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## 20 CAROLINA COUNTRY ADVENTURES AHEAD



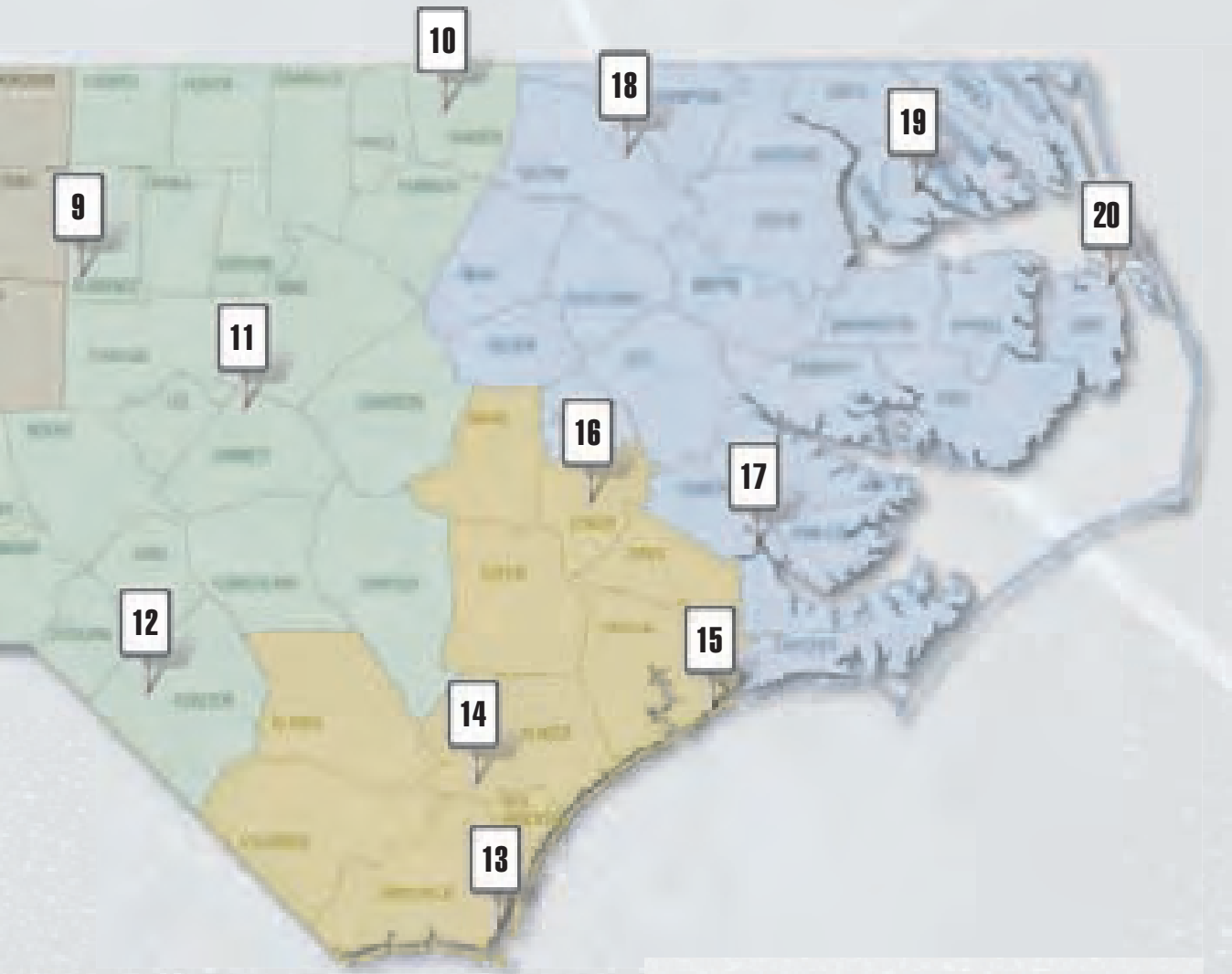
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat and how we talk varies from one region to another.

Our annual Touchstone Energy Travel Guide encourages you to experience this variety firsthand.

This year we've collected the primary sources of general information about each of five regions (pages 79–82) and accompany them with a set of Carolina Country Adventures. Among the four adventures for each region are some well-known standbys and some not so familiar, some historical, some recreational, some just plain fun.

As you make your way through this guide, or through the countryside responsible for these adventures, you can be assured that a Touchstone Energy cooperative is nearby.

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This is North Carolina's cradle of civilization. Like the birds in the local Atlantic Flyway, here is where we learned to fly faithfully and gracefully. Now we teach others how to keep it that way. (For more information see our travel resources on page 82.)

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Once the grandest residence in the American colonies, Tryon Palace in New Bern saw its restoration begin in the 1940s and has become the state's grandest public history project.

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A Depression-era project, Tillery Resettlement helped African American families take pride in farming and land ownership, leading to a nationally-known community-building movement.

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Simple and elegant, the Newbold-White House in Hertford stands as the oldest house in North Carolina open to the public.

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Every summer, some 100,000 purple martins roost safely under a bridge between Manns Harbor and Dare County's Outer Banks.

## 17 TRYON PALACE AND GARDENS

### Craven County

By Michael E.C. Gery

What happened here in the 1940s and 1950s may be more interesting than what happened in the 1770s and 1780s. Built under protest in the Colonial Era, these buildings and grounds were restored to grandeur to become North Carolina's first public history project.



*The Latham Gardens splendor in spring.*

### HISTORY OF TRYON

William Tryon, a well-connected English military officer, at age 36 in 1765 became the seventh governor of the Royal Crown Colony of North Carolina. By that time, many residents of the colony resented the British and their taxes. Some of those taxes between 1767 and 1770 built Tryon Palace in New Bern, where the royal governor lived with his wife and daughter and presided over meetings of the official colonial government. This made the state's second town, New Bern, the first permanent capital of North Carolina.

Considered the finest building in the American colonies, Tryon Palace's Georgian architecture, symmetrical throughout, copied fashionable English houses of the time. The family lived lavishly—with about a dozen slaves in outbuildings and a housekeeper and steward who lived downstairs—surrounded by fine furnishings and gardens. After he bashed the rebellious Regulators at Alamance in May 1771, life for Tryon became very uncomfortable, and he soon got himself appointed governor in New York and fled. Josiah Martin succeeded him in New Bern and lived in the Palace until he, too, left under fire in May 1775.

Free from British rule, North Carolina continued using Tryon Palace as a capitol until the seat of government moved to Raleigh in 1794. Although no one lived here, New Bern entertained George Washington at the Palace during his triumphant tour of the area in 1791.

A Masonic Hall and boarding school occupied


the building and grounds until the main building burned in 1798. As New Bern grew to be a prosperous port city in the 1800s, the compound deteriorated and its large kitchen “office” building was demolished, to the point where no one was really sure of the actual site's location.

In the 1940s, New Bern preservationists found the original plans for the Palace and began a crusade to resurrect it. New Bern native Mrs. James Edwin Latham of Greensboro became the financial angel of the project. By 1945, the state government became a partner and serious archaeological research had begun. Substantial state funds helped rebuild everything, and in April 1959, Tryon Palace opened as North Carolina's first public history site.

### VISITING THE PALACE TODAY

Over the years Tryon Palace has expanded to include three historic houses and the multi-exhibit New Bern Academy Museum (which served as a school for nearly 200 years until 1971), a garden/craft shop and gift shop, and amazing gardens. All are open to the public. Character interpreters in the Robert Hay House (c. 1805) tell what middle class life was like in the 1830s alongside authentic reproductions of period furnishings.

In 2010 (New Bern's 300th anniversary), the site plans to open a \$60 million, 48,000-square-foot N.C. History Education Center on six adjacent acres.

Educational and cultural events take place year-round here. A \$15 ticket is good for two days, which is what it takes to soak in everything, including the spectacular gardens (best in spring and fall). 

#### Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens

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Tryon Palace



*The royal governor lived lavishly here in 1770.*

## 18 TILLERY RESETTLEMENT

### Halifax County

By Michael E.C. Gery

The African American community in Tillery during the past 40 years has assembled a movement of memory, pride and accomplishment that has gained national and international recognition. Today, you can visit the Tillery History House to get an idea of how it all happened.

### THE HISTORY OF RESETTLEMENT

Tillery sits in what was one of the largest slave-owning regions in the state. One plantation here worked 273 slaves, another worked 150. After Emancipation and Reconstruction, black families organized successful communities that later suffered under Jim Crow oppression into the 1930s. A Depression-era federal government program, the Resettlement Administration, bought land from struggling white families throughout the U.S. and laid out cooperative communities to allow “resettled” families to work and earn title to property. Tillery Resettlement (later called Roanoke Farms) was one of the largest anywhere, 18,000 acres in 1934 designed for 300 families. It soon was segregated (whites got the higher ground), and by the time the program faded in 1943, some 150 African American families had settled here, and 93 of them owned their land. The first group came from some distance away, a second from neighboring counties and a third were enterprising black farmers who tried working here after World War II.

“It made you feel like somebody,” remembered Lucille Parker Cheek, “raising everything and being independent.” Each family had a house, outbuildings, mule and wagon. They grew corn, peanuts and cotton. They built a community store, Tillery Chapel Church and a potato curing house. The Rosenwald Foundation built schools.

Subjected to discrimination common in the area at the time, black families in the 1950s formed the Tillery Improvement Association to assert their rights. That movement grew into the Concerned Citizens of Tillery (CCT), originally formed to

protect the black school. Today, the non-profit CCT is widely praised for advancing education, health care, elder activities and business development, as well as fighting environmental assault (notably hog factory farms) and economic injustice. CCT’s primemover and executive director Gary Grant says none of this progress would have happened without the community first preserving its heritage.

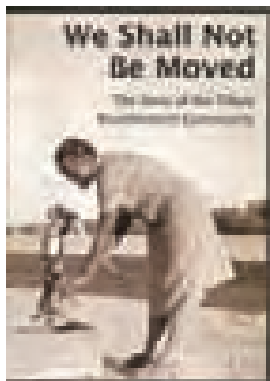
### VISITING TILLERY TODAY

The History House is where the public can see pictures, furnishings and tools associated with the Resettlement and its after-effects. Photos show resettlement families and homesteads, many still family residences today. Of eight African American Resettlement communities nationwide, only Tillery has been documented. History House itself was a Resettlement house moved to the site of the community store, now a meeting place. Also here is the former “Curin’ House,” now a health center. History House is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Call ahead weekends and you might get a tour that includes the Roanoke Farms sites, churches and schools, Caledonia Prison Farm and down-home meals at the Resettlement Café.

In 2007, the community unveiled a new highway historical marker in downtown Tillery at Hwys. 561 and 481, and premiered the film, “We Shall Not Be Moved,” assisted by Duke Center for Documentary Studies. The local Joyful Sound Gospel Choir sings that stirring old hymn and others on a CD for sale. As they say in the film, “If we want to have a community that is alive, we too must sing the song.”

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The community has produced a documentary video of the Resettlement and its effects.



Tillery's History House at the community center shows how important the Resettlement was to local families.

## 19 NEWBOLD-WHITE HOUSE

### Perquimans County

By Michael E.C. Gery



*North Carolina's oldest house open to the public needs support from people who care about our state's heritage.*

A Quaker family lived peacefully and farmed this quiet, open ground two generations before North Carolina and the rest of America declared independence from Britain. When you visit the place today, you can still feel that sense of peace in the surrounding fields along the Perquimans River.

The land around the Newbold-White House was officially purchased in 1684 by Joseph Scott, a Quaker probably from England. Other families occupied and farmed it over the years, and in 1730 Abraham Sanders built a brick house here for his wife and family. That house remains standing today as the oldest house in North Carolina open to the public. Considering that very little around it has changed since the house was built, you can actually see and feel the history here.

Simple, elegant and carefully restored, the house itself looks as it did in 1730. Most of the brick is original and was laid in an unusual pattern. Leaded glass windows look onto the surrounding 163 acres. Two fireplaces, original pine woodwork, a corner stairway accompany period furnishings inside, giving you a feel for how families lived.

The first White to own the house was Nancy Sanders White, from about 1799–1832. John Henry Newbold owned it from 1943–1949. The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the Perquimans County Historical Society in 1969 formed the Perquimans County Restoration Association in order to restore the house. By 1971 the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1973, the association purchased the property from the Newbold family.

Since then the association has cared for a Quaker gravesite, a seasonal herb garden, a vineyard, a recently added smoke-house and the Periauger, a replica of a Colonial workboat.


### HELP SUPPORT STATE HERITAGE

This Colonial Quaker home-turned-museum is now in danger of closing its doors. It takes about \$100,000 a year to keep the house open to the public, but this year the association is about \$25,000 short. Additional funds would be needed to make repairs to the site. The association does not receive state funding.

The project also could benefit from more volunteers and additional period furniture. The grounds could use a tractor, too, association leaders have said. The expansive grounds provide plenty of room for picnics and parking. Group tours are welcome.

### WHEN YOU GO

Concerts, classes, holiday events, banquets and meetings are held here during the season. The Museum Shoppe carries ceramic plates, bird bottles, mugs, pine needle baskets, bayberry soaps, scented candle tapers, handmade greeting cards, as well as local and regional history books.

The Newbold-White House is located near Hertford, just off of Highway 17, between Elizabeth City and Edenton. The site is open March 1 through Thanksgiving. Guided tours of the Newbold-White House are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A small admission fee is charged. 

#### Newbold-White House

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Hertford, NC 27944

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## 20 PURPLE MARTIN MAJESTY

### Dare County

By Michael E.C. Gery

For more than 30 years, no one made a big deal about the huge numbers of purple martins that sought refuge under the bridge crossing Croatan Sound between Manns Harbor and Roanoke Island. It was just a phenomenon of nature that locals appreciated.

As traffic running to and from the Outer Banks grew heavier, however, the birds themselves found their bridge roost no longer the safe haven they thought it was. Vehicles were killing thousands of martins every summer, terrifying not only the birds but also the motorists who encountered the swooping swarms at dawn and dusk every day.

### A SOLUTION FOR BIRDS AND MOTORISTS

During the last few years, local birders studied the martin roost and began informing local people and officials about the amazing summer display and the traffic safety issues surrounding it. The idea of protecting the roost and motorists took hold easily. Now, from July through mid-September, flashing lights and a 20-mph speed limit on the 50-year-

old William Umstead Bridge protect birds and drivers alike, and allow all of us to witness the spectacular display of birds during sunrise and sunset hours.

The Coastal Carolina Purple Martin Society estimates that some 100,000 martins come to the Manns Harbor Roost each year after their young are able to fly. The birds like it under the bridge because there are no land-dwelling predators nearby. At dawn they leave in search of

their favorite food—insects—available among the vast agricultural fields, wildlife refuges and wetlands of the coastal plain. Their morning departure is so large they can be seen on Doppler radar. They return at sunset to sleep under the western span of the bridge, building up fat stores in preparation for their 2,600-mile migration back to Brazil in September.

### AMERICA'S MOST BELOVED BIRD

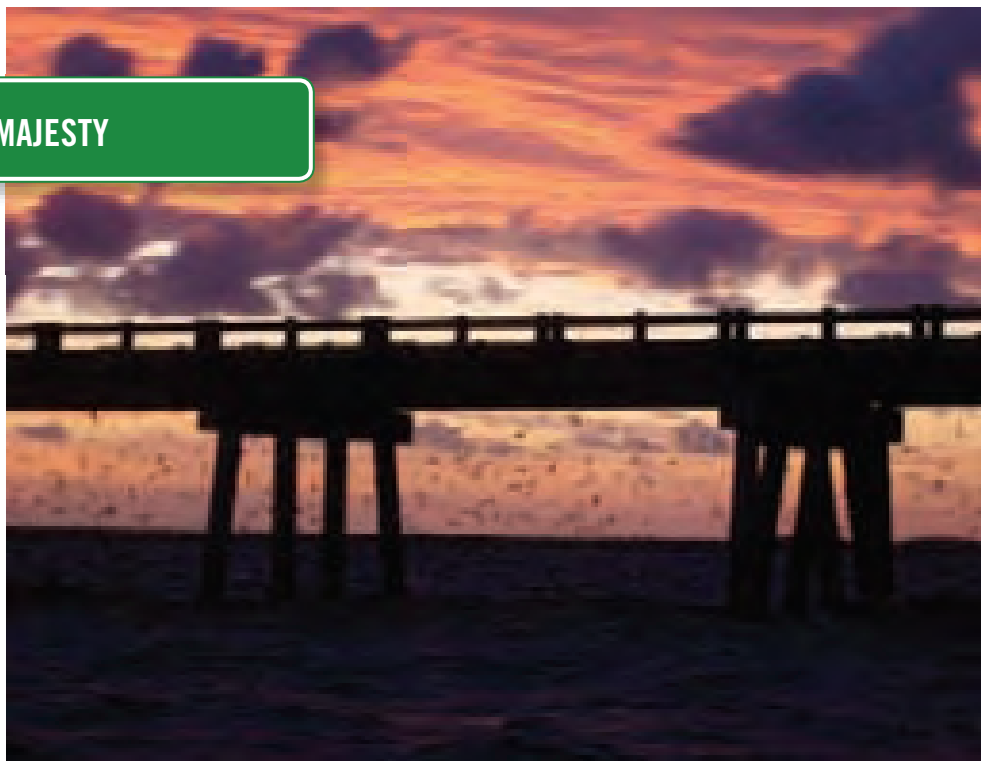
Martins rely 100 percent on people for nesting quarters and reproductive success. Most birds return to the same colony each year. After nesting, martins may travel up to 150 miles from their breeding colonies—ranging from the Outer Banks to Williamston, Elizabeth City to Belhaven—to reach the Manns Harbor roost.

Martins have been called America's most beloved bird, says Alisa Esposito, chair of CCPMS. "Residents of North Carolina's coastal plain have a long history of providing homes for these birds," she says. "Generation after generation of residents and visitors alike are rewarded annually with pleasant martin chatter and the added benefit of natural insect control. These martins grace our community each year because our coastal open spaces and waterways provide these birds with such spectacular habitat."

Look for a series of educational programs associated with the roost this summer. You also can join the society. 📍

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*In summer months at dawn and dusk, you can see thousands of purple martins flying to and from their roost under the west end of the old Manns Harbor bridge.*

Robin Mann



*Once young purple martins are able to fly in mid-summer, they will roost under the old Manns Harbor Bridge in Dare County awaiting the time to head to Brazil for the winter.*

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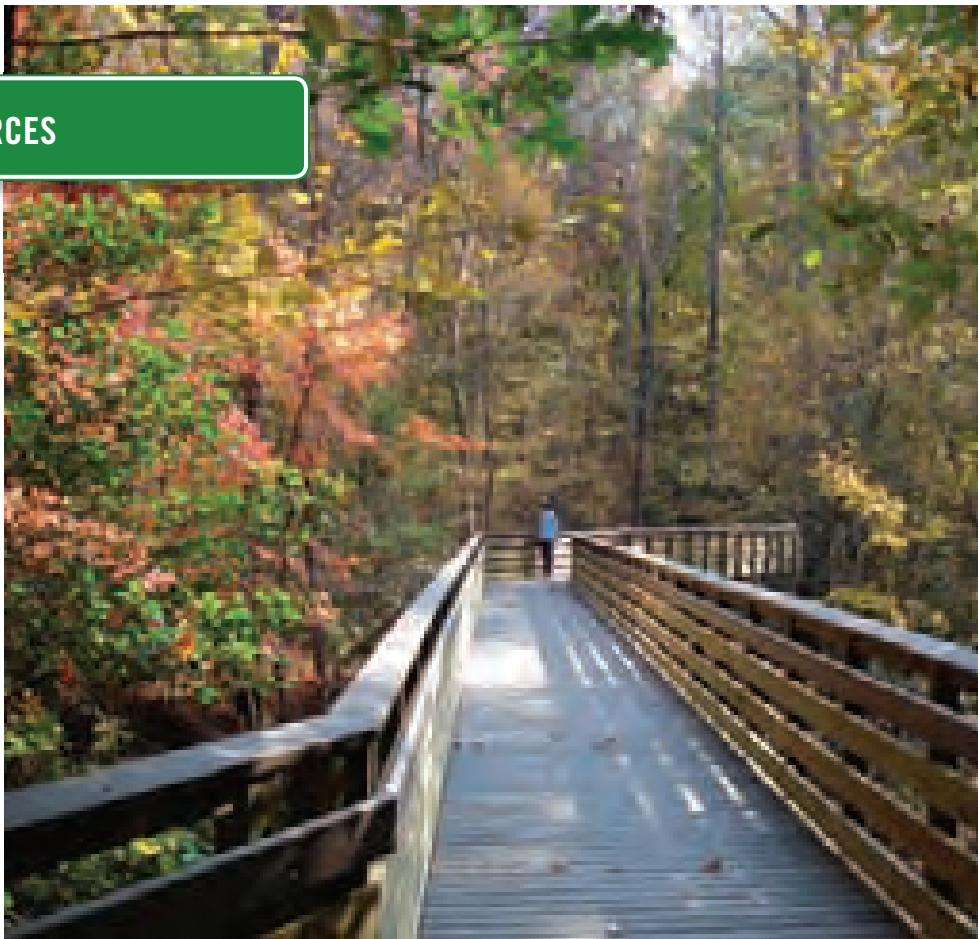
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(800) 637-3804/(336) 570-1444  
www.burlington-area-nc.org

**Capital Area Visitor Center**  
(919) 733-4994  
www.ncstatecapitol.org

**Cary Chamber**  
(919) 467-1016/(800) 919-CARY  
www.townofcary.org  
www.carychamber.com

**Caswell County Chamber**  
(336) 694-6106  
www.caswellchamber.com

**Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau**  
(888) 968-2060  
www.chocvb.org

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber**  
(919) 967-7075  
www.carolinachamber.org

**Clayton Chamber**  
(919) 553-6352  
www.claytonchamber.com

**Dunn Area Tourism Authority**  
(910) 892-3282  
www.dunntourism.org  
www.visitDunn.com

**Durham CVB**  
(800) 446-8604/(919) 687-0288  
www.durham-nc.com

**Greater Durham Chamber**  
(919) 682-2133  
www.durhamchamber.org

**Erwin Area**  
(910) 897-7300  
www.erwinchamber.org

**Fayetteville Area CVB**  
(800) 255-8217/(910) 483-5311  
www.visitfayettevillenc.com

**Franklin County**  
(919) 496-3056  
www.franklin-chamber.org

**Fuquay-Varina Area**  
(919) 552-4947  
www.fuquay-varina.com

**Garner Chamber**  
(919) 772-6440  
www.garnerchamber.org

**Garner**  
(919) 772-4688  
www.ci.garner.nc.us

**Granville County Chamber**  
(919) 693-6125/(919) 528-4994  
www.granville-chamber.com

**Hillsborough/Orange County**  
(919) 732-8156  
www.hillsboroughchamber.com

**Historic Hillsborough**  
(877) 732-7748/(919) 732-7741  
www.historichillsborough.org

**Holly Springs Town Hall**  
(919) 552-6221  
www.hollyspringsnc.us

**Hope Mills**  
(910) 423-4314  
www.hopemillschamber.com

**Johnston County Visitors Bureau**  
(800) 441-7829/(919) 989-8687  
www.johnstoncountync.org

**Knightdale Chamber**  
(919) 266-4603/(919) 217-2220  
www.knightdalechamber.org  
www.knightdalenc.gov

**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area**  
(910) 276-7420  
www.laurinburgchamber.org  
www.visitscotlandnc.org

**Lillington Area**  
(910) 893-3751  
www.lillingtonnc.com  
www.lillingtonchamber.org

**Lumberton Visitors Bureau**  
(800) 359-6971/(910) 739-9999  
www.lumberton-nc.com

**Montgomery County**  
(910) 572-4300  
www.montgomery-county.com

**Morrisville Chamber**  
(919) 463-7150  
www.morrisvillenc.com

**Pembroke**  
(910) 521-9758  
www.pembrokenc.com

**Person County Tourism**  
(336) 597-2689  
www.visitroxboronc.com

**Pinehurst, Southern Pines & Aberdeen Area CVB**  
(800) 346-5362  
www.homeofgolf.com

**Pittsboro-Siler CVB**  
(800) 316-3829  
www.visitcathamcounty.com

**Raeford-Hoke Chamber**  
(910) 875-5929  
www.hoke-raeford.com

**Greater Raleigh Chamber**  
(919) 664-7000  
www.raleighchamber.org

**Greater Raleigh CVB**  
(800) 849-8499/(919) 834-5900  
www.visitraleigh.com

**Red Springs**  
(910) 843-5241  
www.redsprings.org

**Richmond County Chamber, Rockingham**  
(910) 895-9058  
www.richmondcounty-chamber.com

**Rolesville Town Hall**  
(919) 556-3506  
www.ci.rolesville.nc.us

**Roxboro Area Chamber**  
(336) 599-8333  
www.roxboronc.com

**Saint Pauls**  
(910) 865-5164  
www.stpaulsnc.gov

**Sandhills Area Chamber**  
(910) 692-3926  
www.sandhillsonline.com

**Sanford Area Chamber**  
(919) 775-7341  
www.sanford-nc.com

**Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber**  
(919) 934-9166  
www.smithfieldselma.com

**Greater Spring Lake Chamber**  
(910) 497-8821  
www.springlakenc.org

**Vance County Tourism Department, Henderson**  
(866) 438-4565/(252) 438-2222  
www.kerrlake-nc.com

**Wake Forest Area**  
(919) 556-1519  
www.wakeforestchamber.org

**Warren County EDC**  
(252) 257-2657  
www.warren-chamber.org

**Wendell**  
(919) 365-6318  
www.wendellchamber.com

**Zebulon**  
(919) 269-6320  
www.zebulonchamber.org

## SOUTHERN COAST

**Bald Head Island Information Center**  
(800) 234-2441  
www.baldheadisland.com

**Beulaville**  
(910) 298-4647  
www.townofbeulaville.com

**Brunswick County, Shallotte**  
(800) 426-6644/(910) 754-6644  
www.brunswickcounty-chamber.org

**Brunswick Islands, Shallotte**  
(800) 795-7263  
www.ncbrunswick.com

**Cape Fear Coast CVB**  
(Wilmington, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach)  
(877) 406-2356  
www.gocapefearcoast.com

**Columbus County Tourism**  
(910) 640-2818  
www.discovercolumbuscounty.org

**Coast Host**  
Information on attractions & accommodations  
www.coasthost-nc.com  
(800) 932-2144

**Duplin County Tourism**  
(877) 862-6757  
www.duplintourism.org

**Elizabethtown-White Lake**  
(910) 862-4368  
www.elizabethtownwhitelake.com  
www.bladeninfo.org

**Fair Bluff**  
www.fairbluff.com

**Faison**  
(910) 267-2721

**Greater Goldsboro Travel & Tourism**  
(919) 734-2241/(866) 440-2245  
www.greatergoldsboro.com

**Greater Hampstead Chamber**  
(910) 270-9642/(800) 833-2483  
www.hampsteadchamber.com

**Greater Jacksonville-Onslow**  
(800) 932-2144/(910) 347-3141  
www.jacksonvilleonline.org  
www.onslowcountytourism.com

**Kenansville Area**  
(910) 296-2181  
www.duplincountync.com

**Kenly Chamber**  
(919) 284-5510  
www.kenlynorthcarolina.com

**Kinston CVB**  
(800) 869-0032  
www.visitkinston.com

**Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber**  
(252) 527-1131  
www.kinstonchamber.com

**LaGrange**  
(252) 527-1131  
www.lagrangenorthcarolina.com

**Mt. Olive Area Chamber**  
(919) 658-3113  
www.moachamber.com  
www.ncpicklefest.org

**NC Ferries**

(800) BY-FERRY  
www.ncferry.org

**Onslow County Tourism**

(800) 932-2144/(910) 347-3141  
www.onslowcountytourism.com

**Pender County, Burgaw**

(888) 576-4756/(910) 259-1536  
www.visitpender.com

**Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher)**

(800) 631-1460/(910) 341-4030  
(800) 641-7082/(877) 406-2356  
www.gocapefearcoast.com  
www.carolinabeachgetaway.com  
www.explorekurebeach.com

**Southeastern Welcome Center**

(I-95 South, Rowland)  
(910) 754-2505

**Southport Visitor Center, Southport**

(910) 457-7927  
www.cityofsouthport.com

**Southport-Oak Island**

(800) 457-6964/(910) 457-6964  
www.southport-oakisland.com

**Swansboro Chamber**

(910) 326-1174  
www.tourswansboro.com

**Tabor City Chamber**

(910) 653-2031  
www.columbuschamber.net

**Tabor City Visitor Center**

(910) 653-9712  
www.taborcitync.org

**Greater Topsail Area**

(800) 626-2780/(910) 329-4446  
www.topsailcoc.com

**Wallace**

(910) 285-4044  
www.wallacechamber.com

**Warsaw**

(910) 293-7804  
www.warsawnorthcarolina.com  
www.townofwarsawnc.com

**Wayne County Chamber**

(919) 734-2241  
www.waynecountychamber.com

**Greater Whiteville**

(888) 533-7196/(910) 642-3171

**Wrightsville Beach Visitors Center**

(800) 650-9106/(910) 256-8116  
www.visitwrightsville.com

**NORTHERN COAST****Ahoskie Chamber**

(252) 332-2042  
www.ahoskie-nc.org

**Aycock Brown**

**Welcome Center, Kitty Hawk**  
(877) OBX-4FUN/(252) 261-4644  
www.nagsheadguide.com/  
attractions/kittyhawk  
www.outerbanks.org

**Belhaven Community Chamber**

(252) 943-3770  
www.belhavenchamber.com

**Chowan County Tourism, Edenton**

(800) 775-0111/(252) 482-3400  
www.visitedenton.com

**Coast Host**

Information on attractions &  
accommodation.  
www.coasthost-nc.com

**Corolla/Currituck Chamber**

(252) 453-9497  
www.currituckchamber.org

**Crystal Coast Tourism Authority**

(877) 206-0929/(252) 726-8148  
www.crystalcoastnc.org

**Dare County**

(252) 475-5000  
www.darenc.com

**Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center, Camden County**

(877) 771-8333/(252) 771-8333  
www.DismalSwamp.com

**Duck**

(252) 255-1234  
www.townofduck.com

**Elizabeth City Area CVB**

(866) 324-8948/(252) 335-5330  
www.discoverec.org

**Farmville Chamber**

(252) 753-4670  
www.farmville-nc.com

**Gates County Manager**

(252) 357-1240  
www.albemarle-nc.com/gates

**Greenville/Pitt County CVB**

(800) 537-5564  
www.visitgreenvillenc.com

**Havelock**

(252) 447-1101  
www.havelockchamber.net

**Halifax County Tourism**

(800) 522-4282/(252) 535-1687  
www.visithalifax.com

**Historic Albemarle Tour**

(800) 734-1117  
www.historicalbemarletour.org

**Historic Bath Visitor Center**

(252) 923-3971  
www.bath.nchistoricsites.org

**Hyde County Chamber**

(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826  
www.hydecountychamber.org

**Kill Devil Hills**

(252) 449-5302  
www.kdhnc.com

**Kitty Hawk**

(252) 261-3552  
www.townofkittyhawk.org

**Lake Gaston Chamber & Visitors Center**

(252) 586-5711/(866) 730-5711  
www.lakegastonchamber.com

**Manteo**

(252) 473-2133  
www.townofmanteo.com

**Martin County Chamber**

(252) 792-4131  
www.martincountync.com

**Martin County Travel & Tourism**

(800) 776-8566/(252) 792-6605  
www.visitmartincounty.com

**Murfreesboro Historical Association**

(252) 398-5922  
www.murfreesboronc.com

**NC Ferries**

(800) BY-FERRY  
www.ncferry.org

**NC Welcome Center**

(I-95 North)  
(252) 537-3365  
www.visitnc.com

**NC Welcome Center**

(I-85 North).  
(252) 456-3236  
www.visitnc.com

**Nash County Visitors Bureau**

(800) 849-6825/(252) 972-5080  
www.RockyMountTravel.com

**Nags Head**

(252) 441-5508  
www.townofnagshead.net

**New Bern/Craven County Convention & Visitor Center**

(800) 437-5767/(252)637-9400  
www.visitnewbern.com

**Ocracoke NPS Visitor Center**

(252) 928-4531  
www.nps.gov/caha  
www.ocracokeisland.com

**Outer Banks Chamber**

(252) 441-8144  
www.outerbankschamber.com

**Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island**

(877) OBX-4FUN/(252) 473-2138  
www.outerbanks.org

**Pamlico County Chamber**

(252) 745-3008  
www.pamlicochamber.com  
www.pamlicodirectory.com

**Perquimans County Chamber**

(252) 426-5657  
www.perquimans.com

**Roanoke Valley Chamber**

(252) 537-3513  
www.rvchamber.com

**Rocky Mount**

(252) 972-1542  
www.rockymountnc.gov

**Rocky Mount Chamber**

(252) 446-0323  
www.rockymountchamber.org

**Scotland Neck**

(252) 826-3152  
www.townofscotlandneck.com

**Southern Shores**

(252) 261-2394  
www.southernshores-nc.gov

**Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber**

(252) 823-7241  
www.tarborochamber.com

**Greater Tyrrell County Chamber**

(252) 796-1996  
www.visittyrrellcounty.com

**Washington County Tourism**

(252) 793-3248  
www.visitwashingtoncountync.com

**Washington/Beaufort County Visitor Information**

(800) 546-0162  
www.originalwashington.com

**Wilson Visitors Bureau**

(800) 497-7398/(252) 243-8440  
www.wilson-nc.com

**Windsor/Bertie County Chamber**

(252) 794-4277  
www.albemarle-nc.com/windsor 