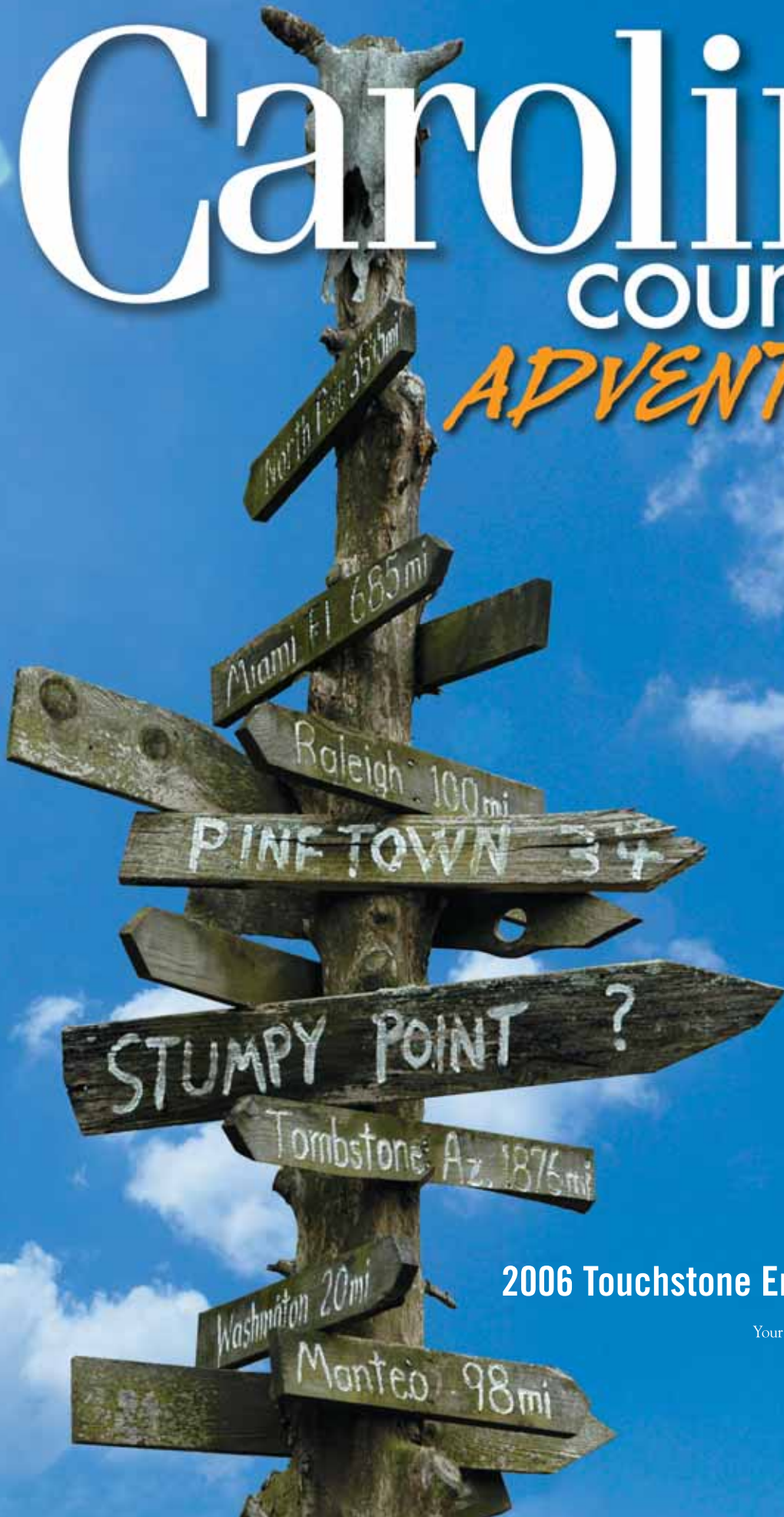


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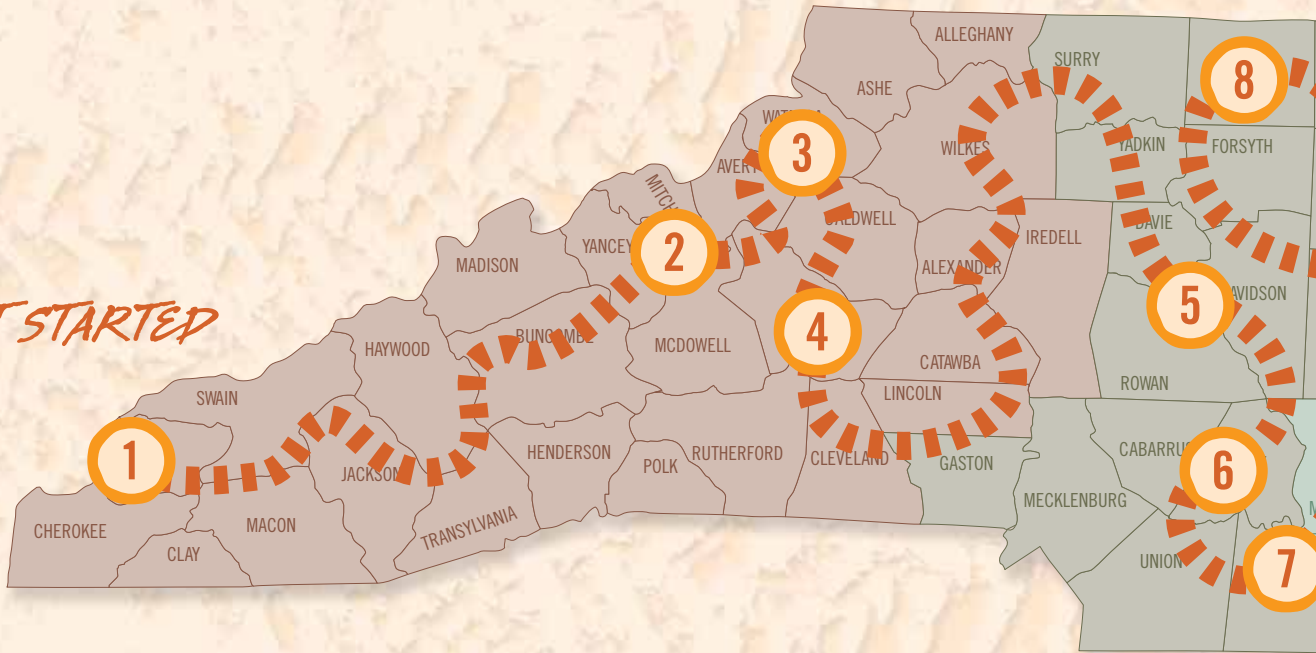


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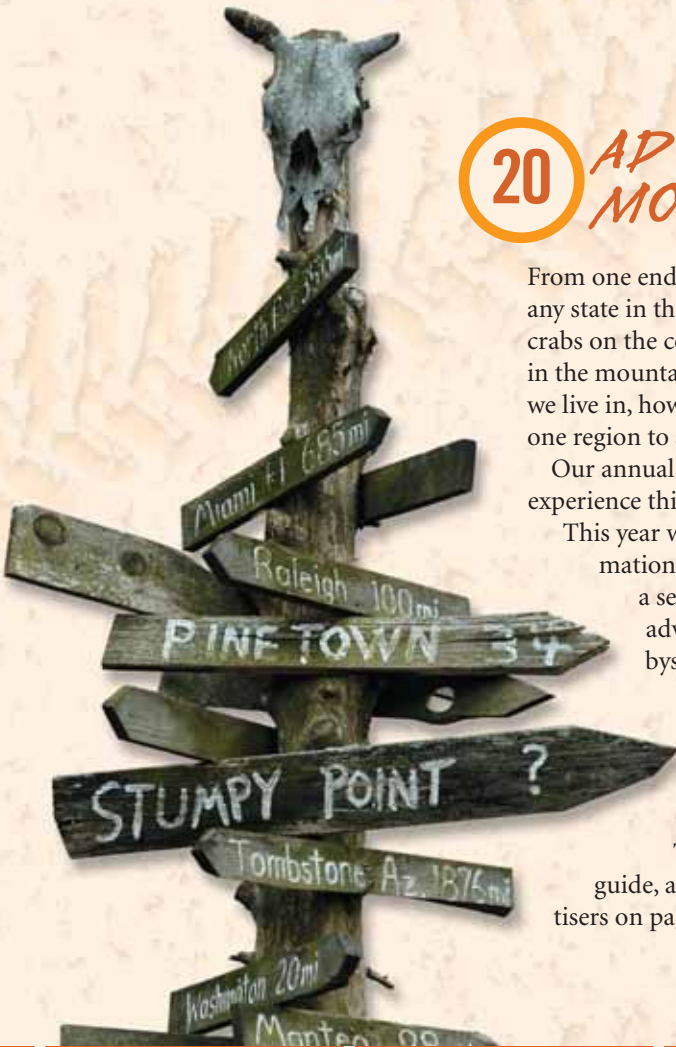
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat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

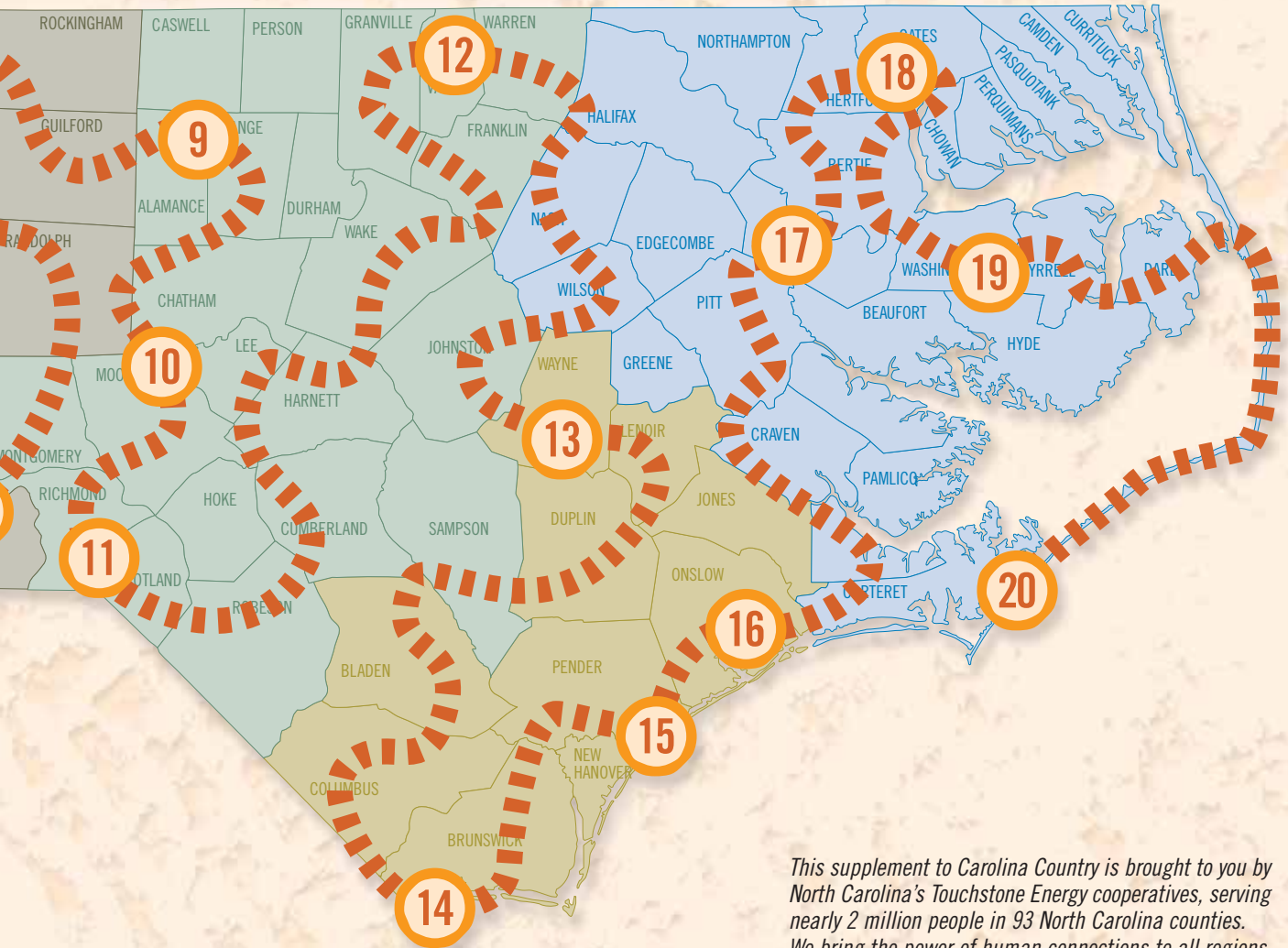
As you make your way through this guide, or through the countryside responsible for these adventures, you can be assured that a Touchstone Energy cooperative is nearby.

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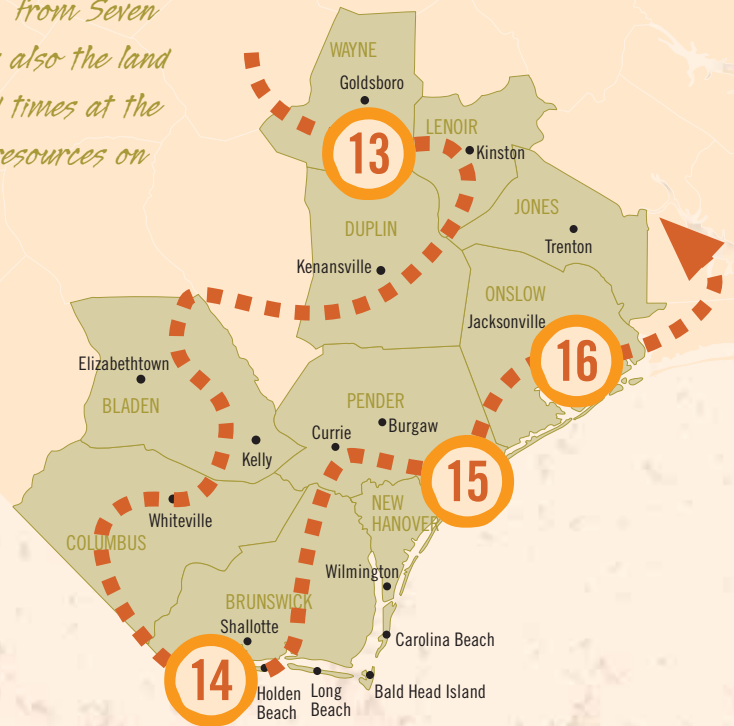
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# SOUTHERN COASTLAND ADVENTURES

Water is at the heart of the Southern Coastland. Rivers feed the farmlands and meander to the southern beaches. Lakes and streams provide fishing, hiking and other recreational opportunities. Towns grew up along the water's edge, from Wayne County south to the Brunswick Islands, from Seven Springs to the port city of Wilmington. This is also the land of pork, tobacco, seafood, grapevines and good times at the beach. (For more information see our travel resources on page 79.)

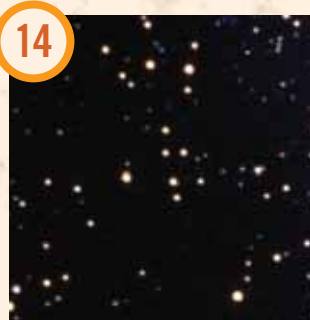


By Renee C. Gannon



## CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE STATE PARK

The Neuse River cut a cliff into this land millions of years ago. Now this diverse environment welcomes hikers, campers and picnickers.



## INGRAM PLANETARIUM

At the coast you notice that stars come out brighter than the black screen over the ocean. Here you can find out more about the nighttime sky and the story behind these heavenly bodies.



## POPLAR GROVE PLANTATION

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the region. But it often took more than just a horse and plow to operate a large homestead in the late 1800s.



## CAMP LEVEUNE MARINE CORPS BASE

A small coastal community grew up to be a leader in U.S. military operations. See the corps' history, today's military and the place where soldiers love to live.

# 13 CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE STATE PARK

Wayne County

The flatlands of eastern North Carolina hold a secret—a 90-foot-tall secret. That's the height of the cliffs overlooking the Neuse River at the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park. The 600-yard swath of multi-colored wall created by sand, clay, seashells, shale and gravel is considered an anomaly in the coastal plain.

According to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, the white, tan, yellow and brown layers were formed when a fault in the earth's crust shifted millions of years ago. The river followed the fault line and cut through the sediment layers left behind by ancient oceans that once covered the area. A portion of the river bent against its bank and the erosion became the cliffs. The observation deck at the cliff's edge offers a grand view of the Neuse River.

Established in 1945, the park's 751 acres offer a wide array of recreational activities. With more than 420 plant species and a wide array of animals and birds, hiking on the park's many trails lends itself to an education on nature, as well as geology and prehistoric life. An interpretive museum at the park displays dioramas and audiovisuals about the park's natural history. The park offers boating and swimming access to its 11-acre manmade lake, as well as camping and picnicking facilities.

## EXPLORING THE PARK

Visitors can explore the park on four different trails. All four trails are color coded and trees along the trails' routes are marked with color cards. Three trails are located to the right of the cliff's observation deck. The half-mile Bird Trail, rated easy, loops into the forest and back out along the river. The half-mile Galax Trail, rated easy, shows the woodland interior of the park. Both trails explore creeks once used by local moonshiners. The 350-Yard Trail leads from



The 90-foot cliffs offer a birds-eye view of the Neuse River and surrounding woodlands.



The park's hiking trails range from easy to moderate. The trails offer exploration of the park's diverse ecology. The Spanish Moss Trail (pictured) is rated moderate.

the observation deck to these two trails.

To the left of the observation deck is the Spanish Moss Trail and the amphitheater. The half-mile Spanish Moss Trail, rated moderate, will get your heart pumping with its many up and down climbs. An off-trail hike near the river offers an up-close view of the river and the cliffs. Walk carefully because the river's edge is soft, suck-you-in clay.

All trails involve some inclines and declines, with timber steps to help navigate. And be on the watch for tree roots on the trail that may cause a stumble.

While many state parks provide similar recreational activities and trails, the Cliffs at the Neuse is a unique geological site that offers a view that cannot be missed.

### Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

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# 14 INGRAM PLANETARIUM

*Brunswick County*

PhotoSpin



Sun, sand, water and stars. Your checklist is complete at the beaches of Brunswick County. At Sunset Beach's Ingram Planetarium, you can find out more about those bright balls of gas twinkling over the ocean. A planetarium? At the beach? That's right...

Built in 2001, the planetarium offers beachgoers a break from the endless cycle of swimming, sunbathing and beachcombing. You learn a thing or two about space and how it affects our own living planet. The 85-seat, 40-foot domed theater and the Paul Dennis Science Exhibit Hall bring the science of the stars down to levels understood by both adults and kids.

The exhibit hall includes math and science activities, such as "Easy as Pi," which demonstrates how math and physics are used in everyday life, as well as brain teasers and puzzles.

Renee Cannon



*The Ingram Planetarium offers not only a lesson on the stars and planets, but also provides classes, night telescope viewing and a science exhibit hall with activities that test your brain power.*

The planetarium is in the planning stage for the "View Space" exhibit, which will provide links to NASA, Hubble telescope images and daily space photos. The planetarium also provides telescopes for night-time viewing programs.

But the dome is the main attraction. The Spitz 1024 Star Projector with the multi-media presentations offered throughout the day transports viewers to other planets, stars and another time. One presentation offers a "naked eye" type of program: showing the sky as it is seen with the naked eye. Each program runs about 45 minutes with the first 15 minutes devoted to a video discussing current science news to help adjust the viewers' eyes. Many presentations change throughout the year to accommodate the seasonal changes in the night sky.

Presentations are available for all ages and change slightly depending on who presents the program. Senior Technician Mark Jankowski explains that he and the other presenters have different personalities. He admits he tends to be more scientific with a dry sense of humor. "I may throw in an obscure line from a Mel Brooks movie every once in awhile," he says with a smile. "The programs are two parts entertainment and two parts educational."

Jankowski enjoys his job, especially watching the audience reactions. "Kids love watching planets zoom up and spin in their face."

In March, the planetarium began a new program: "The Moon Through Time." Jankowski teamed up with Dr. Saavik Ford from Coastal Carolina University to create a retro look of humankind's vision of the moon, the moon's relationship with Earth and the NASA moon missions.

The planetarium provides stargazing year-round.

## **Ingram Planetarium**

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# 15 POPLAR GROVE PLANTATION

*Pender County*

Poplar Grove Plantation



*Blacksmith Kevin Lawrie demonstrating for visitors.*

Underneath the shade of century-old trees just off busy U.S. Highway 17 north of Wilmington you will find the 19th century at the 628-acre Poplar Grove Plantation. The site focuses on homestead life in the late 1800s, when the Foy family plantation and other neighboring farms struggled to survive. Salvation came to the area in the form of the peanut.

Joseph Mumford Foy became the first to grow peanuts on a large scale in North Carolina. Like other antebellum plantations, Poplar Grove had as many as 64 slaves working the estate. After the Civil War, 63 of the former slaves remained to work or become tenant farmers on the homestead. They helped save the plantation by showing Foy how to raise peanuts, a crop brought to America from Africa.

Visitors first see the 1850 Greek Revival home. Listed on the National Register for Historic Homes, the restored mansion features period furnishings and personal items. Much of the lumber used to build the house came from the plantation grounds, including the walnut stairs and the heart pine porches.

A walk around offers a historic glimpse of life on the estate, with artisans performing skills such as weaving, basket making and blacksmithing. Visitors also see an outdoor kitchen, a tenant farmer's house and other outbuildings, all restored to the time period.

Agriculture served as the lifeblood at Poplar Grove. Today, the site grows on a very small scale crops such as peanuts, cotton, corn, beans and peas for demonstration. There is also a barnyard of cows, horses, goats, pigs and chickens. Each crop and animal serves a purpose in bringing the late 19th century back to life: from cooking and storage demonstrations, to shearing sheep and using the wool fleece for blankets and clothing.

The pace slows down on a visit to Poplar Grove. Traffic and crowded Wilmington beaches are pushed into recent memory for visitors who want to learn about a 19th century homestead and the hard work involved in daily life, when a child cherished her handmade doll and the scant rest time she had to play.

Poplar Grove Plantation is located just north of Wilmington in the Hampstead community of Scott's Hill.

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Poplar Grove Plantation



*The Poplar Grove mansion, constructed in 1850, sits on a 628-acre plantation. The site offers a look into 19th century life, including agriculture, homemaking and craftsmanship such as blacksmithing and basket weaving.*

# 16 CAMP LEJEUNE

Onslow County

A visit to this 155,000-acre military base reveals many aspects of military life, both past and present. The base offers something for everyone: military buffs, history buffs, nature buffs and those looking for something different.

To follow the base's self-guided tour, you must first obtain a visitor's day pass, a guide booklet and base map at the Camp Lejeune Visitors Center. Once past the gate's check-point, a short drive soon reveals a town like other Onslow County beach communities, with convenience marts, grocery stores, bowling alleys and even a movie house. Brick buildings, soldiers in fatigues, camouflage-painted vehicles and the occasional sighting of artillery remind you that this is a military base.

With the guide book in hand, First Lt. Clark Carpenter of the base's Public Affairs Office recommends a visitor ask: "What's adventurous to me?" This question will whittle down the time spent on the tour, which could take anywhere from three hours to more than a day, and includes stops on and off the base. Each stop offers a chance to vacate your vehicle for a closer look, such as Stop 3, the Base Headquarters building, which features a lobby exhibit showing the Marine Corps history and the life of the base's namesake, Gen. John A. LeJeune.

Buildings are featured prominently on the tour, but there is often more than just brick to these stops. Across from the Julian C. Smith Hall (stop 6), headquarters for the II Marine Expeditionary Forces, is a wonderful view of the New River. This river splits the base and adds natural scenery to many brick-and-mortar sites. Behind stop 7, the 2nd Force Service Support Group Headquarters, sits a lawn amphitheater facing the river. At the river's edge are three memorials honoring Marines who died during service in Grenada, Lebanon and the Dominican Republic.



Camp Lejeune

*The Beirut Memorial wall lists the names of those soldiers and sailors killed in the 1983 bombing of their compound.*

Other stops feature tanks; an observation point that over-views earth moving via machines, weapons and grenade launchers; amphibious training; a rifle range and helicopters. Stop 11 delves into the state's tar production history and also serves as an endangered species habitat for the red-cockaded woodpecker.

The driving tour also takes you through Sneads Ferry, where the Yopps Meeting House can be found at stop 16. Built in the late 1800s, the building has dual access denoting a time in history when a congregation was separated by gender. Surrounding the building is a haphazard array of family cemeteries.

Stop 24, Montford Point-Camp Johnson, recognizes the accomplishments of the first African-American Marines and where they received their training. Visitors learn more about this complex at the Montford Point Museum.

The 25th and final stop on the tour lies across the road from the cemetery complex. The quiet and moving Beirut Memorial pays tribute to the 273 Marines, soldiers and sailors who died in Beirut, Lebanon, when a bomb destroyed their compound. In 2003, a steel beam from the World Trade Center was added to the park. The New York Fire Department presented the beam in recognition of the 343 firefighters lost on 9/11 and the Marines who honored them on the battlefields of Iraq.

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Camp Lejeune

*The Camp Lejeune military base isn't all brick and mortar. The base offers access to some of the most beautiful views of the New River, the waters of the intercoastal waterway and the sand at Onslow Beach.*

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**Randolph County Tourism, Asheboro**  
(336) 626-0364  
[www.visitrandolphcounty.com](http://www.visitrandolphcounty.com)

**Reidsville**  
(336) 349-8481

**Rowan County Chamber**  
(704) 633-4221

**Rowan County CVB**  
(800) 332-2343/(704) 638-3100  
[www.visitsalisburync.com](http://www.visitsalisburync.com)

**Stanly County Chamber**  
(704) 982-8116  
[www.stanlychamber.org](http://www.stanlychamber.org)

**Stanly County CVB**  
(800) 650-1476/(704) 986-2583  
[www.stanlycvb.com](http://www.stanlycvb.com)

**Stokes County**  
(336) 593-2496  
[www.stokescounty.org](http://www.stokescounty.org)

**Thomasville Visitors Center**  
(336) 472-4422/(800) 611-9907  
[www.thomasvilletourism.com](http://www.thomasvilletourism.com)

**Union County Chamber**  
(704) 289-4567  
[www.unioncountycoc.com](http://www.unioncountycoc.com)

**Western Rockingham Chamber**  
(336) 548-6248  
[www.westernrockinghamchamber.com](http://www.westernrockinghamchamber.com)

**Winston-Salem Visitor Center**  
(800) 331-7018/(336) 728-4200  
[www.visitwinstonsalem.com](http://www.visitwinstonsalem.com)

**Yadkin County Chamber**  
(336) 679-2200  
[www.yadkinchamber.org](http://www.yadkinchamber.org)

**Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project**  
(704) 422-3215  
[www.lakesproject.org](http://www.lakesproject.org)

**Burlington/Alamance CVB**  
(800) 637-3804/(336) 570-1444  
[www.burlington-area-nc.org](http://www.burlington-area-nc.org)

**Capital Area Visitor Center**  
(919) 733-3456

**Cary Chamber**  
(919) 467-1016  
[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
[www.carychamber.com](http://www.carychamber.com)

**Caswell County Chamber**  
(336) 694-6106

**Chapel Hill/Orange County**  
(888) 968-2060/(919) 968-2060  
[www.chocvb.org](http://www.chocvb.org)

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber**  
(919) 967-7075  
[www.carolinachamber.org](http://www.carolinachamber.org)

**Clayton Chamber**  
(919) 553-6352  
[www.claytonchamber.com](http://www.claytonchamber.com)

**Clinton-Sampson County**  
(910) 592-6177

**Dunn Area Tourism Authority**  
(910) 892-3282  
[www.dunntourism.org](http://www.dunntourism.org)  
[www.visitDunn.com](http://www.visitDunn.com)

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

**Erwin Area**  
(910) 897-7300  
[www.erwinchamber.com](http://www.erwinchamber.com)

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

**Franklin County**  
(919) 496-3056  
[www.franklin-chamber.org](http://www.franklin-chamber.org)

**Fuquay-Varina Area**  
(919) 552-4947  
[www.fuquay-varina.com](http://www.fuquay-varina.com)

**Garner Chamber**  
(919) 772-6440  
[www.garnerchamber.org](http://www.garnerchamber.org)

**Garner**  
(919) 772-4688  
[www.ci.garner.nc.us](http://www.ci.garner.nc.us)

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**Angier**  
(919) 639-2500  
[www.angierchamber.org](http://www.angierchamber.org)

**Apex Chamber**  
(919) 362-6456/(800) 345-4504  
[www.apexchamber.com](http://www.apexchamber.com)

**Benson Chamber**  
(919) 894-3825  
[www.benson-chamber.com](http://www.benson-chamber.com)  
[www.bensonmuledays.com](http://www.bensonmuledays.com)

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

**Greater Durham Chamber**  
(919) 682-2133  
[www.durhamchamber.org](http://www.durhamchamber.org)

**Greater Raleigh Chamber**  
(919) 664-7000  
[www.raleighchamber.org](http://www.raleighchamber.org)

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

**Hillsborough/Orange County**  
(919) 732-8156  
[www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com)

**Historic Hillsborough**  
(919) 732-7741  
[www.historichillsborough.org](http://www.historichillsborough.org)

**Holly Springs Town Hall**  
(919) 552-6221  
[www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us)

**Hope Mills**  
(919) 423-4314  
[www.hopemillschamber.com](http://www.hopemillschamber.com)

**Johnston County Visitors Bureau**  
(800) 441-7829  
[www.johnstoncountync.org](http://www.johnstoncountync.org)

**Knightdale Chamber**  
(919) 266-4603/(919) 217-2211  
[www.knightdalechamber.org](http://www.knightdalechamber.org)  
[www.ci.knightdale.nc.us](http://www.ci.knightdale.nc.us)

**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area**  
(919) 276-7420  
[www.laurinburgchamber.org](http://www.laurinburgchamber.org)

**Lillington Area**  
(919) 893-3751  
[www.lillington.org](http://www.lillington.org)

**Lumberton Visitors Bureau**  
(800) 359-6971/(919) 739-9999  
[www.lumberton-nc.com](http://www.lumberton-nc.com)

**Montgomery County**  
(919) 572-4300  
[www.montgomery-county.com](http://www.montgomery-county.com)

**Morrisville**  
(919) 380-9026  
[www.morrisvillenc.com](http://www.morrisvillenc.com)

**Pembroke**  
(919) 521-9758

**Person County Tourism**  
(336) 597-2689  
[www.visitroxboronc.com](http://www.visitroxboronc.com)

**Pinehurst, Southern Pines  
and Aberdeen Area CVB**  
(800) 346-5362/(919) 692-3330  
[www.homeofgolf.com](http://www.homeofgolf.com)

**Pittsboro-Siler CVB**  
(800) 316-3829  
[www.visitpittsboro.com](http://www.visitpittsboro.com)

**Raeford-Hoke**  
(919) 875-5929  
[www.hoke-raeford.com](http://www.hoke-raeford.com)

**Red Springs**  
(919) 843-5441

**Richmond County Chamber,  
Rockingham**  
(800) 858-1688/(919) 895-9058  
[www.richmondcountychamber.com](http://www.richmondcountychamber.com)

**Rolesville Town Hall**  
(919) 556-3506  
[www.ci.rolesville.nc.us](http://www.ci.rolesville.nc.us)

**Roxboro Area Chamber**  
(336) 599-8333  
[www.roxboronc.com](http://www.roxboronc.com)

**Saint Pauls.**  
(919) 865-4179

**Sandhills Area Chamber**  
(919) 692-3926  
[www.sandhillsonline.com](http://www.sandhillsonline.com)

**Sanford Area Chamber**  
(919) 775-7341  
[www.sanford-nc.com](http://www.sanford-nc.com)

**Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber**  
(919) 934-9166  
[www.smithfieldselma.com](http://www.smithfieldselma.com)

**Greater Spring Lake Chamber**  
(919) 497-8821  
[www.springlakenc.org](http://www.springlakenc.org)

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

**Wake Forest Area**  
(919) 556-1519  
[www.wakeforestchamber.org](http://www.wakeforestchamber.org)

**Warren County EDC**  
(252) 257-2657  
[www.warren-chamber.org](http://www.warren-chamber.org)

**Wendell**  
(919) 365-6318  
[www.wendellchamber.com](http://www.wendellchamber.com)

**Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project**  
(704) 422-3215  
[www.lakesproject.org](http://www.lakesproject.org)

**Zebulon**  
(919) 269-6320  
[www.zebulonchamber.org](http://www.zebulonchamber.org)

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**Bald Head Island Information Center**  
(800) 234-2441  
[www.baldheadisland.com](http://www.baldheadisland.com)

**Beulaville**  
(919) 298-4647

**Brunswick County, Shallotte**  
(800) 426-6644/(919) 754-6644  
[www.brunswickcountychamber.org](http://www.brunswickcountychamber.org)

**Brunswick Islands, Shallotte**  
(800) 795-7263  
[www.ncbrunswick.com](http://www.ncbrunswick.com)

**Cape Fear Coast CVB**  
(Wilmington, Carolina Beach,  
Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach)  
(866) 266-9690/(919) 341-4030  
[www.gocapefearcoast.com](http://www.gocapefearcoast.com)

**Columbus County Tourism**  
(800) 845-8419/(919) 640-2818  
[www.discovercolumbus.org](http://www.discovercolumbus.org)

**Coast Host**  
Information on attractions and  
accommodations  
[www.coasthost-nc.com](http://www.coasthost-nc.com)

**Duplin County Marketing**  
(800) 755-1755/(919) 296-2181  
[www.duplintourism.org](http://www.duplintourism.org)

**Elizabethtown-White Lake**  
(919) 862-4368  
[www.elizabethtownwhitelake.com](http://www.elizabethtownwhitelake.com)  
[www.bladeninfo.org](http://www.bladeninfo.org)

**Fair Bluff**  
(919) 649-7202

**Faison**  
(919) 267-2721

**Greater Chadbourn**  
(919) 654-3445

**Greater Goldsboro  
Travel & Tourism**  
(919) 734-2245/(866) 440-2245  
[www.greatergoldsboro.com](http://www.greatergoldsboro.com)

**Greater Hampstead Chamber**  
(919) 270-9642/(800) 833-2483  
[www.hampsteadchamber.com](http://www.hampsteadchamber.com)

**Greater Jacksonville-Onslow**  
(919) 347-3141  
[www.jacksonvilleonline.org](http://www.jacksonvilleonline.org)  
[www.onslowcountytourism.com](http://www.onslowcountytourism.com)

**Greater Topsail Area**  
(800) 626-2780  
[www.topsailcoc.com](http://www.topsailcoc.com)

**Greater Whiteville**  
(800) 538-2449/(919) 642-3171

**Kenansville Area**  
(919) 296-2180

**Kenly Chamber**  
(919) 284-5510  
[www.kenlynorthcarolina.com](http://www.kenlynorthcarolina.com)

**Kinston CVB**  
(800) 869-0032  
[www.visitkinston.com](http://www.visitkinston.com)

**Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber**  
(252) 527-1131  
[www.commercekinstonlc.com](http://www.commercekinstonlc.com)

**LaGrange**  
(252) 527-1131

**Mt. Olive Area Chamber**  
(919) 658-3113  
[www.moachamber.com](http://www.moachamber.com)  
[www.ncpicklefest.org](http://www.ncpicklefest.org)

**Nash County Visitors Bureau**  
(800) 849-6825  
[www.RockyMountTravel.com](http://www.RockyMountTravel.com)

**NC Ferries**  
(800) BY-FERRY  
[www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org)

**Onslow County Tourism**  
(800) 932-2144  
[www.onslowcountytourism.com](http://www.onslowcountytourism.com)

**Pender County**

(Burgaw)  
(910) 259-9817  
[www.visitpender.com](http://www.visitpender.com)

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

(800) 222-4757/(910) 341-4030  
[www.gocapefearcoast.com](http://www.gocapefearcoast.com)  
[www.carolinabeachgetaway.com](http://www.carolinabeachgetaway.com)  
[www.explorekurebeach.com](http://www.explorekurebeach.com)

**Rose Hill**

(910) 289-2721

**Southeastern Welcome Center**

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

**Southport Visitor Center, Southport**

(910) 457-7927  
[www.cityofsouthport.com](http://www.cityofsouthport.com)

**Southport-Oak Island**

(800) 457-6964/(910) 457-6964  
[www.southport-oakisland.com](http://www.southport-oakisland.com)

**Tabor City**

(910) 653-2031

**Wallace**

(910) 285-4044

**Warsaw**

(910) 293-7814

**Wayne County Chamber**

(919) 734-2241  
[www.waynecountychamber.com](http://www.waynecountychamber.com)

**Wilson Visitors Bureau**

(252) 243-8440/(800) 497-7398  
[www.wilson-nc.com](http://www.wilson-nc.com)

**Wrightsville Beach Visitors Center**

(866) 266-9690/(910) 341-4030  
[www.visitwrightsville.com](http://www.visitwrightsville.com)

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

(252) 332-2042

**Aycock Brown Welcome Center,**

**Kitty Hawk**  
(252) 261-4644  
[www.outerbanks.org](http://www.outerbanks.org)

**Belhaven Community Chamber**

(252) 943-3770  
[www.belhavenchamber.com](http://www.belhavenchamber.com)

**Chowan County Tourism, Edenton**

(800) 775-0111/(252) 482-3400  
[www.www.visitedenton.com](http://www.www.visitedenton.com)

**Coast Host**

Information on attractions and accommodation.  
[www.coasthost-nc.com](http://www.coasthost-nc.com)

**Corolla/Currituck Chamber**

(252) 453-9497/(877) CURRITUCK  
[www.currituckchamber.org](http://www.currituckchamber.org)

**Crystal Coast Tourism Authority**

(800) 786-6962/(252) 726-8148  
[www.crystalcoastnc.org](http://www.crystalcoastnc.org)

**Dare County**

(252) 475-5000  
[www.darenc.com](http://www.darenc.com)

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

(252) 771-8333  
[www.DismalSwamp.com](http://www.DismalSwamp.com)

**Duck**

(252) 255-1234  
[www.townofduck.com](http://www.townofduck.com)

**Eastern NC Chamber**

(919) 237-5151

**Elizabeth City Area CVB**

(252) 335-5330  
[www.discoverec.org](http://www.discoverec.org)

**Farmville Chamber**

(252) 753-4670

**Gates County Manager**

(252) 357-1240

**Greater Tyrrell County Chamber**

(252) 796-1996

**Greenville/Pitt County CVB**

(800) 537-5564  
[www.visitgreenvillenc.com](http://www.visitgreenvillenc.com)

**Havelock**

(252) 447-1101  
[www.havelockchamber.net](http://www.havelockchamber.net)

**Halifax County Tourism**

(800) 522-4282  
[www.visithalifax.com](http://www.visithalifax.com)

**Historic Albemarle Tour**

(800) 734-1117  
[www.historicncenc.com](http://www.historicncenc.com)

**Historic Bath Visitor Center**

(252) 923-3971  
[www.bath.nchistoricsites.org](http://www.bath.nchistoricsites.org)

**Hyde County Chamber**

(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826  
[www.hydecounty.org](http://www.hydecounty.org)

**Kill Devil Hills**

(252) 449-5300  
[www.kdhnc.com](http://www.kdhnc.com)

**Kitty Hawk**

(252) 261-3552  
[www.townofkittyhawk.org](http://www.townofkittyhawk.org)

**Lake Gaston Chamber and Visitors Center**

(252) 586-5711/(866) 730-5711  
[www.lakegastonchamber.com](http://www.lakegastonchamber.com)

**Manteo**

(252) 473-2133  
[www.townofmanteo.com](http://www.townofmanteo.com)

**Martin County Chamber**

(252) 792-4131  
[www.martincountync.com](http://www.martincountync.com)

**Martin County Travel & Tourism**

(800) 776-8566  
[www.visitmartincounty.com](http://www.visitmartincounty.com)

**Murfreesboro Historical Association**

(252) 398-5922

**NC Ferries**

(800) BY-FERRY  
[www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org)

**NC Welcome Center**

(I-95 North).  
(252) 537-9836

**NC Welcome Center**

(I-85 North).  
(252) 456-3236

**Nags Head**

(252) 441-5508  
[www.townofnagshead.net](http://www.townofnagshead.net)

**New Bern/Craven County**

**Convention and Visitor Center**  
(800) 437-5767  
[www.visitnewbern.com](http://www.visitnewbern.com)

**Ocracoke NPS Visitor Center**

(252) 928-4531

**Outer Banks Chamber**

(252) 441-8144  
[www.outerbankschamber.com](http://www.outerbankschamber.com)

**Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island**

(252) 473-2138/(877) OBX-4FUN  
[www.outerbanks.org](http://www.outerbanks.org)

**Pamlico County Visitor Center**

(252) 745-3008  
[www.pamlicochamber.com](http://www.pamlicochamber.com)  
[www.pamlicodirectory.com](http://www.pamlicodirectory.com)

**Perquimans County Visitors Center**

(252) 426-5657  
[www.perquimans.com](http://www.perquimans.com)

**Roanoke Valley Chamber**

(800) 522-4282  
[www.rvchamber.com](http://www.rvchamber.com)

**Rocky Mount**

(252) 972-1151  
[www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us](http://www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us)

**Scotland Neck**

(252) 826-3152  
[www.townofscotlandneck.com](http://www.townofscotlandneck.com)

**Southern Shores**

(252) 261-2394  
[www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov)

**Swansboro**

(910) 326-1174  
[www.tourswansboro.com](http://www.tourswansboro.com)

**Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber**

(252) 823-7241  
[www.tarboro-nc.com](http://www.tarboro-nc.com)

**Tyrrell County Visitors Center**

(252) 796-0723  
[www.visittyrrellcounty.com](http://www.visittyrrellcounty.com)

**Washington County Tourism**

(252) 793-3248  
[www.washingtoncountync.com](http://www.washingtoncountync.com)

**Washington/Beaufort County Visitor Information**

(800) 999-3857  
[www.originalwashington.com](http://www.originalwashington.com)

**Windsor/Bertie County Chamber**

(252) 794-4277  
[www.windsor-bertie.com](http://www.windsor-bertie.com)