program calendars and education program guides are available.

Unique Site Features: The Aquarium is located within the 300-acre Roosevelt Natural Area, adjacent to Bogue Sound. A salt marsh boardwalk (Salt Marsh Safari) features scopes for birding, and connects to the half-mile Hoffman Nature Trail, which winds through the surrounding maritime forest. Trail Guides are available.

River Basin: White Oak

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island Manteo, NC

Mission: The North Carolina Aquariums are three state-operated facilities which promote an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse natural and cultural resources associated with North Carolina's ocean, estuaries, rivers, streams, and other environments.

Contact Information: Terri Kirby Hathaway, Education Curator
North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island
Post Office Box 967
Manteo, NC 27954
Phone: 252-473-3494 Fax: 252-473-1980
Email: ncs0249@interpath.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.ncaquariums.com>

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- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of North Carolina Aquariums
- Location:** From Highway 64, just west of Manteo, turn onto Airport Road. The Aquarium is located at the end of Airport Road.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Due to renovations, the Aquarium will be closed until spring 2000.
General operating schedule: Open daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. from Labor Day through Memorial Day; Open 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.
Adults: \$3.00; Senior Citizens: \$2.00; Children ages 6-17: \$1.00; Children under 6: Free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 280,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Student Participants: 19,738
Adult Program Participants: 48,001 general public
Outreach Program Participants: 2004
- Newsletter Information:** *The Aquarium News* — Published quarterly. Individual memberships are \$25.00; Family memberships are \$39.00.
- Program/Site Features:** The Aquarium offers a variety of educational activities for all ages, including school groups and families. Program offerings include field trips, informative talks, films and videos, marine craft workshops and hands-on activities. Quarterly calendars of events are available to the general public. A teacher's guide to educational offerings is also available.
- Unique Site Features:** The Aquarium overlooks the Croatan Sound and features a shoreside interpretive trail and a wooded backyard naturalist trail.
- River Basin:** Pasquotank

<p style="text-align: center;">The North Carolina Arboretum Asheville, NC</p>
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- Mission:** The North Carolina Arboretum is a public institution with a goal to provide an enriched environmental horticultural, and botanical education program for all students. The Garden Explorer's program is designed for students and teachers in NC schools in grades 1-12. Each exploration involves students in hands-on activities with problems to solve, questions to answer and observations of our natural resources. We hope an

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experience in the program will inspire the student in understanding the wonders of nature and our important role in preserving the environment.

Contact Information: Patty Lyons, Education Program Specialist
The North Carolina Arboretum
100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way
Asheville, NC 28806
Phone: 828-665-2492 Fax: 828-665-2371
Email: plyons@unca.edu

Operator: University of North Carolina

Location: The Arboretum is located southwest of Asheville near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Take exit 2 off I-26. Turn south onto Highway 191 (Brevard Road) and proceed for approximately two miles. Follow the North Carolina Arboretum signs to Bent Creek Ranch Road. Bear left at the fork onto Wesley Branch Road and continue one mile to the Arboretum entrance on the left.

Visitor Information: Audience served: All ages, defined programs serve pre-K through 6th grade with more programs being developed one per year to reach pre-K through 12th grade.
Arboretum is open year round with school programs in the spring and fall.

Total Annual Visitation: 90,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Arboretum is located on 426 acres in the Bent Creek Research & Demonstration Forest. This public garden has six gardens with greenhouse, nursery, bonsai collection and educational facilities. Trails encompass six miles in an oak demonstration forest. Bent Creek cuts through the middle of the property.

Unique Site Features: The gardens represent the Southern Appalachian culture, art and botanical diversity. The Arboretum promises to become one of the premier public gardens of the United States.

River Basin: French Broad

North Carolina Botanical Garden Chapel Hill, NC
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Mission: To promote education, the conservation and preservation and use of native plants, research, plant collections, public service.

Contact Information: Dot Wilbur-Brooks, Program Director

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North Carolina Botanical Garden
CB# 3375 Totten Center
Chapel Hill, NC 27599
Phone: 919-962-0522 Fax: 919-962-3531
Email: dotwilbu@email.unc.edu
World Wide Web Address: <http://ils.unc.edu/botanical/gardens.html>

Operator: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Location: Located at the intersection of 15-501 and Old Mason Farm Road. From I-40: Exit 273 from the west, 273B from east. Turn right on Hwy. 54W, go 2.4 miles; left at traffic light to Finley Golf Course Road; go .6 miles, turn right on Old Mason Farm Road; go .7 miles to parking lot. From 15-501 look for large road signs, North Carolina Botanical Garden indicating turn onto Old Mason Farm Road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open Summer: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Winter: Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 48,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	3,948
Student Participants:	3,216
Adult Program Participants:	335
Outreach Program Participants:	475

Newsletter Information: *North Carolina Botanical Garden Newsletter* — Published six times a year. Free to members.

Program/Site Features: General site features include native plants of North Carolina, carnivorous plants, herbs and conservation.

Unique Site Features: Habitat gardens, herb garden, carnivorous plant displays, aquatic plant display and nature trails.

River Basin: Cape Fear

North Carolina Coastal Federation
Newport, NC

- Mission:** We are "citizens working together for a clean coastal environment." We work to protect the foundation of the coast's culture and economy — its once pristine, now endangered water quality and natural resources.
- Contact Information:** Ted Wilgis, Education Director
North Carolina Coastal Federation
3609 Highway 24
Newport, NC 28570
Phone: 252-393-8185 or 800-232-6210 Fax: 252-393-7508
Email: nccf@nccoast.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.nccoast.org>
- Location:** North Carolina Coastal Federation headquarters is located on Hwy. 24 between Morehead City and Swansboro in Ocean, North Carolina.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, teachers, grades 4-12 students and adults.
Open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. year round; Field trip schedule flexible.
CLEAN-NC: Nominal fee; Coastal Adventure: Fee; Nature Trails: Free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 3,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Coastal Review* — Contact Coastal Federation for more information.
- Program/Site Features:** The base of operations lies directly between the waters of Bogue Sound, just to the south, and the vast expanses of the Croatan National Forest to the immediate north. This gives direct access to a remarkably diverse outdoor teaching environment, from the pocosins and longleaf pine savannas of the forest, to the tidal estuary represented by the sound.
- Unique Site Features:** Four outdoor programs offer insights into the very special, fragile environments of coastal North Carolina. Our "Natural Heritage Area Program" explores four different habitats along and near a tidal creek. The "Croatan Forest Safari" examines the strange world of five kinds of insect-eating plants, a longleaf pine savanna, a pocosin, and the home of the red-cockaded woodpecker. By small boat, the "Barrier Island and Sound Adventure" gives learners a close look at living creatures and the habitat that supports them along coastal dredge spoil islands. Also by boat, the "Open Beach and Inlet Investigation" explores the marine life of the beach and inlet, and looks at how human actions dramatically affect this environment.

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River Basin: White Oak

North Carolina Estuarium
Washington, NC

- Mission:** To interpret North Carolina's estuaries and coastal rivers, especially as exemplified by the Tar-Pamlico River and Pamlico Sound.
- Contact Information:** Randy Rouse, Exhibits Curator
North Carolina Estuarium
223 East Water Street
Washington, NC 27889
Phone: 252-948-0000 Fax: 252-948-4747
Email: estuary@washingtontnc.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.estuarium.com>
- Operator:** Partnership for the Sounds
- Location:** From Highway 17 at the Tar-Pamlico River Bridge go east two blocks on Main Street, taking the first right turn onto Stewart Parkway. Follow the waterfront to the Estuarium at the east end of Stewart Parkway.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups (K- university level) and other organized groups.
Open fall, winter spring: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Summer: Wednesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; holidays may differ.
Adults: \$3.00; Students K-12: \$2.00; Younger than 5 years: Free; Groups of 15+: \$2.00 each.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 24,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program Participants:** 6,322
- Newsletter Information:** *Soundwaves* — Published quarterly. Free to officials and public. Call 252-796-1000 for more information.
- Program/Site Features:** Special programs on estuarine ecology and animals; Estuarium located right on Pamlico River in downtown Washington.
- Unique Site Features:** Environmental artworks; 13-minute introductory film; historic artifacts; aquariums; touch tank; Aqualab boat trip available for small groups.
- River Basin:** Tar-Pamlico

North Carolina Maritime Museum
Beaufort, NC

Mission: The mission of the museum and education branch is to interpret the maritime and natural history of coastal North Carolina through research, collections, exhibits, and programs and field trips.

Contact Information: JoAnne Powell
North Carolina Maritime Museum
315 Front Street
Beaufort, NC 28516
Phone: 252-728-7317 Fax: 252-728-2108
Email: maritime@ncsl.dcr.state.nc.us
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/maritime/default.htm>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History

Location: Approaching Beaufort from Interstate 95, take Hwy. 70 East; from the north take Hwy. 17 South to Hwy. 70 East, or from the south, take Hwy. 17 or 24 North to Hwy. 70 East to Beaufort. From the Outer Banks take the Ocracoke to Cedar Island Ferry and Hwy. 70 West to Beaufort. Signs direct the travelers to the museum upon entering Beaufort.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, schools pre-K through college, teachers, and special needs groups.
Open all year, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., closed Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 189,719

(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 6,932
Adult Program Participants: 8,097
Outreach Program Participants: 421

Newsletter Information: *Waterline*— Published quarterly. Membership is open to general public, cost of membership begins at \$25.00.

Program/Site Features: Visitors have the opportunity to learn about the unique characteristics of North Carolina's maritime heritage and the coastal maritime life that lives in shallow coastal waters and estuaries. Exhibits include a shell collection of 5,000 shells, dioramas on historic boat construction and the life-saving service, full-size small craft and ship models, and aquariums with organisms found in near shore waters and estuaries. Public and school

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lectures and field trips focus on coastal environments and cultures. Field trips include barrier island hike, bird watching, and kayaking. Overnight facilities are at the museum's field station at Cape Lookout.

Unique Site Features: Site features include exhibits on North Carolina traditional and indigenous watercraft, commercial fisheries and fisheries history, life-saving, recreational boating history, coastal marine life and underwater archaeology. The museum has a working watercraft center where the construction, restoration, and conservation of wooden boats can be observed by the public.

River Basin: White Oak and Neuse

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science Durham, NC

Mission: The North Carolina Museum of Life and Science is a regional science-technology center dedicated to furthering education on the natural and physical sciences for people of all ages.

Contact Information: Carol Clayton, Public Relations Specialist
North Carolina Museum of Life and Science
433 Murray Avenue
Durham, NC 27704
Phone: 919-220-5429 Fax: 919-220-5575
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.ncmls.org>

Location: From I-85, take Duke Street North to second stop light. Take a right onto Murray Avenue. Museum is 1/2 mile on left.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups, teachers, schools and community.
Open year round: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon; Museum closes at 6:00 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
Adults: \$6.00; Children: \$4.00 (ages 3-12) and seniors.

Total Annual Visitation: 300,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	100,000
Adult Program Participants:	58,470
Outreach Program Participants:	120,000

Newsletter Information: *Adventures*— Published six times yearly. To receive the newsletter, become a member of the Museum.

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Program/Site Features: The Museum has a total of 80 species of animals including black bears in a natural quarry habitat with wetlands, endangered red wolves, live raptors, and farm yard animals. The Museum has a strong geology exhibit and a nature discovery room.

Unique Site Features: A 70-acre indoor/outdoor facility, the Museum is a combination science center, nature center and zoo. In April 1999, it will open the largest year-round butterfly house east of the Mississippi.

River Basin: Neuse

North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve Beaufort, NC

Mission: The core mission of the NCNERR is to promote informed management and stewardship of the nation's estuarine and coastal habitats through research, education and example.

Contact Information: Amy Sauls, Educator
North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve
Post Office Box 1040
Beaufort, NC 28516
Phone: 252-728-2170 Fax: 252-728-6273
Email: ncnerr@starfishnet.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://inlet.geol.sc.edu/NOC/home/html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Coastal Management's Coastal Reserve Program

Location: Four Estuarine Research Reserve sites, and three Coastal Reserve sites are included in the Education Programs of NCNERR. Contact the Education Office for details about each site. The Education Office is located at 216 Front Street in Beaufort, NC.

Visitor Information: Audience served: All school age students, public, Coastal decision makers, teachers and other professionals.
Year-round programs.
Admission free (teacher workshops may require materials and participant expenses).

Total Annual Visitation:
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants:	15,000+
Student Participants:	1,500+
Adult Program Participants:	1,200+
Outreach Program Participants:	1,200+

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Newsletter Information: *Tidal Flats* — Published bi-annually. Contact CERF - Carolina Estuarine Reserve Foundation.

Program/Site Features: Educational programs are primarily conducted at the Rachel Carson component, Zekis Island component and Masonboro Island component of the Reserve.

Unique Site Features: The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve includes a variety of undisturbed coastal ecosystems that are set aside for education and research. All sites are open to the public.

River Basin: White Oak

North Carolina Outward Bound School Asheville, NC

Mission: To deliver a safe, adventure-based learning experience that is challenging, affirming and impactful, and results in personal growth, self-reliance, compassion, a commitment to serve, moral courage and respect for the environment.

Contact Information: Student Services Representative
North Carolina Outward Bound School
2582 Riceville Road
Asheville, NC 28805
Phone: 828-299-3366x141 or 1-877-77-NCOBS Fax: 828-299-3928
Email: info@ncobs.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.ncobs.org>

Operator: Non-profit

Location: Course areas vary: Western North Carolina Mountains, North Carolina Outer Banks, Florida Everglades/Ten Thousand Islands, Patagonia, Argentina, Costa Rica and Bahamas

Visitor Information: Audience served: Youth 14-15, 16-17, young adults 18+, adults 21+, 50+, corporate groups and school groups.
Open year round, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Tuition fees vary.

Total Annual Visitation: 3,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *On Course* — Published bi-annually. Subscription for alumni only.

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Unique Site Features: Outward Bound is the oldest and largest wilderness leadership organization in the world, with five schools in the United States and more than 40 internationally.

River Basin: French Broad

North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences Raleigh, NC

Mission: The purpose of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the natural environment in ways that emphasize the biodiversity of North Carolina and the southeastern United States and relate the region to the natural world as a whole.

Contact Information: Nancy Walters, Public Information Coordinator
North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences
Post Office Box 29555
Raleigh, NC 27626
Phone: 919-733-7450 Fax: 919-733-1573
Email: nancy-walters@mail.enr.state.nc.us
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.naturalsciences.org>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Location: Located in downtown Raleigh on the corner of Jones and Salisbury Streets. Located on Bicentennial Plaza, a pedestrian mall between the Capitol and Legislative Building.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups, organized groups and other groups.
Open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 305,849

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 74,139
Outreach Program Participants: 52,459

Newsletter Information: *North Carolina Naturalist* and *SPYDER* — Both are published twice a year. *NC Naturalist* is offered to the Friends of the Museum. *SPYDER* is offered to the participants of an educator program.

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Program/Site Features: Summer camps for children; free daily hands-on programs; statewide, national and international treks for educators; programs for school groups; live animal programs for birthday parties.

Unique Site Features: The new Museum, opening in fall 1999, will be four times as large as the current museum. The new Museum highlights include a two-story waterfall, exhibits filled with live animals and interactives.

River Basin: Neuse

**North Carolina Zoological Park
Asheboro, NC**

Mission: To encourage the understanding of and commitment to the conservation of the world's wildlife and wild places through the recognition of the interdependence of people and nature. We will do this by creating a sense of enjoyment, wonder and discovery throughout the Park and in our outreach programs.

Contact Information: Rod Hackney, Public Relations Manager
North Carolina Zoological Park
4401 Zoo Parkway
Asheboro, NC 27203
Phone: 336-879-7000 Fax: 336-879-2891
World Wide Web Address: <http://incblot.com/nczoo/>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Location: North and south access is best made by Hwy. 220 (US 73/74) in Asheboro take exit #17 onto Hwy. 64 East and turn (right) south onto Zoo Parkway. Take Zoo Parkway six miles southeast of Asheboro.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public and school groups.
Open April through October 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; November through March 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 2-12 and Seniors: \$5.00; Adults: \$8.00.

Total Annual Visitation: 800,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 130,000
Adult Program Participants: 900
Outreach Program Participants: 15,000

Program/Site Features: Exhibits of live and preserved animals, fossils, and gems and minerals, introduce visitors to the state's biological diversity while promoting understanding of the inter-relationship between the state's natural

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resources, its economy and its quality of life. Educational outreach workshops provide educators the hands-on experiences and innovative techniques they need to improve natural science instruction in their classrooms. Scientific research is the foundation of the educational programs, exhibits and publications. The museum's research staff collects, maintains, and provides access to data and specimens, serving as the North Carolina Biological Survey, a link in the national chain that collects and records information on plant and animal populations.

Unique Site Features:

The North Carolina Zoological Park covers over 500 acres and is set among the rolling hills of the Uwharrie Mountains. The Park seeks to create environments that allow animals to behave as they would in the wild, in settings that look very much like their native surroundings. Currently, the Zoo contains exhibits from Africa and North America, allowing visitors to encounter plants and animals from the chilly arctic to steamy tropics.

River Basin:

Cape Fear

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Manteo, NC

Mission:

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to preserve a national network of lands and waters for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife and plant resources of the United States for the benefit of present and future generations.

Contact Information:

Bonnie Strawser, Wildlife Interpretive Specialist
Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge
Post Office Box 1969
Manteo, NC 27954
Phone: 252-473-1131 Fax: 252-473-1668
Email: pea-island@outer-banks.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.outer-banks.com/pea-island>

Operator:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Location:

The Refuge is located on NC 12 on Hatteras Island. From the north, take US Highway 158 South to NC 12 South. From the west, take US Highway 64 East to NC 12 South. The Refuge begins at Oregon Inlet.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public.
The Refuge is open year round during daylight hours. The visitors center is open daily March through November, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on weekends in the winter.
Admission free.

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- Total Annual Visitation:** 3.5 million
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program Participants:** 5,000
- Newsletter Information:** *Wings*— Published quarterly. The newsletter is available by request.
- Program/Site Features:** Wildlife interpretive trail, photo blind, visitors center and beach
- Unique Site Features:** Barrier island habitat with pristine beach, dunes upland, salt marsh and man-made impoundments.
- River Basin:** Pasquotank

Pettigrew State Park Creswell, NC

- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
- Contact Information:** Lisa Everett, Park Ranger
Pettigrew State Park
2252 Lake Shore Road
Creswell, NC 27928
Phone: 252-797-4475 Fax: 252-797-7405
Email: pettigrew_sp@coastalnet.com
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Seven miles south of Creswell, on the Washington and Tyrrell County border.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May, September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March, October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission free.

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Total Annual Visitation: 85,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 6001

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Our staff provides hikes, lectures, slide shows and demonstrations to any group that requests programs related to the unique park features. The most common requests include forest ecology, water quality and Native American history. The environmental education program for school groups center around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Pettigrew contains Lake Phelps, a 16,600-acre natural lake. This pristine lake contains at least 30 Native American dugout canoes up to 4,380 years old. The park contains virgin forest.

River Basin: Pasquotank

Piedmont Environmental Center High Point, NC

Mission: PEC provides programs and a place for people to learn, conserve, and enjoy the natural world. Through hands-on experiences, we emphasize the interrelated and fragile nature of life.

Contact Information: Piedmont Environmental Center
1220 Penny Road
High Point, NC 27265
Phone: 910-883-8531 Fax: 910-883-8537
Email: outdoors@nr.infi.net

Operator: Private, non-profit organization

Location: From points East: Take I-40 West past Greensboro, exit to RT 68 South (Airport exit) to left on Penny Road, cross over Wendover; Center is two miles down on the left. From points West: Take I-40 East past Winston-Salem, exit on 68 South (Airport exit) to left on Penny Road, cross over

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Wendover; Center is two miles down on left. From points South: Take I-85 North to Business 85 North past High Point; exit on Kivett Drive, left on Kivett to right on Scientific, cross RR tracks staying on Scientific to left on High Point/Greensboro Road, right on Penny Road, cross bridge, Center is on right.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: Families, school classes, scouts, church groups and general public.

Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; trails open sunrise to sunset seven days per week.

Total Annual Visitation: 50,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Piedmont Environmental Center* — Published quarterly.

Program/Site Features:

PEC is located on 376 acres of fully protected land with over 11 miles of hiking trails traversing woodlots, pine forest, bottomland and old fields; and access to the Bicentennial Greenway with six of 17 miles completed. Program features include international ecotours, canoe ecotours, hikes, microworld programs, scouting programs, backpacking, birthday parties, and Nature Adventure Camps for children.

Unique Site Features:

PEC's main building was built with recyclable materials, an exhibit in itself. Other exhibit features include the NC Mapscape, a walk-on relief map of the State of North Carolina, the Naturalist Teaching Garden and a Canoe Trail.

River Basin:

Cape Fear

Pilot Mountain State Park Pinnacle, NC

Mission:

The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information:

Pilot Mountain State Park
Route 3, Box 21
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Phone: 336-325-2355 Fax: 336-325-2751

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Email: pilotmtn@surry.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Twenty-five miles northwest of Winston-Salem on Highway 52.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May, September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March, October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 328,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Pilot Mountain State Park offers a variety of educational activities. The main emphasis is on geology but other activities include animals, astronomy, birds, reptiles and amphibians, plants, trees, erosion, wildflowers and other specific topics as per participants' requests. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** The terrain is rugged. Pilot Mountain is a quartzite dome rising 125 feet above its base and 2,420 feet above sea level. Estimated age is approximately 350 to 400 million years old.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

<p style="text-align: center;">Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education Pisgah Forest, NC</p>

- Mission:** The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's (NCWRC) mission statement is as follows: The purpose, function and duty of the NCWRC is to protect, develop, conserve and regulate the wildlife resources of the

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state of North Carolina and to administer and enforce the laws relating to the wildlife resources to the end that a sound, constructive, comprehensive, continuing and economical wildlife program directed by qualified, competent and representative citizens who should have knowledge of and training in the proper use and management of wildlife resources shall exist.

Contact Information:

Program Coordinator
Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education
Post Office Box 1600
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
Phone: 828-877-4413 Fax: 828-877-4792
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.state.nc.us/wildlife/>

Operator:

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Location:

Located in Pisgah Forest near Brevard.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: General public.
Open daily year round from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation:

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

85,000

Program Participants:

2,500

Newsletter Information:

Wildlife in North Carolina — Published monthly. Contact the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; 1 year - \$7.50.

Program/Site Features:

The Center offers a wide variety of on- and off-site educational programs that have an aquatic focus. The facility includes both interior and exterior exhibits focusing on the Center's motto: Mountain streams — where water and life begin.

Unique Site Features:

The Center provides access to interpretive hatchery/raceway exhibit; NC WILD education site; trails available for hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding and viewing waterfalls; fly fishing (Catch and Release) and; primitive camping.

River Basin:

French Broad

Pocosin Arts, Inc.
Columbia, NC

- Mission:** The mission of Pocosin Arts is to expand understanding of the relationship between people and places, culture and environment through the exhibition, production and teaching of the arts of the Pocosin region.
- Contact Information:** Feather Phillips, Executive Director
Pocosin Arts, Inc.
Post Office Box 690
Columbia, NC 27925
Phone: 252-796-2787 Fax: 252-796-1685
- Location:** One block off Highway 64 in Columbia, North Carolina, upstairs at the corner of Main and Water Streets.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, artists and teachers.
Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Newsletter Information:** *Groundfire* — Published semi-annually. Contact: Groundfire, Pocosin Arts, Post Office Box 690, Columbia, North Carolina 27925.
- Program/Site Features:** Pocosin Arts operates a 3,500 sq. ft. studio, gallery and sales area. Workshops combine field and studio activities to advance the interdisciplinary mission.
- Unique Site Features:** Turn-of-the-century Main Street building is just off the Scuppernong River. The river boardwalk joins a wetlands interpretive trail.
- River Basin:** Pasquotank

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Creswell, NC

- Mission:** The mission of Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is to stimulate sustainable community well-being within the area through the promotion of responsible, nature-based tourism, environmental education, and stewardship.
- Contact Information:** Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
3255 Shore Drive
Creswell, NC 27928
Phone: 252-797-4431 Fax: 252-797-7106
- Operator:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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- Location:** Located on the west shore of Lake Phelps (Pettigrew State Park) on Shore Drive in Washington County. Turn east off Highway 64 in Roper onto Newland Road, continue to Shore Drive, approximately six miles.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, pre-K through college and other organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 20,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program/Site Features:** Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is 112,000 acres of wetlands surrounding Pungo Lake, New Lake and Phelps Lake. This area is a vast peat deposit. A joint venture with N.C. State University is underway regarding Atlantic White Cedar.
- Unique Site Features:** The Refuge has three ATV Trails. In addition to the lakes, the Scuppernong and Alligator Rivers meander through the refuge. An observation tower is located on the south shore of Pungo Lake.
- River Basin:** Pasquotank

Raven Rock State Park Lillington, NC
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- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
- Contact Information:** Raven Rock State Park
Route 3, Box 1005
Lillington, NC 27546
Phone: 910-893-4888 Fax: 910-814-2200
Email: ravenroc@foto.infi.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

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Location: Located in Harnett County, nine miles west of Lillington and 20 miles east of Sanford on Raven Rock Road (SR 1314) via US 421.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May, September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March, October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 107,652
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Environmental education programs and guided nature hikes on a variety of subjects are available for interested groups of all ages. Leaders may conduct their own activities or enlist the help of park staff. The environmental education program for school groups center around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The park is located along the upper part of the Cape Fear River in an area of geological transition known as the fall zone. Steep river bluffs, rolling hills and streams characterize the park. An interesting variety of plants and animals are found here.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Reedy Creek Environmental Center Charlotte, NC

Mission: To facilitate public understanding of the natural world its processes and human influences upon it. Environmental Education Goal: to foster the development of an environmentally conscious public possessing the knowledge and skills to make responsible decisions regarding the environment.

Contact Information: Reedy Creek Environmental Center
2900 Rocky River Road
Charlotte, NC 28215

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Phone: 704-598-8857 Fax: 704-599-1770

- Operator:** Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department
- Location:** From I-85 take exit 45-A Harris Boulevard East. Go approximately two miles to Rocky River Road. Turn left onto Rocky River Road. After about .5 miles Reedy Creek Park will be on the right. Follow signage in the park to the Environmental Center.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public and organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and holidays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 10,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Natural Connections* — Published quarterly. Contact the Center at 704-598-8857 and ask to be on mailing list.
- Program/Site Features:** The Reedy Creek Environmental Center contains a classroom, small exhibit hall, gift counter, and reception area. Exhibits are mostly hands-on. Environmental education programs are available for the general public, school and other organized groups. The center is located within a 699-acre nature preserve. Numerous trails wind their way through the park. Reedy Creek Park also contains basketball and volleyball courts, soccer and baseball fields, playgrounds, picnic shelters, 18-hole disc golf course, fitness trail, fishing pier and three small lakes.
- Unique Site Features:** The most visible evidence of past human occupation in Reedy Creek Park are the ruins of the Robinson Rock House, a three-story house built in the late 1700's.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

Rendezvous Mountain Educational State Forest Purlear, NC

- Mission:** Our mission is to provide classes that will help learners understand that forests are complex, interdependent ecosystems which can be managed for a diversity of uses on a sustainable basis.
- Contact Information:** Rendezvous Mountain Educational State Forest
1956 Rendezvous Mountain Road
Purlear, NC 28665
Phone: 336-667-5072 Fax: 336-903-8720

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World Wide Web Address:

<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources
- Location:** Located in western North Carolina between Boone and Wilkesboro; from
US 421, turn on NC 16 and travel north, turn left on Co. Road 1304,
then right on Co. Road 1346. Entrance to park on Co. Road 1346.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized
groups.
Open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Closed Monday; Forest Season: third Wednesday
in March until the Friday before Thanksgiving.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 15,000
(includes visitors and environmental
education program participants)
- Program/Site Features:** Rendezvous Mountain is situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The forest
showcases magnificent mountain hardwoods in one of North Carolina's
most scenic settings. Facilities provide both educational and recreational
opportunities. Its features are accessible by a series of well-marked trails,
guiding you through a "talking" forest, past a working sawmill or to
various picnic facilities.
- Unique Site Features:** The 143-acre site features a firetower that rises 65 feet from which there
are spectacular views of Stone Mountain State Park, Pilot Mountain State
Park, Grandfather Mountain, Table Rock and all of Wilkes County.
- River Basin:** Yadkin

River Park North - Walter L. Stasavich Science and Nature Center Greenville, NC

- Mission:** Our goal is to provide visitors with educational information about the
natural world around them. Our primary focus is local wildlife and
environmental conditions. We also provide health education through
"The Adventures in Health Children's Museum."
- Contact Information:** Carolyn Smith, Parks Program Assistant
River Park North - Walter L. Stasavich Science and Nature Center
Post Office Box 7207
Greenville, NC 27835
Phone: 252-329-4562 or 252-329-4561 Fax: 252-329-5999
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.healthy-kids.net>

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- Operator:** Greenville Recreation and Parks Department
- Location:** 1000 Mumford Road; one mile east of Pitt/Greenville Airport
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open March through October 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; November through February 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Open Tuesday through Sunday (closed Monday). The building is available mornings for school groups, tours and programs.
Non-resident of Greenville: \$.50; Greenville resident: \$.25.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 10,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 142 groups, 4638 total |
| Student Participants: | 2843 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 562 |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 635 |
- Program/Site Features:** Recreational activities include: fishing, pedal boating, canoe outings, picnicking, hiking and bird watching. Two established groups offering programs and field trips include The Greenville-River Park North Bird Club (for adults) and The Junior Bird Club (for children). Exhibits include: The North American Mammal Exhibit, Animals of Africa, Shells are Everywhere, Animals after Dark, Waterfowl of the Atlantic Flyway, and Snakes and Turtles of Eastern North Carolina. Hands-on exhibits include: touch tank, touch table and quiz board. Other programs and activities include fishing clinics and contests, astronomy programs, night hikes, wildflower programs, Environmental Education programs and workshops. Hunter Education Certification and much more. Also located in the Center is The Adventures in Health Children's Museum with hands-on action oriented exhibits designed for children. Exhibit subject areas include: first aid/safety, anatomy/physiology, fitness, stress and human growth and development. A souvenir shop is available upon request for groups or individuals. Two joint programs with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission are: The Community Fishing Program where 800-1000 channel catfish are stocked in our largest pond, April through September. Feeders are used to keep them healthy, growing and concentrated in an area where fishermen have easy access to catch them. The other program makes rods and reels available for loan to people fishing at the Park.
- Unique Site Features:** The Park encompasses 324 acres of land and water with 1.2 miles of frontage on the Tar River. It includes over 250 acres of rich bottom land forest, over 20 acres of open grassland and 45 acres of small lakes. A new 900 sq. ft. fishing pier is now open. Handicap accessible with low rails and a 12 car handicap parking area.

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River Basin: Tar-Pamlico

**Roanoke/Cashie River Center
Windsor, NC**

Mission: To interpret the ecology and wildlife of the Roanoke and Cashie River systems and their associated wetlands and floodplains.

Contact Information: Sue Lintelman, Environmental Programs Specialist
Roanoke/Cashie River Center
112 West Water Street
Windsor, NC 27983
Phone: 252-794-2001 Fax: 252-794-5202

Operator: Partnership for the Sounds

Location: Just off Highway 17 in Windsor.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Schools, all ages.
Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., hours may vary seasonally.
Adult: \$2.00, Children (5-17): \$1.00 (estimated).

Total Annual Visitation: Opens Winter 1999
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Soundwaves* — Published quarterly. Call 252-796-1000 for more information.

Program/Site Features: Unique exhibits; great strolling and fishing on boardwalk; excellent site for outdoor activities.

Unique Site Features: On six-acre site along Cashie River; boardwalk and boat ramp along shoreline; wetland ponds; large diorama on Roanoke River floodplain and wild turkey habitat (planned); active beehive (planned); exhibitry interpreting anadromous fish and neotropical bird migrations.

River Basin: Roanoke

**Rockfish Outdoor Center
Parkton, NC**

Mission: The Rockfish Outdoor Center has wall of trees, a floor of soil, a ceiling of clouds and stars and lighting from the sun and moon. An experiential education program with few boundaries.

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- Contact Information:** James Rocheleau, School Program Coordinator
Rockfish Outdoor Center
Route 1, Box 15
Parkton, NC 28371
Phone: 910-425-3529 Fax: 910-425-8665
Email: camprock@fayettevillenc.infi.net
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.fayetteville.com/rockfish>
- Operator:** Non-profit
- Location:** From I-95, take exit 41 (Hope Mills/Parkton). Turn right off exit. At the fourth stop light, turn left onto Rockfish Road. At second stop light, turn left onto Cambden Road. Continue on Cambden until you reach the end. At the end of the road, turn left onto Davis Bridge Road approximately 200 yards on left, you will see the sign and entrance to Rockfish.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Grades K-7.
Open year round.
Overnight or day use fees.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 12,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 1,400 |
| Student Participants: | 1,200 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 200 |
- Newsletter Information:** *Rockfish Spirit* — Published quarterly. Call center and request copy.
- Program/Site Features:** We offer several adult and school education programs. These programs include environmental education, project leadership, discover success and one-day field trips.
- Unique Site Features:** 20-element low ropes challenge course, 40-foot climbing wall, 400 acres of forest, a mile and half of lake front property, acres of local, Carolina Bay, Sandhills Ecosystem.
- River Basin:** Cape Fear

<p style="text-align: center;">Rocky Mount Children's Museum Rocky Mount, NC</p>
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- Mission:** The Museum provides an educational program for the young people of the community by collecting, preserving, interpreting and exhibiting significant objects, and enriches their lives through the development of proper attitudes through creative outlets.

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- Contact Information:** Rocky Mount Children's Museum
1610 Gay Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Phone: 252-972-1167 Fax: 252-972-1535
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us>
- Operator:** City of Rocky Mount (support from non-profit organizations)
- Location:** From US 64 Bypass, take the Falls Road exit. Go east on Falls Road to the stop light at the "T" intersection at River Drive into Falls Road. Take a right on River Drive and follow until River Drive intersects Taylor Street. Take a left on Taylor and follow until it intersects with Gay Street. Follow Gay Street until it terminates in the parking lot of the Children's Museum.
- Visitor Information:** Main target groups are children pre-kindergarten through 5th grade and teachers/educators, but the museum has exhibits and programs that appeal to all ages and educational levels.
Open Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday noon - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Closed Thanksgiving, December 24-26 and New Year's Day; other Holiday hours are noon-4:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 45,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *SciTimes* — Published three times per year. Memberships are \$15.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for families (other levels available also). Memberships include free admission to the museum, 10% discount to programs and the sales desk and many other benefits.
- Program/Site Features:** The museum offers a variety of science and environmental programs and exhibits. Emphasis is placed (1) on the unique features of eastern North Carolina, as in the Indians of the Tar River, the Living Marsh and Get The Lead Out exhibits and the fossil program, and (2) on fun, hands-on science geared for the young child, as in the SciPlay Gallery. Other exhibits include the live animal collection, Thomas Alva Edison exhibit, NewsZone, Health Awareness room, and traveling exhibits which change approximately three times yearly.
- Unique Site Features:** The Museum is located in Sunset Park along the banks of the Tar River. The park offers playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, picnic areas and a merry-go-round and miniature train which operate daily in the summer.
- River Basin:** Tar-Pamlico

San-Lee Environmental Education & Recreation Park
Sanford, NC

Mission: The mission of San-lee Park is: 1) To provide environmental education opportunities for students and the general public in order to impart knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment and to promote a stewardship of the Earth. 2) To provide low impact, non-competitive, non-sport recreational activities in a clean, safe, and natural setting. 3) To provide accurate/appropriate information pertaining to wildlife, wildlife injuries, and human/wildlife conflicts to concerned citizens of Lee County as well as to preserve the wildlife of Lee County. 4) To preserve a small but unique plant and animal community within Lee County.

Contact Information: Kristin Sasser, Park Naturalist
San-Lee Environmental Education & Recreation Park
572 Pumping Station Road
Sanford, NC 27330
Phone: 919-776-6221 Fax: 919-775-1531

Operator: Lee County Parks and Recreation

Location: From Hwy. 421 S, turn left onto Bragg Street (between Burger King and Eckerd); follow to first stoplight, take a right – this is Nash Street; follow. Turn left onto Kelly Drive (2nd left from light); follow Kelly Drive to stop sign. Turn right; park is at bottom of hill on the right. From Hwy. 421 N, turn right onto Main Street (just past BIG K-mart); go to first light and turn left – this will be Nash Street; turn right onto Kelly Drive (just past the Civic Center); follow Kelly Drive to stop sign. Turn right; park will be at bottom of hill on the right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups, civic groups, scouts and youth groups.
Open Monday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. - close (Closing hours: November through March 5:00 p.m.; May through August 8:00 p.m.; April and September 7:00 p.m.; October 6:00 p.m.); Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

Total Annual Visitation: 60,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *The Raptor*— Published quarterly. Call the Park to be added to the mailing list.

Program/Site Features: San-lee Park is a 144-acre park that offers a little bit of everything to everybody. Approximately four miles of hiking trails meander around two 10-acre lakes that are stocked with catfish on a monthly basis. A five-mile mountain bike trail loops around the perimeter of the park. A nature

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center houses native, non-releasable and rehabilitating wildlife. Paddle boats and canoes are available to rent on weekends. Tent and RV campgrounds are open April through November. Nature programs and a nature summer camp are available to the public.

Unique Site Features: The 144-acre park is located on a reclaimed pumping station which provided water to the city of Sanford. The Nature Center is located in the original pump house and the reservoir lakes are used for fishing and boating.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium Gastonia, NC

Mission: The Schiele Museum's mission is to collect, study and preserve the materials of natural and cultural history that have significance for the public and to interpret the objects, discoveries and insights of science for current and future generations through quality exhibits and educational programs.

Contact Information: Suzanne Simmons, Environmental Education Program Specialist
Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium
1500 East Gaston Boulevard
Gastonia, NC 28054
Phone: 704-866-6900 Fax: 704-866-6041

Operator: City of Gastonia and Board of Directors (Non-profit)

Location: From I-85 take the New Hope Road exit in Gastonia and follow the signs to Schiele Museum located at 1500 East Garrison Boulevard.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Teachers, K-12 students, general public.
Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Closed holidays.

Total Annual Visitation: 185,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Keeping Tracks (Bobcat's Tales - calendar)* — Published seasonally. Free to members, contact Museum for information.

Program/Site Features: Permanent exhibits, temporary exhibitions and interpretive educational programs focusing on the environment and the human relationships shared with the environment. Exhibit halls include North Carolina Natural History, Hall of Earth & Man, North American Wildlife and Native

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American Cultures. School and weekend public programs in 18th century Backcountry Lifeways, Aboriginal Studies, Piedmont Archeology, Life Science, Earth Science or Environmental Education. Planetarium programs for the public on weekends and on summer weekdays. Contact the museum for a printed schedule of programs and exhibitions.

Unique Site Features: Outdoor interpretive areas along a .7-mile Nature Trail offer a variety of piedmont habitats: creek, pond, meadow and woods.

River Basin: Catawba

SciWorks -- The Science Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County Winston-Salem, NC

Mission: The mission of SciWorks is to promote science literacy, lifelong learning and an appreciation of the sciences by providing innovative educational and recreational experiences for all people through its interactive programs and exhibits, collections, environmental park and unique facilities.

Contact Information: Duke Johnson, Program Director
SciWorks – The Science Center & Environmental Park of Forsyth County
400 West Hanes Mill Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Phone: 336-767-6730 Fax: 336-661-1777
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.sciworks.org>

Location: From I-40, take Hwy. 52 North to exit 116 (Hanes Mill Road); turn right onto Hanes Mill Road, SciWorks is on the left at the next light.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public and school programs.
Open Monday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed Sunday.
Adults: \$7.00; Ages 6-19 and seniors: \$5.00; Children 3-5: \$3.00; Under 3: free.

Total Annual Visitation: 166,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 63,000

Newsletter Information: *A Museum With A View* — Published quarterly. Subscription free with membership.

Program/Site Features: SciWorks is a 31-acre wooded site with a 15-acre environmental park with paved walking trails and habitats for otter, deer, waterfowl and a demonstration farmyard. A new exhibit "Attracting Wildlife to Your Backyard," and a wildflower garden are also available. The center is a

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45,000 square ft. museum with hands-on environmental exhibits and a 125-seat 150-ft. dome planetarium for starshows, film and laser shows. Groups should pre-schedule tours, classes, planetarium shows and other activities for reduced fees and individualized visit package.

Unique Site Features: SciWorks' unique combination of outdoor park and large indoor exhibit areas make it a full day, non-weather dependent environmental destination. Paved (auto and bus) parking, American with Disabilities Act accessibility throughout and on-going programs with a strong curriculum basis are unique assets, also.

River Basin: Yadkin

Screech Owl Farm School Moncure, NC

Mission: Screech Owl Farm School strives to empower the student with life skills set within an academic framework and a rural environment.

Contact Information: Cecelia Carver, Director
Screech Owl Farm School
185 Screech Owl
Moncure, NC 27559
Phone: 919-542-0333 Fax: 919-542-0333
Email: farm@screechowl.com
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.screechowl.com>

Operator: Self-sponsored

Location: North Chatham site for public programs; Farm not open to the public outside of program times. Call for enrollment and visitation.

Visitor Information: Elementary Science Enrichment; Elementary Schools Storytelling; Summer Camps for middle and elementary school ages; teacher and adult workshops on contractual basis.
Open five days a week for courses and workshops or school programs at schools, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
After school program: \$400.00 per semester -- one day per week per participant.

Total Annual Visitation: 700
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 10
Adult Program Participants: 40
Outreach Program Participants: 690

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Program/Site Features: Professional environmental educator conducts age-appropriate North Carolina curriculum-friendly classes throughout the school year on site. Summer camps are "travelling camps" to area farms for middle-school aged students to participate in farm work.

Unique Site Features: Sixty acres of field, forest and pond. We regularly see redtail hawks, deer, beaver sign, owls and bats. We offer a room with brick floor and facilities for rainy-day programs. We use a van for summer camp farming opportunities throughout the region.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Singletary Lake State Park Kelly, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks systems exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Roy Rodgers, Park Ranger
Singletary Lake State Park
6707 NC 53 Highway East
Kelly, NC 28448
Phone: 910-669-2928 Fax: 910-669-2034
Email: d.coburn@intrstar.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Six miles east of White Lake on Highway 53.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Office open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Camp Ipecac: April 1 - October 31; Camp Loblolly Bay available year round.

Total Annual Visitation: 15,318
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 1,203

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Adult Program Participants: 243
Outreach Program Participants: 180

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: Developed primarily for organized group camping, the park is comprised of 649 acres of land and a 572-acre natural Carolina bay lake. Two group camping facilities contain mess halls, kitchens, campers' cabins and wash houses. There is a pier reaching approximately 500 feet into the lake. Canoes are available for groups. Use of the group camps is by written reservation only. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Located within the park is Turkey Oak Natural Area. Designated as a natural area in the early 1960's, Turkey Oak will remain in its natural state to be used for scientific and educational study. The area consists of a coarse sand ridge at the southeastern end of the lake and a portion of the bay-bog. All of the primary plant community types around the Carolina bays are represented here. The rare white wicky, a relative of mountain laurel, as well as, carnivorous plants grow in the area.

River Basin: Cape Fear

SOAR – Success Oriented Achievement Realized Balsam, NC

Mission: SOAR – Success Oriented Achievement Realized – is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to a two-fold purpose. First, to provide experiential education services and adventure-based therapy to learning disabled and attention deficit disoriented individuals and their families. Second, to provide experiential education services and adventure-based therapy to school-aged youth, with a particular emphasis on those students identified as "high risk" for school failure, delinquency and/or substance abuse.

Contact Information: SOAR -- Success Oriented Achievement Realized
Post Office Box 388
Balsam, NC 28707
Phone: 828-456-3435 Fax: 828-456-3435

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- Operator:** Private, non-profit organization
- Location:** Located two miles from US 23 near the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: Youth groups, school groups, LD, ADD, ADHD students.
Open year round.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 540
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *SOAR* — Published 2-3 times per year. Contact SOAR to be added to mailing list at no cost.
- Program/Site Features:** SOAR features success-oriented, high adventure programs for the LD and ADD youth and adults. A multitude of experiential learning activities allows each student many opportunities to discover and develop his or her own learning abilities. SOAR also operates an outdoor classroom program for schools and youth groups. It is an interdisciplinary field study of a natural environment which is coordinated with work taking place in the academic classroom.
- Unique Site Features:** SOAR's outdoor learning center is located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is a modern facility with a ropes course and other recreational opportunities.
- River Basin:** Little Tennessee

South Mountains State Park Connelly Springs, NC
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- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks systems exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
- Contact Information:** South Mountains State Park
30001 South Mountain Park Avenue
Connelly Springs, NC 28612
Phone: 828-433-4772 Fax: 828-433-4772
Email: southmountains@hci.net

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World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** South Mountains State Park is located in southwestern Burke County, 18 miles south of Morganton. From I-40, turn south on NC 18, travel nine miles and make a right turn onto SR 1913 (Sugar Loaf Road). Take SR 1913 to Old NC 18 and turn left. Travel four miles and make a right turn onto SR 1901 (Ward's Gap Road). The park is off SR 1901 on SR 1904.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open June through August 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; April, May, September 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; March, October 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; November through February 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 110,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** South Mountains is one of North Carolina's largest state parks with a major emphasis on wilderness activities. There are a variety of marked hiking trails, 29 miles of equestrian trails and an 18-mile loop trail for mountain bike riders. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** The South Mountains, carved out of the Blue Ridge by erosion, are a broad belt of peaks and knobs rising abruptly from a deep valley. These steep, rugged mountains encompass 100,000 acres in Burke, Cleveland and Rutherford counties. While most of the high points average approximately 2,000 feet in elevation, Buzzard's Roost towers some 3,000 feet above the surrounding landscape.
- River Basin:** Catawba

The Stevens Nature Center at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve
Cary, NC

- Mission:** The Stevens Nature Center, through site-specific, factual educational programming, endeavors to enlighten all citizens regardless of age, gender, race, religious orientation or ability regarding environmental topics, issues and related natural resource information.
- Contact Information:** Lisa Richardson, Educational Specialist
The Stevens Nature Center at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve
2616 Kildaire Farm Road
Cary, NC 27511
Phone: 919-387-5980 Fax: 919-387-8160
- Operator:** Town of Cary Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department
- Location:** US 1 South/64 West to Tryon Road. East to Kildaire Farm Road, South. Entrance one mile down Kildaire Farm Road on right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, schools, scouts, and groups.
Open May - September, Monday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; October - April, Monday - Saturday:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free; Fee for programs.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 100,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Program Participants:** 5,000 - 7,000
- Newsletter Information:** *Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Quarterly Program Brochure* —
Published quarterly.
- Program/Site Features:** The nature programs of the Stevens Nature Center are conducted at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve, Fred G. Bond Metro Park, various Cary greenways and at statewide sites of natural history significance. We offer programs for adults, families, children and seniors, as well as special programs for groups on a variety of topics. The site features two miles of self-guided nature trails that feature overlooks, stairs and boardwalks to protect fragile habitats.
- Unique Site Features:** Swift Creek flows through the 150-acre nature preserve which features north-facing bluffs up to 80-feet high. Along these bluffs are Eastern Hemlocks (*Tsuga canadensis*) which comprise the only naturally occurring population of this tree in the Piedmont of this state, nearly 200 miles from its usual range in the mountains.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Stone Mountain State Park
Roaring Gap, NC

- Mission:** The North Carolina state parks systems exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.
- Contact Information:** Stone Mountain State Park
3042 Frank Parkway
Roaring Gap, NC 28668
Phone: 336-957-8185 Fax: 336-957-3985
Email: stonemtn@infoave.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>
- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Turn off US Highway 21 onto SR 1002 to the John P. Frank Parkway.
This leads you directly into the park.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open year round Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 640,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-6787.
- Program/Site Features:** The visitors center has a large insect collection, mounted black bear, spinning wheel, weaving loom and small moonshine still which reflects some of the area's culture. There is also an impressive view of Stone Mountain from the outside deck and viewing area. The visitors center has a large classroom and a conference room. Programming focuses on wildlife of the area, geology, cultural history, aquatic life, flora and succession of bare rock and old field. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE

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contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: The outstanding natural features of the park are Stone Mountain, the streams and waterfalls, vistas and the wide abundance of wildlife.

River Basin: Yadkin

Trinity Center Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program Salter Path, NC

Mission: The Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program at Trinity Center is committed to using hands-on activities to meet each group's educational needs and to increasing awareness of communities. We increase awareness of ecological communities by utilizing the habitats on the property, and human communities by promoting positive group dynamics.

Contact Information: Sound to Sea Program Director
Trinity Center Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program
Post Office Drawer 380
Salter Path, NC 28575
Phone: 252-247-8600 Fax: 252-247-3290

Operator: The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

Location: The Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program at Trinity Center is located on Bogue Banks seven miles west of Atlantic Beach on Highway 58.

Visitor Information: Audience served: All groups including public, private and parochial student groups, teachers, adults, youth groups and senior adults. Summer Sound to Sea, open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sound to Sea - seven days a week late August until end of May.

Total Annual Visitation: 8,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Soundings*— Published quarterly. Call or write to Soundings, Trinity Center, Post Office Drawer 380, Salter Path, North Carolina 28575 to be added to mailing list.

Program/Site Features: Students in the three-day/two-night program participate in seven daytime classes: Barrier Island Ecology, Group Challenge (Ropes) Course and five

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habitat classes (sound, salt marsh, freshwater pond, maritime forest and beach/ocean). A low student/teacher ratio (12:1) maximizes participation. Our wide variety of evening programs frequently feature elements of coastal cultures. We also offer evening programs frequently and extended programs (up to a week long stay) as well as teacher workshops.

Unique Site Features: The Outer Banks provide unique biological and cultural environments; and Trinity Center, on 60 acres stretching from Bogue Sound to the Atlantic Ocean, offers classic barrier island cross section.

River Basin: White Oak

Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest Elizabethtown, NC

Mission: Classes conducted at the educational state forests will help participants understand forests are complex, interdependent ecosystems which can be managed for a diversity of uses on a sustainable basis.

Contact Information: Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest
Route 2, Box 942-A
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
Phone: 910-588-4161 Fax: 910-588-4101
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources

Location: In the Bladen Lakes State Forest office complex on the corner of Highway 242 and Sweet Home Church Road about four miles north of Elizabethtown.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open mid-March through mid-November: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 15,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Programs that can be scheduled include: Tree Rings, New Forests for Wildlife, Predators and Their Prey, True Story of Smokey Bear, How Paper Comes from Trees, Forest Fire Control, Naval Stores, Out of Place,

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and Turnbull Creek Nature Trail. Picnic tables and restrooms are provided for visitors' convenience.

Unique Site Features: Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest is located in the Carolina bay lakes region of Bladen County. In addition to the self-guided Turnbull Creek Trail, the Post Trail and Pine Straw Trail; the Fire Control Exhibit includes a T-34 Scout Plane, a Huey Helicopter, a fire tractor and plow and a small scale fire tower.

River Basin: Cape Fear

Tuttle Educational State Forest Lenoir, NC

Mission: To develop, protect, and manage the multiple resources of North Carolina's forests through professional stewardship, enhancing the quality of life for our citizens while ensuring the continuity of these vital resources.

Contact Information: Larry Andrews, Forest Supervisor
Tuttle Educational State Forest
3420 Playmore Beach Road
Lenoir, NC 28645
Phone: 828-757-5608 Fax: 828-757-5693
Email: tuttle@abts.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/DFR/edforest.htm>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Forest Resources

Location: From Lenoir, take Hwy. NC 18/US 64 South eight miles to Playmore Beach Road. Turn right then one mile to forest entrance. Signs across from entrance.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other groups.
The forest is open mid-March through mid-November; 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. weekends, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; closed Mondays.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 35,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program Participants: 21 different educational programs
Student Participants: 7,000
Adult Program Participants: 1,000

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Program/Site Features: Areas in different stages of forest management may be viewed from the road. Programs are geared toward children, K-12.

Unique Site Features: The forest features 165 acres of old growth forest; Old Lingle School constructed in 1867 – one room schoolhouse; 100 year old erosion ditch where soil programs are given – 110 yards long, average depth of 16 feet, entrance 35 feet deep; wetlands with boardwalks and Stewardship Demonstration Forest.

River Basin: Catawba

**W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir
Wilkesboro, NC**

Contact Information: R.G. Absher, Assistant Project Manager
W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir
Post Office Box 182
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
Phone: 336-921-3390 Fax: 336-921-2330
Email: Ray.G.Absher.JR@SAWO2.usace.army.mil

Operator: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: 499 Reservoir Road – three miles west of Wilkesboro on Highway 268

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. year round.

Total Annual Visitation: 5,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Water safety, overview of dam and nature trails, fishing and volunteer programs.

Unique Site Features: 1500-acre lake, multiple outdoor recreation opportunities.

River Basin: Yadkin

**Wake County Office Park
Raleigh, NC**

Mission: Historic Oak View: In the tradition of a great state which celebrates its past, cherishes its heritage and nurtures its resources for future

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generations, Historic Oak View Park endeavors to educate, interpret and preserve the agricultural heritage and rural farm life of North Carolina through a variety of educational programs, special events and exhibits as well as providing a variety of cultural enrichment and passive recreation opportunities for the people of Wake County and North Carolina.

Wake County Cooperative Extension: The Cooperative Extension Service helps people improve the quality of their lives by providing research based information and informal educational opportunities focused on issues and needs.

Wake County Public Libraries: To encourage the love of reading and to provide quality library services to the public.

Wake Soil & Water Conservation District: To conserve the soil, water, and related natural resources of Wake County by providing education, information, technical assistance, and economic incentives to County citizens and by establishing new programs in concert with other appropriate agencies and organizations to meet changing needs.

Contact Information:

Shelia Jones
Wake County Office Park
Wake Soil & Water Conservation District 4001-D Carya Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610
Phone: 919-250-1050 Fax: 919-250-1058

Operator:

Historic Oak View County Park, Wake County Cooperative Extension, Wake County Libraries Administration, Wake Soil & Water Conservation District

Location:

From 440 Raleigh Beltline, take the Poole Road exit east. Turn left onto Carya Drive which winds through Wake County Office Park. First left leads to the Olivia Ramey Historical Library and Wake County Library Administration Building. Second left is Historic Oak View Lane that leads to Historic Oak View Park and the Farm History Center. Carya Drive ends in front of the Agricultural Services Building and the Wake County Commons Building.

Visitor Information:

Audience served: Wake County citizens, youth and adults.
Oak View Park Grounds: Open Monday through Sunday 8:30 a.m. until dusk; Oak View Park Staff: Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; other Wake County Offices: Open Monday through Friday 8:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Total Annual Visitation: 25,000+

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: Contact Wake County Office Park at 919-250-1050.

Program/Site Features: Events: Ag Expo in January; Wake County Environmental Career Day in February; Preservation Celebration in May; Storytelling Festival in

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September; Environmental Field Day (Wake County 5th graders) in September; Heritage Day in October; Candlelight Tour in December; and many historic and architectural events throughout the year.

Unique Site Features: Historic Oak View: 1850 restored farm site with main residence, plank kitchen, herb garden, pecan grove, cotton gin house, carriage house, and livestock barn. New Farm History Center on site. Wake County Office Park: Conference center, offices, 2 farm ponds, and demonstration gardens.

River Basin: Neuse

Weaver Education Center Greensboro, NC

Mission: To meet the needs of students.

Contact Information: Earl Crotts, Principal
Weaver Education Center
300 South Spring Street
Greensboro, NC 27401
Phone: 336-370-8282 Fax: 336-370-8287
World Wide Web Address:
<http://www.guilford.k12.nc.us/main/spages/weaver>

Location: Located one block south of West Market Street and a few blocks west of Eugene Street.

Visitor Information: Audience served: School students 10th-12th Grades.
Open Monday through Friday 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Admission free.

Newsletter Information: *Leave It To Weaver* — Published two-three times per year.

Unique Site Features: Performing arts programs, vocation tech-prep program and academic classes.

River Basin: Cape Fear

West Point on the Eno Park Durham, NC

Mission: West Point on the Eno is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by providing a unique blend of ecology, cultural and natural history programs.

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- Contact Information:** Beth Highley, Park Manager
West Point on the Eno Park
5101 North Roxboro Road
Durham, NC 27704
Phone: 919-471-1623
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/dpr>
- Operator:** City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department
- Location:** From Interstate 85, exit onto North Duke Street (501 N. Bypass). Follow 501 N. approximately 3.5 miles; take a left at Seven Oaks Road. This is the park entrance.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: All ages, all groups and individuals.
Park gates open daily at 8:00 a.m. and close at dark, year-round.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 80,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Program Participants: | 5,500 |
| Student Participants: | 1,695 |
| Adult Program Participants: | 3,805 |
- Program/Site Features:** West Point on the Eno, a natural and historic city park, is located along a two-mile stretch of the scenic and unspoiled Eno River. It is the perfect place for picnicking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, natural and cultural history programs, and seasonal special events.
- Unique Site Features:** A working grist mill, a restored 1850's farmhouse, and a Museum of Photography all open for tours on Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. A former blacksmith shop serves as classroom space for a variety of environmental education programs. Lastly, the beautiful Eno River flows through the park.
- River Basin:** Neuse

Western North Carolina Nature Center Asheville, NC

- Mission:** The Nature Center is a living museum of plants and animals of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. It was established in 1977 for the purpose of acquainting residents and visitors with the rich natural heritage of the region in the belief that, through knowledge, will come appreciation and concern for the preservation of the natural environment.
- Contact Information:** Western North Carolina Nature Center

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75 Gashes Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28805
Phone: 828-298-5600 Fax: 828-298-2644

- Operator:** Buncombe County
- Location:** Located near the eastern city limits of Asheville; accessible from I-40 at exit 53B and I-240 at exit 8.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups K-12.
Open year round, except winter holidays and in inclement weather.
Monday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 80,000
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
- Newsletter Information:** *Friends of the WNC Nature Center* — Published quarterly. Contact Nature Center for membership information.
- Program/Site Features:** The Nature Center maintains a representative collection of native Southern Appalachian animal species in naturalistic habitats, as well as a collection of typical farm animals, which are accessible to the public. Our education programs are correlated and designed to enhance the Standard Science and Social Studies curricula of the state of North Carolina.
- Unique Site Features:** The site borders the Swannanoa River in the mountains of Western North Carolina. A two-thirds mile nature trail winds through flood plain and upland hardwood forests with thickets of *Rhododendron maximum* and *Kalmia latifolia*.
- River Basin:** French Broad

Weyerhaeuser's Cool Springs Environmental Education Center New Bern, NC

- Mission:** To provide a real world setting for hands-on learning about forestry, ecology and environmental issues.
- Contact Information:** Jeff Hall
Weyerhaeuser's Cool Springs Environmental Education Center
Weyerhaeuser Company, Post Office Box 1391
New Bern, NC 28563
Phone: 252-633-7413 Fax: 252-633-7426
Email: coolsprings@coastalnet.com
- Operator:** Weyerhaeuser Corporation

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Location: At the town of Askins (between Vanceboro and New Bern on US 17) turn west onto SR 1434, go approximately 300 yards and turn right onto SR 1435 (dirt) and proceed approximately 2.6 miles to sign on right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Organized groups of 10+ (school classes, educators, landowners, civic organizations, Scouts, etc.).
By appointment only, Tuesday through Friday during the school year 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Special arrangements can be made for other times.

Total Annual Visitation: 2,000+
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Program/Site Features: Two-mile forest loop trail for guided tours, interpretive stops on trail, three pavilions with picnic tables, outdoor amphitheater, 700 ft. boardwalk across swamp, conference center, forest ecosystems ranging from deep swamp to Longleaf Pine sand ridges, 200 year old cemetery, North Carolina Natural Heritage Area.

Unique Site Features: The area is a Working Forest actively being managed to supply raw material for forest products industry while maintaining/enhancing wildlife habitat, water and air quality, recreational and historical values.

River Basin: Neuse

Weymouth Woods - Sandhills Nature Preserve Southern Pines, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Kimberly Hyre, Interpretive & Educational Ranger
Weymouth Woods - Sandhills Nature Preserve
1024 Fort Bragg Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387
Phone: 910-692-2167 Fax: 910-692-8042
Email: weymouth@pinehurst.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

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- Operator:** North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Traveling US 1 directional signs can be found at the intersection at Days Inn. Turn onto Saundar Boulevard and follow to the end; make a left and the front entrance is two miles on the left. From Hwy. 211 follow directional signs onto Indiana Avenue to flashing light and make a right onto Fort Bragg Road – 1/2 mile to entrance on the left. From Fort Bragg, travel to the Manchester and King Road intersection. Follow signs to Southern Pines. Just beyond the reservation gates, make a left. Follow Fort Bragg Road to entrance on right.
- Visitor Information:** Audience served: General public, school groups and other organized groups.
Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sunday noon - 5:00 p.m.
Admission free.
- Total Annual Visitation:** 17,000-20,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)
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| Student Participants: | 100+ |
| Adult Program Participants: | 100+ |
| Outreach Program Participants: | 100+ |
- Newsletter Information:** *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.
- Program/Site Features:** Programs are based around all subjects that are influenced by the resource (longleaf pine forest), including: fire (prescribed burning); birds such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and others; animals such as the fox squirrel; plants such as longleaf pines, wildflowers, and wiregrass, and; man's influence on the area – historically and today. The environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.
- Unique Site Features:** The park is located in the sandhills area of North Carolina with longleaf pines and wiregrass ecosystem.
- River Basin:** Cape Fear

William B. Umstead State Park
Raleigh, NC

Mission: The North Carolina state parks system exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Contact Information: Erik Nygard, Park Ranger III
William B. Umstead State Park
8801 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27612
Phone: 919-571-4170 Fax: 919-571-4161
Email: umstead@gte.net
World Wide Web Address:
<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>

Operator: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Located between Raleigh and Durham on US Highway 70, west of Raleigh, one mile east of I-540. Enter Park, Visitors Center is located one mile on right.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, organized youth groups, non-profit organizations and schools.
Open daily 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission free.

Total Annual Visitation: 600,000

(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	25
Adult Program Participants:	60
Outreach Program Participants:	25

Newsletter Information: *The Steward*— Published monthly. Contact: Public Information Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687.

Program/Site Features: The new visitors center includes a 20-seat classroom, 60-seat auditorium and exhibit area. The museum area provides cultural and natural resource exhibits. Environmental education involves the students in hands-on activities on erosion, sedimentation and properties of soil. The

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environmental education program for school groups centers around a curriculum packet called the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE). The EELE contains pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities that focus on the park's unique natural features and are correlated to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction objectives. Contact the park for more information about the park's EELE and other environmental education programs and activities for the general public.

Unique Site Features: Contiguous forest area of over 5,400 acres within the metropolitan area of Raleigh.

River Basin: Neuse

Wing Haven Garden and Bird Sanctuary Charlotte, NC

Mission: The purpose of the Wing Haven Foundation is to maintain and develop a sanctuary for wild birds and animals for the education of the general public; to establish and maintain gardens and grounds for the benefit and enjoyment of the community, and to educate the public on horticultural and wildlife subjects

Contact Information: Wing Haven Garden and Bird Sanctuary
248 Ridgewood Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28209
Phone: 704-331-0664 Fax: 704-331-9368

Operator: Wing Haven Foundation, Inc.

Location: Located at 248 Ridgewood Avenue which runs between Selwyn Avenue and Westfield Road. From I-77 South take exit 6A, then left on Selwyn and left on Ridgewood.

Visitor Information: Audience served: General public, school groups (K-college) and other organized groups.
Open Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - noon; Groups by appointment.

Total Annual Visitation: 10,000
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Newsletter Information: *Warbler* — Published quarterly. Annual membership starting at \$20.00 - contact Wing Haven for more information.

Program/Site Features: Wing Haven offers a number of different environmental education programs. We schedule guided tours of the garden for groups ranging

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from school children to garden clubs to senior citizens. Our classes and workshops focus on horticulture, ornithology, ecology, and other related fields. In addition, we offer slide presentations on a variety of topics.

Unique Site Features: Wing Haven is a 4-acre garden and bird sanctuary that combines formal gardens with wild woodlands. We garden organically in a backyard setting with pools, birdbaths, fountains and statuary.

River Basin: Catawba

YMCA Camp Greenville Cedar Mountain, NC
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Mission: Our objectives are: to increase the students' awareness of the environment and to nurture a relationship with that environment through interactive, discovery-based activities; to encourage a sense of personal responsibility for the environment; and to foster cooperation and reinforce the idea of community.

Contact Information: Teresa Hembree
YMCA Camp Greenville
Post Office Box 390
Cedar Mountain, NC 28718
Phone: 864-836-5785 or 3291 Fax: 864-836-3140
Email: dgregory@piedmont.net

Operator: YMCA of the Greater Greenville Y

Location: Hwy. 276 to the North Carolina/South Carolina state line. Turn onto Solomon Jones Road, road dead ends on camp property.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Children grades 3-8.
Open mid-August through mid-December and mid-February through late-May: residential or day trips.
Currently \$83.00 basic rate for 2 night/3 day experience.

Total Annual Visitation:
(Includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants:	3,500
Adult Program Participants:	400 as chaperones

Newsletter Information: Fall and spring. Mailed to individuals on our database.

Program/Site Features: Environmental Education programs for grades 3-8 for 9 to 10 months a year – offers 15-18 content classes from pond ecology to tree identification. Conducted in a residential setting students from seven

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different states learn while participating in hands-on opportunities to gain more knowledge of the environment while working to enhance their role in the world.

Unique Site Features: Camp is at 3300 ft. elevation on 1600 acres of private property, 21 lakes, extensive hiking trails, beautiful waterfalls and at a phenomenal location in the Blue Ridge mountains geologically.

River Basin: French Broad

YMCA Camp Hanes King, NC

Mission: Helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body.

Contact Information: Philip Beam, Program Director
YMCA Camp Hanes
1225 Camp Hanes Road
King, NC 27021
Phone: 336-983-3131 Fax: 336-983-4624
Email: Fun@camphanes.org
World Wide Web Address: <http://www.camphanes.org>

Operator: YMCA of Greater Winston-Salem

Location: From Winston-Salem, take 52 North to exit 123, turn right. Go 2.5 miles, take a left on Brown Road; go 2.5 miles to the end. Take a right on Chestnut Grove Road and go .5 miles. Take a left on YMCA Camp Road; go 3.6 miles. Take a left on Camp Hanes Road.

Visitor Information: Audience served: Grades 3-12 (ages 8-18 years).
Open year round.
Fees vary depending on length of visit.

Total Annual Visitation: 1,200
(includes visitors and environmental education program participants)

Student Participants: 1,000

Program/Site Features: The Camp features six basketball courts, two tennis courts, 14 winterized cabins, two dorms, several open playing fields, high ropes, climbing wall, low ropes, archery, three large meeting rooms and overnight facilities.

Unique Site Features: Site features include 400 acres, two lakes, 2,500 ft. mountain and a crystal mine.

River Basin: Yadkin

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If your center meets the definition of Environmental Education Centers below and you would like to be included in the next edition of this publication, please complete the following form and return to: Office of Environmental Education, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, Phone: 919-733-0711 or FAX to 919-733-1616.

An Environmental Education Center is defined as:

"Any facility open to the public with programs and resources which promote environmental education through programs and processes that increase awareness, knowledge, and skills, and result in understanding, making informed decisions, taking constructive action, and making the commitment to ensure stewardship of all interdependent parts of the earth's environment."

Please print or type.

1. Name of EE Center: _____
2. Member of the North Carolina Association of Environmental Education Centers: (circle one) YES NO INTERESTED
3. Director or Chief Officer (name and title): _____
4. Public Contact Person (name and title): _____
5. Address: _____
6. County: _____
7. Phone (include area code): _____
8. Fax (include area code): _____
9. Electronic Mail Address: _____
10. World Wide Web Address: _____
11. Operating/Sponsoring Organization: _____
12. Operation Schedule: _____
13. Fee Structure: _____
14. Audience Served: _____
15. Guided Tours/Instructional Program Participants: _____
 Total Student Participants (school groups): _____ Total Outreach Program Participants: _____
 Total Adult Participants: _____
16. Total Annual Visitation (visitors and tour/program participants): _____
17. Location/Directions: _____

18. Title of Newsletter: _____
19. Newsletter Frequency: _____
20. Newsletter Distribution: _____

21. Subscription Information: _____

22. EE Center Mission Statement: _____

23. Unique Site Features: _____

24. Program and General Site Features: _____

25. Services and Programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Educational Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight lodging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Impaired Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional Field Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratories | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/RV Parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Classrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Ropes Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educator Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Environmental Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Hostel | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Rooms | _____ |

26. In what River Basin is your center located? _____

27. Please indicate below any other Environmental Education Centers in your area, or surrounding areas, that you feel should be included in the next *Guide* and a part of the NC AEEC that are not in this edition of the *Guide*. Please include the name of the Center, the address and a possible contact.

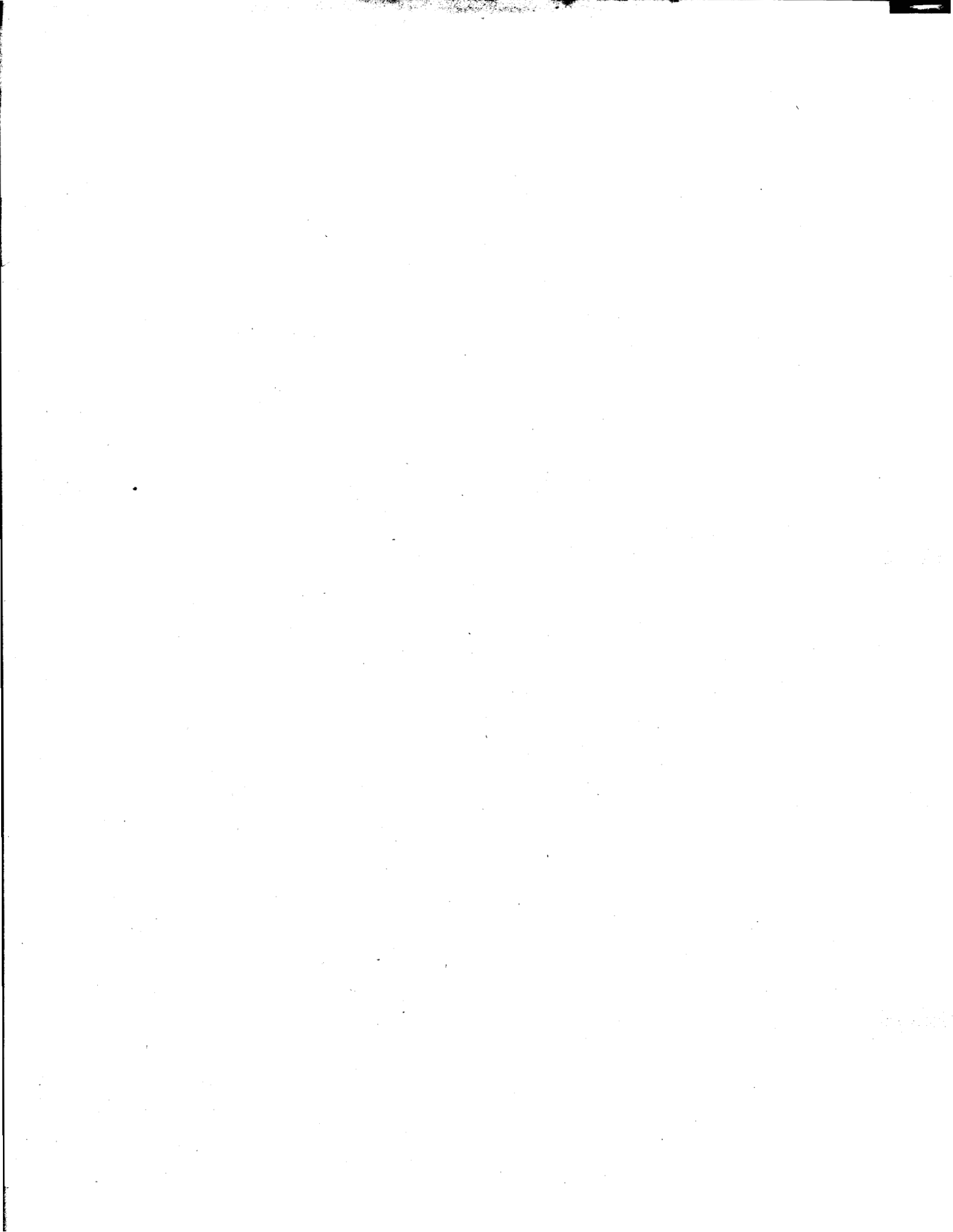
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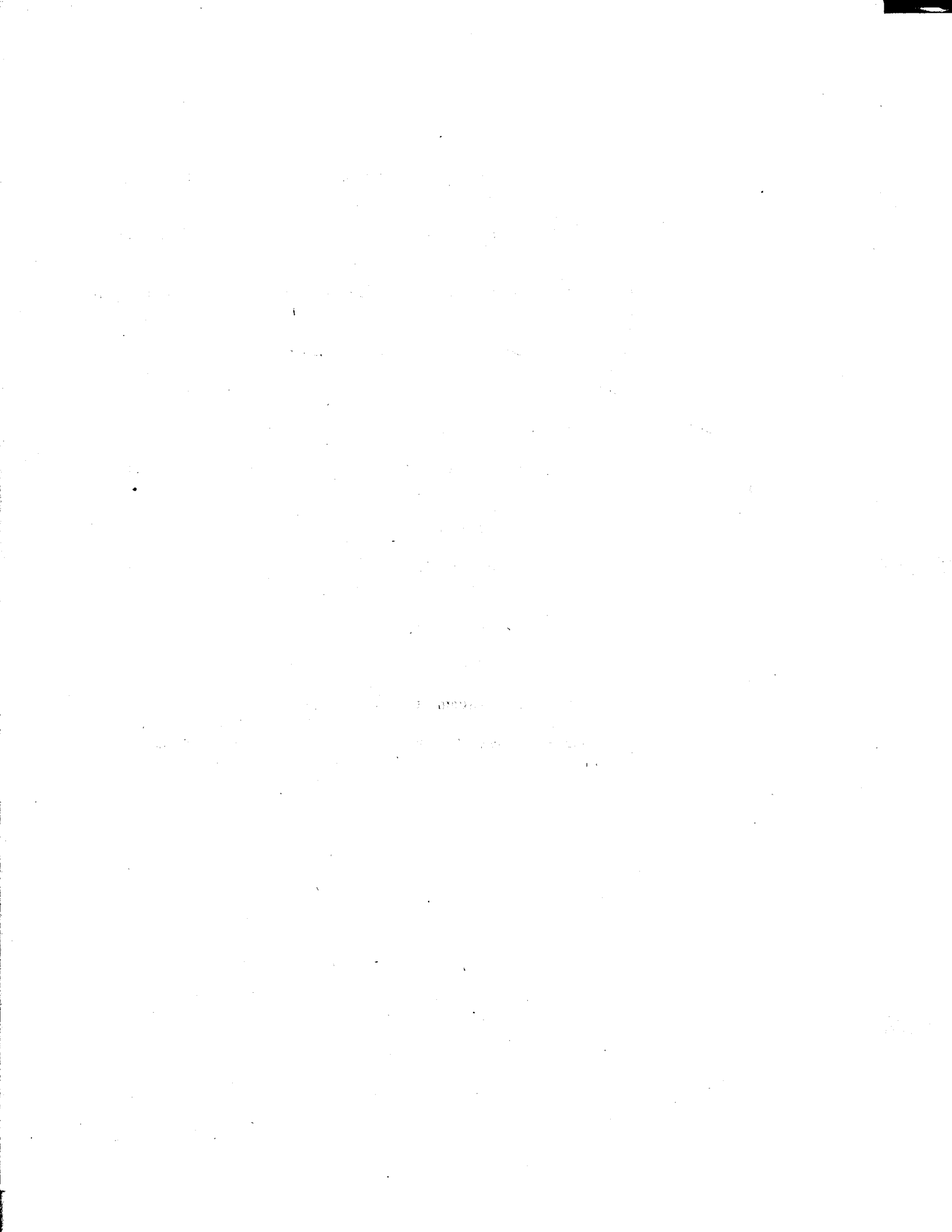
Please read the following instructions before completing the information/update form so that each Environmental Education Center will be providing the same type of information for each question and will be represented equally and with consistency in the new *Guide*.

An Environmental Education Center is defined as: "Any facility open to the public with programs and resources which promote environmental education through programs and processes that increase awareness, knowledge and skills, and result in understanding, making informed decisions, taking constructive action and making the commitment to ensure stewardship of all interdependent parts of the earth's environment."

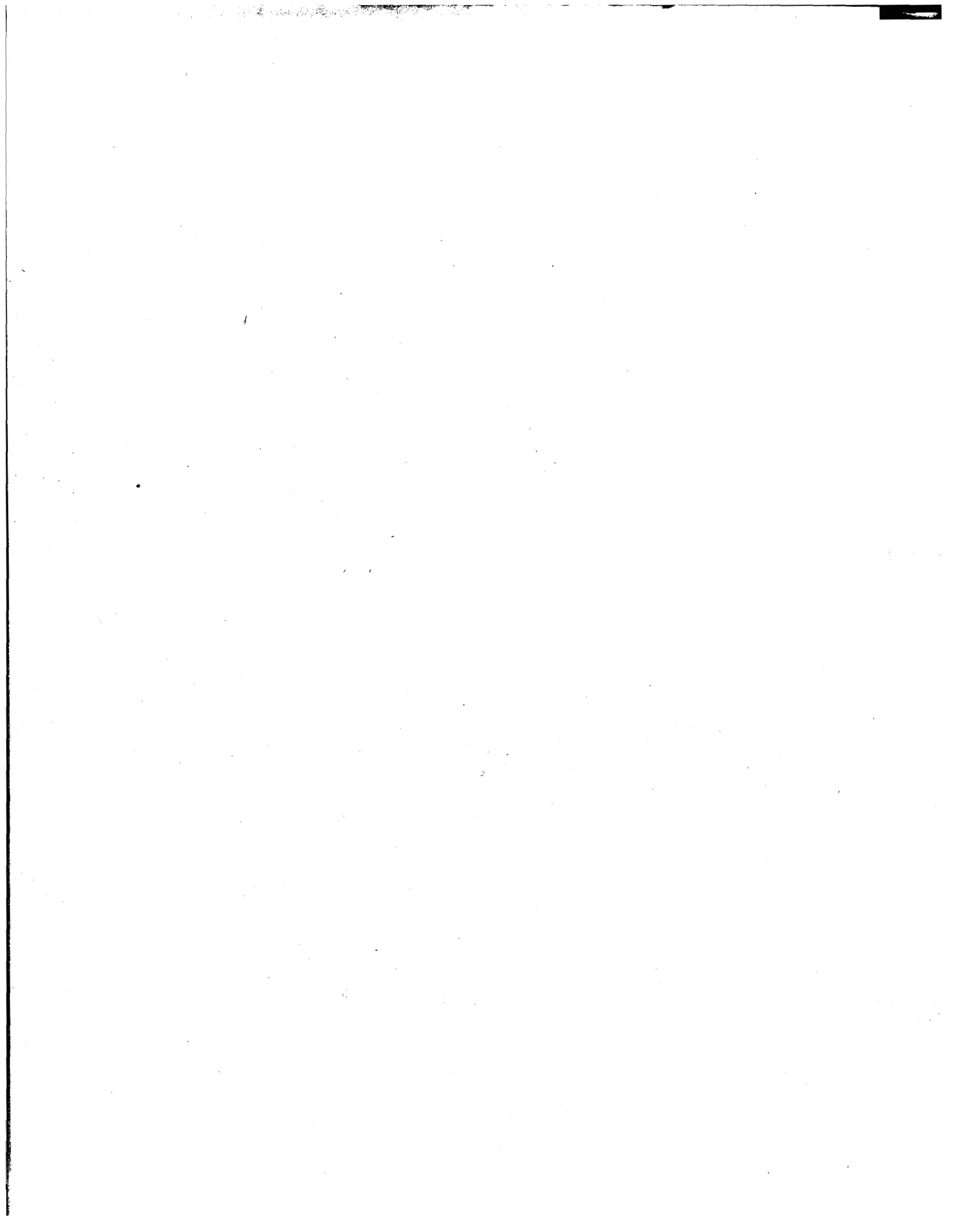
1. Please include full name of your environmental education center as you wish it to be published in the Guide.
2. Circle 'yes' if your center is a member of the NC Association of Environmental Education Centers (NC AEEC), 'no' if your center is not a member or circle 'send information' if you would like to receive information about NC AEEC and about joining the Association.
3. Indicate the name and actual title of your center director or chief officer.
4. Indicate the name and actual title of the person whom the public should contact when they have questions about environmental education programs and your facility. We will only use the title of this person in the guide and the Office of Environmental Education will use the name of the person for our mailing list and other communications.
5. Indicate the complete mailing and street address for your environmental education center.
6. Indicate the county in which your Center is located.
7. Business phone number including area code.
8. Business fax number including area code.
9. Electronic mail address. Please note if you are in the process of obtaining electronic mail capabilities.
10. Indicate your world wide web address or if information about your center can be accessed via the Internet other than through the EE Center feature on the home page for the Office of Environmental Education, <<http://www.enr.state.nc.us/ENR/ee>>.
11. Indicate what organization sponsors or operates your environmental education center. For example: US Department of the Interior, Non-profit organization, NCSU, YMCA, etc.
12. Indicate the months, days and hours that your center is open to the public and in operation.
13. Indicate any fees or permits required for entrance into your environmental education center.

14. Indicate the targeted audience your environmental education center serves: i.e. teachers, K-12 students, adults, general public, etc.
15. Indicate the total number of program participants. If possible, also indicate the breakdown of participants — students, adults and outreach program participants.
16. Indicate the total number of visitors and program participants to your environmental education center annually.
17. Give complete directions to allow an out of state tourist or visitor unfamiliar with your facility to locate it from major surrounding highways.
18. Indicate the title of your environmental education center's newsletter.
19. Indicate whether your newsletter is an annual, monthly, weekly, etc. publication.
20. Indicate the number of people who are currently on your mailing list.
21. Include information on whether the public can subscribe to your newsletter; include the cost if applicable.
22. Indicate the mission statement of your environmental education center.
23. List the site features of your environmental education center which are unique only to your site.
24. List programs offered and site features that make your environmental education center a place that all North Carolinians would want to visit in 50 words or less.
25. Check the programs and services offered by your facility.
26. Indicate the river basin in which your environmental education center is located.
27. Indicate other environmental education centers that you feel should be included in the next *Guide*.











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