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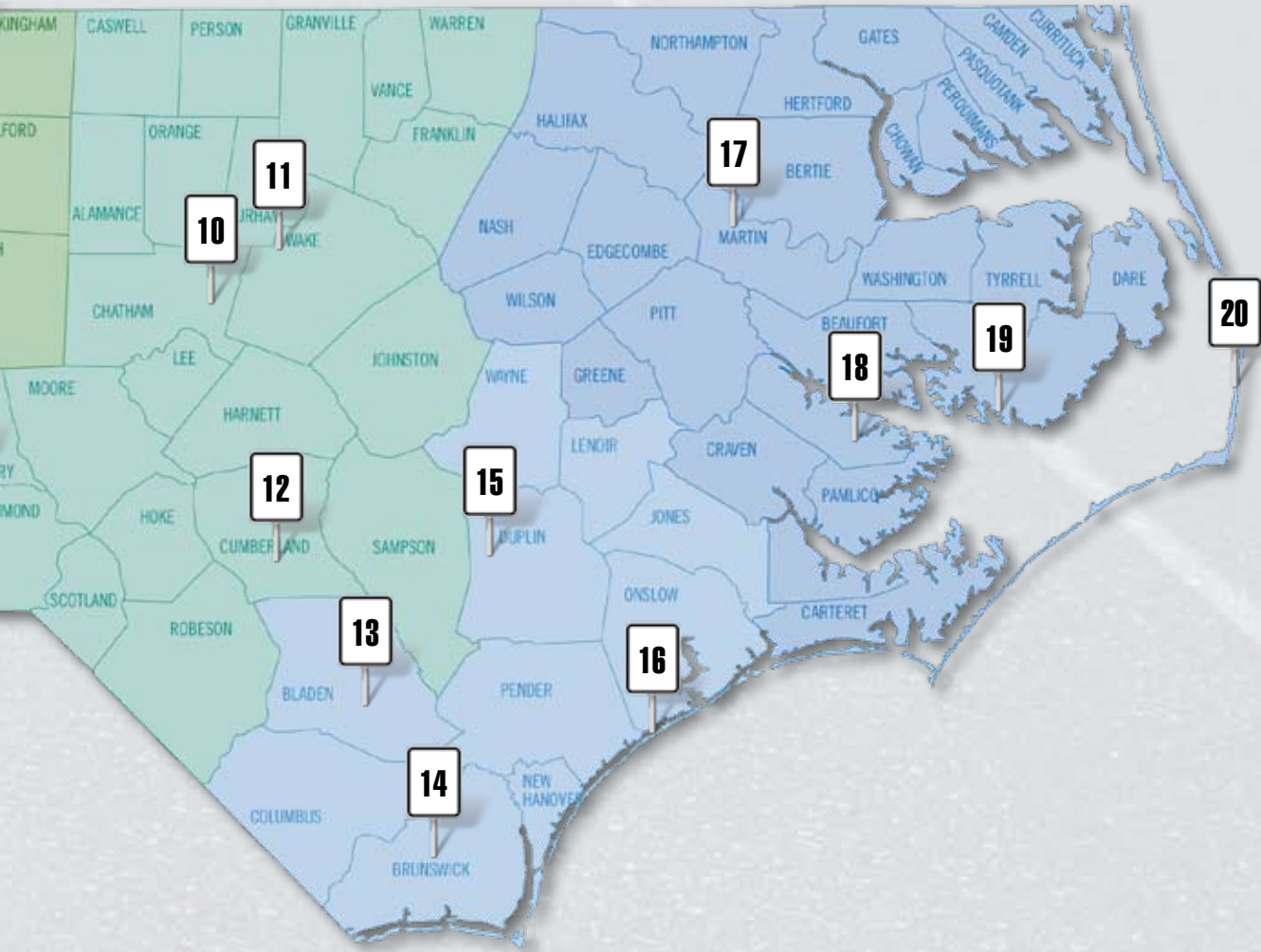
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat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



 Towering peaks, lush valleys and postcard views are just around the bend in this culturally rich region. Old-time music, heritage arts and crafts, quaint inns, Appalachian cooking and pristine hiking trails are among its attractions. (For more information see our travel resources on page 72.)

1 CHEROKEE HERITAGE TRAILS



The Cherokee Heritage Trails wind through the ancestral lands, weaving a tapestry of tales rooted in ancient places, community ties, centuries of history and legends.

2 THE LAND OF WATERFALLS



Look out Niagara. Transylvania County boasts more than 250 gorgeous cascades for your viewing pleasure.

3 ASHE COUNTY'S FARMS



There's more to Ashe County agriculture than Christmas trees. Organic, blueberry and apple farms for starters.

4 LOVE VALLEY



This small, western-themed town serves as a Mecca for horse lovers, offering rodeos and other events, plus trail riding on more than 250 miles of Brushy Mountain foothills.

1 CHEROKEE HERITAGE TRAILS

Cherokee, Graham, Macon and Jackson counties

By Tara Verna

The Cherokee people, Ani-Kituhwa-gi, once ruled the mountains of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, a 140,000-square mile area. Their culture—from storytelling and folk art to legends and sacred places—shaped these areas, molding them with traditions and history. After their forced removal to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears in 1838, a small group remained in their homeland—the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. Today the Cherokee people own about 100 square miles in North Carolina, known as the Qualla Boundary.

But the former territory is far from forgotten. The Cherokee Heritage Trails wind through the ancestral lands, weaving a tapestry of tales rooted in ancient places, community ties, centuries of history and legends. Sites include four North Carolina cities—Cherokee, Robbinsville, Franklin and Murphy—cities chosen by the Cherokee people as integral to their heritage. Here is a glimpse of what you might find when visiting them:

CHEROKEE

Tribal members live and work in Cherokee, balancing daily life with Cherokee traditions. Here, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian serves as the interpretive center for the Cherokee Heritage Trails. For high quality crafts handmade by the Cherokee people, visit the Qualla Arts and Crafts Co-op (828-497-3101). Not far from Cherokee, you'll find Clingman's Dome, a mountain peak held sacred by the Cherokee and associated with legends of dancing bears and a magic lake (828-497-1940). And the annual Cherokee Voices Festival on Saturday, June 9, brings together Cherokee storytellers, dancers, musicians and craftspeople (828-497-3481).

ROBBINSVILLE

In Robbinsville, the Junaluska Museum and Memorial serves as the center for the Cherokee Heritage Trails. Junaluska was a Cherokee leader held in high-esteem by both Cherokees and whites (828-479-4727, www.junaluska.com). Near Robbinsville, it's still possible to walk or drive on the Tatham Gap Trail used on the Trail of Tears (828-479-6431). If you're up for a scenic drive, take the Cherohala Skyway, now completed after 30 years at a cost of more than \$100 million, from Robbinsville to Tellico Plains, Tenn. The 40-mile trip hugs mountain ridges the entire way, offering panoramic vistas at more than a mile high (828-479-6431).



For high quality crafts handmade by the Cherokee people, visit the Qualla Arts and Crafts Co-op (828-497-3101) in Cherokee.

FRANKLIN

The Little Tennessee River and its tributaries once connected the Cherokee Middle Towns. Explore these areas today by walking the banks of the river, canoeing or by taking scenic drives. Stop by the interpretive center at the Scottish Tartans Museum on Main Street in Franklin. This museum focuses on the relationship between the Cherokee and early Scots traders and Scots-Irish settlers (828-524-7472). Also take in Nikwasi Mound in downtown Franklin. Unlike most mounds, it still stands at near original height and is quite possibly thousands of years old (828-524-2516).

MURPHY

In Murphy, also known as the "Leech Place" or Tlanusi-yi of Cherokee lore, the Cherokee County Historical Museum is the interpretive center (828-837-6792). In nearby Brasstown, you'll find the Rivercane Walk along the Little Brasstown Creek at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Exhibit panels discuss the Aquohee community and lives of its Cherokee inhabitants on the eve of the 1838 removal (828-837-2775).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Start by visiting www.cherokeeheritagetrails.org, a site that provides a framework for the "Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook" by Barbara R. Duncan and Brett H. Riggs. Move onto the book which examines seven geographical hubs within the original Cherokee homeland, including the four North Carolina cities mentioned above. It retails for \$16.95 from www.uncpress.unc.edu or call (919) 966-3561. Groups may also consider hiring a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians to serve as a tour guide, trained and certified by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Contact the museum at the number listed below if you are interested in this service.

Museum of the Cherokee Indian
589 Tsali Blvd., P.O. Box 1599
Cherokee, NC 28719

(828) 497-3481
bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org
www.cherokeeheritagetrails.org

2 THE LAND OF WATERFALLS

Transylvania County

By Tara Verna

Plummeting, pouring, cascading, crashing—water falls in Transylvania County. Streams quickly lose altitude here, thanks to the rapidly changing elevation between the high points of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the flat piedmont regions of North and South Carolina. When coupled with the county's rainfall—the highest average rainfall east of the Pacific Northwest—you get an amazing abundance of waterfalls, more than 250 in fact, earning the area its nickname “The Land of Waterfalls.”

A vast number of waterfalls lie within the boundaries of Gorges State Park, DuPont State Forest and the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, which makes them available to the public. Keep in mind that a lot of falls exist on private property.

WHERE TO BEGIN: A FEW FAVORITE FAMILY FALLS

If you've never chased after waterfalls before, start with the Pisgah Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest. The falls in this area are appropriate for families and children. Here are a few to get you started:

SLIDING ROCK FALLS

Located in Haywood EMC territory, Looking Glass Creek cascades over a 60-foot natural rock slide with a 6–7 foot deep pool at the base. This recreation area is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the slide is monitored by lifeguards and the fee is \$1. Call the Forest Service to learn more (828-877-3350).

MOORE COVE FALLS

Hike an easy, well-marked 0.7 miles to where Moore Cove Creek free falls over a 55-foot recessed ledge. You may want to visit after a heavy rain when the waterfall will be more of a gush than a trickle.

LOOKING GLASS FALLS

One of the best-known falls in this area is Looking Glass Falls, not far from Brevard, just inside the entrance to the Pisgah National Forest. Its popularity may stem from how easy it is to view—just pull over, walk a few steps, and take in the glory of a sheet of water pouring over a wide rock and dropping 65 feet. To get a better look, wander down to Looking Glass Creek. As you make your way, keep an eye out for Looking Glass Rock, a massive slab of stone towering in the distance that is popular among climbers.

There are many other waterfalls throughout the county that are worth a look, including some of the most



Popular Looking Glass Falls, not far from Brevard, features a 65-foot drop.

popular—411-foot-tall Whitewater Falls, one of the tallest falls in the eastern United States, and Rainbow Falls which received a “10” rating in Kevin Adams' book “North Carolina Waterfalls: a hiking and photography guide.”

WATERFALL SAFETY

Mark Moore, a captain with the Brevard Rescue Squad in Transylvania County, said that emergency workers there respond to about a half dozen waterfall accidents a year. Use common sense around the falls and keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Stay on developed trails. Don't stray from observation decks and platforms.
- Watch your footing. Dry rocks can be slippery when they are covered with algae.
- Do not lean over the top of a waterfall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Stop by the Ranger Office in Brevard (828-877-3265). You can purchase a trail map (or purchase at www.ngmapstore.com), books, postcards and more. Consider buying the Kevin Adams book mentioned above. You can also find lots of information on the Web—visit www.ncwaterfalls.com for starters.

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35 West Main St.
Brevard NC 28712
(800) 648-4523
waterfalls@citcom.net
www.visitwaterfalls.com

3 ASHE COUNTY'S FARMS TOUR

Ashe County

By Tara Verna

Traditionally an agriculture and manufacturing economy, the industrial make-up of Ashe County is rapidly changing. Today, industry is dominated by the electronics and automotive industries. But agriculture continues to play a vital role and in 2003 brought more than \$45 million in revenue to the county. Most of this income comes from the thriving Christmas tree industry that boasts more than 9.8 million trees, making Ashe County the largest producer in North Carolina and second in the nation. But you can find all kinds of farms in Ashe County—organic farms, apple farms, blueberry farms. So if you're in the mood to get back to basics, support the following local farms by paying them a visit (call first) or by purchasing their products.

ZYDECO MOON FARM

One of only two certified organic farms in Ashe County, 61-acre Zydeco Moon Farm provides fresh produce from May through October including sugar snap and snow peas, romaine lettuce, beets, spinach, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, leeks, tomatoes, bell peppers and squash. Purchase these vegetables at the Boone Farmer's Market. You can also visit the farm for a tour or rent one of its two log cabins—but please call first.

2220 Big Helton Rd., Grassy Creek, NC 28631, (336) 384-2546
info@zydecomoon.com, <http://zydecomoonfarm.com>

ROSE MOUNTAIN FARM

This 29-acre farm raises chickens, turkeys, goats, pigs, horses and vegetables, plus produces apple cider vinegar and other canned goods. Their organic gardening practices will be USDA certified by June 2007. Find Rose Mountain Farm products at various local farmers markets in season. You can also order eggs, chickens, shiitake mushrooms and more online, and special orders can be taken for free-range whole hog sausage and uncured whole ham shoulders and loins. For the first time, the farm is offering CSA (community supported agriculture) shares—check the Web site for availability and details.

P.O. Box 225, Lansing, NC 28643, (336) 977-2535
ann@rosemountainfarm.com, <http://rosemountainfarm.com>

BIG HORSE CREEK FARM

This small family-owned and operated orchard and nursery specializes in the collection and propagation of antique and heirloom apple varieties of the Appalachian Mountains as well as others from around the world. More than 300



varieties currently grow on the farm, including Hog Sweet, Carolina Red June, Priestly, Rainbow and Yellow Bellflower. If you'd like to plant your own apple tree, you can order a custom-grafted apple tree by March 1 for \$18 plus shipping, and then receive a one-year-old tree in the fall. The farm is open for tours May through October by appointment only. Guided tours are available for a small fee.

P.O. Box 70, Lansing, NC 28643, (336) 384-1134
Oldapple@bighorsecreekfarm.com, <http://bighorsecreekfarm.com>

OLD ORCHARD CREEK FARM

This working blueberry farm nestled in a high altitude, secluded valley is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. From approximately July through mid-August, you can pick juicy, sweet blueberries. Bring a picnic and make a day of it. The farm also offers pick-your-own apples in season as well as rental cottages.

410 Swansie Shepherd Rd., Lansing, NC 28643, (336) 384-2774
www.oldorchardcreek.com

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

Tree farms abound in Ashe County. Here are a few listings to get you started:

(336) 982-9462
www.shatleyfarms.com

(336) 846-2976
www.cardinaltreefarm.com

(336) 246-7422
www.furchesevergreens.com

(336) 846-9627
www.hudlertrees.com

(336) 982-9754
www.mistletoemeadows.com

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4 LOVE VALLEY

Iredell County

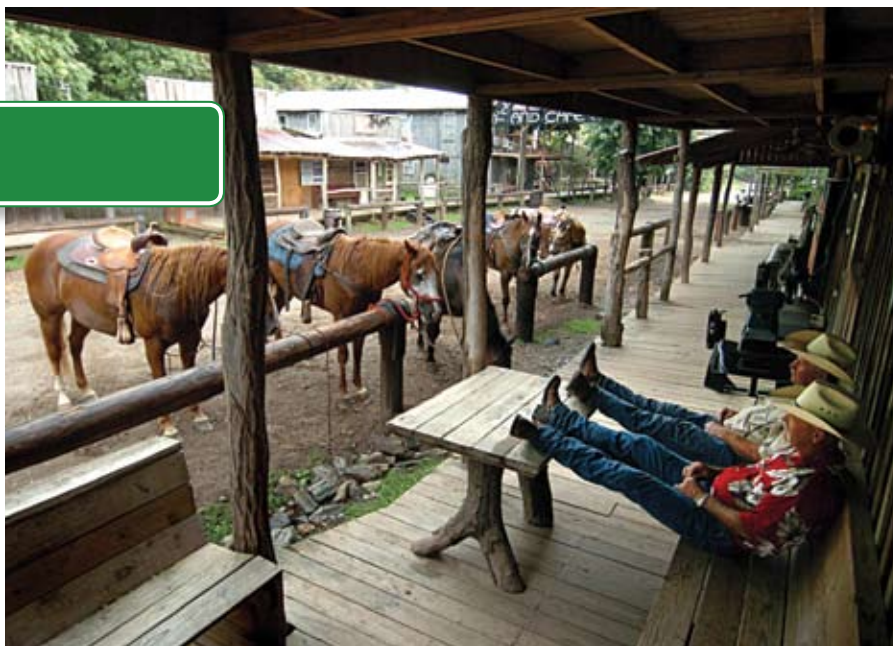
By Tara Verna

NORTH CAROLINA'S COWBOY CAPITAL

Love of horses, love of cowboys, love of the Old West—that's what Love Valley is made of. But when it comes to cars, there's no love lost. Park your vehicle at the entry gate since only hooves and boots are allowed to trod the dirt-packed downtown street of this town.

Located in the Brushy Mountains of Iredell County, 17 miles northwest of Statesville, Love Valley once existed only in the mind's eye of its eventual founder and mayor Andy Barker. Even as a fourth grader, Barker knew that he wanted to build a western town. Unlike most aspiring cowboys however, Barker followed through on his childhood dream. In 1954 the 29-year-old left a thriving construction business in Charlotte to purchase 369 rural acres and build his western-themed town. He began by building a church, Love Valley Presbyterian, which overlooks the entire town. Today you'll find a number of shops and restaurants including a general store, saloon, an old jail, blacksmith and a tack shop. Hitching posts and boardwalks line both sides of Love Valley's two blocks. And though it may seem like you're apt to run into John Wayne, you're more likely to run into 82-year-old Andy Barker, wheeling and dealing at his hardware store.

Though only 117 or so folks live permanently in Love Valley, ranked the smallest town in North Carolina in the 2000 census, the town comes alive on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays when visitors arrive. They come as spectators for various events at the Love Valley Arena, as riders on Brushy Mountain trails, and as horse lovers to talk shop with other kindred spirits.



Rest your weary bones after a long trail ride and soak up the laid-back atmosphere of Love Valley's rustic downtown.

FOR SPECTATORS

If you're considering a visit to Love Valley, check out the calendar for the Love Valley Arena at www.lovevalley.com. Choose from more than a dozen rodeo events, including the second year of IPRA/SRA Professional Rodeo at the "Kick Up Your Heels for Hospice" on August 17–18, starting at 8 p.m. Last year's event attracted more than 1,200 visitors from as far away as Oklahoma and raised more than \$5,000 for the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. The event features pro rodeo champions as well as local cowboys. In addition to rodeo-type events, consider attending Love Valley's Independence Day parade, bluegrass festival or chili cook-off.

FOR RIDERS

More than 250 miles of trails wind their way through the foothills of the Brushy Mountains around Love Valley. Trails range in difficulty from wide dirt or gravel roads to steep mountain climbs. If it's your first time, consider hiring a guide from one of the area stables or ask the staff to help you plan your trip. The dirt and clay trails are not well marked, a number of trails may be muddy, and some are narrow and rocky.

Love Valley accommodations range from campgrounds to bed and breakfasts. And if you're lacking a trusty steed, you can rent a horse from one of the stables in town.

Businesses are open Friday afternoon–Sunday afternoon only. Trails, horse rentals and campgrounds remain open seven days a week, except in deer season when trails are closed Monday–Friday.

To learn more, pick up the book "Love Valley: An American Utopia" by Conrad Ostwalt (\$16.95).

Love Valley Arena

120 McCarran Trail
Love Valley, NC 28625

(704) 592-2299
lovevalleynance@aol.com
www.lovevalley.com



Junior SRA rodeo events at the Love Valley Arena feature children performing barrel racing, pole bending, bull riding and more.



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www.andrewschambercommerce.com

Ashe County Chamber

(888) 343-2743
www.ashechamber.com

Asheville CVB

(828) 258-6101
www.exploreasheville.com

Avery/Banner Elk

(800) 972-2183
www.balconyoftheblueridge.com

Beech Mountain Chamber

(800) 468-5506
www.beechmtn.com

Black Mountain

(800) 669-2301
www.exploreblackmountain.com

Blowing Rock

(877) 750-INFO
www.blowingrock.com

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469-mile scenic highway
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www.franklin-chamber.com

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www.glendalesprings.com

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(828) 456-3021/(877) 456-3073
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(800) 509-2444/(828) 322-1335
www.hickorymetro.com

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(828) 625-2725
www.hickorynut.org

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Travel and accommodations information
(800) 438-7500
www.mountainsofnc.com

Highlands Chamber & Visitors Center

(828) 526-2114
www.highlandschamber.org

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(800) 962-1911
www.mountainlovers.com

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www.clevelandchamber.org

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www.racecityusa.org
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Belmont
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Bessemer City Area
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www.bessemercity.com

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www.cabarruscvb.com

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www.charlottechamber.org

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(704) 435-3451
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www.welcometnc.com

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(704) 864-2621
www.gastonchamber.com

Gaston County Travel & Tourism
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www.greensboro.org

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(800) 344-2282
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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
(828) 524-3161/(866) 372-5546
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
(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.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.richmondcountychamber.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.brunswickcountychamber.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.visittyrrellcounty.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