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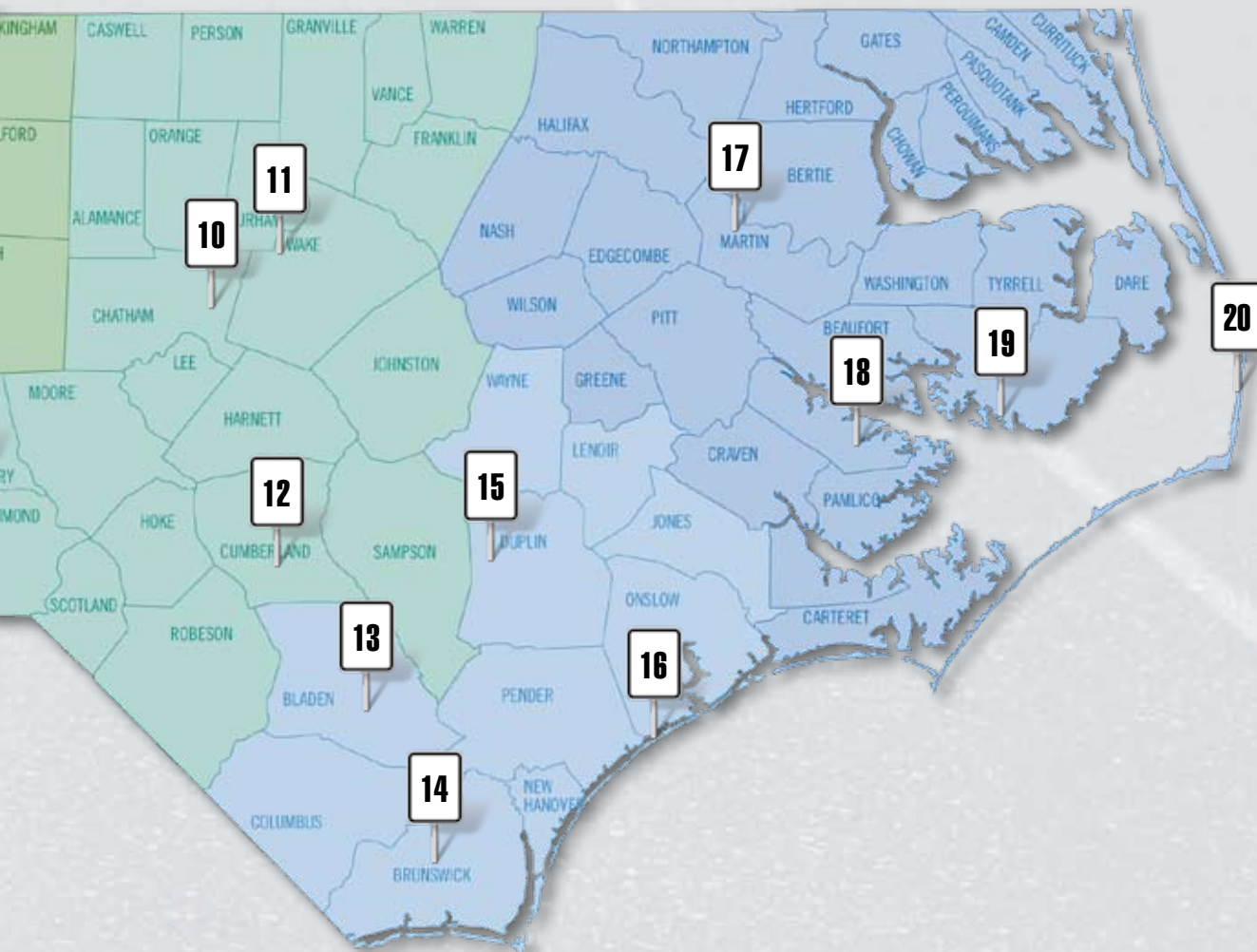
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat 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 (pages 72–75) 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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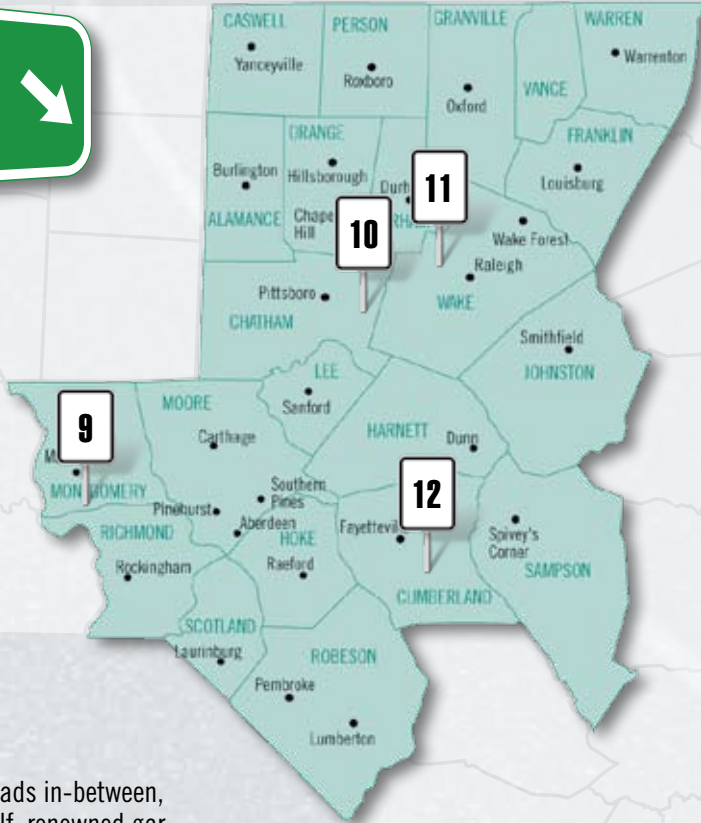
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Big cities and small towns with crossroads in-between, award-winning museums, top-flight golf, renowned gardens, quiet historic and nature parks tucked away from the city bustle and great bicycling routes—the Eastern Piedmont boasts a wide range of educational and recreational attractions. (For more information see our travel resources on pages 73–74.)

9 TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND



Before the Europeans came to this land, Native Americans built thriving communities such as this one discovered in a Montgomery County cotton field and recreated by archaeologists.

10 NEW HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY



A railroad more than a century old and its locomotives carries passengers on an hour-long excursion across the Chatham County and Wake County border.

11 WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD PARK



Visitors escape the hustle and bustle of city life in the forests, streams and lakes found on this 5,577-acre park, located in the heart of the Triangle and a few miles from a busy international airport.

12 JAMBAS RANCH



You won't find lions and tigers here, but Ben the Bear, Charlie the Llama and a host of other domestic and exotic animals roam in a natural habitat on this ranch outside of Fayetteville.

9 TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND

Montgomery County

by Renee C. Gannon

The drive on Highway 73 toward Mt. Gilead gives you a good idea why the Pee Dee Indians settled in this area between 1200 and 1400 AD. The Pee Dee River valley features rolling hills where Piedmont clay mixed with Sandhills loam create land perfect to grow crops such as corn, beans, gourds, squash and tobacco. The area's woodlands hold small game and deer, nuts and berries for food, as well as material to build homes and make tools. The Little River offers swift transportation routes, fish and clay for pottery.

How do we know the Indians settled here? The answers started with an earthen mound in the middle of a cotton field. The mound and the surrounding area had yielded arrowheads and pottery shards to amateur relic hunters for years. In 1937, the state of North Carolina purchased the land and excavations began, revealing a thriving village where people lived, worked and died. The property officially became the Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site in 1955. It remains the only state historic site dedicated to the Native American heritage.

Today, visitors can walk in and around this re-created Indian village and venture onto nature trails. The village is surrounded by a recreated stockade that represents the smallest of the five stockades found at Indian Creek.

A WAY OF LIFE DISCOVERED

The Town Creek visitor's center is the first stop. A small exhibit area provides the history of the early Indian tribes that populated the southeastern United States. The exhibits include pottery urns for burial, other types of pottery, tools, jewelry and games found on site. Visitors should watch the short movie, "The Mystery of Town Creek," before venturing outside.

On the short walk to the stockade's north tower, you see the earthen mound over the fence. Once through the gate, the burial hut should be the first stop. Inside, an audio-visual presentation shows a visitor a Native funeral ceremony for a 3-year-old girl. Each clan in the village had its own mortuary structure.



Visitors enter the Town Creek Indian village through the north tower gate.

Back out in the sun, the large plaza or open area features a tall pole used for various ceremonies and games. During the important "busk" ceremony, houses were cleaned and repairs made throughout the village, debts resolved, and bodies cleansed from bathing and fasting in preparation for the new year. Villagers carried embers from the main fire back to their homes to relight hearths and be "people of one fire."

The town house and mound rises above the plaza. When first excavated, archaeologists discovered that the mound started as a small earth lodge, which collapsed and was covered, creating a low mound. The villagers then built a town house on top, then destroyed it and added another layer of earth to the mound to build a second, larger town house, represented by the reconstructed building at the site. This town house served as the village's ceremonial and political center. The building held the sacred fire, or an eternal flame. Across from the mound sits the priest hut. The priest served as the keeper of the sacred fire.

The village is just a small part of what archeologists believe is a bigger early Native American community in the surrounding areas. Archeologists hope to begin excavating other found sites in the near future.

Town Creek Indian Mound is open year-round, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The site is closed on Mondays and holidays.

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10 NEW HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY

Chatham County

by Renee C. Gannon

All aboard! The New Hope Valley Railway is a fun excursion for young and old, a way for all of us to feel like a child again. The railway is run by an all-volunteer crew of train buffs and retired railroad workers.

For an hour, riders can sit back and enjoy the view along the rails, passing through forests and seeing only a few buildings on the entire ride—uncommon in this growing metropolitan area known as the Triangle.

THE ROMANCE OF THE RAILS

The NHV railway owns seven operating locomotives, though not all seven run on the same day. The train trip runs 4.5 miles from the Bonsal terminal to New Hill in Wake County, then returns to Bonsal to disembark its passengers after the 9-mile ride. The train cars feature open windows to let the cool breeze circulate around its passengers and a roof to keep any dropping limbs, leaves, nuts or rain from interrupting the ride.

The railway has monthly ride days the first Sunday of each month from May to November, and both Saturday and Sunday the first weekend in December. The railway runs special events such as Halloween rides during the evening on the last Saturday in October and the Santa train in December.

A railroad museum is also housed at the Bonsal station. Exhibits include train cars and locomotives, a collection of historic memorabilia and a 600-foot garden size model railway. During the winter months, the trains may not be running, but the outdoor museum exhibits, including the



New Hope Valley Railway's all-volunteer crew teaches the young and old about riding the rails.

railroad equipment, are open to the public every weekend, and the work crews are performing track and locomotive maintenance all through the year.

According to NHV Railway director Bob Crowley, the railroad was originally built as the Durham & South



The New Hope Valley Railway offers hour-long roundtrip rides from Bonsal in Chatham County to New Hill in Wake County and back, using tracks originally laid 100 years ago.

Carolina Railroad (D&SC) in the early 1900s to tap the timber resources in the New Hope Creek valley for lumber needed to make railroad ties. It then became a major hauler of tobacco products in and out of Durham when Norfolk Southern Railroad purchased the line. In the late 1970s, to make way for the Jordan Dam, flooding the valley to form Jordan Lake, most of the line was relocated.

The current New Hope Valley Railway began in January 1982 when the eastern N.C. chapter of the National Railway Historical Society purchased the tracks and right-of-way in Bonsal and New Hill from Southern Railway. The purchase included the Bonsal rail yard, the current railway line, and a small part of the original 1906 track lying just north of Bonsal. This old track line can be seen on the excursion trip. The first public rides began in April 1984, and the railway has been helping others ride the rails ever since.

Because it is an all-volunteer operation, the railway does not offer scheduled rides every weekend, although it is working toward that goal. If you are interested, visit the NHV Railway Web site for the current schedule. On scheduled ride days, trains run at 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Crowley suggests you arrive at least 30 minutes before the train you plan to ride and tickets can be bought only at the railway station.

The cost of an hour riding the rails is \$9 for adults and \$6 for kids age 2–12.

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11 WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD STATE PARK

Wake County

by Renee C. Gannon

Out-of-town visitors and city dwellers alike find peace and solitude within the boundaries of this 5,577-acre park, located just off Highway 70 between Raleigh and Durham, and a few miles away from the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

From the air, this large splash of green stands out amongst the roadways, subdivisions, strip malls and city lights. The park is an oasis for those wishing to escape a busy life for a few hours or for those visitors looking for a nature break in a day filled with touring museums, historic sites and shopping centers.

Farmland at one time occupied Umstead Park, but poor farming practices led to erosion and underproduction. In 1934, under the Resettlement Administration Act, federal and state agencies bought 5,000 acres of this land to develop a recreation area. In 1966, the park, then known as Crabtree Creek Recreation Area, merged with a neighboring Reedy Creek park. The new recreation area then became

Umstead Park, named after former Gov. William Bradley Umstead, who had been known for his conservation efforts.

A visitor's center at the park's main entrance features an exhibit on the land's history. The exhibit includes a look at daily farm life and a replica of a grist mill found in the park, and an exhibit on the park's weather, soil and wildlife habitats. The center also features an interactive computer exhibit that shows visitors the effects of development and preservation.



Umstead Park's miles of trails through its wooded forest provides a cool, shaded path for runners, walkers, hikers, bikers and horseback riders.



The serenity of its lakes and streams makes the William B. Umstead Park a favorite place for visitors to get away from the daily grind.

LEAVING THE CITY BEHIND

The park offers something for all recreational tastes. Visitors can ride the 13 miles of marked trails built for a mountain bike or on horseback, stroll along the many nature trails or hike on the 20 miles of hiking trails that provide access to most of the park. Overnight camping fully envelopes visitors into quiet nature, although an occasional airplane flying overhead reminds you of civilization. The park features a tent/trailer compound, primitive camping sites and group camping sites.

Want to fish? Try your luck at catching bass, bluegill and crappie at one of the three manmade lakes and the many connecting streams: the 55-acre Big Lake and the 25-acre lakes Sycamore and Reedy Creek. Canoes and rowboats are also available for rental at the boathouse on the Big Lake.

Umstead Park offers plenty of open and sheltered picnic areas (for a few people up to a large group), with tables, grills and scenery provided. In the Crabtree Creek section, 40 picnic tables can be found under the trees; and in Reedy Creek, 25 tables. The park also provides drinking water and restrooms located throughout the park. Parking lots are also scattered throughout for convenience.

The park also offers regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs.

The park is open year-round. Park offices are open 8 a. m. to 5 p.m. daily, with the park closed on Christmas Day.

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12 JAMBBAS RANCH

Cumberland County

by Renee C. Gannon

Looking for a spot where your kids could burn off energy? How about a place that features animals, another kid favorite? Welcome to Jambbas Ranch, located just outside of Fayetteville in the Cedar Creek community.

If you are expecting the flash and detail of the N.C. Zoo in Asheboro, check your expectations on the I-95 exit ramp before making those last few turns to this working ranch. But you will get up close and personal with a wide variety of domestic and exotic animals set in a natural habitat.

James Bass opened his ranch to the public in 1995. When the weather is sunny and warm, he says about 200 people on average visit the ranch daily. But even in the winter, visitors trickle in at about 10-15 a day. The animals are out and about when it's warm though, giving visitors quite a show. When it's cold, they tend to stay tucked in.

TALK TO THE ANIMALS

The visit starts at the welcome center, a rustic-looking building that reminds you of a long-lost general store. Splurge an extra \$1 for a bucket of bread to feed the animals. Most

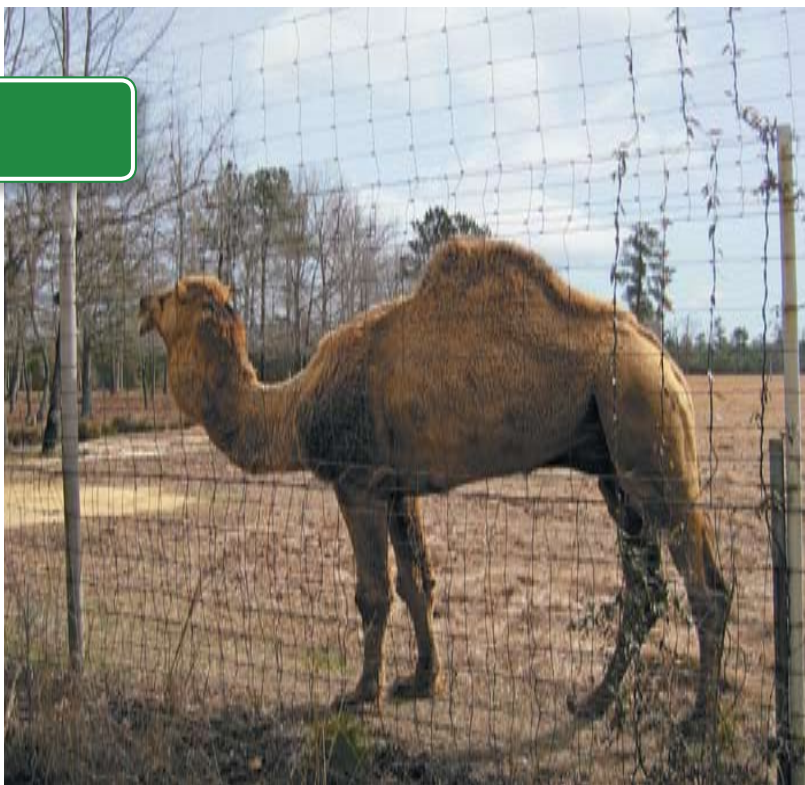


Buffalo, elk and llamas stroll up to the fence for a better view.

come up to the fence for a bite to eat and a personal visit. To stay safe, the ranch management recommends that you feed the sheep, goats and llamas with a flat hand, and throw the bread through or over the fence with all other animals. And do not feed the raccoon or alligator.

At the start of the tour, Charlie the llama will greet you first outside the ostrich and white tail deer area. He roams the ranch in a carefree style and doesn't bother visitors.

The walking tour of the entire ranch averages 1.5 hours, but with so many trails and nature areas to explore, a 3-hour visit is not uncommon. The trails are hard-packed dirt roads that follow a circle from the welcome center to the Cape Fear River that borders the ranch,



Throughout the Jambbas Ranch, visitors can talk to the animals, such as this camel.

and back to the welcome center, with Alligator Lane bisecting the middle.

Fenced-in areas hold exotic animals such as buffalo, llamas, an alligator, elk, deer, a camel, and an ostrich, as well as the typical ranch animals such as cows, mules, chickens, rabbits, sheep, goats, ducks and turkeys. The newest addition is Ben the bear, who is located just behind the welcome center.

BACK TO NATURE

The ranch also features plenty of rest stops along the trail. Benches are scattered throughout and two picnic areas with covered shelters are located near the river: Fort Leisure and Fort Rest. Many visitors pack a lunch for a picnic on the ranch, taking time to rest and enjoy the scenic views.

A nature walk could include traversing a 203-foot swinging bridge over a ravine or crossing a creek via a wooden covered bridge. With plenty of wooded areas, the ranch offers more than just a peek at animal life.

Jambbas Ranch is open year-round, Monday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$6 for an adult and \$4 for youth. Group rates are available.



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(919) 266-4603/(919) 217-2220
www.knightdalechamber.org
www.ci.knightdale.nc.us

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

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

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

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

Morrisville
(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
and Aberdeen Area CVB**
(800) 346-5362
www.homeofgolf.com

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

Raeford-Hoke
(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

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project
(704) 422-3215
www.lakesproject.org

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) 649-5998
www.whitevillenc.com

Coast Host
Information on attractions and
accommodations
www.coasthost-nc.com

Duplin County Marketing
(800) 755-1755/(910) 296-2181
www.duplintourism.org

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

Fair Bluff
(910) 649-5998
www.fairbluff.com

Faison
(910) 267-2721

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

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

Greater Jacksonville-Onslow
(910) 347-3141
www.jacksonvilleonline.org
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Kenansville Area
(910) 296-2180

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

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

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

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

Mt. Olive Area Chamber

(919) 658-3113
www.moachamber.com
www.ncpicklefest.org

Nash County Visitors Bureau

(800) 849-6825
www.RockyMountTravel.com

NC Ferries

(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

Onslow County Tourism

(800) 932-2144
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Pender County

(Burgaw)
(910) 259-1536/(800) 576-4756
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

Tabor City

(910) 653-2031

Greater Topsail Area

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

Wallace

(910) 285-4044
www.wallacechamber.com

Warsaw

(910) 293-7814
www.warsawnorthcarolina.com
www.townorwarsawnc.com

Wayne County Chamber

(919) 734-2241
www.waynecountychamber.com

Greater Whiteville

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

Wilson Visitors Bureau

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

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) 473-2138

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 and 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

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

Duck

(252) 255-1234
www.townofduck.com

Elizabeth City Area CVB

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

Farmville Chamber

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

Gates County Manager

(252) 357-1240
www.albemarle-nc.com/gates/
G-O-E/county.htm

Greenville/Pitt County CVB

(800) 537-5564
www.visitgreenvillenc.com

Havelock

(252) 447-1101
www.havelockchamber.net

Halifax County Tourism

(800) 522-4282
www.visithalifax.com

Historic Albemarle Tour

(800) 734-1117
www.historicnenc.com

Historic Bath Visitor Center

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

Hyde County Chamber

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

Kill Devil Hills

(252) 449-5302
www.kdhnc.com

Kitty Hawk

(252) 261-3552
www.townofkittyhawk.org

Lake Gaston Chamber and 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
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) 537-9836
www.visitnc.com

NC Welcome Center

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

Nags Head

(252) 441-5508
www.townofnagshead.net

New Bern/Craven County Convention and Visitor Center

(800) 437-5767
www.visitnewbern.com

Ocracoke NPS Visitor Center

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

Outer Banks Chamber

(252) 441-8144
www.outerbankschamber.com

Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island

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

Pamlico County Visitor Center

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

Perquimans County Visitors Center

(252) 426-5657
www.perquimans.com

Roanoke Valley Chamber

(252) 537-3513
www.rvchamber.com

Rocky Mount

(252) 972-1542
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us

Scotland Neck

(252) 826-3152
www.townofscotlandneck.com

Southern Shores

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

Swansboro

(910) 326-1174
www.tourswansboro.com

Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber

(252) 641-4200
www.tarboro-nc.com

Greater Tyrrell County Chamber

(252) 796-1996
www.visittyrellcounty.com

Washington County Tourism

(252) 793-3248
www.visitwashingtoncountync.com

Washington/Beaufort County Visitor Information

(800) 546-0162
www.originalwashington.com

Windsor/Bertie County Chamber

(252) 794-4277
www.windsor-bertie.com