



Exploring Lynch's Woods Park



This 276-acre park offers miles of beautiful hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails that wind through majestic large pines and old-growth hardwoods hiding gently flowing streams that provide a peaceful, semi-challenging journey through nature.

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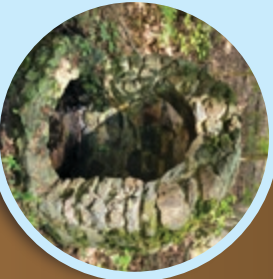


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Uncovering History LYNCH'S WOODS PARK

There is more to discover beyond the TRACK Trail section of the park. Explore the miles of perimeter trails including Lynch's Woods Passage to uncover secrets of the park's past.

The Girl Scouts operated Camp Holly Springs for many years in the 1940s and 1950s. You can still see some of the structures utilized by the Girl Scouts. Campers enjoyed activities such as archery, wood chopping, pop tent pitching, jump rope, horseshoes, swimming, cookouts, and arts and crafts.



TRACK Trail
1 mile
Lynch's Woods
Passage
4.9 miles

Records show that this land was owned by Rev. Elijah Lynch in the 1840s, hence the name Lynch's Woods. The park was established in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) who created roads, a camp, and stone headwalls which can still be seen throughout the park.



Forest Dwellers

Lynch's Woods is home to a wide variety of living things. Each organism plays an important role in the overall health of the forest ecosystem. Let's explore some of the forest residents you might find!

Trees

Thanks to research completed in the early 2000's by Newberry College professor, Dr. Charles Horn, we have a detailed record of the Vascular Flora (types of plants) found in Lynch's Woods Park. See if you can find the trees listed here that Dr. Horn found during his time exploring the area.

Loblolly Pine *Pinus taeda*



- 60-90 feet tall
- bundles of 3 long needles
- Oval cones with sharp prickles
- Grows well in wet areas

White Oak *Quercus alba*



- 80-100 feet tall
- Round lobed leaves
- Elongated acorns with shallow caps
- Scaly grey bark, growing flaky with age

White Ash *Fraxinus americana*



- 60-90 feet tall
- Compound smooth leaves
- Has winged seeds called 'samaras'

Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua*



- 60-80 feet tall
- Seeds are contained in a spiky "gumball"
- Star-shaped leaves with 5 lobes

American Hornbeam *Carpinus caroliniana*



- 20-30 feet tall
- Smooth grey bark
- Simple, toothy leaf
- Extremely hard wood used for making bowls and handles

Tulip Tree *Liriodendron tulipifera*



- 70-90 feet tall
- Leaves with 4 large lobes
- Straight trunks with ridged gray bark
- Green and orange, tulip-shaped flowers

Animals

Many different types of animals (or their tracks) can be found within Lynch's Woods Park. Can you find these animals (or their tracks) while exploring the trails today?

Eastern Gray Squirrel



Raccoon



Wild Turkey



White-tailed Deer

