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Fall into a Farm History at Prince William Forest Park

TRIANGLE, VA - The red leaves of maples, yellow leaves of the tulip poplar, and deep greens of Virginia pines are shining in the autumn sun at Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park Service located 35 miles south of Washington, DC. Over the next two weeks, the leaves will reach their peak coloration and then fall to the ground to make way for winter. The 37 miles of hiking trails, 21 miles of bicycle-accessible roads and trails and 11 mile Scenic Drive make a great fall foliage hot spot for leaf peepers of all ages.

For those interested in a guided walk, the park will celebrate Virginia Archeology Month with scheduled hikes to the Taylor Farm site on October 24th, 31st and November 7th. All hikes begin at the Turkey Run Education Center parking lot at 1 pm. The Taylor Farm operated 1900 to 1948 when the land was sold to the National Park Service. Ranger Mary will guide visitors on this 1.5 mile hike through the autumnal beauty of the forest and the rich history of the farm site which once contained a main house, several barns, a smokehouse, country store, and orchard.

For those interested in camping, the park's Oak Ridge Campground stays open all year and offers sites for only \$15.00 per night in addition to the \$5.00 per vehicle (7-day pass) entrance fee. Rangers will provide campfire programs at the Oak Ridge Campground Amphitheater from 7 to 8 pm on Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, October 31st. On Saturday, October 24th, Ranger Kelly will open your eyes to the lives of 'Scary Spiders' and on Saturday, October 31st, Ranger Mary will show that 'Icky Things Need Love Too,' in a one hour tribute to the less adorable members of the animal kingdom. For more information about the fall colors and interpretive programs, visit the park website at www.nps.gov/prwi or call the visitor center at 703-221-7181.

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