

Parks & Recreation in NC

A Hidden Gem!



What is NCRPA?

- Over 2000 members from across our state – professionals, educators, students and citizen board members.
- Founded in 1944 and incorporated in 1948, the North Carolina Recreation & Park Association (NCRPA) is a nonprofit education and advocacy organization, dedicated to the advancement of the park, recreation and leisure profession in our state.
- Governed by a 39 member board of directors; 3 full-time staff.
- Offer an annual conference and many workshops for park and recreation professionals.
- Headquarters in Raleigh.



What about Parks & Recreation in NC?

- About 230 departments in NC.
- Representing both county and municipal governments.
- Some as large as several hundred full-time employees to a few that are one person operations. Average = 19 full time employees.
- Numerous part-time employees and countless volunteers.
- Offering a variety of programs, services, activities and facilities.
- 22 colleges and universities in NC teaching a parks and recreation or related curriculum. (Four 2-year programs; Eighteen 4-year programs)



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Serving citizens from

Cradle....to Grave



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And our furry friends too!



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**The 2008-2009 Total Reported Local Government
Expenditures for Parks & Recreation
for the Entire State of North Carolina:**

\$614,516,559



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Number of Parks Reported:

School	37
Regional	111
Neighborhood	486
Municipal/County	303
Mini	281
Downtown	53
<u>Community</u>	<u>501</u>
Total	1,772
Park Acreage	46,052

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Indoor Recreation Facilities Reported:

Aerobic Studios	37
Equestrian Centers	2
Indoor Climbing Wall	7
In-Line Hockey Rinks	2
Recreation/Community Centers with Gym	179
Recreation/Community Centers without Gym	114
Senior Centers	65
Walking, Jogging or Running Tracks	25
Weight Rooms	94

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Outdoor Recreation Facilities Reported:

Climbing Wall	10
Concession Stands	405
Disc/Frisbee Golf Courses	57
Dog Parks	37
Equestrian Areas	11
Ice Skating Rinks	1
In-Line Skating Area	4
Picnic Shelters	1,139
Playgrounds/Totlots	1,122
Ropes Courses	5
Skateboard Parks	27
Walking, Jogging or Running Tracks	267

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Trails and Greenways Reported:

- Pedestrian – Hiking/Jogging
- Fitness Trails
- Interpretive Trails
- Bicycle Only Trails
- Equestrian Only Trails
- Canoe/Kayak Trails

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Sampling of Other Recreation Facilities Reported:

- Ballfields
- Amphitheatres
- Museums
- Zoological Areas
- Bocce Courts
- Horseshoe Courts
- Shuffleboard Courts
- Tennis/Racquetball Courts
- Multi-purpose fields
- Golf Courses/Mini Golf
- Sprayparks/Swimming Pools
- Lakes/Boat Ramps
- Overnight Accommodations

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Health & Wellness in Parks & Recreation

Within the PAST FIVE YEARS, has your department planned and implemented programs or events to specifically promote health, wellness, or physical activity within your community?

- Yes – **83%** (117 respondents)
- No – **16%** (23 respondents)
- Don't know/unsure – **1%** (2 respondents)

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Within the PAST FIVE YEARS, has your department partnered with an outside organization (e.g., health department, non-profit agency, health care organization) to specifically promote health, wellness, or physical activity within your community?

- Yes – **86%** (121 respondents)
- No – **13%** (19 respondents)
- Don't know/unsure – **1%** (1 respondent)

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What is Parks & Recreation offering our Pre-K citizens?



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Many agencies are offering skill development programs in basketball, t-ball and soccer



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Wake County
Eco-Kids
Nature Stories
Blue Jay Fledglings
Growing Up Wild

Classes for Pre-School Educators
Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood



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Surf City
Tumbling
Dance
Tae Kwon Do



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Aberdeen
Natural Wonders



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Cabarrus County Mommy & Me Nature Classes



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Onslow County Soccer Shots



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Asheville Tiny Tykes



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Southern Pines

KinderFun

Oh The Places We'll Go

On the Loose with Dr. Seuss

Creepy, Crawly & Colorful

Creatures

Grossology

Pinkalicious Princess Camp

Animal Adventures



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Cary

Nature Nuts
Bounce, Spring & Boing!
Winter Wiggles
Springtime Melodies
Colors of the Rainbow



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Raleigh

Mom & Tots Leap
into Learning
Tumbling Tinies
Ballerina Buttercups
Leap into Learning



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New Bern
Children's Festival
Parade of
Preschoolers
Fit-and-Fun



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Lee County
Gymnastics
Tiny Tots
Conservation Cubs
Learn-to-Swim



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Archdale
Kindermusik
Play Group



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Huntersville
Start Smart



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Morganton
Swim Lessons
Parent/Child
Swim Lessons



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Havelock
Stroller Strides



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Greensboro
Kindermusik
Nature for Little
Hands



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Smithfield
Doodlebugs
Swimming
Lessons



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Leland
Leland's Little
Leaners



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Mecklenburg County

TAPP
Music Together
Little Diva Dance
Lil'Mad Scientists
PlaySpanish
Kickin' It Kids Fitness



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Salisbury
Musikgarten
Halloween Fun
Fest
Touch a Truck
Wiggles, Giggles
& Fun



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NC State Parks
Specially designed
exhibits

Take a Child
Outside Week
Teaching
Orientation for
Rangers



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Wilmington Fit for Fun Center



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