

New Hanover County Parks & Gardens



Arlie Gardens – 300 Airlie Road, Wilmington, NC 28403

Arlie continues to amaze visitors with its breathtaking gardens. This 67-acre oasis, located less than a mile from the Atlantic Ocean, has been captivating visitors since 1901 with its colorful display of quintessential Southern blooms. Airlie Gardens is also home to wildlife, historic structures, walking trails, sculptures and statuary, views of Bradley Creek, 10-acres of freshwater lakes and the 468-year old Airlie Oak.



Arrowhead Park – 720 Arnold Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

This recently renovated park offers a picnic shelter with restrooms, two tennis courts, basketball court, multi-purpose field, 18 hole disc golf course – perfect for beginners – and a modern playground with a twist on some of the old playground classics.



Blue Clay Bike Park – 3840 Juvenile Center Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Approximately 8 miles of trails for all levels of cyclist. Most extensive bike trail in New Hanover County. Recently updated and graded for the biking enthusiast.



Cape Fear Museum Park - 814 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Visitors to this fun, educational, family-friendly park can engage with hands-on exhibits, explore gardens featuring native and adaptive plants, learn about historic objects and images, and enjoy special educational activities. Located at the corner of 8th and Market Streets, adjacent to the Cape Fear Museum, the park is open from dawn to dusk and admission is free.



Hugh MacRae Park – 314 Pine Grove Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

Hugh MacRae Park has a 1.55 mile walking trail, 4 tennis courts, soccer fields, lighted softball fields, little league fields and a full basketball court. The park has 6 shelters for parties, picnics and reunions. There is a beautiful garden area with a pond, bridge and gazebo which can be reserved for wedding ceremonies or photos. There is also an off-leash dog park and equestrian ring. The newest additions to the park are an inclusive playground and splashpad with accessible features for children ages 2-12 of all abilities.



Kings Grant Park – 5027 Lord Byron Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

Neighborhood park featuring a picnic shelter, playground, basketball courts and baseball field.



Library Story Park - 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Story Park, located at the corner of 3rd and Chestnut in downtown Wilmington, extends the library experience outdoors, featuring hands-on learning for all ages with four demonstration gardens, giant musical instruments, a Story Walk and a life-sized chess and checker board.



Monterey Heights Park – 401 Cathay Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

This neighborhood park, renovated in 2011, offers a multi-purpose field, 0.3 mile walking trail, picnic shelter and playground.



Northern Regional Park – 4700 Old Avenue, Castle Hayne, NC 28429

One of New Hanover County's best kept secrets, this park offers 2 picnic shelters, restrooms, tennis courts, multi-purpose fields, baseball field, full basketball court, playground and a nationally recognized 18 hole disc golf course.



Ogden Park – 615 Ogden Park Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411

Over 8 acres of multi-purpose fields, ball fields, playground, lighted tennis courts, 3 picnic shelters, 1 mile walking trail with exercise station and dog park. The newest addition to this park– a 10,000 square foot concrete skatepark– includes a skate bowl and street features for skaters and BMX’ers.



Parkwood Park – 4827 Canetuck Road, Wilmington, NC 28411

This newly renovated neighborhood park includes two picnic shelters, playground, basketball courts, ball field and a 0.5 mile walking trail.



River Road Park – 6500 River Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

This park offers a boat ramp for kayaks and small boats, a handicapped accessible fishing pier, playground, picnic shelter and restroom facilities.



Riverside Park – 6710 Old Bridge Site Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Nestled along the Cape Fear River, this community building is available for parties, events and meetings . Building seats 75, full kitchen, gazebo and hardwood floors. Handicap accessible.



Smith Creek Park – 633 Shenandoah Street, Wilmington, NC 28411

In addition to the centerpiece freshwater lake, this park off Gordon and Harris Roads, near I-40 includes a playground, picnic shelter with restrooms and 1.3 paved multi-purpose trail. There is a floating dock where you can fish and launch a kayak or other non-motorized boat. Catch-and-release fishing is allowed, but a valid NC fishing permit is required.



Snows Cut Park – 9420 River Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

Located along the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway, this park offers breathtaking views of the waterway, a playground, 2 picnic shelters and restrooms.



Summer Rest Trail – 423 Summer Rest Road, Wilmington, NC 28403

This 0.7 mile trail starts at Port City Chop House and continues west through the woods and ends with a spectacular view of the Intracoastal Waterway.



Trails End Park – 613 Trails End Road, Wilmington, NC 28409

Enjoy the beautiful sunset at Trails End Park or relax with a picnic lunch. This parcel provides water access for kayaks or boats 22’ or less in a location near Masonboro Island.



Veterans Park – 835 Halyburton Memorial Parkway, Wilmington, NC 28412

212 acres including football/soccer fields, ball fields, basketball courts, restrooms, 3 picnic shelters, 0.5 mile walking trail, 9 tennis courts, playground and 3 sand volleyball courts.