

Hidden Wildlife

Beavers and fish aren't the only creatures that live in and around Price Lake. What other wildlife can you find?



Eastern Painted Turtle

Turtle

Turtles are cold-blooded and they need to sit in the sun to warm their body temperature. Can you find a turtle sunning itself?

Bird

Price Lake is home to many types of birds. Ducks swim on the water, swallows and osprey soar overhead, and herons and kingfishers hunt at the water's edge. How many different birds can you find? _____



Great Blue Heron



Northern Watersnake

Snake

The most commonly observed snake at Price Lake is the northern watersnake. Their color ranges from solid black to highly patterned. They can be seen swimming across the lake and sunning near the water's edge.

American Bullfrog

Frog

The most common frog here is the American bullfrog. They can be seen sitting along the water's edge, and when startled they will hop into the water. You may also be able to spot tadpoles or frog eggs in shallow water.



Tadpole

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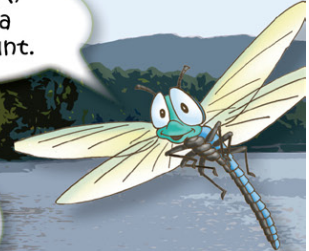


Price Lake's

Boating Scavenger Hunt

Hey TRACK, let's go on a scavenger hunt.

Sounds fun, KIP! We can hop in a boat and go on a water adventure!



Explore Price Lake by boat and see what treasures you can find!

Discover Treasures on Price Lake

Paddle around the perimeter of Price Lake and visit these colored zones to discover just a few of the stories the lake has to tell.

Wild Waters

Rain and snow from the surrounding peaks flow into Boone Fork and other small creeks that drain into Price Lake. The flowing water from these streams brings valuable nutrients and oxygen to the lake, making these areas abundant with aquatic wildlife. Carefully paddle around the mouth of Boone Fork and the other creeks. Look for insects on the surface of the water and schools of fish swimming below. What was the coolest thing you found? _____

Boone Fork Creek



Active Beavers

Beavers here at the lake are always busy gnawing and cutting down trees. The wetland on the south end of the lake was created by beavers. They used logs and mud to block the stream to raise the water level so they could build their dome-like homes, called lodges, in the water.

Can you find any signs of beavers?

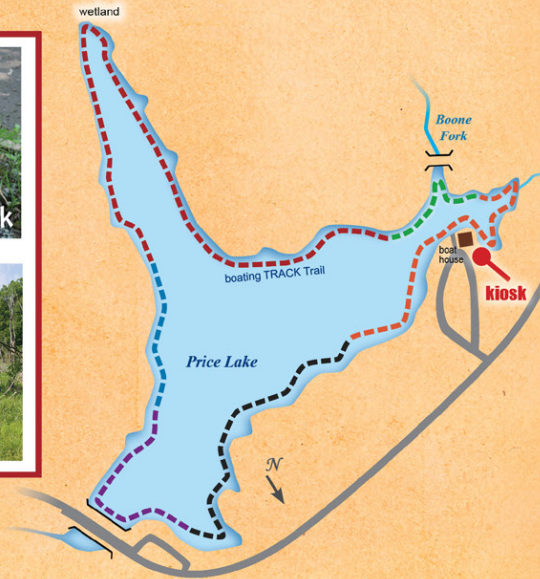


Chewed Trunk



Wetland

North American Beaver

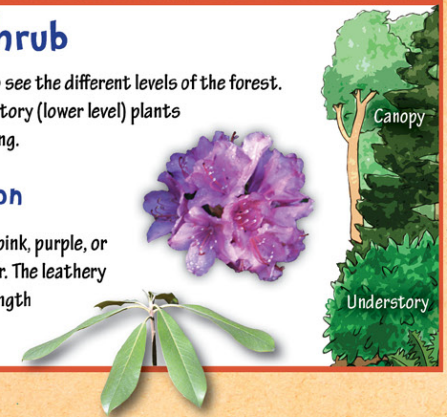


Evergreen Shrub

From a boat, you are able to see the different levels of the forest. Rhododendron is an understory (lower level) plants that stays green all year long.

Rhododendron

Rhododendron have bright pink, purple, or white flowers in the summer. The leathery oval leaves are about the length of an adult hand.



A Young Grandfather

Grandfather Mountain

While paddling along the lake's eastern shore, you get a unique view of Grandfather Mountain. Long ago, massive bodies of rock folded and compressed to form the Blue Ridge Mountains. In this area, older rock was actually pushed over younger rock. Over time, the older rocks on top eroded away, revealing the younger rocks beneath that form the distinct profile of Grandfather Mountain.

The Man behind the Park

Julian Price Dam

Julian Price was a nationally known insurance executive and civic leader. He originally bought this land (now called Julian Price Memorial Park) so that his employees would have a place to vacation. After Price's death in 1946, the estate was given to the National Park Service with an agreement that a lake would be made. Years later, the dam was built which created the 47-acre lake. From your boat you can get an excellent view of the dam at the northern end of the lake. What road goes over the dam? _____



Who's Swimming Underneath?

Fish

The lake is stocked with fish including all three trout species - brook, rainbow and brown. Brook trout is a large fish native to North Carolina. Brook trout only live in cool water and are powerful predators.



Brook Trout

Fish Food

Fish in Price Lake eat algae, zooplankton (microscopic creatures), insects and... other fish! The most common fish in the lake are golden shiners. These small fish were introduced to the lake to provide food for the bigger fish.



Golden Shiner