Goose Creek State Park

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Activities

Education and Events: Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about Goose Creek State Park. Educational materials about Goose Creek State Park have been developed for grades 4-6 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Goose Creek State Park program introduces wetland processes and functions. The program also focuses on water quality, resource management, adaptations and stewardship.

Visitor Center: The environmental education and visitor center has the right tools to open your eyes to the natural world of wetlands! In the Discovery Room, visitors can learn even more about animals that live in the wetlands. Mounts, replicas and animal signs, both on tabletops and in pullout drawers, allow close-up study and encourage hands-on learning. There is also a bird observation station.

Picnicking: There are three picnic areas near the riverfront, near the visitor center, and near the boat launch. Inquire at the park office for handicap accessible tables. Picnic shelters may be used on a first-come basis or, to ensure availability, can be reserved for a fee.

Camping: A primitive family campground is located between Goose and Flatty creeks. Fourteen well-spaced tent sites include tables and grills. Toilet facilities and water are available nearby. Sites are available by reservation only. A group campsite is also available from March 15 through November 15 by reservation only.

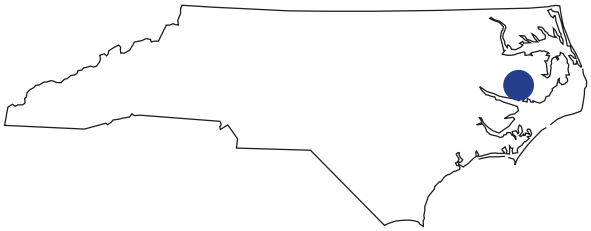
Trails: Eight miles of hiking trails (including a handicap accessible boardwalk) meander through the estuarine areas of Goose Creek State Park. The diversity of wetlands ranges from freshwater and brackish-water marshes to black gum and cypress swamps.

Paddling: Day users can access Goose Creek from Dinah's Landing while overnight campers can put in at the end of the campground road. For special needs access, please contact the park office. Paddlers must make arrangements to bring vessels with them, as there are none for rent in the park.

Boating: The boat ramp at Dinah's Landing on the west side of Goose Creek is conveniently located near the Pamlico River. Motorboating and sailing are popular activities. Boating regulations of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission apply.

Swimming: A sandy beach offers access to the shallow waters of the Pamlico River. The swimming area is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day free of charge. Please be aware that there are no lifeguards on duty.

Location



Goose Creek State Park is located in Beaufort County on the north side of the Pamlico River. From Washington, follow U.S. 264 east for 10 miles. Then turn right onto Camp Leach Road and travel 2.5 miles to the park entrance.

Park Hours

North Carolina State Parks are open every day, with the exception of Christmas Day. Park hours vary with the seasons.

Please visit the North Carolina State Park website or contact the park office for the most current information about seasonal hours, activities, alerts, camping fees, programs rules and weather.

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