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Something to Croak About at Robert E. Lee

Frogs are often the first species heard in the spring. At Lake Roland, in Robert E. Lee Park, wood frogs, spring peepers and American toads are expected to be out in full croaking force this March. Stop by the park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, and you may also spy some snakes slithering along as the ground begins to warm.

Male and female wood frogs gather in ponds to breed early in the spring, even before the ice is gone. After mating, the female lays a mass of 1,000 to 3,000 eggs. Egg masses are often laid communally and hatch within three weeks, depending on the temperature.

Photos courtesy of Bart Viguers



In addition to frogs, many snakes call Robert E. Lee Park home. To celebrate the snakes as well as St. Patrick's Day this month, the park is holding an event, "Saint Patrick's Snakes," on Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. on both days. Legend has it that Ireland has Saint Patrick to thank for its lack of snakes, but the park's staff are thankful for the many snakes located at Robert E. Lee Park. The event is for ages 5 and older and costs \$3 per person, or \$2 for members. Photo courtesy of Bart Viguers