

MERCHANTS MILLPOND STATE PARK'S

Rsvp = Reservation required

8:30AM- 4PM

Big Tree paddle Rsvp

Join a ranger for a paddle to the famous 1400-year-old bald cypress tree.

9AM- 10AM

Bennetts creek shuttle Rsvp

Join a shuttle to travel to Gatesville, and paddle back up Bennetts creek towards the park.

Big canoe Rsvp

Join our park staff on our 29-foot canoes that can fit 14 people on a leisurely trip around the millpond.

9:30AM- 1:30PM

ACA – Intermediate Kayaking Rsvp

Designed to teach paddlers how to safely and enjoyably kayak on gentle waterways.

10:30AM- 12PM

What's blooming?

Join a ranger on a hike to learn about wildflowers and plants.

1PM- 2PM

Bennetts creek shuttle Rsvp

Join a shuttle to travel to Gatesville, and paddle back up Bennetts creek towards the park.

Millpond History

Join a local expert (and retire ranger) to learn about extensive millpond history.

2024 Paddle-Fest



Canoe Rental:

Big Tree & Bennetts Creek shuttle= \$25

Canoe with a ranger & Alligators of the Millpond= \$10

All canoeing and kayaking programs require reservations

2PM- 3PM

Big canoe Rsvp

Join our park staff on our 29-foot canoes that can fit 14 people on a leisurely trip around the millpond.

2:30PM- 3:30PM

Canoe with a ranger Rsvp

Join a ranger for a leisurely paddle around the millpond.

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Friday

April 12



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Alligators of the millpond

Join a ranger to learn about Alligators of the millpond, followed by a canoe trip.



ACA Level 1 –

Introduction to Kayaking

Join a ranger to learn the fundamentals of kayaking.

ACA Level 2 –

Intermediate Kayaking

Designed to teach paddlers how to safety and enjoyably kayak on gentle waterways.

Bears of the millpond

Celebrate year of the bear and learn about their characteristics with a ranger.

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State Park History

Join the state's chief interpreter and educator to make s'mores and learn about NC State parks.

S'mores– Ask a ranger

Join a ranger to make s'mores and ask questions on what its like to be a ranger.

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