



Frequently Asked Questions:

Where is Wildwood Park Located?

3450 Blue Heron Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

When is the park open?

The park is open from Dawn to Dusk each day. Although the gate stays open, everyone should be out of the park at sunset each day.

Where can I fish at Wildwood?

Fishing is permitted in the lake at Wildwood from any accessible bank location in the park. Please bear in mind that some areas are easier to access than others. Pay special attention to how steep the banks can be on the eastern side of the lake. The north bank, and western side of the park are much easier to access but, do require walking to access.

What do I need to fish at Wildwood?

Currently, there is no charge to fish at Wildwood, however, anyone over the age of 15 is required to have a NC fishing license to fish. You will also want to bring bait!

Where can I get bait and a license?

The closest establishment to get a license and bait is the Greenville Marine Outdoor Shop: 3600 Marine Dr, Greenville, NC 27834. Licenses can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org as well.

Can I launch a boat?

At this time only non-motorized vessels (i.e. canoes, kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards) can be launched at Wildwood. The easiest place to launch them is from the accessible dock behind the large covered pavilions. For convenience there is a gravel drive where vessels can be dropped off and picked up. Please return your vehicle to the designated parking lot. All state and federal regulations apply to any vessel launched in Wildwood.

Where can I park?

Currently, there is a gravel parking lot next to the large covered pavilions. There are plans to add additional parking in future phases. Please keep parking in the designated parking lot only.

Can I camp?

At this time, camping can be done by reserving the camping platform. Future phases will see more camping opportunities added. Primitive camping is not allowed as areas are not designated in Wildwood Park at this time.

How Do I Rent the Camping Platform?

Please call River Park North – (252)329-4560 to get more information regarding camping rules and schedule a rental at the camping platform for Wildwood Park.

How Do I Access the Camping Platform?

The camping platform can be accessed by hiking or biking in from the parking lot, or by boat from the Tar River.

Can I bike?

Yes! Biking is allowed on the 1.5 mile natural surface trail that follows the perimeter of the lake.

Can I hike?

Yes! Sub "Hiking for biking", and see above.

Can I ride my ATV, dirt bike, or golf cart?

Only bicycles and hiking are allowed on the trails at Wildwood.

Can my group rent the large pavilion?

At this time, we are working to establish a rental procedure for the pavilion at Wildwood. Groups wishing to use the covered pavilion should contact Rendy Bertrand at (252) 329-4567 for more information.

Are there bathrooms?

At this time porta jons are onsite, and convenient to the main parking lot.

Current Amenities include

Covered Pavilions

1.5 mile natural surface trail

Accessible kayak launch and floating dock

Sand Beach

Porta Jons

Rentable Camping Platform

Future development plans of Wildwood Park

The list below is comprehensive and subject to change depending on many different factors.

Phase II Development (January 2022 – December 2023)

- Designing and Constructing Mountain Bike Trails and a Bicycle Skills Course (Design completed early 2022, Construction completed later in 2022)
- Design of Trail Connections that will include sections of boardwalk and bridges. (Design completed early 2022, construction of inlet boardwalks with connection will be completed in late 2022, the connection from Wildwood west to River Park North will depend on funding)
- Design of an Observation Tower that will be located in the lake. (Design completed early 2022, construction depends on fundraising)
- Design and build a restroom facility and associated shelter improvements (2022-23)
- Construct additional parking along Old Pactolus Rd, or purchase existing parcel and resurface (2022)

Future Phases

- A Nature-themed Playground
- An Observation Tower – dependent upon funding
- A Boat Ramp
- Floating Aqua Park
- Cable Wakeboarding
- Zip Line
- Ropes Course
- Additional Trail Connections

Who to call with questions –

Emergency – **911** – Park Address: 3450 Blue Heron Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

General Questions: (252) 329-4560

Nature Programming & camping: (252) 329-4560

Special Events: (252) 329-4972

Non-emergency Police Line: (252) 329-4315

Park Rangers: (252) 258-3839

Pavilions: (252) 329-4567

Other Rules:

- No alcohol or drug use permitted
- All pets must be on a leash
- Do not cut or remove any plant, animal (other than fish), or mineral within Wildwood Park
- No open burning, fireworks, or firecrackers allowed
- No hunting allowed in Wildwood Park, or on the lake.

What to do at Wildwood Park, and some helpful tips.

Camping at Wildwood Park

- Camping can be done at the camping platform
- The Wildwood Park Campsite Rental form will need to be completed at the time of, or prior to payment being made for the reservation. Reservations are completed when payment is made, and no time before that.
- Platform rentals can be completed by calling River Park North – 252-329-4560
 - Costs: \$20/R
\$30/NR
 - Limits:
12 person maximum for the camping platform
- Open fires are not permitted at this time. Cooking should be done over charcoal or gas grills, and camp stoves. Once cooking is completed, flames should be extinguished.
- No cooking or open flames are permitted on the camping platform at any time.
- Guests accessing the camping platform by boat should secure their vessel out of the water if possible.
- All activities after dusk should remain within 50 yards of the camping platform.
- The use of cat holes are not a permitted form of bodily waste disposal. Guests should plan to use the onsite porta jons, or utilize a composting camp toilet.
- All trash should be removed when leaving the camping platform.
- There is a 3 night maximum stay for the Wildwood Park camping platform.
- The City of Greenville has the right to cancel reservations in the event of inclement weather. A full refund or credit for a future stay will be given if this is the case.

Fishing at Wildwood Park

- Fishing is allowed along the lake shore and banks of the Tar River at Wildwood Park.
- Fishing licenses are required for any angler over 15 years of age.
- Fishing is not allowed on the dock, this area is for launching, recovering, and docking boats only.
- Boats may access the lake at Wildwood from the Tar river as well.
- Anglers can hike in, bike in, or boat to get to their preferred fishing location.

Boating at Wildwood Park

- Boating is allowed on the lake at Wildwood Park
- All state boating rules and regulations apply to the lake at Wildwood
- There is an accessible canoe/kayak launch on the dock where non-motorized vessels may be launched behind the large pavilions.
- For boaters' convenience, there is a gravel drive between the first 2 pavilions, where their vessel may be dropped off. Vehicles should be returned to the parking area prior to launching.
- It is recommended that a wheeled dolly be used to access the dock.
- Please do not slide boats down the hillside as this could lead to bank erosion.
- Vessels should be removed at dusk each day, and should not be left tied to the dock.
- Due to the shallow water at Wildwood, motorized vessels are urged to use caution and maintain a no wake speed in the lake, and adjacent inlets.
- The City of Greenville is currently working to establish a kayak, pedal boat, and SUP rental service at Wildwood. Once this is established, vessels may be rented at Wildwood.
- Stand up paddleboards (SUP) are allowed in the lake at Wildwood. All regular safety equipment is required as well.

Swimming

- Swimming is allowed, however no lifeguard is on duty.
- Swimming is only allowed from the sandy beach area.
- The accessible dock is not to be used as a swimming platform, or to dive from. This area is for launching, recovering, and docking boats only.
- Life jackets are strongly encouraged for anyone who swims regardless of ability.

Hiking/Biking at Wildwood Park

- Both activities are permitted and encouraged at Wildwood
- Additional hiking/biking areas are in future phased development of the park. The current natural surface trail is approximately 1.5 miles in the shape of a horseshoe.
- The loop connection to close the horseshoe on the natural surface trail is slated to be completed during Phase 2 of the Wildwood Development plan, late 2022.
- A mountain bike trail and BMX skills track are slated to be constructed in phase 2 of park development in 2022.
- While you can explore undeveloped areas of Wildwood, hikers are encouraged to maintain spatial awareness of their surroundings. It is preferred that park users stay on established trails and paths.

- Hikers have the right-of-way on Wildwood Park trails at all times. Please be courteous to other park users during your ride.

Holding an Event at Wildwood Park

- At this time, we are working to establish standards and a policy that will allow the public to reserve certain amenities for special events to be held at Wildwood Park.

- For questions regarding the possibility of this it is recommended that you contact our Special Events Coordinator at Jaycee Park – (252) 329-4972

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