

Take a Self-guided Tour of RICH Park and Method, NC

Drive to the Method Post Office 3919 Beryl Rd.

This was a country store in 1873, and became a P.O. about 1890.

Continue west on Beryl Rd; Take the first left onto Method Road.

Take the first left onto Richward Place to a parking area; From the drive you will see many 1 and 2-story brick buildings on your right. There are 100 apartments. THIS IS RICH PARK! ("RICH" stands for Raleigh Inter Church Housing.)

Take Richward Place to leave and cross Method Road.

Enter Method Community Park. It is a part of Raleigh Parks and Rec. Park and take a walk to find:

Plaques on the office building designate Raleigh Historical Landmark and National Registry of Historical Places. Main building contains the original gymnasium.

An old brick building called the Agriculture Building – 1926 – is the only building that remains from the Berry O’Kelly School; Near the picnic shelter.

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church; Raleigh Historical Landmark; Founded 1866.

Burial place of Berry O’Kelly; Died March 14, 1931. - near the church

Across the street - Offices of RICH Park.

Continue south on Method Rd, take the 4th right onto Ligon St.

Pass under 440 through a one-way tunnel.

Bear left on Ligon and you will see the Oak Grove Community Cemetery (sometimes called the Method Cemetery). It is surrounded by NCSU property.

It is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

It needs lots of work.

A grant provided for a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) in 2016.

The survey identified approximately 403 graves, 152 with markers.

The Method Community

Slaves freed from nearby plantations began to form this community in 1865.