

# Mayodan Parks & Recreation

## ELLIOTT DUNCAN MEMORIAL PARK



Elliott Duncan Memorial Park  
500 West Main Street  
Mayodan NC 27027  
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Elliott Duncan Memorial Park, located blocks from downtown, includes a 1/4 mile walking trail, large playground, and a large gazebo. Enjoy a brisk walk or a quiet respite in this idyllic park located in the center of Mayodan. The park was once the site of the Mayodan School. The Mayodan School served as the only school in Mayodan (1st-12th grade) and an elementary school before it closed. The school was renamed for a much beloved principal that served the community for over 30 years. After its closure, the Town purchased the school from the Rockingham County School System. Before it could be repurposed, it was destroyed by a tornado that devastated Mayodan in 1998. The park was constructed on the grounds of the school.

## FARRIS MEMORIAL PARK



Farris Memorial Park  
2878 Park Road  
Mayodan, NC 27027  
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Farris Memorial Park is over 270 acres of open land, forests, and athletic fields that offer a variety of recreational activities. The park includes 2 baseball fields, 2 soccer fields, two fishing ponds (Large pond on main side of park is accessible. Small pond behind park house has limited fishing and is not accessible on a daily basis), an amphitheater, four picnic shelters, tennis courts, walking trails, concession stand and the only public Mountain Bike Trail in western Rockingham County. For the golfer you can pull out your driver and knock some golf balls on our driving range, or if your short game needs work, try your hand on our putt-putt course! Clubs and balls are available for rent.

Our latest addition is a three mile Mountain Bike Trail. The trail ride takes you through switchbacks, over rock gardens, and small streams. Most of the trail runs through hardwood and mixed pine forest. Bring your own bike - or you can rent a bike for a nominal fee. There are even youth-sized bikes available!

For rental information, please call 336.427.0124 to reach Farris Memorial Park or call 336.427.0241 for Town Hall.



Park Hours: Summer: (April – October) sunrise to sunset;  
Concession Stand and putt-putt golf are open (weather permitting)  
3:00pm-8:00pm M-F; 9:00am-8:00pm Sat; 1:00pm-8:00pm Sunday.  
Special arrangements for large groups can be made.

Winter: November – January – everyday 8:00 am till 5:00 pm – limited amenities, restrooms open. Some park facilities may be closed due to weather.

Spring: February – March: M-F 8:00 am till 5:00 pm. limited amenities, restrooms open.

Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm – Concession Stand/restrooms open, including rental of bikes, fishing permits, miniature golf, and driving range (weather permitting).

## M&M RECREATION



The [Madison-Mayodan Recreation Commission](#) is a product of an inter-local agreement between the towns of Mayodan and Madison to provide recreational programs and opportunities for the two communities. The Commission has been in existence for over 40 years and programs are directly supervised by full-time staff that have over 100 years of combined recreation related experience. The fees support the facility expenses, program expenses and the professional staff salaries. Established programs have been tested and perfected to meet the needs of the participants. All program staff have degrees in Parks and Recreation and have been trained to design the BEST and FAIREST programs. We are concerned with the youth and focus on positive development and experiences for them. We want all team players to EXCEL in life and building SELF-ESTEEM is one of our priorities.

Our sports programs are designed to properly develop the mental and physical attributes of the youth and adults in our community. We strive to be diverse, keep everyone safe, but still provide an environment to have FUN.

We are always looking for ways to improve our programs, so if you have any ideas, please feel free to contact us at

(336)-548-2789; 300 S. 2nd Avenue, Mayodan, NC 27027 (corner of NC 135 and S. 2nd Ave.)

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



Mayodan Veterans Park

104 South 2nd Ave.

Mayodan NC 27027

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The centerpiece of the memorial is the “Mayodan Cannon,” actually a World War I French mortar which was originally presented to the community in honor of Mayodan soldiers who served in that war. The original placement of the gun was at the corner of Third Avenue and Main Street, beside the Mayodan Hotel. It remained in this location until it was sold in the 1960’s to a veterans group in Lexington, North Carolina.

Mr. Otis Richardson, a Mayodan World War II veteran, took special interest in the gun and eventually traced it to its Lexington location. In the 1980’s, he was able to obtain it and return it to his hometown, where he displayed it at his home on Main Street. Prior to his death in 1996, Mr. Richardson expressed his desire to restore the cannon as a veterans memorial for the citizens of the Town of Mayodan. His wife, Glenda, and his children graciously fulfilled his desire by donating the cannon to the Town in 2001. The Mayodan Preservation League and the citizens of the town are grateful to Mr. Richardson for his steadfast resolve to recover the cannon so it will again be a landmark and memorial to all veterans of our community.

The Mayodan Cannon was dedicated Veterans’ Day, November 11, 2001.

Special thanks to Tom Fox for his work to prepare and restore the cannon, and to C.G. Bullins and Earl Cardwell for their assistance in moving the cannon to its final place of honor.

## MAYO RIVER STATE PARK



Mayo River State Park was created in 2003. The park is located along the Mayo River corridor and currently is comprised of over 2,000 acres. Currently, the Mayo Mountain Access is the only public access.

Mayo Mountain Access is located just a few minutes north of downtown Mayodan along business US 220 (2nd Avenue North). The site was once a private park built for the use and enjoyment of Washington Mills employees. Currently it includes a 1.8 mile hiking trail, a large picnic shelter historically renovated to its original design, and a catch-and-release fishing pond. As more areas are developed additional public access points will be developed.

Mayo River State Park

500 Old Mayo Park Rd.

Mayodan, NC 27027

336.427.2530

mayo.river [at] ncmail.net (Email)

## AREA RECREATION LINKS

Whether you want to get your pulse racing paddling down class II and III rapids on the Mayo or enjoy a lazy tube ride on the Dan, both rivers are accessible and offer miles of fun and relaxation.

Mayo State Park, once a private recreational park owned by Washington Mills, has been a local hang-out for over fifty years. It now provides visitors an opportunity to enjoy quiet trails and a refurbished fishing pond.

Nearby you can discover local history at the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County. This new museum located in the old Rockingham County Courthouse in Wentworth (just 15 minutes east) provides a glimpse into Rockingham County's past, including the history of Mayodan and surrounding areas.

- [Rockingham County Tourism Development](#)
- [Rockingham County River Guide](#)
- [Rockingham County Bike Route Guide](#)
- [Mayo River State Park](#)
- [The Museum and Archives of Rockingham County](#)
- [Rockingham County Arts Council](#)
- [Rockingham County Guide to the Arts](#)