



Parks and Recreation Department  
**Reed Creek Nature Park  
 and Interpretive Center**  
**Park Guide**



**3820 Park Lane  
 Martinez, GA 30907  
 706-210-4027**

Located off of Fury's Ferry Road just behind Zaxby's, across from the West Lake subdivision and next to the Forest Creek subdivision in Martinez.

**Boardwalk and Trails** are open every day sunrise to sunset.

**Interpretive Center Summer Hours (June - July):** Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm  
**Interpretive Center Fall/Winter/Spring Hours (August - May):** Wednesday - Friday 9am - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 6pm; Sunday 2pm - 6pm.

*Hours may vary due to our programming so please call ahead.*

**Explore**

Go for a walk on the boardwalk and trails and learn about the six different habitats located at the park:

- *floodplain forest*
- *creek*
- *upland forest*
- *pond*
- *swamp*
- *field*

Look for the different flora and fauna.

- *Use the list on the back of this guide*

Visit our butterfly shaped pollinator garden.



Visit the CSRA Master Gardeners demonstration garden.



Discover the Interpretive Center

- *Natural history displays*
  - *Live Animal collection*
  - *Nature library*
  - *Learn the history of the park*
- Sign up for an education program
- *Public classes*
  - *Science and Nature Clubs*
  - *Field Trips and Group Trips*
  - *Outreach Programs*
  - *Community Events*

**Park Rules**

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please pick up after your dog - bags are provided at the park entrance next to the interpretive center building.
- The campus is tobacco-free (smoking, chewing, etc). Tobacco is not permitted in any area of the park including the boardwalk and trails.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- All plants and wildlife in the park are protected. No hunting, fishing or collecting is allowed.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted in the park or on the raised boardwalk.
- Fireworks, pyrotechnics, camping and camp fires are prohibited.
- The following items are prohibited at the park because of the threat they impose to the environment and its inhabitants: balloons, silly string, glitter, confetti, drones, etc. If you have any questions about prohibited items, please email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov) or call 706-210-4027.



Be sure to visit our website and social media pages:

**website:** [reedcreekpark.com](http://reedcreekpark.com)

**facebook:** Reed Creek Nature Park and Interpretive Center

[@reedcreeknaturepark](https://www.facebook.com/reedcreeknaturepark)

**instagram:** Reed Creek Park

## Flora & Fauna

The following is a list of common species found at the park. This is not an exhaustive list.

### Mammals

- Beaver
- Raccoon
- Muskrat
- River otter
- Deer
- Red fox
- Grey fox
- Bats
- Possum
- Grey squirrels

### Birds

- Red-shouldered hawk
- Barred owl
- Mississippi kite
- Black vultures
- Turkey vultures
- Northern cardinals
- Carolina wren
- Eastern phoebe
- Brown thrasher (GA's State Bird)
- Common grackle
- Yellow-rumped warbler
- Downy woodpecker
- Red-bellied woodpecker
- Pileated woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied sapsucker
- Great egret
- Green heron
- Great blue heron
- Tufted titmouse

### Reptiles

- Common snapping turtle
- Yellow-bellied slider turtle
- Common musk turtle
- Eastern mud turtle
- Eastern box turtle
- Green anole
- Red-bellied water snake
- Cottonmouth
- Black racer
- Black rat snake
- DeKay's Brown Snake
- Eastern garter snake

### Amphibians

- Green tree frog
- Squirrel tree frog
- Southern leopard frog
- Eastern narrow-mouth toad
- American bullfrog
- Green/Bronze Frog
- Northern cricket frog
- Spring Peeper
- Southern toad
- Upland Chorus frog
- Spotted salamander

\* You can find more information in the field guides attached to the little free library on the back porch.

### Invertebrates and fish

- Black-swamp crayfish
- Blue darner dragonfly
- Green darner dragonfly
- Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly
- Painted lady butterfly
- Viceroy butterfly
- Monarch butterfly
- Common Sulphur butterfly
- Mosquito fish
- Blue-gill fish

### Common native plants

- Black willow
- Bald cypress
- Loblolly pine
- Arrow arum
- Lizard's tail
- Marsh violet
- Marsh iris
- Cattail
- Jewel weed

### Common non-native invasive plants

- Parrot feather
- Chinese privet
- Kudzu
- Japanese honeysuckle