

ACCESS North Carolina



A Vacation and Travel Guide for People with Disabilities

How to Use *ACCESS North Carolina*

ACCESS North Carolina uses a mix of text and icons to present basic tourist site accessibility information.

Icons allow you to tell at a glance if a site is accessible, partially accessible or not accessible for a person with a specific type of disability. Those icons look like this:

-  Accessible: The site provides substantial accessibility.
-  Partially Accessible: The site provides some accessibility.
-  Not Accessible: The site provides limited accessibility.
-  Thumbs Up: This points out a good practice that the site does.

The North Carolina State Building Code Accessibility Code, the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, tourist site accessibility survey responses and observations from site visits were used to determine accessibility ratings.

Cover Photo Descriptions

Top left: **Ruben Leon** and **Martina Moore-Reid** visit the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro.

Top right: **Davis Teitelbaum** enjoys the accessible playground at Marsh Creek Park in Raleigh.

Bottom left: **Ellen Rubin** feels the shape of the head of a hammerhead shark model at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Bottom right: **Jennifer Bailey** observes animals at Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury.

Center: **Brittany Eggers** pushes **Tammy Perkins** across the Mile High Swinging Bridge at Grandfather Mountain in Linville.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to North Carolina. This guidebook contains a wealth of information designed to help enhance your travel experience as you make plans to journey across our amazing state. You might also learn more about travel in our state by visiting us at visitnc.com.

North Carolina's natural scenic beauty, rich history and culture, vibrant cities, quaint small towns, and central East Coast location make it an ideal travel destination. The abundance of direct air access into the state from national and international destinations around the globe has helped to position North Carolina as a preferred international travel destination.

The "Tar Heel State" offers diverse and beautiful geography – with the highest mountains in the eastern United States, the rolling foothills of the Piedmont, and 300 miles of pristine coastline. We offer opportunities to indulge in some of our state's richest traditions, to taste some of our unique foods, and to visit places that have made North Carolina a popular location for the motion picture industry.

Whether you choose to visit one of our more than 100 wineries, participate in one of our festivals or special events, or join us for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War that continues through 2015, we're sure you will enjoy your visit to North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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Dear Fellow North Carolinians and Visitors to the Tar Heel State:

Whether you live in or outside North Carolina, exciting vacation opportunities abound here!

Stretching from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean, our state offers a rich cultural heritage and unmatched beauty. If you, a family member or friend has a disability, I urge you to take advantage of our many accessible tourist attractions.

- Enjoy the breathtaking views from Grandfather Mountain's Mile High Swinging Bridge. It's now accessible to visitors with mobility challenges.
- Feel the fish and hear how they survive at the new Fintastic! tactile, talking exhibit at Pine Knoll Shores' North Carolina Aquarium.
- See the original lunch counter where a sixties sit-in helped launch the civil rights movement, and watch a captioned re-creation of the historic event at Greensboro's International Civil Rights Center and Museum.
- Set out on a scavenger hunt along the Adventure Zone trail at the Cradle of Forestry's Forest Discovery Center in Pisgah National Forest.

These are just a few examples of North Carolina's many accessible offerings. We hope this book will serve as a gateway through which you can experience our beautiful state and create memories that last a lifetime.

Sincerely,


Linda Harrington
Director



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“What I See When I Open My Eyes”

**By Davian Robinson
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When I open my eyes wide I want to cry.

When I open my eyes to look up at the beautiful blue sky I want to cry.

When I open my eyes I see the sunset over the beautiful smoky mountain
tops of the Carolinas.

But I wonder why when I open my eyes I cry.

My cries are from the beauty that surrounds me.

As I walk through the mountains of the Uwharries

I open my eyes to see the beautiful maple trees all around me.

I see and hear the beautiful bluebirds nestled high in the big oak tree.

When I open my eyes I cry in astonishment,
As I stand in front of the slopes of Raven Rock.

I hear echos of the sounds around me.

But then I close my eyes once more,
And I sit on the shores of the beautiful Outer
Banks.

Looking out over the blue ocean waters I see the Cape Hatteras
Lighthouse.

When I open my eyes I'm walking down the streets of Old Salem.

As I stand staring history right in the face I want to cry.

When I close my eyes tightly I'm flying over Kitty Hawk with the Wright
brothers by my side.

But when I open my eyes I want to cry.

I awake from a dream that makes me realize why I cry
when I open my eyes.

It's not that I'm so cool or feel like a fool.

The beauty of the nature mesmerizes me.

When I open my eyes,

I see the beautiful pines blowing in the wind.

This is why I cry when I open my eyes wide.

Information about the Accessibility Ratings

The text contains general information about each tourist site and specific information about:

- Parking
- Types of paths
- Entrances
- Restrooms
- Water fountains, elevators and public telephones (if available).

For entrances that have both a ramp and steps, *ACCESS North Carolina* will state that the entrance has a ramp. If the ramp is in a different location than the main entrance, *ACCESS North Carolina* will note this wherever possible.

“Easy to open” generally means that doors require a maximum of 8.5 pounds of force to open. A note will indicate any sites that have automatic doors.

For restroom an accessible restroom means the following elements are present:

1. A stall at least five feet wide and five feet long
2. A toilet seat height 17 to 19 inches above the floor
3. Grab bars in the stall
4. A sink no more than three feet high with at least 29 inches of knee clearance, at least nine inches of toe space and a pipe covering
5. Restrooms accessories such as the soap and paper towel dispensers are no higher than four feet above the floor
6. The bottom of the mirror is no higher than 40 inches above the floor.

Each listing also describes the type of sink faucet controls. Automatic (motion sensor) and lever faucets tend to be the most accessible type for a person with a physical disability who may have a closed fist. Push button can be accessible depending on the amount of force required, and turn knob tends to be the least accessible type because it requires fine grasping with the fingers.

Each listing rates how accessible the tourist site is for visitors with physical/mobility disabilities. Where applicable, the listing rates how accessible the tourist site is for visitors who are Deaf and hard of hearing, visitors with vision loss, visitors with cognitive/intellectual disabilities and visitors with other types of disabilities. Each listing also provides other important information relevant to accessibility or planning a visit.

A Note about Highways

Highways listed in this book will indicate N.C. if it is a North Carolina highway (example: N.C. 12) and U.S. if it is a U.S. Highway (example: U.S. 421).

A Note about City and County Parks

This book lists some accessible city and county parks such as Durham parks and Wake County parks. However, other cities and counties in this state may have accessible parks. Please check the particular city's or county's web site to find more information about its parks or call to inquire about each park's accessibility.

About this Edition

This sixth edition of this travel guide was produced by ACCESS North Carolina, a program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS distributes this travel guide in coordination with the North Carolina Department of Commerce through its Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development.

Purposes

We hope *ACCESS North Carolina* will be useful for planning vacations, weekend getaways, visits to local sites, school field trips, conferences, relocation, health and wellness activities or any type of trip. In addition to benefitting people with disabilities, the information in *ACCESS North Carolina* can also benefit people who are aging and parents with child and infant strollers.

A Note of Thanks

An accessibility survey was mailed to every tourist site listed in this book. The site either responded to the accessibility survey, or the editor and volunteers visited sites to determine their level of accessibility. Special thanks to those sites that provided information. Sites that make accessibility improvements are invited to submit information about the improvements at any time (see contact information on page x).

This edition contains artwork and poetry submitted by North Carolina residents with disabilities. Special thanks to all individuals who submitted artwork or a poem to enhance this edition. The artists and poets whose work was selected for publication are:

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Contact Information

For additional free copies, please call the N.C. Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development at **1-800-VISIT NC**. Or please call the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) at **1-800-689-9090** or **919-733-5924** (TDD: Telecommunicative Device for the Deaf).

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www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs/pdf/ACCESS-NC.pdf.

A text version of *ACCESS North Carolina* is available on-line at
www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs/pdf/ACCESS-NC.txt.

If any of the information in this travel guide needs updating, please contact N.C. DVRS at the above phone numbers, e-mail address, or mailing address, and the information will be forwarded to the appropriate person. Thank you very much. We need your help to improve this travel resource, and we invite you to fill out the survey found on page 467.

Disclaimer

The N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is not responsible for inaccurate or outdated information. Please contact the tourist site directly to verify any information important to you. Because of budget constraints, some state-operated parks and facilities may shift to abbreviated schedules. Please check their web sites or use other listed contact information to verify operating schedules before planning a visit.

A letter and an accessibility survey were mailed to all sites appearing in this book and to all sites appearing in the previous edition of *ACCESS North Carolina*. A follow-up mailing was sent to those sites that did not respond. A site is not obligated to appear in *ACCESS North Carolina* but is welcome to submit accessibility information to appear in a future edition of the book. The decision not to participate is not a reflection on a site's accessibility.

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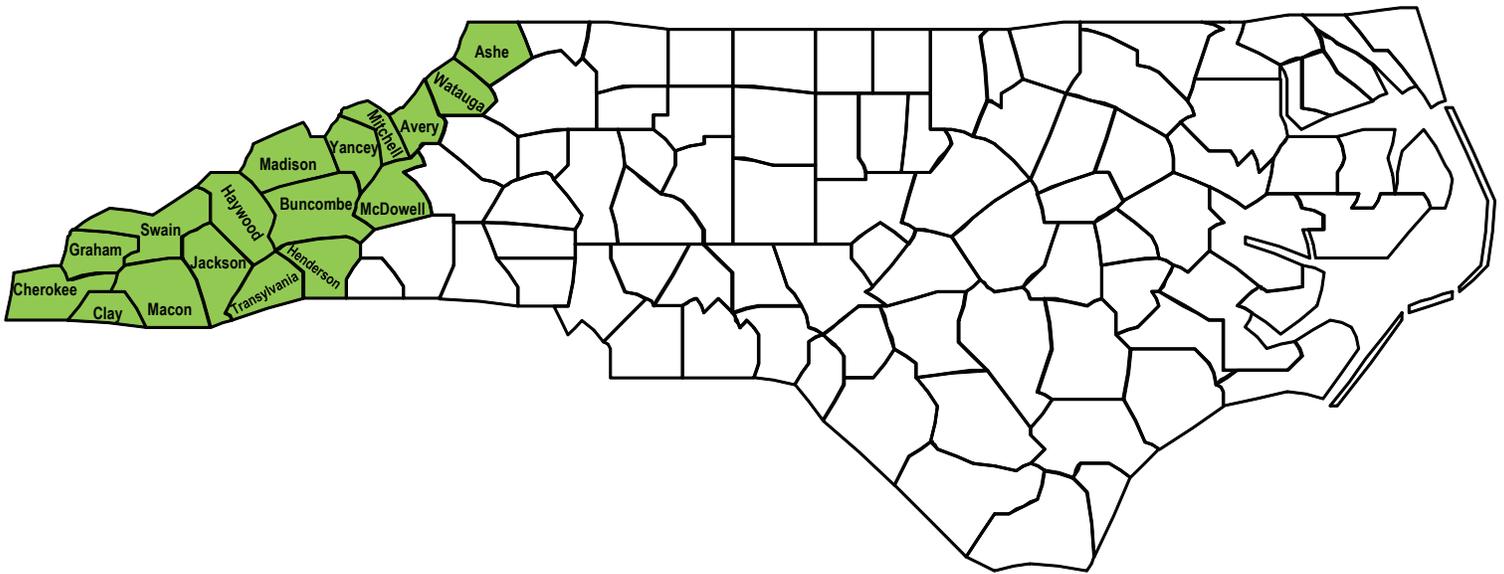
By Verlie Murphy, Painter who is Hard of Hearing
Saluda, N.C.

“Rock Walls”

Climb, climb, slowly
Fall, fall,
Think not weak
Man help boost
Strong, Success!

By Keny’A Adams
Shelby, N.C.

Student at the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton



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Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Appalachian Trail Park Office
P.O. Box 50
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Location: The trail runs along the Appalachian Mountains from Maine to Georgia. In Western North Carolina, the trail crosses the Pisgah and Nantahala Forests and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Open: All year.

Phone: 304-535-6331 or 304-535-2200

Web Site: www.appalachiantrail.org or www.nps.gov/appa

Cost: Free.

The Appalachian Trail is a 2,175-mile long public footpath. Conceived in 1921 and completed in 1937, private citizens built the trail and thousands volunteer to maintain its footprint each year. From Maine's Mount Katahdin and Georgia's Springer Mountain, this footpath traverses scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild and culturally resonant lands through 14 of the eastern United States. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is the primary source of and clearinghouse for information about the trail. Approximately 165,000 two-inch by six-inch vertical white paint blazes mark the trail, and signs provide information. A double blaze, one above the other, is placed before turns, junctions or other areas that require hikers to be alert.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The trail is steep in many places, no more than 18 inches wide in others and is maintained only for foot traffic. The National Park Service's web site states that hikers with a range of mobility limitations have enjoyed the trail.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The National Park Service's web site states that hikers who are Deaf and hard of hearing have enjoyed the trail. Approximately 165,000 white paint blazes mark the trail, and signs provide information.

 **Vision Loss:** The National Park Service's web site states that hikers with vision loss have enjoyed the trail. Signs along the trail contain all capital letters and good contrast white paint on a brown background.

Blue Ridge Parkway

199 Hemphill Knob Road
Asheville, NC 28803-8606

Location: The Parkway winds through Alleghany, Ashe, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood and Jackson counties.

Open: Most facilities are open May - October. Some sections are closed during winter owing to ice and snow. For road information, call 828-298-0398.

Phone: Recorded information: 828-298-0398

Headquarters: 828-271-4779

TTY: 828-298-0358

E-mail: blri_superintendent@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/blri or www.reservation.gov

Cost: There are fees for camping and some activities.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is one of the most visited members of America's National Park System. A drive down the Parkway provides stunning, long-range vistas and close-up looks at the natural and cultural history of the southern Appalachian Mountains. It is designated as a drive-awhile and stop-awhile experience. Reservations can be made for portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway campgrounds online at www.recreation.gov.

Some Sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway

Asheville Visitor Center

Location: Milepost 384.7; one mile north of the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway and U.S. 74A.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Cost: Free.

The Asheville Visitor Center showcases the Blue Ridge Parkway and all of Western North Carolina and includes exhibits with large print, book and gift sales, and a movie theater presenting the movie "America's Favorite Drive," which is captioned. A short, non-accessible loop trail is available for kids of all ages. The center has six accessible parking spaces, RV and bus parking, several accessible picnic tables, an elevator, an accessible water fountain and accessible restrooms with automatic sinks. Staff are available to assist visitors with vision loss.

Crabtree Meadows

Location: Milepost 339.5

Open: May - October.

Cost: Fee for camping.

Crabtree Falls features a picnic area, two accessible campsites and many miles of hiking trails. Two 12-foot wide parking spaces in the picnic area share a five-foot aisle. From the parking lot, a four-foot wide asphalt path, which does not exceed a grade of 1:12, leads to two accessible picnic sites with tables and grills. A five-foot wide asphalt path leads to two accessible picnic sites with tables and grills. A five-foot wide asphalt path leads to the comfort station. The comfort station has 36-inch by 50-inch stalls with grab bars. Accessible campsites are primarily level. Campsite restroom stall doors are 32 inches wide. The hike down to Crabtree Falls is quite steep, and hikers should prepare for a strenuous climb. The campstore and gift shop are wheelchair accessible, but restrooms at the store are not accessible.

Craggy Gardens

Location: Milepost 364.6

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

June and July are the months to visit this spectacular showplace of Catawba rhododendron and other late-blooming wildflowers. There are no designated parking spaces at the visitor center. The entrance and first floor are accessible. The visitor center restrooms are not accessible. The picnic area has three parking spaces designated for visitors with disabilities. All three are about 10 feet wide with no access aisles. Two accessible picnic tables are along a three-foot-wide asphalt path from the parking lot. Both tables are located within 170 feet of the comfort station. Restrooms in the picnic area have 52-inch by 58-inch stalls.

Cumberland Knob

Location: Milepost 217.5

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

Construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway began at Cumberland Knob in 1935. This first recreation area that opened to the public is still a favorite destination for visitors. Located near the North Carolina-Virginia state line, the mixture of lush woodlands and open fields is home to a variety of birds and other wildlife. Two marked parking spaces are adjacent to the comfort station. An eight-foot wide asphalt path (slope less than 1:20) leads to the comfort station. The two parking spaces are near an accessible picnic pad. Accessible tables have the international accessibility symbol painted on top of them. Hiking trails are steep. Asphalt paths lead from the picnic area to the comfort station. Comfort station stalls are 40 inches by 56 inches with grab bars on each side.

Doughton Park

Location: Milepost 241.1

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

Doughton Park is a prime spot along the Parkway to view white-tailed deer, raccoons, red and grey foxes and bobcats. The flame azalea and rhododendron bloom in the late spring. There are no accessible parking spaces in a parking lot adjacent to Brinegar Cabin, and the sidewalk has no curb cuts. Brinegar Cabin is not accessible; it has two levels with steps leading to the lower level. The park has steep inclines and many barriers. The camping area has a smooth and level paved lot, but campground restrooms are difficult to get to and enter. Observation points allow visitors to take in the view from their personal vehicle.

Julian Price Memorial Park

Location: Milepost 297

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

The largest campground and one of the more popular picnic areas along the Parkway are located here. Interpretive programs, fishing, boat rentals and an extensive trail system are also available at this popular destination. The park has an attractive campground for tents and mobile pop-up trailers, large picnic area, fishing at Price Lake, hiking trails and an amphitheater. One sign designates two 12-foot wide parking spaces at the park entrance. Two camping trailer spaces in camping loop "A" are accessible. One accessible tent space is located in camping loop "C" near restrooms. Restroom stalls in camping loops "A" and "C" have enough room for front transfer from wheelchairs. The Price Lake Overlook has an accessible deck over the lake. A paved walkway leads to the amphitheater, which has accessible seating. Some trails are designed for people with mobility disabilities; others have rough terrain. Restrooms at picnic areas have 38" by 48" toilet stalls.

Linn Cove Viaduct

Location: Milepost 304

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

Hugging the face of Grandfather Mountain is the Linn Cove Viaduct. The last section of the Parkway completed is an engineering marvel. An accessible, paved 800-foot trail leads to a beautiful view of the viaduct from underneath. The paved parking area has two accessible spaces. A visitor center is located near the parking lot and hiking trail. The entrance to the single-level center is accessible, as is the interior. The visitor center restroom stalls are three feet wide. One lockable family restroom is available.

Linville Falls

Location: Milepost 316

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

The overlooks to the upper and lower falls are not accessible. But Linville Falls has other things to do. There are two accessible parking spaces in the information center lot adjacent to trails and the falls. The walkway to the accessible information center is firm and smooth. The center has a family restroom. The first loop of the picnic area has designated parking and accessible restrooms. Two accessible campsites are available with nearby accessible parking and accessible restrooms.

Moses H. Cone Memorial Park

Location: Milepost 292.7

Open: May - October.

Cost: Free.

The Moses Cone estate features walking trails, horseback riding, carriage trails, lakes and the Cone Estate, Flat Top Manor. The home features the Parkway's official craft center. Flat Top Manor also serves as an information center for the Parkway. The manor house has accessible parking spaces. The information center, bookstore and arts and crafts sales area on the manor house lower level are accessible. Guided tours of the manor house are available by reservation and require the use of steep stairways. The accessible trail around Bass Lake is a mile-long loop. The trail surface is a mix of hard packed soil and small gravel. It could be tough to travel during and just after wet weather. Other trails and carriage roads have rough and mountainous terrain. Accessible restrooms are available in the Carriage Barn, near the accessible route from the manor house parking and at the Bass Lake parking area.

Mt. Pisgah Campground

Location: Milepost 408.8; 15.2 miles south of the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway and N.C. 191 or three miles north of the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway and U.S. 276.

Open: May - October

Cost: Fee for camping.

The Mt. Pisgah Campground located at 4,900 feet above sea level provides a cool retreat from hot summer days. The campground includes two accessible campsites and an accessible restroom with showers. The accessible paths are paved or compacted gravel.

The Museum of North Carolina Minerals

Location: Milepost 331 just off the Parkway on NC 226.

Route 1, Box 798

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-765-2761

Cost: Free.

The attractive Museum of North Carolina Minerals provides educational exhibits about the geology of the region and the history of mining in the Spruce Pine area and features displays of minerals mined from North Carolina, books, postcards and special information on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Parkway Overlooks with Accessible Picnic Tables

Location: Milepost 423.5 Courthouse Valley Overlook

Milepost 428.5 Beartrap Gap Overlook

Milepost 430.4 Beartrail Ridge Overlook

Milepost 431.0 Haywood-Jackson Overlook

These are south of the intersection of the Parkway and N.C. 215 or north of the intersection of the Parkway and U.S. 74/23 near Waynesville.

Open: The road may be closed in winter owing to the weather.

Cost: Free.

These overlooks provide scenic views of surrounding mountains. Each overlook has one accessible parking space and one accessible picnic table with parking and curb cuts. No restrooms or water is available. The pathways at each overlook are paved.

Southern Highland Folk Art Center

382 Blue Ridge Parkway

Asheville, NC 28805

Location: Milepost 380.1 at the Parkway Visitor Center approximately one half-mile from U.S. 70

Open: Spring, summer and autumn months: daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Winter months: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-298-7928

Web Site: www.southernhighlandguild.org

Cost: Free.

Traditional and contemporary arts and crafts by members of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild are for sale here. The changing exhibitions feature Appalachian folk arts, demonstrations by artisans, interpretive programs and special events. The Robert W. Gray Library, located on the Center's second floor, is open during the same hours as the Center. The library collects, preserves and makes research materials concerning traditional and contemporary crafts available. Library materials are for on-site use only.

Waterrock Knob Visitor Center

Location: Milepost 451.2; between U.S. 23/74 (near Balsam) and U.S. 19 (near Maggie Valley)

Open: May - October: daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: Free.

The Waterrock Knob Visitor Center provides splendid views of the southern Appalachian Mountains and a great place to watch sunsets. The center includes exhibits and books sales. During operating hours, staff are available to provide assistance to visitors with disabilities in the center. The center has three accessible parking spaces and paved paths to a level entrance. Accessible picnic tables and restrooms are available. A major attraction is the non-accessible trail to the summit of Waterrock Knob.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Headquarters
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37778

Oconaluftee Visitor Center
U.S. 441 North
Cherokee, NC 28719

Location: The North Carolina entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park is on U.S. 441 North. The Oconaluftee Visitor Center is two miles north of Cherokee.

Open: All year. Hours of operation vary from season to season. Go to www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm for a list of seasonal hours for each visitor center.

Phone: Recorded information: 865-436-1200

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/grsm

Cost: Free. Fee for camping.

Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park.

The half million-acre national park straddles the states of North Carolina and Tennessee in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Ninety-five percent of the park is forested and elevations range from 875 to 6,643 feet. The average annual rainfall varies from approximately 55 inches in the valleys to over 85 inches on some peaks. Changes in altitude, moisture, and temperature create a range of ecosystems that support a tremendous diversity of life. Culturally, the mountains have had a long human history spanning over 9,000 years – from prehistoric Indians to European settlement in the 1800s. Visitors can see some of the most spectacular mountain vistas and explore the cultural heritage of the Smokies through preserved buildings, scenes and landscapes characteristic of early settlers life.

Auto touring and self-guiding booklets are available for a number of areas in the park. During peak season, ranger-led talks are given at the visitor centers and campgrounds. Activities range from viewing scenery to exploring the intricacies of the forest floor to learning about the resourceful people who made a living from this wilderness.

Sites of Interest in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Cataloochee Group Camp

3576 Ranger Station Road
Waynesville, NC 28786

Location: Take I-40 to Exit 20, 25 miles west of Asheville. Turn right onto Cove Creek road one-tenth mile from I-40. Follow Cove Creek Road to the Park boundary. The road goes from pavement to gravel to pavement. Upon reaching the pavement the second time, turn left. Go 2.5 miles and turn right onto a dirt road after crossing a bridge. Go one mile to group camp gate.

Open: Mid-March - October.

Phone: Recorded information: 865-436-1200; Reservations: 877-444-6777

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: General information: www.nps.gov/grsm
Reservations: www.recreation.gov

Cost: Fee to camp.

Reservations are required for the Cataloochee group camp. At the group camp, there are no showers, no electrical or water hookups and no drinking water. The site has five specially-designed picnic tables and accessible grills along with accessible vault toilets. The group camp is located in Cataloochee Valley, an isolated valley surrounded by mountains. The valley is a short distance from the group camp, where elk are visible during certain parts of the day. Many visitors do a windshield tour of the valley. There is one accessible vault toilet in the valley. The historic buildings are not accessible.

Parking: Parking spaces are not striped, but there are two hardened gravel parking spaces and curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Hardened gravel path from the parking area to the campsite at least four feet wide with slight slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp.

Restrooms: One accessible vault toilet in the group camp and one accessible vault toilet in the valley. Instead of a sink, there is hand sanitizer. There is no mirror.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The campsite itself is accessible to people with mobility disabilities, but areas around the campsite may not be accessible.

Clingmans Dome

No physical address.

Location: From Cherokee travel north on Newfound Gap Road (U.S. 441) 16 miles and turn left on Clingmans Dome Road for seven miles.

Open: April - November.

Phone: Recorded information: 865-436-1200

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/grsm

Cost: Free.

At 6,643 feet, Clingmans Dome is the highest point in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and offers spectacular views of the Smokies. The vantage point from the parking area is good. The parking area contains accessible vault toilets. From there, a steep asphalt-paved trail leads to a visitor contact station/bookstore and sales area and an observation tower. The visitor contact station is 100 yards from the parking area.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and concrete pathways at least four feet wide with slopes. There are five benches along the path up to the observation tower, but they are more than 400 feet apart.

Entrance: A ramp with a grade that exceeds 1:12 leads to the visitor contact station/bookstore. The entrance to the observation tower is level with the pathway, and a ramp winds up to the top of the tower.

Restrooms: Two restrooms have four accessible stalls. Instead of a sink, there is hand sanitizer. There is no mirror.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The observation tower is one-half a mile uphill on a steep slope. The winding ramp to the top of the 45-foot-tall observation tower has a grade exceeding 20 percent, which does not meet ADA standards. The park strongly recommends that visitors with mobility disabilities use a motorized wheelchair or have other assistance to climb the hill and to reach the top of the observation tower.



The observation tower on Clingmans Dome has a ramp to the top.

Deep Creek Group Camp

1912 East Deep Creek Road
Bryson City, NC 28713

Location: From U.S. 74, take Exit 67. The picnic area is three miles north of Bryson City. Once in Bryson City at Everett Street, follow the brown signs with white lettering to Deep Creek.

Open: Mid-March - October.

Phone: Recorded information: 865-436-1200; Reservations: 877-444-6777

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: General information: www.nps.gov/grsm; Reservations: www.recreation.gov

Cost: Fee to camp.

Reservations are required for the Deep Creek group camp, which is located along the creek in an area that is generally level. One of the three group sites is accessible and has a specially-designed picnic table and accessible fire ring and fire grill located on the site. A short distance by car is the Deep Creek Trail. A motorized wheelchair can maneuver the trail which leads to the Toms Branch Waterfalls. The trail to the falls is a wide gravel trail (previously a roadbed).

Parking: Parking spaces are not striped.

Types of Paths: A concrete path at least four feet wide with slight slopes.

Entrance: The entrance to the group camp has no steps.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes.

Deep Creek Picnic Area

There are four picnic sites. Two of the sites are creekside, and two sit along a grassy field. A specially designed picnic table and accessible grill are located on each site that is level. A motorized wheelchair can maneuver the nearby Deep Creek Trail that leads to the Toms Branch Waterfalls. The trail to the falls is a wide gravel trail (previously a roadbed). A motorized wheelchair can travel the short distance (one-tenth of a mile) between the trailhead and picnic area.

Parking: There are five parking spaces that can accommodate a van-sized vehicle.

Types of Paths: A concrete level path at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance to the picnic sites has a ramp.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. The sinks have lever handles.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes.

Mingus Mill

No physical address.

Location: Located off Newfound Gap Road (U.S. 441) 2.5 miles north of Cherokee.

Open: March - November.

Phone: 828-497-1904

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: nps.gov/grsm

Cost: Free.

A miller demonstrates grinding corn into cornmeal and wheat into flour at the historic turbine-powered mill daily during season.

Types of Paths: A paved and packed-gravel trail about 100 yards long makes the mill accessible with assistance.

Entrance: The entrance to the mill has steps.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing: A guide leaflet and loose-leaf binder with photographs are available at the mill to provide information.



Vision Loss: The mill does not have headroom at least 80 inches above the floor, and objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Visitors with vision loss should have another person assist them.

Mountain Farm Museum

1194 Newfound Gap Road
Cherokee, NC 28719

Location: Located off Newfound Gap Road (U.S. 441) two miles north of Cherokee.

Open: All year.

Phone: 828-497-1904

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: General information: www.nps.gov/grsm; Reservations: www.recreation.gov

Cost: Free.

This two-acre open-air museum features historic farm structures relocated from across the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Several buildings on site include a log house, blacksmith shop, springhouse, barns, corn cribs, chicken house, meat house and pig pens. The buildings are viewed by the public from the outside and are accessible over grass and dirt paths. The main house has a ramp to the back porch, where visitors can view the inside of the house.

Parking: Four accessible parking spaces at the visitor center parking area.

Types of Paths: A paved walkway from the visitor center leads to the farm's main pathway which is basically flat with hard-packed gravel and dirt.

Entrance: The main log house has a ramp to the back porch.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom and one family restroom located at the adjacent visitor center. Sink faucets have spring-loaded push handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The Mountain Farm is basically flat and suitable for most wheelchairs, although some visitors with mobility disabilities may need assistance. A wheelchair is available for use.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A self-guiding interpretive booklet is available for a minimal fee.

Oconaluftee Visitor Center

1194 Newfound Gap Road
Cherokee, NC 28719

Location: Inside the park off Newfound Gap Road (U.S. 441), two miles north of Cherokee.

Open: All year except Christmas Day. Hours of operation vary seasonally.
June - August 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; September - October 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
November - April 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; May 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-497-1904

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/grsm

Cost: Free.

The Oconaluftee Visitor Center is at the Park's entrance near Cherokee in North Carolina and is fully accessible. Construction of a new state of the art visitor center is scheduled for completion in 2011. Many earth-friendly materials and renewable resources were used in construction. The exhibits focus on the Park's cultural history from pre-historic native American occupancy through the creation of the national park in 1934. Many of the displays are interactive.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt pavements at least four feet wide with minimal slopes.

Entrance: A ramp leads to the entrance, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom and one family restroom. Sink faucets have spring-loaded push handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The center's information desk, exhibits and bookstore/sales area are all on one level. A wheelchair is available for use.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Two video podcasts are captioned. Another video from the archives is not captioned, but the park will attempt to caption it in the future.

 **Vision Loss:** Audio phones are available to listen to oral history recordings. A section of a topographic map of the Smokies has a tactile feature.

Smokemont Campground

No physical address.

Location: From Cherokee, take Newfound Gap Road (U.S. 441) north six miles. Turn right at the campground sign.

Open: All year.

Phone: 865-436-1200 for Park information; 877-444-6777 for reservations

E-mail: GRSM_Smokies_Information@nps.gov

Web Site: General information: www.nps.gov/grsm; Reservations: www.recreation.gov

Cost: Fee to camp.

Reservations are required between May 15 and October 31; campers do self-registration during other times of the year. The Smokemont campground is one of the larger campgrounds in the Park. The Oconaluftee River runs through the campground. There are no showers or electrical or water hookups.

Parking: Eight campsites have accessible parking areas.

Types of Paths: Concrete or hardened gravel path at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. The sinks have push-in faucets.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: A specially-designed picnic table and accessible grill are located at accessible sites. As stated above, eight campsites have accessible parking, and there are six accessible restrooms. The rating is for the accessible campsites themselves and not for all areas surrounding the campsites.

Vision Loss: Some objects in the restroom protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Asheville Art Museum

2 South Pack Square
Asheville, NC 28801

Location: Inside the Pack Place Education, Arts & Science Center.

From I-240, take Exit 5A for Merrimon Avenue. Turn left at the light on Merrimon Avenue, and the street will become Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway Street toward the Vance Monument.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If Asheville City Schools are closed, the museum will open at noon, weather permitting. Call 828-253-3227 for information regarding closings.

Phone: 828-253-3227

Web Site: www.ashevilleart.org

Cost: Admission fee. Children under age 4 are free.

The Asheville Art Museum annually presents an exciting, inviting and active schedule of exhibitions and public programs based on its permanent collection of 20th and 21st century American art. A visit will also include experience with works significant to Western North Carolina cultural heritage, including Studio Craft, Black Mountain College and Cherokee artists. Special exhibitions feature renowned regional and national artists and explore issues of enduring interest. The museum also offers a wide array of innovative, inspiring and entertaining educational programs for people of all ages.

Parking: The nearby parking deck has marked accessible parking spaces and accessible pathways to the museum. There is also free accessible parking along the street.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks with areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance is level.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Other Disabilities:** The museum does not offer special tours on a regular basis but could work with guests with disabilities to arrange special tours.

Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place

2 South Pack Square
Asheville, NC 28801

Location: Inside the Pack Place Education, Arts & Science Center.

From I-240, take Exit 5A for Merrimon Avenue. Turn left at the light onto Merrimon Avenue, and the street will become Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway Street toward the Vance Monument.

Open: Box Office: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Also, one hour prior to performance curtain time.

Phone: 828-257-4530

Web Site: www.dwtheatre.com

Cost: Varies by event.

In the heart of the Pack Square Cultural District is the city's finest theatre, the Diana Wortham Theatre, an intimate 500-seat theatre inside the Pack Place complex with convenient off-street parking and numerous downtown restaurants within a block. The Theatre offers live performances of music, theatre and dance throughout the year by nationally touring artists (the Mainstage Series) as well as a wide array of performances by professional and avocational regional arts groups.

Parking: A privately operated parking deck adjacent to the Theatre has four marked accessible parking spaces. There is also free accessible parking along the street.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks with areas of rest every 400 feet. The path to the front entrance is at least four feet wide, but the path through the Biltmore Courtyard is narrower than four feet. The topography around the building is sloped.

Entrance: The main entrance on Pack Square is level. The entrance through the Biltmore Courtyard has a ramp.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Row H in the center of the orchestra level contains 13 removable seats that create enough space for 10 wheelchairs. These are sold at the lowest price to a patron who uses a wheelchair or has other special seating needs.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Infrared assistive listening devices are available at no charge through the Pack Place Box Office. The Theatre will provide sign language interpretation with advance notice.

● **Vision Loss:** The Theatre will provide audio description with advance notice. Playbill inserts are available in large print with advance notice.

The Health Adventure

800 Brevard Road, Suite 620
Asheville, NC 28806

P.O. Box 180
Asheville, NC 28802-1080

Location: Inside the Biltmore Square Mall. From I-26, take Exit 33 for Brevard Road and go south one-half mile. Turn left on Ridgefield Road and take the second entrance into the mall. Follow the signs to The Health Adventure.

Open: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-665-2217

Web Site: www.thehealthadventure.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors and children ages 2-16. Children under age 2 are free.

The Health Adventure explores the wonders of the human body and the world around us while encouraging curiosity, creativity and the capacity for individual discovery. The interactive exhibits and curricula emphasize health, biological and physical sciences, technology and the scientific process as well as participation, exploration and fun. As each person perceives the world from a unique vantage point, The Health Adventure believes increasing science literacy enables people to make informed decisions about personal health, scientific advances and career choices. The Health Adventure opened at its new location in November 2011.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces and curb cuts in the mall parking lot.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk surrounds the mall. The interior has a tile floor with matted areas around the activity stations. Benches, regular chairs, and rocking chairs provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level and has mall doors that pull outward.

Restrooms: One male and one female accessible restroom. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Health Adventure is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. However, a few activity stations have steps to climb. Some activity stations have step stools for young children and visitors of short stature.

 **Vision Loss:** Many activities are hands-on but require vision to see the results. Signs have some large print with good contrast. Room signs have Braille. Tactile anatomic models can help visitors with vision loss learn about the human body.

 **Additional Information:** Many instructional signs have both English and Spanish. The Health Adventure offers senior programs such as Tai Chi for Arthritis.

Western North Carolina Nature Center

75 Gashes Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28805

Location: About two miles from I-40 off of N.C. 81.

Open: Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Phone: 828-298-5600

Web Site: www.wildwnc.org
www.wncnaturecenter.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+ and children ages 3-15. Children under age 3 are free.

The Western North Carolina Nature Center is a museum of plants and animals native to the south Appalachian region. Its mission is to increase public awareness and understanding of all aspects of the natural environment of Western North Carolina.

Parking: Numerous accessible parking spaces in Parking Area B.

Types of Paths: Paved pathways at least four feet wide with slopes. The center is located on a hillside.

Entrance: The center has two entrances. One has a ramp and then a flight of stairs. However, the upper entrance is level with Parking Lot B. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Three restrooms. However, there is not a stall at least five feet long by five feet wide. The largest stall is six feet long by 33 inches wide, and it has grab bars. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about Parking Lot B and the two entrances. A wheelchair is available for visitors with mobility disabilities to use.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Descriptive signs available on the grounds provide information.

 **Vision Loss:** The center has a touch table with a variety of items such as skulls, pelts and snake skins.

Biltmore Estate

1 Approach Road
Asheville, NC 28803

Location: Take I-40 to Exit 50. Turn left on Hendersonville Road, turn left on Lodge Street and enter the main gate.

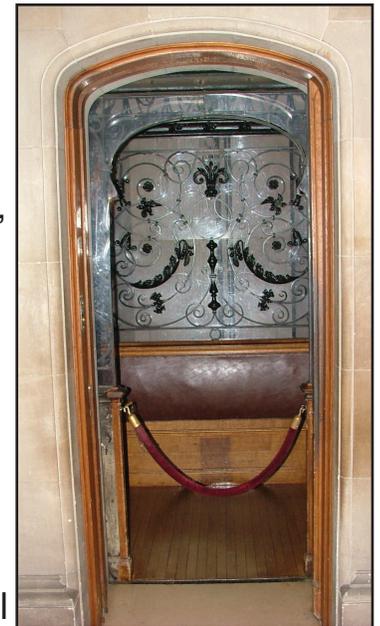
Open: Daily.

Phone: 800-543-2961; Guest Services: 800-411-3812

Web Site: www.biltmore.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for visitors with disabilities who cannot view the entire house.

Biltmore, the vision of George W. Vanderbilt, is home to Biltmore House, century-old gardens, an award-winning Winery, Antler Hill Farm and the four-star Inn on Biltmore Estate. Biltmore House, designed by Richard Morris Hunt and known as America's largest home, is a 250-room French Renaissance chateau, exhibiting the Vanderbilt family's original collection of furnishings, art and antiques. Biltmore Estate encompasses more than 8,000 acres with sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



The elevator in Biltmore House serves visitors with mobility disabilities.

Parking: Numerous marked accessible parking spaces at each facility listed above.

Types of Paths: Paved paths to each facility listed above.

Entrance: The entrance to Biltmore House has two metal ramps for visitors who cannot use the steps. Doors are at least 32 inches wide, and staff open them.

Restrooms: The Visitor Center has accessible restrooms with automatic sinks; however, the mirror is 46 inches above the floor. Two restaurants on the Estate have restrooms with varying degrees of accessibility.

Water Fountain: The Visitor Center has a water fountain no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Biltmore House and Cedric's Tavern in the Antler Hill Village have an elevator. The elevator in the House cannot access the third floor or the basement.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above notes. 10 wheelchairs are available. Shuttles run from Biltmore House parking lots to the front door and from the house to the Conservatory. The second floor rest area has a video of inaccessible rooms.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Neckloop Telecoil Couplers and printed copies of the audio guide are available at Guest Services. Scripts are available for all films. A sign language interpreter is available for all tours. To request a sign language interpreter, call Guest Services at least seven days prior to visiting.

Vision Loss: An audio guide is available on request at Guest Services at no charge for visitors with vision loss. Wall-mounted lights in a fourth floor hallway pose a possible barrier. Restroom signs have Braille.

Smith-McDowell House Museum

283 Victoria Road
Asheville, NC 28801

Location: On the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Follow the signs to A-B Tech College. From I-40, take Exit 50 toward Biltmore Estate and downtown Asheville. Go one-half a mile and stay to the right as the road forks (Biltmore Avenue/Highway 25 North). Proceed one mile and turn left onto Victoria Road at the signal at Mission Hospital's St. Joseph Campus. The museum is located one-half mile down Victoria Road on the right.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

Phone: 828-253-9231

E-mail: smh@wnchistory.org

Web Site: www.wnchistory.org

Cost: Admission fee.

The Smith-McDowell House, built in the early 1840s, is the oldest brick home in the Asheville area. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house has been home to a Civil War major, a Mayor and friends of the Vanderbilt family. The house, including the winter kitchen, rises three stories high, and only one outer building survives. The house hosts many special events and changing exhibits bringing history alive today.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A level flagstone walkway with some gravel at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance has steps, the door is at least 32 inches wide, and staff open the doors for visitors.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The back entrance, adjacent to accessible parking, provides access to the main level of the house without any steps. Only the main level of the house is accessible (stairs to the second level), but all visitors may view a video of the upper levels. The main level includes some period rooms, special exhibit galleries and lecture/programming rooms.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude four to six inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **Other Disabilities:** The web site asks visitors to notify staff if they have any special needs so that staff may assist.

Thomas Wolfe Memorial Home State Historic Site

52 North Market Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Location: Take Exit 5A off of I-240 and follow the signs.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-253-8304

E-mail: contactus@wolfememorial.com

Web Site: www.wolfememorial.com

Cost: Free to visit the Visitor Center. A small fee to tour the house.

The Thomas Wolfe Memorial Home State Historic Site is the boyhood home of writer Thomas Wolfe. His mother operated the house as a boardinghouse called “Old Kentucky Home.” Wolfe immortalized the house as “Dixieland” in his 1929 novel [Look Homeward Angel](#).

Parking: One accessible parking space in front of the Visitor Center.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick paved path at least four feet wide with gentle slopes.

Entrance: The visitor center is level with the ground. The historic house has steps, but a wheelchair lift (pictured) provides access.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender in the visitor center. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high in visitor center.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The wheelchair lift, added during a restoration in 2004, provides access to the historic house.

Only the first floor of the house is accessible (stairs to the second floor).

The web site has a virtual tour of the

rooms in the house. The visitor center is fully wheelchair-accessible.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Printed supplemental handouts are available, including a script of the audio-visual in the visitor center. The audio-visual is not captioned.

Vision Loss: Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall. The audio-visual does not contain audio description.



The wheelchair lift provides access to the home's porch and first floor.

Botanical Gardens at Asheville

151 W.T. Weaver Boulevard
Asheville, NC 28804

Location: At the base of the UNC-Asheville campus, North Asheville, at the intersection of Broadway and W.T. Weaver Boulevard.

Open: Visitor center hours vary by season. Garden open daily during daylight hours. Garden Path Gift Shop open mid-March - mid-December. Closed Thanksgiving.

Phone: 828-252-1211

E-mail: bgardens@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/

Cost: Free. Donations welcome. Fee for guided tours.

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville offers ten acres in a natural setting displaying approximately 600 species of plants native to the Southern Appalachians. A walking trail forming a half-mile loop leads visitors across bridges spanning streams, through meadows and over a woodland ridge to a wildflower cove. An authentic “dog trot” cabin and a spring house demonstrate how our ancestors lived, and a lovely gazebo provides shelter in the midst of the Sunshine Meadow. Along the way, strategically placed picnic benches and tables invite visitors to stop for a picnic lunch or to spend some quiet moments listening to the creeks ripple and the birds sing.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paths are gravel/gravel dust at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide, has large vertical D handles and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the sinks do not have at least 29 inches of knee clearance. Sink faucets have hot/cold rotary knobs with levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, but no TTY available.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: Most paths are wheelchair accessible.

Additional Information: Please do not bring pets, radios or sports equipment – help to preserve the serenity for all guests.

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville offer tours by reservation for groups of five or more. These tours are for adults of any age and student groups of middle school or high school age.

North Carolina Arboretum

100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way
Asheville, NC 28806

Location: Take Exit 33 on I-26, go 1.5 miles south on N.C.191, and the Arboretum entrance is at the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance ramp. Or exit at mile marker 393 on Blue Ridge Parkway.

Open: April - October: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; November - March: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 828-665-2492

Web Site: www.ncarboretum.org

Cost: Parking fee for each passenger vehicle.

The North Carolina Arboretum is an affiliate campus of the University of North Carolina System. The 434-acre site includes 65 acres of cultivated outdoor exhibit space. Hiking and biking trails exist as well as cultivated garden and educational areas such as the acclaimed Bonsai Demonstration Garden. Retail sales areas as well as a seasonal cafe are present.

Parking: 14 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The Arboretum contains a variety of paths, including paved walkways, gravel paths and stone steps. Paths are four feet wide with slopes. Benches along the paths provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The buildings have a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide, but some may be difficult to open.

Restrooms: Ten restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available at the reception desk for visitor use. A map of the Arboretum available on the web site shows which areas are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. Not all paths are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Some plants may protrude into the pathway. Many plants may provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Grove Arcade

One Page Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Location: Take Exit 4C or 4B off of I-240.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-252-7799

Web Site: www.grovearcade.com

Cost: Free.

One of the last shopping arcades constructed in the U.S., the Grove Arcade offers boutique shopping and dining in a downtown architectural wonder. It opened in 1929 as a fine collection of local shops and services, but the federal government took control of the building in 1942 as part of the effort to win World War II. The Arcade was restored and reopened to the public in 2002 and remains a downtown landmark and community resource.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level concrete paths at least four feet wide. Benches and rocking chairs provide areas of rest.

Entrance: Flat with an automatic door opener. One entrance has a revolving door.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Flat, smooth surfaces, an automatic door opener and an elevator provide wheelchair access throughout the Arcade, and benches and rocking chairs provide areas of rest.

Western North Carolina Farmers Market

570 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806

Location: From I-40 and I-26, take the N.C. 191 exit for Brevard Road (Exit 47 off of I-40 and Exit 33 off of I-26). Follow the signs.

Open: Daily. April - October: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; November - March: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-253-1691

Web Site: www.wncfarmersmarket.org

Cost: Free.

The Western North Carolina Farmers Market, operated by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, sits on a 36-acre site overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. The facility has retail and wholesale fresh produce, canned goods, honey, molasses and handmade crafts. The market also has a garden center, a restaurant and a deli.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces at both ends of the retail buildings. However, there are no clear signs indicating the availability of these spaces, and boxes may block the entrance areas. The retail shops have a curb cut, but the landscape center does not.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks with slopes and areas of rest. However, there is not an accessible walkway connecting all of the market areas.

Entrance: Ramps with handrails connect both retail buildings. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push/pull levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about parking areas, curb cuts, and paths between buildings. In each store, not all areas are wide enough for wheelchairs, and some displays do not have openings to allow wheelchairs. Some items in the landscape center are placed high, but staff is available to assist. The wholesale area may be available for drive-up shopping; please call for more information.

 **Vision Loss:** In each store, some items protrude more than four inches.

Mystery Hill/Appalachian Heritage Museum

129 Mystery Hill
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Location: In Watauga County on U.S. 321 between Blowing Rock and Boone.

Open: All year except Christmas Day. June - August: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
September - May: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-263-0507

E-mail: mysteryhillnc@gmail.com

Web Site: www.mysteryhill-nc.com

Cost: Admission fee. Special rate consideration for people with disabilities. Tickets are good all day for all parts of the complex.

This family-oriented entertainment complex features Mystery Platform, Mystery House, the Hall of Mystery, the Native Artifacts Museum and the Appalachian Heritage Museum. Come see where gravity defies the law of nature, watch a ball roll uphill and do other wacky experiments at Mystery Platform, Mystery House and the Hall of Mystery! The Native Artifacts Museum contains more than 50,000 Native American artifacts, including a remarkable collection of arrowheads. The Appalachian Heritage Museum, originally on the campus of Appalachian State University, was the first house in the county to have electricity and running water and now portrays life for middle class mountain families in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel pathways lead through the complex.

Entrance: The entrances have ramps, and doors at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four restrooms (two for each gender). Each restroom has a stall with grab bars, but none are at least five feet by five feet. The sinks are not within three feet of the floor and do not have 29 inches of knee clearance. Restroom accessories are higher than four feet above the floor, and the mirror is higher than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: No water fountain, but cups of water are available upon request.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Gravity in Mystery House causes people's bodies to stand at 45-degree angles instead of upright at 90-degree angles. Visitors with physical disabilities should use caution if they want to experience Mystery House. Mystery Hill recommends that they sit or stand at the door, where they can still see all of the activities in the room and the effect of the downward pull. They can also enjoy visiting the other buildings in the complex. The restrooms are not fully accessible.

Tweetsie Railroad

300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane
Blowing Rock, NC 28605-9787

Location: U.S. 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock.

Open: Early - mid-May: Friday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Late May - late August: daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Late August - October: Friday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-264-9061 or 888-TWEETSIE (toll-free)

E-mail: info@tweetsie.com

Web Site: www.tweetsie.com

Cost: Admission fee for adults and children ages 3-12. Free for children ages 2 and under.

Tweetsie Railroad, North Carolina's first theme park, provides a fun-filled trip back to the days of the Wild West. Visitors enjoy the historic train ride, live entertainment, zoo, chair lift to Miner's Mountain, gem mining and panning for gold. Tweetsie Railroad's centerpiece is Number 12, an historic narrow-gauge, coal-fired steam locomotive.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available next to the front entrance. Parking is free for all visitors except on July 4th.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and packed gravel pathways at least four feet wide. There are some hills.

Entrance: The theme park's entrances have ramps, and the doors at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. The sinks have lever and push handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Sections of the park are on level ground; however, the park is located on mountain terrain, so there are several hills. The Wild West Train Ride and all show venues are wheelchair-accessible. Visitors with physical disabilities may want to consider entering a venue 15 minutes prior to the published show time to allow easier access. Standard wheelchairs are available for rent on a first come, first served basis.

 **Vision Loss:** Some items protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Appalachian Ski Mtn.

940 Ski Mtn. Road
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Location: Take U.S. 321 to Edmisten Road and then straight on Ski Mtn. Road to the parking lot.

Open: Seasonal. November - March 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. or 8 a.m. - midnight during some weekends.

Phone: 828-295-7828

Web Site: www.appskimtn.com

Cost: Depends on the day and the equipment rented.

Appalachian Ski Mtn. is a family fun ski and snowboard resort with North Carolina's only Zamboni-maintained outdoor ice skating arena. A roaring fire in the Lodge's dining room, wireless internet, heated sidewalks, automatic doors, music on the slopes and seatpads on all lift chairs represent a few of the details that visitors enjoy every day.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Snow on slopes. Ski lifts and conveyors provide access to some areas. Paths are at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and are automatic.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. However, the sinks do not provide 29 inches of knee clearance. Sink faucets have single handle lifts.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Lodge has many accessible aspects. Appalachian Ski Mtn. has sit skis and outriggers. French Swiss Ski College operates the slopes and provides instruction for all individuals, including individuals with physical disabilities.



All Disabilities: The Special Olympics are held at Appalachian Ski Mtn. four times annually.

The Blowing Rock

432 Rock Road

P.O. Box 145

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Location: From Boone take U.S. 321 south, and it is just past the Green Park Inn on the right. From Lenoir take U.S. 321, and it is on the left.

Open: Daily March - mid-January. Weekends only mid-January - February. See the web site for specific hours.

Phone: 828-295-7111

E-mail: brockattraction@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.theblowingrock.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+, children ages 4-11 and visitors who use wheelchairs. Children ages 3 and under are free.

The Blowing Rock is North Carolina's oldest tourist attraction, having opened in 1933. An immense cliff 4,000 feet above sea level overhangs Johns River Gorge 3,000 feet below. The rocky walls of the gorge form a flume through which the northwest wind sweeps with such force that it returns light objects cast over the void. The grounds include a small garden waterfall, an observation tower, a nature trail and a snack shop/gift shop/deck.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces in a large gravel parking area.

Types of Paths: Paved and gravel paths at least four feet wide with some gentle slopes. Benches provide areas of rest; however, some require visitors to cross gravel. A short scenic walk has intermittent steep-grade incline/decline portions with views of Grandfather Mountain, Table Rock and Hawksbill. The entire trail is approximately 1,200 feet long.

Entrance: The entrance to the main building has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Restrooms are around the back and down the steps. However, there is one accessible restroom about 100 yards from the main shop. Visitors should ask for it. The stall is at least five feet by five feet but does not have grab bars, and the sink does not have 29 inches of knee clearance or nine inches of toe clearance.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The main building, waterfall, observation tower and snack shop/gift shop/deck are wheelchair-accessible. Some benches require visitors to cross gravel, and the scenic walk/nature trail has some intermittent steep incline/decline portions without handrails. The photo gallery area in the main building is cabinet-style, preventing wheelchairs from rolling under the cabinets to view the photos up close. See the above notes about the restrooms.

Brevard Music Center Summer Institute and Festival

P.O. Box 312
Brevard, NC 28712

Location: One mile west of the center of Brevard, off Probart Street. Follow signs.

Open: Each summer from mid-June - early August. Concerts at various times during the week.

Phone: 828-862-2105 or 888-384-8682 (toll-free)

Web Site: www.brevardmusic.org

Cost: Admission fee for some events; call for information.

Brevard Music Center, in western North Carolina, presents over 80 public concerts throughout its seven-week festival, bringing major orchestral, chamber and operatic repertoire to tens of thousands of listeners each year. In addition to the talented students and faculty, world-class visiting artists have appeared here, including cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinists Joshua Bell and Midori, pianists André Watts and Emanuel Ax, soprano Renée Fleming and mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces with an access aisle and 22 marked spaces without an access aisle.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and concrete paths at least four feet wide with some gentle to moderate slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Six restrooms with grab bars in a stall, sink faucets with levers, restroom accessories no higher than four feet above the floor, and a mirror no higher than 40 inches above the floor. Three have a stall measuring five feet by five feet. Some restrooms have sinks that do not provide at least 29 inches of knee clearance or at least nine inches of knee and toe space below the sink and pipe covering.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes, to provide access to the orchestra pit.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes regarding restroom accessibility and the elevator that provides access to the orchestra pit.

Rush Wray Museum of Yancey County History

3 Academy Street P.O. Box 1088
Burnsville, NC 28714 Burnsville, NC 28714

Location: Take U.S.19 East at Burnsville to the Town Square and then Main Street to Academy Street.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 828-678-9587

Web Site: No web site up at this time, but information and photos available at www.inst.ncecho.org/InstHitList.aspx?qry=InstById&Id=586.

Cost: Admission fee for adults.

The Rush Wray Museum of Yancey County History, built in the 1840s and operated by the Yancey History Association, served as the headquarters for the Home Guard in the latter part of the War Between the States. It also contains a genealogy library, a Veterans Wall of Honor, a medical display, a mineral display and a gift shop.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces: one at the annex and one at the museum.

Types of Paths: Gravel path with slight slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The main entrance has two steps, but a ramp at the side of the building provides access for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Restrooms: Two restrooms with a stall at least five feet by five feet but no grab bars. Sink faucets have knob handles that could require fine grasping.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Museum staff will provide assistance if requested. See entrance and restroom notes.

 **Vision Loss:** Some museum items protrude more than four inches from the wall, but photos show that most have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Many signs in the museum have large print with good contrast.

Mount Mitchell State Park

2388 State Highway 128
Burnsville, NC 28714

Location: Entrance is at mile marker 355.4 on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Open: Park Hours: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March, April, September and October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day. Exhibit Hall: May - October: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-675-4611

E-mail: mount.mitchell@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. Fee for camping and facility rentals.

In the crest of the Black Mountains lies the summit of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi River. For those who ascend this mighty peak, what looms on the horizon is a feast for the eyes – breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, rolling ridges and fertile valleys. Forested and forever misty, 1,946-acre Mount Mitchell State Park will provide visitors with some of the most tranquil moments they will ever experience. Facilities at the park include a nine-site campground (tent camping only), an environmental education center, a museum, a picnic area, a concession stand, a gift shop and a restaurant.

Parking: 12 marked accessible parking spaces located throughout the park.

Types of Paths: There is a paved 280-yard Summit Tower Trail that is ADA-accessible. All other trail systems have gravel or a naturally occurring base such as rock or dirt. There are areas of rest, including benches at the summit tower.

Entrance: The entrance to the park office, restaurant, and gift shop/museum all have a sidewalk to a ramp and a door at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Three accessible public restroom facilities located at the park office, the summit area and the restaurant. Restroom doors are difficult to open. Sink faucets have push buttons with automatic water shutoff.

Water Fountain: Four water fountains no more than three feet high at the summit.

Public Telephone: Yes, at the park office and restaurant, but no TTY is available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A four-passenger All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) is available upon request to transport people with mobility disabilities to the Observation Deck. This service is not available during inclement weather (heavy rain, snow and high winds). The ACCESS North Carolina program built a boardwalk ramp and paved an accessible path to a picnic area near the summit to provide an opportunity for all visitors to experience Mount Mitchell's vistas from the picnic shelter.

 **Vision Loss:** Some shelves in the Balsam Gift Shop may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The exhibit hall has tactile objects and signs with good contrast.

Oconaluftee Indian Village

P.O. Box 398
Cherokee, NC 28719

Location: Take U.S. 441 North. Turn left at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, follow the blue arrows past Unto These Hills Outdoor Theater to the Oconaluftee Indian Village.

Open: Seasonal, usually May - late October. During the season, daily 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Phone: 828-497-2111 ext. 305

Web Site: www.cherokeehistorical.org

Cost: Admission fee. The fee is slightly higher on Thursday through Saturday than on Sunday through Wednesday. Reduced fee for children. Children ages 5 and under are free.

The Oconaluftee Indian Village presents a replica of the Cherokee village from the mid-1700s. Activities include reenactments of Time of War, traditional dances, hands-on kids pottery class, viewing arts and crafts of the Cherokee people and hearing their story. The Indian Village is entirely outdoors except for the gift shop and restrooms. Near the Indian Village, Oconaluftee Islands Park has an accessible boardwalk bridge and accessible restrooms.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sawdust paths at least four feet wide somewhat steep in some places. There are steps at certain spots in the botanical garden. A boardwalk bridge leads to Oconaluftee Islands Park, which has grassy hills and gravel paths.

Entrance: The village has a level entrance. The gift shop entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have turn knobs.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about the paths and restrooms.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Private tours are available. However, the site does not provide sign language interpreters.



Vision Loss: Private tours are available. However, the site does not provide audio describers.

Western Carolina University (WCU)

Cullowhee, NC 28723

Location: In Cullowhee, five miles south of Sylva on N.C. 107.

Web Site: www.wcu.edu; click on Campus Map and Print Version of the Campus Map

Sites of Interest at WCU



Unless otherwise specified, all sites listed here have the following:

- Marked accessible parking spaces
- Concrete, asphalt or smooth paved paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest
- A level entrance or an entrance ramp and a doors at least 32 inches wide
- Accessible restrooms with sink faucets that have levers
- Braille signage

Catamount Athletic Complex

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Memorial Drive (second right off the turnabout), and the complex is on the left (building #21 on campus map).

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: 828-227-7338

Web Site: www.catamountsports.com/facilities/wcar-athletic-complex.html

Cost: Varies by event.

Opened in 2005, the Catamount Athletic Complex (CAC) serves as the home venue for WCU's women's soccer, women's tennis and men's and women's track and field teams. The 1,000-seat complex features a fully functional press box with views of the soccer pitch and track and eight tennis courts, including two with "center court" feel. Located along the picturesque banks of Cullowhee Creek on the north end of the Western Carolina campus, the facility also includes Charles Schrader Field, a grass practice and warm-up field which served as the original home of the WCU women's soccer program upon its inception in 1999.

Catamount Softball Complex

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Memorial Drive (second right off the turnabout), then the first left (no street sign) past the Athletic Complex, and the Softball Complex is on the left (building #24 on campus map).

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: 828-227-7338

Web Site: www.catamountsports.com/facilities/wcar-softball-stadium.html

Cost: Varies by event.

WCU's softball facilities are located on the north end of the campus, accessible from the Walker "A" parking lot. The venue has a 250-seat grandstand seating area and is skirted down the right-field side by the picturesque Cullowhee Creek.

The Fine Art Museum at Western Carolina University

199 Centennial Drive
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn right on Centennial Drive, and the museum is located inside the FPAC building on the left (building #2 on campus map).

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed weekends and university holidays.

Phone: 828-227-3591

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/museum/index.html

Cost: Free.

While WCU's School of Art and Design and the former Belk Gallery have maintained a strong academic and contemporary art exhibition program over the years, the new Fine Art Museum continues the tradition while strengthening its role as a cultural catalyst to celebrate and preserve the artistic legacy of the Western North Carolina region with a developing focus to collect, interpret and showcase innovation in contemporary art. Tours are offered to community groups, university groups and elementary and secondary school groups. At least two weeks' notice is required for large groups.

Entrance: Curb cuts lead to the museum's entrance.

 **Physical Disabilities:** Gallery spaces and display cases are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. An Ortho Novo-Med four-wheeled walker is available.

 **Vision Loss:** Artwork labels contain 14-point font. The museum can provide an audio described tour with one week's notice. Certain exhibits may have tactile elements for a tactile tour. An audio tour of the sculptures on campus is available.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff is undergoing etiquette training on interacting with visitors with disabilities.

Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC)

199 Centennial Drive
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn right on Centennial Drive, and the FPAC is on the left (building #2 on campus map).

Open: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Phone: 828-227-2505

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/fapac.index.html

Cost: Free to visitors. Ticket cost varies by production.

The Fine and Performing Arts Center, a 900-seat proscenium theater completed in 2005, boasts some of the best acoustics in the state and has hosted a wide variety of artists. It houses the School of Art and Design's state-of-the-art academic classrooms and studios for the Bachelor of Fine Arts students in visual arts to accommodate painting and drawing, ceramics, photography, sculpture, printmaking and book arts, graphic design, interior design, new media, art history and art teacher education.

Elevator: Two that go to the balcony.

Hennon Stadium

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Forest Hills Road, and the stadium is on the right (building #8 on campus map).

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: 828-227-7338

Web Site: www.catamountsports.com/facilities/wcar-hennon-stadium.html

Cost: Varies by event.

Description: WCU's baseball facilities, on the south end of the WCU campus, include a 1,500-seat grandstand seating area. The venue is skirted down the right-field side by the picturesque Cullowhee Creek. The "Purple Monster" wall in left field is 100 feet long and is divided into two 50-foot sections.

Restrooms: The restrooms have an alternate stall design and do not contain a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet.

Mountain Heritage Center

150 H.F. Robinson Administration Building

Cullowhee, NC 28723

Location: From WCU's main entrance, proceed straight ahead (building #1 on campus map).

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. (June - October).

Phone: 828-227-7129

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/2389.asp

Cost: Free.

A regional museum, the Mountain Heritage Center studies, documents and interprets the culture and history of Southern Appalachia and provides museum services to the western part of the state. To that end, it collects artifacts, builds exhibitions, documents and presents traditional craft demonstrations and musical performances, produces books and musical recordings, and enriches the curricula of elementary, secondary and university students. The Center is committed to public history, especially to interpreting current academic studies of Appalachia to the public. Its programming highlights traditional music and crafts along with the history and natural history of Appalachia. The Smithsonian Institution and the American Folk Life Center of the Library of Congress have adopted some of its programming. Major research exhibits have examined the Scots-Irish, various handicraft traditions and mountain trout. Mountain Heritage Day, a fall festival always held the last Saturday of September, presents traditional mountain music, crafts and culture to tens of thousands of visitors.

Niggli Theatre

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Centennial Drive to the bookstore, turn right, and pass the University Center and Killian building. The theatre is on the right at the end of the Stillwell building (building #40 on campus map).

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: Box office: 828-227-2479

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/6245.asp

Cost: Varies by event.

The 137-seat Josefina Niggli Theatre is WCU's most intimate theatre. It serves as a "classroom of imagination," which is primarily used as a classroom but also serves as the home to many University Players productions. The theater is also used as a motion picture screening room owing to its high-definition capabilities.

Ramsey Regional Activity Center

92 Catamount Road

Cullowhee, NC 28723

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Forest Hills Road (third traffic signal). The Ramsey Center is a big black glass building on the left adjacent to the football stadium.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday - Sunday noon - 9 p.m.

Phone: 828-227-7677

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/ramsey

Cost: Please contact Ramsey staff for detailed information.

The Ramsey Center's 8,000-seat arena offers the largest seating capacity of any venue in the region outside of Charlotte, Atlanta and Knoxville. The Ramsey Center's recreation facilities are open to the public and include five racquetball courts, two basketball courts, a walking/jogging concourse and a lighted, outdoor rollerblade/skateboard area. Please note that facility access is subject to change depending on Ramsey Center events.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces with an accessible court for another ten cars on the upper level off Forest Hills Drive.

A.K. Hinds University Center (UC)

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn left on Memorial Drive (second right off the turnabout), and turn right to continue on Memorial Drive. The center is the second building on the right (building #31 on campus map).

Open: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Special or holiday hours will be posted at the main entrances.

Phone: 828-227-7206

Web Site: www.wcu.edu/171.asp

Cost: Varies by event.

The A.K. Hinds University Center provides an inclusive student-centered community that supports and encourages student learning, leadership opportunities, personal development and active learning in a caring atmosphere. The UC features a two-story atrium, meeting rooms, a grand ballroom, a 170-seat movie theater, club Illusions, retail space, an expanded food court and the student mailroom. The additional space also includes the Intercultural Center and the Center for Student Involvement with offices, workspace and conference rooms for clubs and organizations.

Whitmire Stadium

Location: From WCU's main entrance, turn right on Centennial Drive, right on Catamount Road, and the stadium is on the left (building #10 on campus map).

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: 828-227-7338

Web Site: www.catamountsports.com/facilities/wcar-whitmire-stadium.html

Cost: Varies by event.

Currently with 13,742 seats, the football facility is located on the south end of the WCU campus and is bordered by the picturesque Cullowhee Creek on the west side; Jordan-Phillips Field House and WCU Weight Room on its north end; and the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. The press box at Whitmire Stadium includes matching booths for both home and visiting radio as well as coaches' boxes that bookend the building. There is also two-tiered seating in the main press room with wireless internet access.

Types of Paths: Concrete and metal at the ramps and ramps into the stadium.

Flat Rock Playhouse – The State Theatre of North Carolina

2661 Greenville Highway P.O. Box 310
Flat Rock, NC 28731 Flat Rock, NC 28731

Location: From Asheville (west/north), travel I-26 to Exit 53 for Upward Road. Turn right off the exit and travel 2.5 miles to Greenville Highway. Turn left on Greenville Highway and travel one-half mile to the playhouse on the right. From Greenville, S.C. (east/south), travel I-26 to Exit 53 for Upward Road. Turn left off the exit and travel 2.5 miles to Greenville Highway. Turn left on Greenville Highway and travel one-half mile to the playhouse on the right.

Open: March - December: performances. Year-round: classes for youth and adults.

Phone: Box Office: 828-693-0731

Web Site: www.flatrockplayhouse.org

Cost: Admission charge for tickets. Discounts for seniors, students and groups.

Flat Rock Playhouse is a professional producing theater company. The company stages a variety of productions each year ranging from musical to comedy, Broadway standards to original works. YouTheatre is the educational division of the company that offers year-round classes and performances for all ages and skill levels.

Parking: A parking staff is on duty at all events. When a patron requests accessible parking or extra space, the staff provides for the need on a per-customer basis.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks lead from the parking area to the playhouse. A ramped sidewalk leads to an entrance on the left at Row 3. There are areas of rest. The center aisle of the playhouse has a ramp.

Entrance: The main entrance has a ramp, and the entrance to the house at Row 3 has a ramp. The doorway is level, and doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push handles.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The playhouse has a wheelchair on site, and staff will provide assistance upon request. The left and right ends of the Row 3 are designated as accessible wheelchair seating areas, and the playhouse holds the companion seat in these areas for patrons with a companion. Rows 23 and 24 have portable seats, and any of these spaces can accommodate a wheelchair for a lower price than Row 3.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices (FM receivers) are available. The playhouse will provide a sign language interpreter upon request.

● **Vision Loss:** Staff will provide assistance upon request. The playhouse instituted audio described performances in 2011. View the schedule on the web site.

● **Other Disabilities:** Staff will provide assistance upon request.

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

81 Carl Sandburg Lane
Flat Rock, NC 28731

Location: The park is located three miles south of Hendersonville on Little River Road off of Greenville Highway/N.C. 225 in Flat Rock. From I-26, take Exit 53; from I-26 East, turn right onto Upward Road; from I-26 West, turn left on Upward Road. At the intersection with U.S. 176/Spartanburg Highway, continue straight. Upward Road turns into Highland Lake Road. At the light, turn left on N.C. 225/Greenville Highway South. At the next light, turn right on Little River Road. Visitor parking is on left.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-693-4178 **E-mail:** carl_administration@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/carl

Cost: Free to visit the grounds, trails and barn. A small fee for the house tour.

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, located on 264 acres in Western North Carolina, was the home of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author Carl Sandburg and his family for 22 years (1945-1967). Visitors can tour the Sandburg Home, enjoy more than five miles of trails, stroll through gardens and greet the descendants of Mrs. Sandburg's dairy goat herd. A typical visit lasts two hours.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Some paths are paved, but most are natural surfaces. There are areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, but the grade is steeper than 1:12. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The sinks have automatic and lever handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes. An outdoor motorized lift allows visitors to reach the second level of the Sandburg Home without climbing the stairs. The lift does not provide access to the third floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park offers a shuttle service from the parking lot to the main house, as there is a steep hill approximately one-third a mile to walk up to reach the Sandburg Home. If the shuttle is not running, other accommodations can be made.

 **All Disabilities:** A phone is available in the parking lot to call up to the house and speak with a Park Ranger. The site encourages any visitor with questions about accessibility to use that phone before starting a visit to receive the best information about services and accommodations available.

Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

1028 Georgia Road
Franklin, NC 28734

Location: Take U.S. 23/U.S. 441 and merge onto Georgia Road.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Show times differ.

Phone: 828-524-1598 or 866-273-4615 (toll-free)

Web Site: www.GreatMountainMusic.com

Cost: Free or admission charge (depending on performance).

This 1,500-seat state of the art facility presents the finest in performing arts to the surrounding towns. Performances include passion plays, musical productions, professional drama troupes, dance and choral festivals, recitals and various genres, including country, bluegrass, gospel, pop, contemporary Christian and more. With the main focus on family entertainment, the center strives to nurture the development, understanding and appreciation of the arts throughout the community and the region.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and all doors are three feet wide and easy to open. A ramp with a slope of 1:14 provides access to the theater for performing artists.

Restrooms: Eight restrooms, including some accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers. In the non-accessible restrooms, all restroom accessories are within four feet of the floor except the paper towel dispensers, which are 52 inches to the bottom of the dispenser.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, two.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The center has accessible seating at the orchestra level: four spaces for wheelchairs or motorized devices in Row L halfway up and four spaces in Row X near the top.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices can be checked out for each performance. With two weeks notice, the center will provide a sign language interpreter.

● **Vision Loss:** All signage meets ADA requirements, including Braille signs. The center will try to provide an audio describer if it receives a request for one.

The Fun Factory

1024 Georgia Road
Franklin, NC 28734

Location: Take U.S. 23/U.S. 441 and merge onto Georgia Road.

Open: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. - midnight.

Phone: 828-349-8888 or 866-482-2386 (toll-free)

Web Site: www.funfactoryfranklin.com

Cost: Fee to play games or do activities. Group rates are available.

This family entertainment center calls itself “the best place in the Smokies to crank up your fun!” Games and activities include go-carts, bumper cars, laser tag, bowling, mini golf, over 150 video games, a Child’s Play area and Animaland, where people can make stuffed animals. The Fun Factory also has three restaurants to dine at, including the Boiler Room Steak House, the Pizza Factory and the Dessert Factory, and a Snack Shack.

Parking: 12 marked accessible parking spaces with curb cut ramps.

Types of Paths: Level paved paths at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have outward pull handles.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Fun Factory building is accessible to visitors with physical disabilities, but it is not clear whether these visitors will be able to participate in certain games and activities.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** The Fun Factory’s games and activities may appeal to visitors with cognitive/intellectual disabilities and visitors on the autism spectrum.

Macon County Historical Museum

36 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734

Location: Located on historic Main Street just across from the courthouse.

Open: Memorial Day - October: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Other hours available by appointment. November - Memorial Day: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. In case of inclement weather, call for open/closed status.

Phone: 828-524-9758

Web Site: www.maconnhistorical.org/museum

Cost: Free. Donations are appreciated, and memberships are available.

The Macon County Historical Museum offers a collection of historic memorabilia ranging from the early native populations through modern times. The museum is located in the historic Pendergrass Building, which is a National Historic Trust Site.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space at the front door.

Types of Paths: A level brick sidewalk runs in front of the museum, and benches provide areas of rest in front of the museum. A level garden walkway next to the museum is paved with bricks, but it is less than four feet wide in some areas.

Entrance: The entrance is level, but a concrete threshold separates the entry area from the sidewalk.

Restrooms: No restrooms available in the museum. Restrooms are located across the street at the courthouse.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the notes about the paths, entrance and restrooms.

The Pendergrass Building is a National Historic Trust Site and has limited access beyond the first floor for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Visitors Information Center for Historic Hendersonville and Flat Rock Village

201 South Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Location: From I-26, take Exit 49B onto Highway 64 West, travel approximately two miles, turn left on Main Street, go south eight blocks, and the Visitors Information Center is on the right at the corner of Main Street and Allen Street.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 828-693-9708 or 800-828-4244 (toll-free)

Web Site: www.historichendersonville.org

Cost: Free.

Enjoy the hospitality of the Historic Hendersonville and Flat Rock area, known for its gentle climate, beautiful scenery, a rich culture and history and friendly people. The area has been a popular vacation destination for over a century. Hendersonville is located 22 miles south of Asheville in the Blue Ridge Mountains on a plateau 2,200 feet above sea level. Drop by the Henderson County Travel & Tourism Visitors Information Center for a complimentary copy of the Mountain Seasons Vacation Planner, area brochures and maps. Or call for a free Vacation Planner. Downtown Hendersonville hosts many activities, including the North Carolina Apple Festival every Labor Day weekend, Garden Jubilee, the Music on Main Street summer concert series, street dances, art shows and parades.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk with some slopes and curb cuts leads to the Visitors Information Center and through downtown.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible female and two accessible male restrooms. Sink faucets are manual and automatic.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The entrance has a doorbell for visitors with disabilities who need assistance opening the door.

Historic Johnson Farm

3346 Haywood Road
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Location: From I-26, take the airport exit, turn right onto N.C. 280, turn left at the Texaco station, and drive 3.5 miles to the farm on the right.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. House tours and animal visits are usually offered at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Closed when schools are closed for Christmas and Easter.

Phone: 828-891-6585

Web Site: www.historicjohnsonfarm.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

The Johnson Farm was a late 19th-century tobacco farm that became a popular summer tourist retreat. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is now a heritage education center with a farm house, a boarding house with weavers, a museum and other buildings. Visitors can enjoy self-guided nature trails, a grassy meadow, a beautiful grove of white pines, a rare walnut grove and a profusion of rare Carolina Hemlock. The Johnson Farm Festival occurs during the last weekend in April.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved and gravel paths at least four feet wide with slight slopes lead through the farm. Many areas are grass fields. The farmhouse has rocking chairs, but, across the farm, there are no areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes. Visitors with mobility disabilities who use wheelchairs may encounter some difficulty accessing some areas of the farm.

Western North Carolina Air Museum

1380 East Gilbert Street P.O. Box 2343
Hendersonville, NC 28793 Hendersonville, NC 28793

Location: From I-26, take Exit 53 for Upward Road to the Hendersonville Airport and follow the signs to the museum. The museum is 300 feet north of Brooklyn Avenue and East Gilbert Street, which are two blocks east of U.S. 176 in Hendersonville.

Open: Spring - fall: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Winter: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-698-2482

Web Site: www.wncairmuseum.com

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The Western North Carolina Air Museum is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the flying heritage of the western North Carolina mountain region and displaying some of the artifacts, aircraft and images connected with that heritage.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: An asphalt path leads from the accessible parking space to the hangar entrance. Many areas of the museum contain seating that provides rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the hangar is level with the floor and the outside apron. The entrance to the to the museum is a double door entry with a door step plate beveled one-half an inch.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms with a toilet stall at least five feet wide and five feet long, a toilet 17 to 19 inches above the floor and grab bars in the stall.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the entrances, the seating that provides areas of rest and the restrooms.

Holmes Educational State Forest

1299 Crab Creek Road
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Location: 12 miles west of Hendersonville along Crab Creek-Kanuga Road.

Open: Mid-March - the Friday before Thanksgiving: Tuesday - Sunday. Closed Monday. Call for hours.

Phone: 828-692-0100

E-mail: holmesf.dfr@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.dfr.state.nc.us

Cost: Free.

Holmes Educational State Forest is one of seven Educational State Forests operated by the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. It spans 240 acres, offering five miles of hiking trails, environmental education classes, exhibits and picnicking. Visitors can listen to the wind in the trees or listen to the trees tell a story on the Talking Tree Trail. The Crab Creek Trail, a one-half a mile loop trail, offers audio and interpretive exhibits, including a helicopter, a tractor/plow and a fire tower. Actual forestry practices are explained on the Forest Demonstration Trail.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel and paved paths and a wooden boardwalk lead through the forest. The path is at least four feet wide with slopes. Numerous benches along the Crab Creek Trail provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The picnic shelter and public restrooms are wheelchair-accessible.

Restrooms: One accessible female and one accessible male restroom. Sink faucets have push handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Crab Creek Trail, picnic shelter, two three-table picnic sites, parking lot, public restrooms and water fountains are wheelchair-accessible. Although not all of the forest's trails are wheelchair-accessible, the above mentioned amenities provide significant access.

 **Vision Loss:** A Talking Tree Trail features "talking trees," each with a recorded message about itself, its site and the forest history. Signs have large print and good contrast.

 **All Disabilities:** Forest staff conducts classes with individuals with disabilities and students regularly and tries its best to provide them with an enjoyable, educational outdoor experience.

Museum of American Cut and Engraved Glass

472 Chestnut Street Mailing Address: 218 Whiteside Mountain Road
Highlands, NC 28744 Highlands, NC 28741

Location: Six blocks north of Main Street in Highlands. Take U.S. 64 East, turn left on Chestnut Street, and it is the first building on the left.

Open: Mid-May - October: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Or by special appointment year-round.

Phone: Museum: 828-526-3415; Curator: 828-526-3427

E-mail: geobon@hcgexpress.net

Web Site: www.ncecho.org (Click on Search By: City under Institution Directory and then Highlands.)

Cost: Free.

The Museum of American Cut and Engraved Glass, housed in a log cabin, displays approximately 600 pieces of American cut and engraved glass from the period known as the American Brilliant Period (1876-1916). It has one of the top public displays of this type of glass in the country and offers a number of pieces for sale.

Parking: No marked parking spaces. The gravel/dirt parking area can accommodate approximately 10 vehicles.

Types of Paths: A gravel/dirt parking area is in front of the museum. The interior of the museum contains relatively smooth wooden floors. The second floor has chairs that provide rest.

Entrance: The entrance contains steps, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. There is no ramp.

Restrooms: One restroom. However, the toilet stall is smaller than five feet by five feet, there are no grab bars, and the toilet is 16 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. If a visitor with a mobility disability can get up the steps into the door, the first floor is accessible, but there are steps to the second floor.

 **Vision Loss:** The second floor has a wooden log acting as a post supporting the ceiling. This could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss. The display cabinets have lights, and the signs contain good contrast (black text on white paper), but the all-capital letter font is small.

New River State Park

Mailing Address: 358 New River State Park Road
Laurel Springs, NC 28644

Location: Park office on U.S. 221 nine miles north of Jefferson.

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
May - August: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-982-2587 **E-mail:** new.river@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entry fee. Fee for camping and facility rentals.

Rugged hillsides, pastoral meadows and farmlands surround what is believed to be one of the oldest rivers in North America: the New River. The New River area still maintains an old-fashioned charm. Mountain roads are narrow and winding, dotted with small farms, churches and country stores. The river itself is tranquil, offering good bass fishing, trout streams, excellent birding and inspiring mountain scenery. But one great way to absorb and appreciate the river's peacefulness is from the seat of a canoe as it glides across the slow-moving waters. Four areas with access to this waterway make up more than 2,200 acres of New River State Park and provide spots for camping, canoeing, picnicking and fishing.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes. Trails have either gravel or earthen tread, most have slopes and do not have areas of rest every 400 feet. One trail at the picnic shelter is four feet wide, level and leads to a viewing platform.

Entrance: The visitor center entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is 44 inches above the floor. Sinks have automatic faucets.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** All learning displays in the visitor center are wheelchair-accessible, and the deck area has a bench for resting. The web site contains detailed information about camping at Facilities and Fees and then Camping. Two drive-to campsites with electric, water and sewer hook-ups are completely accessible with a paved path to the restrooms. Eighteen drive-to campsites are wheelchair-accessible; eight have electric, water and sewer hook-ups, and the remaining 10 have electric hook-ups only. Each site has a tent pad, table and grill. The picnic shelters and Community Building are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Grandfather Mountain

2050 Blowing Rock Highway
Linville, NC 28646

P.O. Box 129
Linville, NC 28646

Location: On U.S. 221 two miles north of Linville and one mile south of the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 305.

Open: Winter: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (weather permitting). Spring and fall: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Summer: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 828-733-4337 or 800-468-7325

E-mail: nature@grandfather.com

Web Site: www.grandfather.com

Cost: Admission fee. Children under age 4 are free.

Offering visitors easy access to its towering peaks, Grandfather Mountain is one of the world's most environmentally diverse nature preserves and presents guests with opportunities for rejuvenation, excitement and family memories in a natural haven that will endure for generations. Look out from the Mile High Swinging Bridge across mountain ridges cascading away in all directions and stand eye-to-eye with bears, otters, cougars and deer in their natural habitats. Choose to stroll gentle nature paths or hike rugged back-country trails, to dine in the convenient family restaurant, or take your order out to a scenic picnic spot. Interact with entertaining, knowledgeable staff and find your own perfect mountain adventure.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces at each facility.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide. The Mile High Swinging Bridge is metal. Some hiking trails are steep and rugged.

Entrance: The entrance to the Nature Museum and Top Shop have a ramp, and all doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Each building has accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: The Top Shop, which opened in June 2010, has an elevator that takes visitors to a path leading directly to the Mile High Swinging Bridge.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the hiking trails and the buildings, including the new Top Shop with an elevator that gives visitors with mobility disabilities access to the Swinging Bridge. Before the new Top Shop opened, visitors had to climb 50 steps to access the Swinging Bridge. Thus, the Top Shop presents a substantial accessibility improvement.

Luke Wilcox became one of the first people to cross the bridge using a wheelchair when his friend, Cole Hawkins, pushed him across in June 2010.



Maggie Valley Opry House

3605 Soco Road

P.O. Box 253

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Location: Take U.S. 19 (Soco Road) to 3605 Soco Road in downtown Maggie Valley. It is located next to Country Vittles and behind the Blue Mountain Inn.

Open: Opens in April. May - October: nightly 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Phone: 828-648-7941

E-mail: opryhouse@aol.com

Web Site: www.raymondfairchild.com

Cost: Admission fee. Free for children ages 12 and under.

The Maggie Valley Opry House is a family entertainment center featuring traditional Bluegrass and Mountain music. It preserves mountain culture and keeps the mountain heritage alive through the Bluegrass, the music of the Appalachia. Visitors have the opportunity to hear world renowned banjo picker Raymond Fairchild.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A level pathway at least four feet wide leads to the Opry House.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. However, the threshold is beveled three inches.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. Although there is a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet, the stall does not contain grab bars. Restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the high threshold in the entrance and the restrooms.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The site has not provided accommodations for visitors who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Wheels Through Time Museum

62 Vintage Lane

P.O. Box 790

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Location: Take U.S. 19 North through Maggie Valley, and the museum is located on the left. From U.S. 19 South through Maggie Valley, the museum is located on the right.

Open: March-November: Thursday - Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving. Check web site for additional hours and closings.

Phone: 828-926-6266

Web Site: www.wheelsthroughtime.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+ and children.

Located five miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Wheels Through Time Museum is home to the world's premier collection of rare American vintage motorcycles. "The Museum That Runs" houses more than 300 classic motorcycles as well as motorcycle-related exhibits and other vehicles. The museum originally opened in Illinois but moved to Maggie Valley and reopened in 2002.

Parking: No marked parking spaces, but there is an accessible paved concrete drop-off on the left side of the museum.

Types of Paths: The gravel parking lot leads to a paved brick pathway.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the note about the accessible drop-off. The museum has a ramp inside the museum providing a closer look at one section of motorcycles and an emergency exit ramp in the rear. The museum also displays an antique wheelchair and a motorized wheelchair similar to the one that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt used.



Visitors can enjoy viewing an antique wheelchair up close.

Cherokee County Historical Museum

87 Peachtree Street
Murphy, NC 28906

Location: Take U.S. 64/19/129/74 to downtown Murphy. The museum is located between the Murphy Police Department and the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day: open Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phone: 828-837-6792

Web Site: www.cherokee-county-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=116

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

The Cherokee County Historical Museum reflects the life of the area from the time of the Cherokee Nation until today. Exhibits include the National Park System certified Interpretive Center for the Trail of Tears, an 1800s Cherokee log cabin, artifacts, guns, gems, fairy crosses, an old schoolroom display and veterans' memorabilia. Also featured is a collection of more than 800 dolls, including dolls of Princess Diana, John Wayne, Elvis Presley and Dolly Parton, with the oldest doll dating back to around 1865. The old Carnegie Library Building, built in 1922, houses the museum.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk leads to the museum.

Entrance: The entrance has both steps and a ramp, the door is at least 32 inches wide and there is a bell to ring for staff to open the door if assistance is needed.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the bottom of the mirror is 43 inches above the floor. The sink provides 28 inches of knee clearance. The sink faucet has lift handles.

Water Fountain: None, but bottled water is provided.

Telephone: A business telephone is available.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. Although the restroom is slightly inaccessible, the rest of the museum is wheelchair-accessible.

Fields of the Wood

10,000 Highway 294
Murphy, NC 28906

Location: 18 miles east of Murphy and 14 miles east of Ducktown, Tennessee.

Open: Park open daily sunrise to sunset.

Phone: 828-494-7855

Web Site: www.fieldsofthewoodbiblepark.com

Cost: Free. Donations welcome.

Fields of the Wood, a Bible park located in the Great Smoky Mountains, features the world's largest Ten Commandments and the world's largest New Testament on a 30-foot by 50-foot Bible with a 50-person overlook at the top. The park also features Prayer Mountain, the Psalms of Praise, a Golgotha replica with three crosses, and the Tomb plus a gift shop, cafe, pavilion, baptismal pool, duck pond, picnic areas and nature trails.

Parking: No marked parking spaces, but there are large parking areas for cars and charter buses.

Types of Paths: Nature trails with some steep slopes. 320 steps lead up Prayer Mountain and 350+ steps lead up Ten Commandments Mountain. A paved road leads up to the top of the mountain for people unable to use the steps.

Entrance: The entrance to the gift shop/cafe and restrooms has a ramp.

Restrooms: A ramp leads to the restrooms, which are partially accessible.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the note about the nature trails, the steps, the paved road up the mountain, and the ramp to the gift shop/cafe and restrooms.

 **Vision Loss:** The Psalms of Praise feature large-print, capital black letters on a concrete wall.

Penland Gallery and Visitors Center

3135 Conley Ridge Road
Penland, NC 28765

Location: Take N.C. 226 North to Penland Road west to Conley Ridge Road.

Open: Early March to mid-December: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Closed in January and February.

Phone: 828-765-6211

E-mail: gallery@penland.org

Web Site: www.penland.org

Cost: Free.

The Penland School of Crafts is a national center for craft education dedicated to helping people live creative lives. The gallery in the visitors center showcases Penland-affiliated artists and presents functional and sculptural work in books, clay, drawing, glass, iron, metals, painting, papermaking, photography, printmaking, textiles and wood. In addition to the sales area, the gallery hosts and ongoing series of invitational shows.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space at the rear of the building. Instead of a curb cut, the space is sloped to meet the entry floor level at the back door.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and crushed stone.

Entrance: The front entrance has steps. The rear of the building has an accessible entrance. The door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes about the accessible parking space and entrance at the building's rear. People who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices may need to navigate around display stands that are placed at an angle.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum contains some objects that protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor. The museum also has free-standing columns in the middle of the floor and some display stands are placed at an angle, posing a possible barrier to visitors with vision loss.

 **All Disability Types:** A staff person can be assigned to assist as needed.

Cradle of Forestry in America Forest Discovery Center

U.S. Highway 276
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Location: In Pisgah National Forest on U.S. 276 near Brevard.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-877-3130

Web Site: www.cradleofforestry.org/cradle_of_forestry/discoverycenter.asp

Cost: Admission fee for adults ages 16 and older.

The Cradle of Forestry Forest Discovery Center is one of North Carolina's hidden treasures. Visitors can view an 18-minute movie, explore 15 hands-on exhibits, shop at the Giving Tree Gift Shop and get a snack at the Forest Bounty Cafe. Activities include riding on the fire-fighting helicopter simulator over a forest fire, going underground to see which animals live under the forest floor and explore the new Adventure Zone trail that opened in April 2010.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces available but not near the entrance. Visitors can use the roundabout for drop-offs, but there is no curb cut between the parking area and the entrance ramp.

Types of Paths: A paved path leads to the center. The Adventure Zone trail is paved with some slopes. A new trail paved with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding is wheelchair-accessible with benches along the way.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers and turn knobs.

Elevator: Yes, the center has a camouflaged wheelchair lift.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above notes. The helicopter simulation has very mild movements, and lightweight children can be carried into it.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Two movies are not captioned.

Vision Loss: The center has a Braille trail map and a tactile pillow tree wall.

Autism/Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities: The Autism Society of North Carolina assisted in creating the Adventure Zone trail with activities accessible for any visitor on the autism spectrum and appropriate for any visitor interested in experiencing fun in the great outdoors.



The Adventure Zone Trail

Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education

1401 Fish Hatchery Road
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Location: In Pisgah National Forest off of U.S. 276 next to the Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery.

Open: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Closed Easter weekend and other state holidays except Good Friday, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Phone: 828-877-4423

Web Site: www.ncwildlife.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Visitors to the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education can view both indoor and outdoor exhibits that focus on mountain region wildlife. The exhibits show the relationship between people and wildlife and the natural resources they share. Indoor exhibits include 13 aquariums that feature mountain species, an auditorium that features a film on every hour and half-hour and an NCWILD store.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: A universally accessible paved nature trail one-fourth a mile long with no slopes winds from a garden through a hardwood forest habitat.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, the doorway is level and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. The sinks have automatic faucets.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. The center advertises the nature trail and exhibits as “universally accessible.”

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available for video presentations. However, the video is not captioned, and a script is not available.

Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center

121 Schoolhouse Road
Robbinsville, NC 28771

Location: One-fourth a mile off of N.C. 28 between Bryson City and Fontana Dam.

Open: All year Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. April - December: Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; June - October: Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-479-3364

Web Site: www.stecoahvalleycenter.com

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for concert tickets.

The Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center is a vital contributor to the preservation of the Appalachian mountain heritage of Western North Carolina. Throughout the year, the center celebrates mountain traditions through its music programs, old-time festivals, workshops and other events that appeal to all age groups. The center also showcases the Stecoah Valley Artisans Gallery.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide lead from the parking lot to the center.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. The center has wheelchair ramps and accessible seating areas.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available for concerts.

 **Vision Loss:** Programs for concerts are available in large print.

Gorges State Park

17762 Rosman Highway P.O. Box 100
Sapphire, NC 28774 Sapphire, NC 28774

Location: The park is approximately 45 miles southeast of Asheville, and the interim park office is located in the same building as the Sapphire Post Office on U.S. 64, just east of N.C. 281 South.

Open: Park office: 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-966-9099

E-mail: gorges@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free.

Visitors to Gorges State Park will find plunging waterfalls, rugged river gorges, sheer rock walls and one of the greatest concentrations of rare and unique species in the eastern United States. The park is known for its steep topography and high rainfall, averaging 85 inches annually. The elevation rises 2,000 feet in only four miles. Together the elevation and rainfall create a temperate rain forest and supports a collection of waterfalls.

Note: Owing to ongoing park development and construction, the park encourages visitors to call the park for specific accessibility information.

Gorges State Park

Grassy Ridge Access

Highway 281 South
Sapphire, NC 28774

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - May and September and October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; June - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

When completed in 2012, Grassy Ridge Access will include: the park visitor center, maintenance facilities, two picnic shelters, two restrooms and various trailhead and observation accesses.

Parking: All parking areas are paved with marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Trails are hard packed gravel. Sidewalks are available at the visitor center, picnic areas and the observation area.

Entrance: All new facilities have a concrete ramp with an accessible grade.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms are available at the visitor center and both picnic shelters.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high at the visitor center and both picnic shelters.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. The trails are not fully wheelchair-accessible.

Frozen Creek Access

Frozen Creek Road
Brevard, NC 28712

Open: Year-round 24 hours a day.

Frozen Creek Access is a 24/7 access point with long-range trails leading into Gorges State Park. The access area also has accessible picnic tables and Port-a-Jons.

Parking: A hard-packed parking area.

Types of Paths: Hard-packed gravel trails approximately five feet wide with steep grades and strenuous terrain.

Entrance: The entrance is level, hard-packed gravel.

Restrooms: One accessible Port-a-Jon.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above note about the steep trails, strenuous terrain and the restrooms.

Sapphire Valley Ski Area/Sapphire Valley Resort

67 Cherokee Trail
Sapphire, NC 28774

Location: On U.S. 64 two miles east of Cashiers.

Open: Ski Area: dates and times vary; call or check the web site.
Resort: four-season resort open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

Phone: 828-743-1163

Web Site: www.skisapphire.com and www.sapphirevalleyresort.com

Cost: Varies per activity chosen.

Sapphire Valley Resort is part of a timeshare community, and most of its amenities are private and limited to the property owners, their guests and timeshare owners and guests. However, various venues open to the public include golf, skiing, tennis and the concert on the slopes series. Sapphire Valley Ski Area consists of two downhill runs, including a 1,600-foot slope and a 200-foot vertical drop. Sapphire Valley also offers a bunny hill for beginners and Frozen Falls, a two-lane tube park.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces per building/venue.

Types of Paths: Pathways are at least four feet wide with some slopes.

Entrance: All venues have a ramp or a level entrance with a door at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom at each venue. At most venues, the bottom of the mirror is within 40 inches of the floor. Sink faucets have push on-slow off buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, two locations have a water fountain no more than three feet high.

Telephone: A telephone is available for public use, but no TTY is available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. Sapphire Valley Ski Area does not provide specialized ski equipment for skiers with disabilities. Sapphire Valley has hosted Special Olympics groups for snow tubing. The tennis courts are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Some programs have microphones available.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects indoors may protrude more than four inches from the wall.

Emerald Village

331 McKinney Mine Road P.O. Box 98
 Spruce Pine, NC 28777 Little Switzerland, NC 28749

Location: From U.S. 19 East, take Crabtree Creek Road south five miles, turn left on McKinney Mine Road, go one-fourth a mile on the left.

Open: April 1st - October 31st and Friday - Sunday in November. Hours: April: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; May 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; June - August: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; September - October: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; November: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 828-765-6463

Web Site: www.emeraldvillage.com

Cost: Admission fee to visit the North Carolina Mining Museum. No admission fee for gemstone mining, but visitors may purchase a bucket for mining.

Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway and about one hour from Asheville, Emerald Village is North Carolina's number one gem mining attraction. Go underground in a real mine at the North Carolina Mining Museum to see old mining equipment and displays and enjoy the splashing waterfall. Tour the Company Store, recreating an old mining town. Visit Discovery Mill, which includes the Music Museum, the Homestead Museum, the Blue Ridge model railroad display and gift and snack shops. Spend time at the spectacular Gemstone Mine, where visitors can have "buckets" of fun searching for real gems and keep them all. Emerald Village also offers custom gem cutting, jewelry making, gold panning, nighttime Back Light mine tours and digging for emeralds at the world-famous Crabtree Emerald Mine.

Parking: There are three large, wide, flat gravel parking areas. The main parking area has a marked accessible parking area.

Types of Paths: Pathways are at least four feet wide with some slopes. The outdoor picnic facilities are located on flat gravel areas at ground (parking level).

Entrance: Much of the mine tour and many buildings involve hills and steps.

Restrooms: The two restroom areas have doors three feet wide and tile floors. One has a two-inch step up, and the other has a ramp providing entry. The stalls do not have grab bars.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Much of the mine tour and many of the buildings involve hills and steps. The Visitor Center at the Mining Museum is generally accessible as are the Gemstone Mine flume area and the Crabtree Junction gift shop.

The larger mines are viewable from an automobile on the road, and the scenery is spectacular.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The mine tour starts with a short video and then becomes self-guided, with visitors reading along in a 12-page booklet as they walk the trail.

Elk Knob State Park

5564 Meat Camp Road
Todd, NC 28684

Location: From U.S. 421 in Boone, turn right on NC Highway 194, travel approximately four miles and turn left on Meat Camp Road. Travel 5.6 miles and turn right into the park.

Open: November-February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - May and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-297-7261

E-mail: elk.knob@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free.

Established in 2004, Elk Knob State Park is one of North Carolina's newest State Parks. The park features a unique ecosystem created by its base rock of amphibiolites. The sweet (or alkaline) soil from the rock grows a northern hardwood forest system with rare and beautiful wildflowers. The severe winter weather has helped produce a stunted beech forest on the summit, which has an almost enchanted appearance when fog and rime ice settle on the mountain.

The park has an office/contact station, a picnic area, a 3.6-mile hiking trail to the summit of Elk Knob, a maintenance facility and backcountry campsites and offers showshoeing and cross country skiing during winter snow events.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Gravel and natural surface with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance to the park office has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the paper towel dispenser is more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have turn handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Not all trails are wheelchair-accessible, but the park office and the restrooms are.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Mast General Store

Physical Address: 3656 N.C. Highway 194 South Sugar Grove, NC 28679

Mailing Address: N.C. Highway 194 Valle Crucis, NC 28691

Location: From Boone at the intersection of U.S. 321 and N.C. 105 at Wendy's, take N.C.105 South for five miles. At the traffic light after the Watauga River bridge, turn right and go approximately 3.2 miles. The Original Store is on the right just two-tenths of a mile after the Mast Store Annex.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday noon - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-963-6511

Web Site: www.MastStoreValleCrucis.com

Cost: Free. Items available for purchase.

This National Register of Historic Places site is one of the best examples of an old general store. More than 8,000 square feet are packed with old oak counters, antique glass and oak display cabinets featuring shoes and boots, old-fashioned toys, rocking chairs, cast iron, country gourmet foods and the community's post office. Warm up by the pot-bellied stove and enjoy a 5¢ cup of coffee.

Parking: One accessible parking space marked on the pavement in front of the store.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk three and-a-half feet wide runs in front of the store. The rear is all gravel.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and the doorway provides a level entrance. The door is at least 32 inches wide but requires 13 pounds of force to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms with a stall five feet wide and eight feet long. However, the soap dispensers and paper towel holders are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is 49 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have push down handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Although the store is in an old building that is somewhat less accommodating to people with limited mobility, the proprietors have made every effort to make it accessible. The staff in the store will always help a customer with limited mobility by bringing items down from upstairs and making reasonable arrangements.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Mast General Store Annex

Physical Address: 2918 Broadstone Road Banner Elk, NC 28604

Mailing Address: Highway 194 Valle Crucis, NC 28691

Location: From Boone at the intersection of U.S. 321 and N.C. 105 at Wendy's, take N.C. 105 South for five miles. At the traffic light after the Watauga River bridge, turn right and go approximately three miles. The Annex is on the right. Look for the red tin roof.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday noon - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-963-6511

Web Site: www.MastStoreValleCrucis.com

Cost: Free. Items available for purchase.

The Mast Store Annex was built in 1909 as a competing general store for the Mast General Store, which is just two-tenths of a mile down the road. Today, it is filled with traditional fashions for men and women, the Candy Barrel featuring over 500 old-fashioned favorite candies and a mountain outfitters department. The Valle Crucis Community is on the National Register of Historic Places and has many historic buildings set in a rural mountain valley.

Parking: One accessible parking space marked on the pavement near the front of the store. Part of the parking lot is paved, and part is gravel.

Types of Paths: A paved path four feet wide runs in front of the building. One unpaved parking lot leads to a bridge with a small slope when stepping off one end. The entry from the bridge to the front entrance is all paved.

Entrance: The entrance has a level, paved entry with an old steel and glass door at least 32 inches wide. It is heavy, but staff is usually close enough to assist if needed. The entrance to the Candy Barrel has steps and a light wood and glass door.

Restrooms: Two restrooms with a stall five feet by five feet. However, there are no grab bars, the soap dispensers and paper towel holders are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have push down handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Although the store is in an old building that is somewhat less accommodating to people with limited mobility, the proprietors have made every effort to make it accessible. The staff in the store will always help a customer with limited mobility by bringing items down from upstairs and making reasonable arrangements.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, and they do not have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site

911 Reems Creek Road
Weaverville, NC 28787

Location: Located six miles east of I-26 at Exit 21 (New Stock Road exit). Follow the brown directional signs to the site on Reems Creek Road.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-645-6706

E-mail: vance@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/Vance/vance.htm

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site offers a reconstructed early 19th century mountain farmstead that traces Vance's career as a Civil War officer, North Carolina governor and U.S. senator. Annual events include Spring and Fall Pioneer Living Days held in April and September and a Christmas open house. Guided tours are offered throughout the day, and reservations are requested for group tours. Demonstrations and hands-on activities are available to scheduled school groups.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The grounds are all grass except for a gravel walkway halfway up to the log house and a paved pathway at least four feet wide to the picnic shelter.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, outdoor water fountain no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Visitor Center and picnic shelter are accessible to people with mobility disabilities. The site also contains a reconstructed two-story log house with original chimney (1795), tool house, loom house, smokehouse, slave cabin, spring house and corncrib, but access to these historic buildings is limited.

Ashe Arts Center

303 School Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694

Location: Downtown West Jefferson at the corner of Main Street and School Avenue.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; April - December: Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-846-2787

Web Site: www.ashecountyarts.org

Cost: Free. There may be a fee for evening performances or special events held in the Gallery.

The Ashe Arts Center is an historic Works Progress Administration building housing the Arts Council offices, The Gallery with nine visual arts exhibits annually, and The Gallery Shop featuring the works of over 75 artists. The Gallery hosts special events and concerts. The center is the “hub” of the arts in West Jefferson and the source for general information about arts happenings in Ashe County.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Asphalt or concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with some slopes. The interior has hardwood floors and a bench for resting.

Entrance: The entrance has a wooden ramp with a door at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, some restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor. The sink faucet has a lever.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The Ashe Arts Center is wheelchair-accessible, but some restroom accessories might be slightly difficult to use.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The center’s web site advertises that an assistive listening system is available.

 **Vision Loss:** Large-print programs are available. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** The center has a caring staff who works hard to be sensitive to people with disabilities and strives to make visitors comfortable and adapt the services offered.

Ashe Civic Center

962 Mount Jefferson Road
West Jefferson, NC 28694

Location: Take U.S. 221 into Ashe County. The Civic Center is located between Jefferson and West Jefferson; it is visible from the highway and accessed by Mount Jefferson State Park Road.

Open: Varies; generally open only for performances.

Phone: 336-246-4483

Web Site: www.ashecivic.com

Cost: Admission charge for tickets. Reduced charge for students.

The Ashe Civic Center is a 300-seat theater owned by the County of Ashe and operated by the Ashe County Arts Council. It is the home of the Ashe County Little Theatre with four productions each year. A concert series features the best in local, regional and touring production companies with music of all kinds, theater, dance and literary arts performances.

Parking: Four accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Asphalt or concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with no slopes. There are areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom stall for each gender. However, some restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The theater contains identified wheelchair spaces.

 **Vision Loss:** Large-print programs and text are available. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Mount Jefferson State Natural Area

1481 Mount Jefferson State Park Road
West Jefferson, NC 28694

Location: Off U.S. 221 in West Jefferson.

Open: November - February: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.;
May - August: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-246-9653

E-mail: mount.jefferson@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. Fee for facility rentals.

The summit of Mount Jefferson rises 1,500 feet above the New River Valley. An ascent of Mount Jefferson reveals two overlooks with magnificent views of up to 60 miles in three states. Mount Jefferson State Natural Area was formed in 1956 and contains three moderate to strenuous trails provide visitors with two miles of hiking.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The Summit Trail is gravel tread at least four feet wide with slopes. The Lost Province Trail is gravel tread with steps and rocks at least four feet wide with slopes. The Rhododendron Trail is gravel tread with some steps and rocks and slopes. It is not at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance to the park office is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. Sink faucets have dual twist handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, but no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Not all trails are accessible. The pathway to the second overlook is gravel with wood borders. The picnic shelter is accessible, but the nearby restrooms are not accessible. Accessible restrooms are located in the park office.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Ashe County Cheese

106 East Main Street
West Jefferson, NC 28694

Location: Downtown West Jefferson.

Open: Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The cheese-making schedule varies from week to week, so check the web site or call ahead.

Phone: 336-246-2501 or 800-445-1378

E-mail: info@ashecountycheese.com

Web Site: www.ashecountycheese.com

Cost: Free. Items available for purchase in the retail store.

Located in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains, Ashe County Cheese is North Carolina's oldest cheese plant, producing quality cheese since 1930. It contains a factory viewing room where visitors can observe different varieties of cheese and butter being made and a retail store that offers the products made in the factory as well as other food items and gifts. In 2011, the plant added cow heads to each of its three giant milk tanks, making them a popular photo spot for visitors. The site does not offer tours.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Outdoor pathways are cement or paved at least four feet wide. Inside, the store has hardwood floors and wide open spaces. The viewing room has benches for resting.

Entrance: The front door is at least 32 inches wide. But there is a ramp at the rear of the building for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

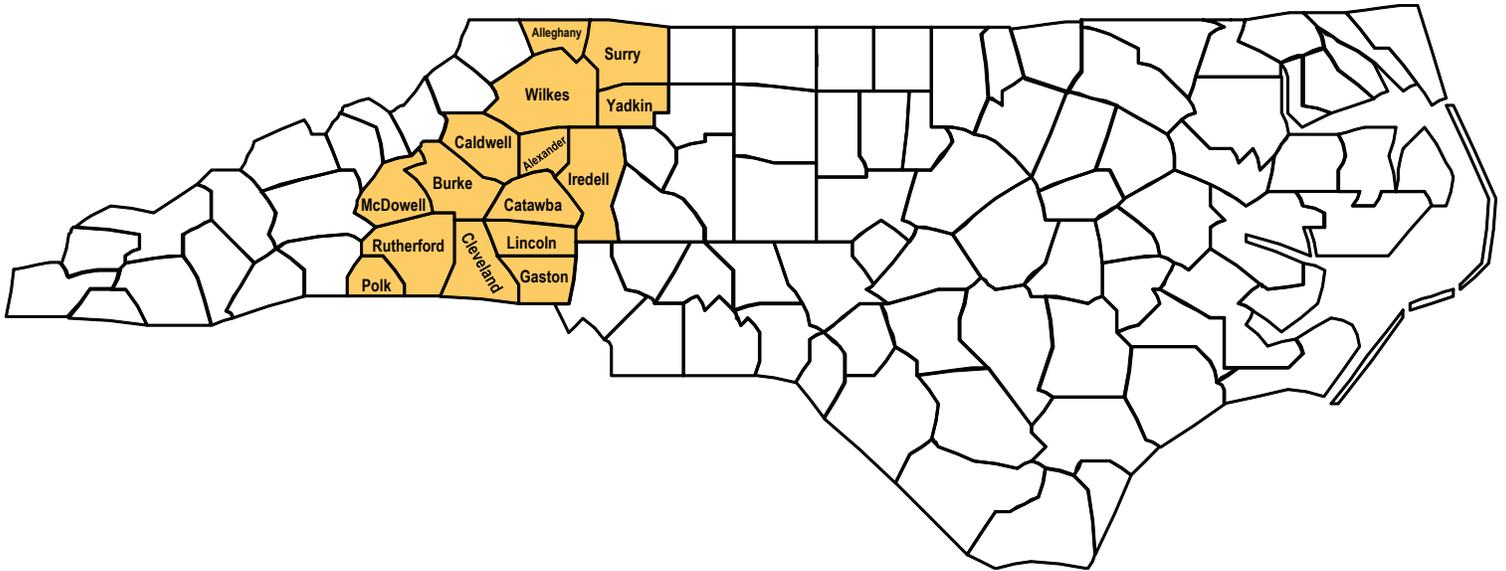
Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about the ramp, hardwood floors and wide open spaces. The viewing room above the cheese processing vats contains a floor-to-ceiling window that provides a view into the processing area and benches for resting.

Vision Loss: Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor. The pictures of the cheese-making process could benefit from larger text for visitors with low vision.

Foothills

The old granite, cut
by fresh raindrops remembers
not even its mossy hair.

By S. Barton Cutter
Poet and Life Coach with Cerebral Palsy
Raleigh, N.C.



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Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

6500 South New Hope Road
Belmont, NC 28012

Location: Just west of Charlotte at the N.C./S.C. state line outside the town of Belmont. Take I-85 South to Exit 26 or take I-85 North to Exit 20.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 704-825-4490

E-mail: info@dsbg.org

Web Site: www.dsbg.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+ and children ages 4-12.

The Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, the Carolinas' Garden for All Seasons, provides visitors a chance to reconnect with nature and features themed gardens, sparkling fountains, an Orchid Conservatory, a gift shop and a visitor pavilion. Home and Garden Television (HGTV) has recognized the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden as one of America's "20 Great Gardens."

Parking: 20 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Brick paths at least four feet wide with slopes running throughout the gardens. Benches located throughout the gardens provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the ground. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic openers.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The brick paths, benches and automatic door openers make the gardens accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** The themed gardens such as the fragrant Conifer Garden and the 12 fountains could provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Additional Information: Please contact the Reservation Coordinator (704-829-1252 or info@dsbg.org) to inquire about special fees for available programs and about other unique opportunities for group tours.

Picnics and coolers are welcome anywhere on the property. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis on the terrace or at picnic tables. Please leave grills and pets at home.

Don't forget to bring a camera, insect repellent and sunscreen.

Artists are welcome to bring art supplies.

RagApple Lassie Vineyards

3724 RagApple Lassie Lane
Boonville, NC 27011

Location: Three miles east of Boonville on N.C. 67.

Open: Daily from noon - 6 p.m.

Phone: 336-367-6000

Web Site: www.ragapplelassie.com

Cost: Varies based on choice of tastings.

Located in the beautiful foothills of western North Carolina, RagApple Lassie Vineyards is named for the owner's grand champion show calf. It advertises itself as the only winery in North Carolina owned by lifelong farmers, and every wine produced there has won at least two international awards. It has been named a "Finalist – Best New Winery" by the Wine Appreciation Guild in San Francisco and garnered "Best of Show" at the North Carolina State Fair. The winery invites visitors to taste for themselves "the rewards of having one's soul rooted to the earth!"

Parking: 100+ parking spaces are available. One marked accessible parking space is available beside a cement walkway.

Types of Paths: Gravel pathways with very slight slopes lead to the entrance. The south side of the building has two cement paths for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the parking lot, and the entrance door has a lever handle that pulls outwardly.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have a single handle.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Except for the cement paths, the property has no paving in order to allow rain to go directly into the earth and replenish the core water table.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge less than 27 inches from the floor.

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park

431 Main Street
Chimney Rock, NC 28720

P.O. Box 39
Chimney Rock, NC 28720

Location: On U.S. 74-A and U.S. 64 West, 21 miles west of Rutherfordton.

Open: Daily, weather permitting, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time).
Winter hours vary.

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-625-9611 or 1-800-277-9611

E-mail: visit@chimneyrockpark.com

Web Site: www.chimneyrockpark.com; www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Admission fee.

Chimney Rock, a 535-million-year-old towering monolith, serves as an iconic focal point in the western North Carolina mountains. With sweeping, panoramic 75-mile views of Hickory Nut Gorge and Lake Lure from its summit, the Chimney is a one-of-a-kind experience reachable by a unique 26-story elevator built inside the mountain and then a 44-step stairway. Purchased by the North Carolina park system, accessible facilities include a gift shop and deli on top of the mountain and a viewing and observation deck near the top of Chimney Rock. The wheelchair-accessible elevator is scheduled to reopen in 2012. The stairway will also be replaced for easier access/egress.

Parking: The upper parking lot is paved with four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Hiking trails with natural surfaces, a bridge and staircase to the Chimney.

Entrance: The gift shop and deli are wheelchair-accessible.

Restrooms: The restrooms at the Meadows and the top parking lot are in the process of being renovated, and all will be ADA-compliant in 2012. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Sky Lounge will have one no more than three feet high in 2012.

Elevator: Yes, a wheelchair-accessible elevator inside the mountain takes visitors near the top of the Chimney. The park permits service dogs in the elevator.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Chimney itself is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities because of the 44-step climb. The elevator provides access to the gift shop, deli and an observation deck and bridge that provides a view that is almost as spectacular as the view from the Chimney. Except for the stairs to the Chimney and the hiking trails, the park is wheelchair-accessible. Visitors with mobility disabilities can enjoy views at the parking level. Chimney Rock will provide tents, tables and scheduled special activities and programs while the elevator is closed. Wheelchairs are available at the parking level at no charge.

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge

Connor Park
U.S. Highway 70
Claremont, NC

c/o Catawba County Historical Association
P.O. Box 73
Newton, NC 28658

Location: In Connor Park two miles east of Claremont on U.S. 70. From I-40, take Exit 135 or 138 to U.S. 70.

Open: Daily, sunrise until 4 p.m.

Phone: 828-465-0383

Web Site: www.catawbahistory.org/bunker_hill_covered_bridge.php

Cost: Free

The Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, built in 1895, is one of two remaining covered bridges in N.C. and the only remaining example of the Improved Lattice Truss patented by General Herman Haupt. It joins the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Dorton Arena as N.C.'s National Civil Engineering Landmarks.

Parking: Inside the entrance gates, there is a gravel parking lot with no designated accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The gravel parking lot leads to a narrow concrete path with two steps that crosses a small creek. Then the path slopes upward with wooden steps that lead to a gravel pathway to the bridge. Halfway to the bridge there is an

accessible boardwalk. The bridge is approximately 500 yards from the entrance to Connor Park. During daylight hours if the gates are closed, visitors are welcome to park at the entrance at the top of the hill and walk down to the bridge.

Entrance: The entrance to the bridge has two large stones serving as a threshold connecting the bridge to the pathway. The entrance is at least 32 inches wide.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The bridge's floor is made of wood with two long beams of wood running perpendicular to the floor to make it look like a train track. The space in between the long beams is 43 inches wide, so the bridge can accommodate a visitor using a wheelchair or other mobility device. The challenge for visitors with mobility disabilities is getting to the bridge successfully.

Vision Loss: In front of the bridge, there are information signs in large print with good contrast (black and red ink on white paper).



The Bunker Hill Covered Bridge
in late autumn

South Mountains State Park

3001 South Mountain Park Avenue
Connelly Springs, NC 28612

Location: In Morganton take Exit 105. Go south 11 miles on N.C. 18. Turn right on Sugarloaf Road and drive four miles. Turn left on Old N.C. 18 and drive 2.7 miles. Turn right on Ward's Gap Road and drive 1.4 miles. Turn right on South Mountain Park Avenue and go one mile to the park entrance.

Open: November-February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March, April, September and October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 828-433-4772

E-mail: south.mountains@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. There are fees for camping and facility rentals.

Nestled deep in the woods, South Mountains State Park is the perfect place to enjoy nature. Here, visitors can see a majestic mountain range peeking out from the gently rolling landscape of the piedmont. The park includes elevations up to 3,000 feet, a waterfall dropping 80 feet and more than 40 miles of trails. From equestrian camping to trout fishing, mountain biking to picnicking, South Mountains State Park offers a rugged terrain perfect for a number of activities.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center is level, and doors are at least 36 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Ten accessible restrooms. Sinks have levers, push buttons and automatic faucets.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** One primitive campsite is wheelchair-accessible and can be reserved in advance, but primitive group campsites are not wheelchair-accessible. Two equestrian campsites and the picnic shelter at the Jacob Fork parking area are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Gaston County Museum of Art & History

131 West Main Street
Dallas, NC 28034

Location: Located on Historic Court Square in an 1852 Greek Revival building formerly the Hoffman Hotel.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 p.m. - 3 p.m. (excluding major holidays). Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 704-922-7681 **E-mail:** museum@co.gaston.nc.us

Web Site: www.gastoncountymuseum.org

Cost: Free.

The Gaston County Museum of Art & History is housed in a 44-room hotel. Today some of those same hotel rooms are furnished as they were in the late 1800s as well as parlors and other areas presented as they were in the 1800s. It houses art and history exhibits in the second-floor galleries and two permanent exhibits: The Ties That Bind – Carolinas Regional Textile Exhibit and the Daniel J. Stowe Carriage House, which holds one of the Southeast's largest collections of horse-drawn vehicles.

Parking: Accessible parking available in front of the museum and in the Carriage House parking lot.

Types of Paths: Cement and brick walkways at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two in the museum, two in the Carriage House and one in the Depot. Only the museum restrooms have a stall at least five feet by five feet. Only the Depot has a toilet 17-19 inches above the floor. Only the Carriage House and Depot have a sink no higher than three feet above the floor with at least 29 inches of knee clearance. The sink faucets have hot/cold turn knobs.

Water Fountain: All but one are taller than three feet.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the restrooms in each building. The Depot has a ramp, and the inside of the museum has ramps to provide clearance over thresholds.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The textile exhibit shows DVDs with a louder than normal volume, but no captions or script is available.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Most exhibit signage has a one-inch font.

 **All Disabilities:** For group tours with staff assistance, call 704-922-7681 x 105.

Shelton Vineyards

286 Cabernet Lane
Dobson, NC 27017

Location: Take I-77 to Exit 93. Turn right and then take the first right onto Twin Oaks Road. Travel 2.5 miles, and the winery is on the right.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 336-366-4724

E-mail: sales@sheltonvineyards.com

Web Site: www.sheltonvineyards.com

Cost: Free to enter. Fee for a tour and tasting.

Shelton Vineyards' picturesque 400-acre estate is home to 125 acres of European-style vineyard located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Immaculate park-like grounds offer a paved walking path and 20 picnic tables for customer use. The award-winning and Three Diamond-rated restaurant, Harvest Grill, is conveniently located next to the winery and offers a bistro-style menu. A fully stocked winery gift shop offers a full array of wine accessories, wearables and handmade crafts from local artisans. Shelton Vineyards hosts many events throughout the year including vintage car shows, concerts and an annual Harvest Festival.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The vineyards feature a paved walking path with some slopes, a wooden bridge and grassy hills. Picnic benches provide areas of rest. The tour is inside the building, which has a tile floor.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The sink faucets have turn knob handles that could be difficult to operate with a closed fist.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The 20 picnic tables are located on grass. A paved path with a slope leads to the band shell shelter used for concerts along a grassy hillside.

Whippoorwill Village

11928 Highway 268 West
Ferguson, NC 28624

Location: 12 miles west of Wilkesboro on N.C. 268 to Ferguson. From Lenoir and N.C. 18 on Wilkesboro Boulevard, turn left on Beaver Creek Road, go five miles to N.C. 268 West, and then turn left after one-fourth a mile to Whippoorwill Village.

Open: Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. for self-guided tours.
Monday - Friday by appointment.
Closed January - March except by appointment.

Phone: 336-973-3237

E-mail: whippoorwillacademy@hotmail.com

Web Site: www.explorewilkes.com/whippoorwill.php

Cost: Free. Donations are appreciated.

Whippoorwill Village includes 12 historic log and frame buildings: Whippoorwill academy, Smokehouse Art Gallery, Visitors Center, Matt's Store, Daniel Boone Replica Cabin, Little Smokehouse, Wash House, Tom Dooley Museum, Chapel of Peace, Daniel Boone Tavern, Blacksmith Shop and Yadkin River Jail. The site has been designated as a North Carolina Birding Trail, a Letter Boxing location and a North Carolina Agritourism site. The site hosts an annual Daniel Boone Day on the second Saturday in May, an Old Fashioned Day Worship Service on the first Sunday in September and a Christmas Open House on the first Sunday in December.

Types of Paths: The pathways are all grass. There are areas that provide rest throughout the site.

Entrance: Buildings have ramps and an entrance door at least 32 inches wide. One building has no ramp.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: None. But water is available through faucets and cups.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The grass pathways may present a challenge to visitors who use wheelchairs, but a golf cart is available. A walker and a wheelchair are also available to visitors.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Schiele Museum of Natural History

1500 East Garrison Boulevard
Gastonia, NC 28054

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 20 (New Hope Road), turn south toward South New Hope Road, turn right onto Garrison Boulevard, and the museum is on the right.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed major holidays only: Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Phone: 704-866-6900

Web Site: www.schielemuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children, students and seniors. City of Gastonia residents receive a discount with proof of residency.

The Schiele Museum of Natural History inspires wonder and appreciation for science and the natural world through program, exhibits and research. The museum houses live animals, a touch tank, a backcountry farm, a Stone Age Heritage Site, the Catawba Indian Village, a gift shop and the Planetarium.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: There is a seven-tenths of a mile long gravel nature trail at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the ground, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Four restrooms. They have grab bars in the stall; a sink no higher than three feet above the floor with at least 29 inches of knee clearance, at least nine inches of toe space and pipe coverings; and a mirror with the bottom no higher than four feet above the floor. However, they do not have a stall at least five feet by five feet, and the toilet is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have two paddles/handles (lever-style). The museum is in the process of changing the sink faucets.

Water Fountain: All but one are more than three feet high.

Elevator: The museum has a wheelchair lift.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about the restrooms and the lift. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the admissions desk. The Planetarium includes wheelchair locations and companion seats. Visitors with mobility disabilities may have difficulty accessing the nature trail and outdoor exhibits.

Vision Loss: Some floor exhibits may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor, posing a hazard to visitors with vision loss. The museum has a touch tank.

American Military Museum

109 West Second Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28052

Location: Off of I-85, take U.S. 321 South, turn left on Second Avenue and go to Merietta Street. Park in the corner lot, and Memorial Hall (the museum) is in the middle of the block.

Open: Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Phone: 704-866-6068 or 704-860-0129 (director)

E-mail: jimboi812@carolina.rr.com

Web Site: www.visitgaston.org/gaston-county/attractions/american-military-museum

Cost: Free.

The museum displays military artifacts from the Civil War, the Indian War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, soon to be Iraqi artifacts, American Legion baseball artifacts, American Legion Rambling Rebels artifacts and the Lagge Library.

Parking: The parking lot has approximately 40 spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete pathways at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. The sink faucet has a push-up button.

Water Fountain: Yes, but the spout is approximately 39 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. See the note above about the water fountain spout height.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum contains some free-standing objects such as mannequins along the walls or next to display cases that could present a hazard to visitors with vision loss.

Hickory Museum of Art

243 Third Avenue Northeast
Hickory, NC 28601

Location: Located off N.C. 127 in Hickory on the SALT Block.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Mondays and holidays.

Phone: 828-327-8576

Web Site: www.HickoryArt.org

Cost: Free general admission.

Hickory is home to the second-oldest art museum in North Carolina and the first museum in the Southeast to collect American art. The Hickory Museum of Art offers exciting exhibitions, lectures, art classes, films and outreach programs to schools and other groups. The museum is comprised of three floors with 11 changing galleries. Special collections include Southern Contemporary Folk Art, American Art Glass, American Art Pottery, and American paintings and prints. Exhibitions change regularly and feature the Museum's Permanent Collection, traveling exhibits and works on loan by artists and other institutions. Each floor has interactive stations for families.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces in the front parking lot (3rd Avenue side) and one in the side parking lot (3rd Street side).

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt pathways at least four feet wide with mild slopes lead to the entrance.

Entrance: The front entrance has a ramp on both sides, the door is easy to open, and it leads to the lobby. The rear of the building also has an entrance with a ramp, but a visitor who uses a wheelchair will need to use the wheelchair lift to access the lobby.

Restrooms: The first and second floors have one restroom for each gender. The largest toilet stalls measure 32 inches wide by five feet long and 39 inches wide by six feet long. The sinks provide only 26 inches of knee clearance. Sinks have automatic faucets. Some paper towel dispensers have paper towels ready to pull out, and some require turning a knob.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high on the first floor.

Elevator: Yes, one in the lobby and one in the art museum with Braille signs.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. Visitors who use wheelchairs need to use the wheelchair lift to access the lobby if they enter through the back door. If they enter through the front door, they can access the lobby without using the lift.

 **All Disabilities:** With advance notice, the museum's educators can adapt group tours to accommodate visitors with disabilities.

Catawba Science Center

243 Third Avenue Northeast
Hickory, NC 28601

Location: Located off N.C. 127 in Hickory on the SALT Block.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Phone: 828-322-8169

Web Site: www.CatawbaScience.org

Cost: Admission fee. Free admission for children under age 3.

The Catawba Science Center's mission is to change lives and inspire learning through science and wonder. Visitors can explore the Science Courtyard, perform science experiments with golf balls, play in a tree house, experience an earthquake on the Earthquake Platform, launch rockets on Energy Avenue, see themselves on the TV screen in the VR Xtreme Virtual Reality Experience room, and more.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces in the front parking lot (3rd Avenue side) and one in the side parking lot (3rd Street side).

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt pathways at least four feet wide with mild slopes lead to the entrance. The Science Courtyard is filled with rocks.

Entrance: The front entrance has a ramp on both sides, the door is easy to open, and it leads to the lobby. The rear of the building also has an entrance with a ramp, but a visitor who uses a wheelchair will need to use the wheelchair lift to access the lobby.

Restrooms: The first and second floors have one restroom for each gender. The largest toilet stalls measure 32 inches wide by five feet long and 39 inches wide by six feet long. The sinks provide only 26 inches of knee clearance. Sinks have automatic faucets. Some paper towel dispensers have paper towels ready to pull out, and some require turning a knob.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high on the first floor.

Elevator: Yes, one in the lobby with Braille signs.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See above notes. Visitors who use wheelchairs need to use the wheelchair lift to access the lobby if they enter through the back door. If they enter through the front door, they can access the lobby without using the lift. The tree house has steps and tunnels but no ramp. The Earthquake Platform simulation model has a "Rider's Responsibility" sign urging visitors with disabilities to hold onto the handrail.

Vision Loss: The Naturalist Center contains objects that provide a tactile learning experience. Inventor's Workshop contains some large-print signs of famous scientists. Energy Avenue's floor surface changes from tile to carpet near each activity kiosk.

Hickory Metro Convention Center

1960 13th Avenue Drive Southeast
Hickory, NC 28602

Location: Conveniently located along I-40 between Exits 125 and 126.

Open: Normal operating hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Available seven days a week for meetings, conventions, trade shows and all types of events.

Phone: 828-324-8600

Web Site: www.hickoryconventions.com

Cost: Depends on the amount of space needed to host an event.

Located in Western North Carolina, the Hickory Metro Convention Center is recognized as a premier location for conferences and meetings. Conveniently located along Interstate 40 within walking distance of hotels and restaurants, the Hickory Metro Convention Center extends Hickory's Southern hospitality to all of its guests. The center features more than 76,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate groups up to 3,800 with convenient accessibility and free parking. The center also houses the Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, where visitors can obtain information about North Carolina tourist attractions.

Parking: 12 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: An asphalt parking lot leads to level sidewalks at least four feet wide with no slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: 16 accessible women's restrooms and 16 accessible men's restrooms. Sink faucets contain levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high on the first floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The convention center is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **All Disabilities:** Accommodations can be available with 48-hour advance notice.

Hickory Furniture Mart

2220 Highway 70 Southeast
Hickory, NC 28602

Location: U.S. 70 Southeast – easy access from I-40 at Exits 125 or 126.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-322-3510 or 800-462-MART (6278)

E-mail: info@hickoryfurniture.com

Web Site: www.hickoryfurniture.com

Cost: Free.

The Hickory Furniture Mart is the leading home furnishing resource center, offering a diverse selection of 100 factory outlets, stores and galleries representing 1,000 fine furniture manufacturers under one roof. Shoppers can find home furnishings, accessories, lighting, art, fine rugs, fabrics and much more with discounts of up to 80 percent off the retail price.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Blacktop paths and brick sidewalks at least four feet wide.

Entrance: Hickory Furniture Mart has an accessible South Entrance and West Entrance. Each entrance is level or has a ramp. The entrance doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Numerous accessible restrooms throughout the building. The sinks have single action handle faucets.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, four. The Hickory Furniture Mart has four levels.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See above notes.

Hiddenite Center/Lucas Mansion Museum

316 Hiddenite Church Road
Hiddenite, NC 28636

Location: From Statesville, take I-40 West to Exit 148 to U.S. 64 West to Hiddenite. Turn right on Old Mountain Road, go north one mile to the traffic light and go straight across to Hiddenite Church Road. The center is one-half mile on the right.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Weekends by bookings and special events.

Phone: 828-632-6966

E-mail: hiddenitecenter@yahoo.com

Web Site: www.hiddenitecenter.com

Cost: Admission fee for first floor historic section. Second and third floors are free.

This restored 1900s Victorian mansion on the National Register of Historic Places features a house museum on the first floor that shows the private residence of the renowned James P. Lucas (nicknamed "Diamond Jim"), the second floor Exhibition Gallery and the third floor permanent Doll Collection featuring over 1,000 pieces. The center also houses the Shopper's Gallery and the Rock and Mineral display. The center is designed to provide opportunities to experience Western North Carolina and serves as a prism to capture the area's energies.

Parking: No marked parking spaces. Parking is driveway-type. However, vehicles carrying visitors with mobility disabilities may park directly along the sidewalk, which leads to the center's level entry.

Types of Paths: The gravel parking area leads to a sidewalk at least four feet wide. All floors and doorways inside the center are wheelchair-accessible.

Entrance: The flat entrance is at ground level and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have grip-style round handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes about the parking accommodation.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The center has printed guide sheets for the museum.

 **Vision Loss:** The center has printed guide sheets with large font for the museum.

Crowders Mountain State Park

Sparrow Springs Access

522 Park Office Lane
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 13. Turn left at the exit ramp and right on U.S. 29/74. Travel approximately two miles, turn left on Sparrow Springs Road and follow it approximately 2.5 miles until it veers to the right. Located off Sparrow Springs Road. Continue to the park gate approximately one-fourth mile on the right.

Open: Visitor Center: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Park hours change seasonally. Call or check the web site for hours. All areas closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 704-853-5375

E-mail: crowders.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free to visit. Modest fee for rentals and camping.

Crowders Mountain State Park is a scenic wilderness state park consisting of more than 5,000 acres and more than 20 miles of hiking trails. It now connects to Kings Mountain State Park in South Carolina via the Ridgeline Trail. Canoe rentals are available year-round. Reservations are required in advance for camping, the picnic shelter and auditorium/classroom rentals.

Sparrow Springs Access contains a large visitor center, restrooms, two separate picnic areas with shelters, a nine-acre lake open for fishing and canoe rentals, and access to several trails of various difficulty.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces. The lake has hard-packed gravel accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Wide, smooth paved surfaces except at the lake, which is hard-packed gravel.

Entrance: The Visitor Center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have manual handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, in the parking lot.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above and below notes. The parking areas and many pathways are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but some trails have hard-packed gravel or hardened earth with slopes and without areas of rest.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in facilities may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor. The visitor center has a touch screen that provides park information and some signs with large-print.

Crowders Mountain State Park

Linwood Road Access

4611 Linwood Road
Gastonia, NC 28052

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 13. Turn left at the exit ramp and cross U.S. 29/74 onto Archie Whitesides Road until it ends. Turn left on Linwood Road and turn right two miles into Linwood Access.

Phone: 704-853-5315 **E-mail:** crowders.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Linwood Road Access contains a small contact station, restrooms, picnic tables, parking and access to trails, including the trailhead for the Crowders Mountain Summit. There is a trailhead for rock climbers, who must register to climb legally. No overnight facilities are available at this access area.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces in a smooth, paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: Small sidewalk at least four feet with slopes. Trails are gravel-hardened and earth-surfaced with no areas of rest. A small grassy area provides picnic space.

Entrance: The contact station has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have manual handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Boulders Access Area

108-2 Van Dyke Road
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 5. Turn left on Dixon School Road and left on Bethlehem Road. Bear right on Van Dyke Road and right into the entrance gate.

Phone: 704-739-5919 **E-mail:** crowders.mountain@ncdenr.gov

The Boulders Access Area provides access by foot only (no motor vehicles) to Kings Mountain State and National Military Parks in South Carolina. Access the Boulders for westward countryside views and the sport of bouldering. Rock climbing is prohibited. No overnight facilities are available. Hikers and boulderers must register to use the trails. A small contact station is available onsite with staff, restrooms, maps and parking.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Smooth, paved surfaces at least four feet with no slopes. Trails are hardened earth. There are areas of rest.

Entrance: The contact station has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sinks have automatic faucets.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Thistle Meadow Winery

102 Thistle Meadow
Laurel Springs, NC 28644

Location: Off of Elk Knob Road and near the intersection of N.C. 113 and 18, 12 miles southwest of Sparta.

Open: April - October: Monday - Saturday noon - 5 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
November - March: Monday - Saturday noon - 4 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Phone: 800-233-1505

E-mail: info@thistlemeadowwinery.com

Web Site: www.thistlemeadowwinery.com

Cost: Free to visit. The tasting fee waived with a wine purchase.

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Thistle Meadow Winery offers individualized tours of a family-owned winery. Visitors can observe the different stages of wine production and can taste wines made from grapes grown around the world (must be 21 or older to participate in wine tastings). Southeastern Winery Review has ranked Thistle Meadow as the third best winery in North Carolina, and it is the second largest wine supplier east of the Mississippi River, offering over 50 different wines. A picnic area is available.

Parking: A gravel parking lot with no marked parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The gravel parking lot leads to a paved sidewalk at least four feet wide with slight slopes. The winery is less than 400 feet from the parking lot.

Entrance: The front entrance has two steps, but the rear entrance is level with the ground. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: An accessible restroom is located in the Burgiss Barn next door to the winery. However, there are no grab bars in the stall.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes about the parking lot and the rear entrance. The web site states, "Certain portions of the winery may be a tight fit, but everyone enjoys the experience."

Tuttle Educational State Forest

3420 Playmore Beach Road
Lenoir, NC 28645

Location: Take N.C. 18 North from Morganton, turn left on Playmore Beach Road, and Tuttle Educational State Forest is approximately one mile on the right.

Open: Mid-March to the Friday before Thanksgiving: Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed Monday.

Phone: 828-757-5608 **E-mail:** tuttleESF.DFR@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.dfr.state.nc.us

Cost: Free.

Tuttle Educational State Forest is an outdoor learning forest that teaches conservation and forest management to the general public. It serves as a valuable resource for local schools and groups to learn environmental concepts and management techniques and offers 20 different hands-on outdoor environmental programs targeting elementary-aged students. It has a Forest Center, the Old Lingle School, a large picnic shelter with a massive stone fireplace and educational stations.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A one-mile small gravel trail with slopes at least four feet wide and approximately five miles of wilderness trails. An asphalt path leads to the accessible picnic tables. There are no areas of rest every 400 feet. The Forest Center has a boardwalk, but the interior pathways are 26 and 27 inches wide.

Entrance: The entrances to the office, the school and the restrooms have a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open. The entrances to the picnic shelter and Forest Center are level.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender with a toilet 17 to 19 inches above the floor, at least one grab bar in the stall, a sink three feet above the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance, and restroom accessories no higher than four feet above the floor. However, the stall is six feet long and only 31 inches wide, and the bottom of the mirror is 52 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have timed push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, outside no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes about the trails and the restrooms. There are two accessible picnic tables and an asphalt path to the tables.

 **Vision Loss:** The forest has a Talking Tree Trail and a textural trail program that it would easily adapt for a group of visitors with vision loss. This could include leading down a rope and feeling inside boxes on the ground to identify items found in the forest. The information center signs have large black text on a white background.

 **All Disabilities:** The forest can adapt tours for groups of visitors with disabilities, but such adaptations depend on the nature and extent of the disability and the amount of assistance the group travels with.

Linville Caverns

19929 U.S. 221 North
Marion, NC 28752

Location: U.S. 221 North between Linville and Marion; four miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Open: March and November: daily 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; December - February: weekends only 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; April, May, September and October: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; June 1st - Labor Day: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 800-419-0540 **E-mail:** info@linvillecaverns.com

Web Site: www.linvillecaverns.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced admission for children and seniors. Children under age 5 are free.

Visitors can take guided tours of North Carolina's only show caverns and see natural limestone caverns featuring stalactites and stalagmites, amazing mineral colors, an underground stream and cave inhabitants. The temperature inside is 52 degrees year-round, so dress appropriately.

Parking: No marked accessible parking spaces. The parking lot is on a slight slope.

Types of Paths: Inside the caverns, there is a concrete walkway that is fairly smooth and level. There are two places that a wheelchair cannot access: a dead end passage into the narrowest section of the caverns and a section in the back of the caverns where there are a few flat steps to enter one room.

Entrance: There is one step onto a covered porch where the tours begin and a concrete ramp with an approximately 30-degree slope down to the cave door.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons. Restrooms do not have mirrors.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes about the entrance to and the paths inside the caverns. If a visitor needs assistance getting a wheelchair onto the porch area, the visitor should notify staff, and staff will gladly assist. When a visitor with a mobility disability takes a tour, the group size is limited to eight to 10 people to give the tour guide the chance to assist the visitor with the disability.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Linville Caverns has a written tour that visitors who are Deaf or hard of hearing can follow as they go through the caverns.

 **Vision Loss:** Lighting inside the caverns is dim, but visitors with vision loss can participate in a smaller tour group that allows touching some of the rocks.

 **Mental Disabilities:** Visitors with certain mental disabilities such as panic disorder or claustrophobia could feel uncomfortable in certain areas of the caverns and should notify the tour guide ahead of time. The tour involves the tour guide turning off the main lights to allow visitors to experience total darkness.

Memory Lane Museum

769 River Highway
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Location: Take Exit 36 off of I-77 and travel west 1.5 miles to the museum.

Open: April - November: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
 December-March: Friday -Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Other times by appointment for groups.

Phone: 704-662-3673

Web Site: www.memorylaneautomuseum.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children and group tours. Free for children under age 6.

Come take a trip down Memory Lane. This unique museum features a collection of over 150 automobiles and related items such as service stations, garages, antique toys and antique clothing tracing the history of the automobile from 1901 to the present day and the history of racing from the early moonshine era to the super speedways of today. Visitors can view the development of the car from the horse and buggy through the present 200-mile-per-hour NASCAR vehicles. The museum includes an antique toy store and a large gift shop.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces. Visitors with mobility disabilities can park at the side door for easy access.

Types of Paths: The asphalt parking lot leads to a smooth flagstone area in front of the museum. The path is at least four feet wide. The museum is all on one floor.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and has large pull handles. Visitors with mobility disabilities may use the side entrance.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes, including the information for parking at and entering the side door.

North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame

119 Knob Hill Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Location: Take Exit 36 off of I-77 to Lakeside Business Park.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
 December - March: Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Other times by appointment for groups.

Phone: 704-663-5331

Web Site: www.ncarhof.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors and children ages 6-12.

The North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame has a Museum featuring more than 35 cars and displays of driver suits. Relive racing's greatest moments in the Goodyear Mini-Theater. The Gift Shop, also the official "RACE CITY, USA" merchandise headquarters, contains racing memorabilia, artwork, books and used race tires for sale. The Hall of Fame also serves as Mooresville's official Visitor Center.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes leads to the Hall of Fame. The museum has smooth, hard floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doorway is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two women's and one men's accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The museum is wheelchair-accessible, but the restroom mirrors may be slightly difficult for visitors with mobility disabilities to look into.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The film in the Goodyear Mini-Theater is not captioned.

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. Library and Museum

1001 Burkemont Avenue
Morganton, NC 28655

Location: Take Exit 103 off of I-40, turn into the Western Piedmont Community College entrance, turn left on Technology Drive, and park in front of the Phifer Learning Resources Center. The library and museum are upstairs on the second floor.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-448-6195

Web Site: www.samervinlibrary.org

Cost: Free

The Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. Library and Museum houses a replica of the senator's Morganton home library and artifacts from the Senator's personal and political memorabilia. Senator Sam's ornate desk from his Senate office awaits visitors, complete with papers signifying the "business of the day." This collection consists of nearly 10,000 books, pieces of correspondence, photos and public and private documents that provide scholars and students with a wide range of resource information on the life of Senator Sam, the U.S. Constitution and political history with emphasis on the Watergate Era.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A wheelchair-accessible pathway least four-feet wide leads to the building.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: Each floor has one accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, on the first floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** An elevator provides access to the library and museum on the second floor.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The video has a volume control but no captions.

Round Peak Vineyards

765 Round Peak Church Road
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Location: From Charlotte: Take I-77 North to Exit 100. Turn left onto N.C. 89 for two-tenths of a mile, turn right onto Round Peak Church Road, and proceed 1.4 miles. From Winston-Salem: Take U.S. 52 North to I-74 West to Exit 6. Turn left onto N.C. 89 for 1.7 miles, turn right onto Round Peak Church Road, and proceed 1.4 miles. From Virginia: Take I-77 South to Exit 100. Turn left onto N.C. 89 for one-tenth of a mile. Turn right onto Round Peak Church Road and proceed 1.4 miles.

Open: Sunday - Friday noon - 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (and until sunset in June - August). Other times by appointment.

Phone: 336-352-5595

E-mail: info@roundpeak.com

Web Site: www.roundpeak.com

Cost: Fee for tastings.

Round Peak Vineyards is located in the Yadkin Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA), sitting at 1,300 feet in elevation in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Round Peak currently has 12 acres of vineyards producing eight French and Italian varietals. All of its award-winning wines are estate bottled, using only the grapes grown in its vineyard.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide leads from the parking lot to the winery. Other areas around the winery have non-paved paths with slopes. Picnic tables provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the winery is level with the sidewalk and contains double doors at least 32 inches wide with pull handles.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes.



Vision Loss: Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.



All Disabilities: Staff will be glad to provide any assistance needed for visitors.

Additional Information: The winery contains a fenced in area for dogs to roam.

Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

301 North Main Street
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Location: On Main Street in historic downtown Mount Airy.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-786-4478

E-mail: mamrh@northcarolinamuseum.org

Web Site: www.northcarolinamuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children and seniors. Group discounts available.

A journey into the past awaits visitors at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Mount Airy, the museum chronicles the life and culture of the region through 35,000 square feet of permanent and regularly changing exhibits. Visitors can learn about hometown heroes, including Andy Griffith, Donna Fargo, Tommy Jarrell and Chang and Eng (the original Siamese twins); follow the great wagon road to a new life in “The Hollows;” or explore the new “Hands-on History” children’s gallery. The museum has something for everyone, and group tours, birthday parties and event rentals are available.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A concrete walk at least four feet wide leads to the museum.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes. It provides access to all exhibits except the observation tower.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The elevator does not provide access to the observation tower. The top level of the tower is accessible by stairs only.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Lake James State Park

6883 N.C. 126
Nebo, NC 28761

P.O. Box 340
Nebo, NC 28761

Location: Traveling east on I-40: Take the Nebo/Lake James exit (Exit 90) and head north. After one-half a mile, turn right onto Harmony Grove Road and follow it for two miles to a stoplight. Go straight across the intersection past Nebo Elementary School to a Stop sign. Turn right onto N.C. 126 and follow the signs to the park entrance 2.3 miles on the left.

Traveling west on I-40: Take the Dysartsville/Lake James exit (Exit 94) and head north for one-half a mile to a Stop sign. Turn left onto U.S. 70 and go 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Bridgewater Road and go 1.2 miles. Turn left on Benfield's Landing Road and go two miles to a Stop sign. Turn left on N.C. 126, and follow the signs to the park entrance 1.7 miles on the right.

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April, September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Swim Area hours: May - September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 828-584-7728

E-mail: lake.james@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. Fee for camping, swimming, and boat and facility rentals.

Tucked away in rolling hills at the base of Linville Gorge is Lake James, a 6,510-acre lake with more than 150 miles of shoreline. This impressive waterway forms the centerpiece of Lake James State Park. Here nature offers scenic vistas of the Appalachian Mountains and beckons to those with an appetite for outdoor recreation: swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, sunbathing or picnicking along the lakeshore or walking through an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces at the Catawba River Area and eight at the Paddy's Creek Area.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks and hiking trails. The Catawba River Area has a one-fourth a mile paved trail at least four feet wide with areas of rest leading to an accessible fishing pier. The Paddy's Creek Area has sidewalks and a paved access trail to the sandy swimming beach. Steep, forested ridges dominate the landscape.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom facility at the Catawba River Area and two at the Paddy's Creek Area. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park has one accessible fishing pier, two accessible campsites and an accessible showerhouse near the campsites.

 **All Disabilities:** To arrange a special exploration of Lake James State Park for a group or class, contact the park office.

Catawba County Museum of History

30 North College Avenue P.O. Box 73
 Newton, NC 28658 Newton, NC 28658

Location: Take I-40 to Exit 130 toward Conover. Turn right at the second light onto 1st Avenue South/N.C. 16 Business. Go approximately three miles. The museum is on the left in the Old Courthouse.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 828-465-0383

E-mail: cchamuseum@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.catawbahistory.org

Cost: Free.

The Catawba County Museum of History tells the story of the American Dream of the Scots-Irish, German, English and African peoples who followed the Native American trails along the Catawba River. The former Catawba County Courthouse, a National Register of Historic Places structure built in 1924, artfully displays this story. Collections include agricultural tools, hand-made furniture, local stoneware, military uniforms including a British Red Coat from the Revolutionary War era, Civil War objects, an 1861 hand-made First National Flag of the Confederacy, a 1930s race car and a photo gallery of the first race at the Hickory Motor Speedway.

Parking: Parking is around the courthouse. There are no designated accessible parking spaces, but two sides of the building feature parallel spaces and ramps to the sidewalk.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes leads to the museum. There are benches along the way.

Entrance: An accessible entrance with a ramp is located on the south side of the building. The automatic door is at least 32 inches wide. Please call ahead for access.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. Each restroom has grab bars, but the stall is smaller than five feet by five feet, the toilet is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. The sink is no more than three feet above the floor, but it does not provide 29 inches of knee clearance. The sink has a widespread faucet.

Elevator: Yes.

Telephone: A telephone is available, but there is no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the south entrance and the restrooms. Two wheelchairs are available for visitors to use.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Yadkin River Greenway

Various trailhead accesses
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

P.O. Box 191
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Location: North Wilkesboro. Trailhead accesses are located at the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, River's Edge Park (behind the Y.M.C.A.), Lowe's Home Improvement (in midtown near Myers Tire Service), Moravian Creek (behind the Town of Wilkesboro Maintenance Department), Jefferson Creek (behind Dr. Tom Bowman's office along the Reddies River) and at CVS Pharmacy (along U.S. 421 Business).

Open: Daily dawn until dark.

Phone: 336-651-8967

E-mail: yrgreenway@pcshome.net

Web Site: www.yadkinrivergreenway.com

Cost: Free.

The Yadkin River Greenway was created through the cooperative efforts of citizen volunteers, landowners and the governments of Wilkes County, North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, and the State of North Carolina. The effort began in 1994, and the first phase of the greenway became a reality and opened in the spring of 2002. The Yadkin River Greenway Council, a non-profit community organization, provided coordination and leadership. This Greenway is a natural area between urban communities where wildlife, vegetation and streams are preserved and enjoyed. Greenways also provide transportation, recreation and exercise opportunities for the community.

Parking: Parking located at the following trailheads: W. Kerr Scott Tailwater Access, River's Edge Park, Lowes Trailhead, Moravian Park Trailhead, Jefferson Creek Turnpike, and the CVS Trailhead.

Types of Paths: Paved asphalt paths with rock dust material outside of the trail and a boardwalk with handrails. However, the Jefferson Turnpike and W. Kerr Scott sections are rock dust only. 5.2 miles of the path is at least four feet wide, and benches provide areas of rest. The slopes are less than seven percent.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: No restrooms on the greenway.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Greenway is mostly accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but see the notes about the Jefferson Turnpike and W. Kerr Scott sections. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is constructing an accessible fishing pier. The projected construction date is late spring 2012 with completion expected in the summer of 2012.

Additional Information: The "Vita Course" Fitness Exercise course and the Born Learning course, both near the Wilkes YMCA, are hands-on fitness stations.

Mountain Gateway Museum

24 Water Street
Old Fort, NC 28762

Location: From I-40 at Exit 73, travel four blocks north on Catawba Avenue and turn right on Water Street. The museum is on the right in the corner.

Open: Monday noon - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-668-9259

E-mail: mgm@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/osm/mgw.html

Cost: Free.

The Mountain Gateway Museum is a pioneer lifestyle museum. The primary structure is a stone Works Progress Administration building. The site is 3.5 acres with two 19th century cabins, an amphitheater, a gazebo and Mill Creek flowing through the grounds.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Three concrete paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The grounds between the buildings have grass with a park-like atmosphere.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. Some doors are easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. The sink faucets have lever handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Not all areas of the museum are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but the museum's manager has stated that visitors do not have great difficulty moving about in a wheelchair. In the future, the museum hopes to create a video tour of inaccessible areas to show in its accessible media room.

Horne Creek Living Historical Farm

308 Horne Creek Farm Road
Pinnacle, NC 27043

Location: Take U.S. 52/I-74 to Exit 129 for Pinnacle and follow the brown and white signs to the farm.

Open: Year-round Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday and most major holidays.

Phone: 336-325-2298

E-mail: hornecreek@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/horne/horne/htm

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Horne Creek Living Historical Farm serves as a research center and outdoor museum dedicated to the study, preservation and interpretation of North Carolina's rural and agricultural heritage. The former Hauser farm is being restored to showcase typical middle-class farm life in the northwest Piedmont region of the state, circa 1900-1910. The site offers self-guided tours, guided tours upon request, special events and educational programming.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel, concrete, dirt and sand paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: A ramp at the farmhouse's rear entrance provides access to the first floor. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is 42 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The site is not fully wheelchair-accessible but will provide golf cart transportation and tours only to visitors with mobility disabilities and physical challenges and to expectant mothers upon request. Also, an all-terrain wheelchair is available.

 **Vision Loss:** A Braille information brochure is available in the visitor center. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Pilot Mountain State Park

1792 Pilot Knob Park Road
Pinnacle, NC 27043

Location: From Winston-Salem, take U.S. 52 North 20 miles to the base of the mountain. From Mount Airy, take U.S. 52 South 14 miles to the base of the mountain.

Open: November-February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. The River Section opens one-half hour after the Mountain Section and closes one hour prior to the Mountain Section.

Park Office: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Open limited hours on weekends. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 336-325-2355

E-mail: pilot.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping and to rent the picnic shelter.

Approach from any direction and see Pilot Mountain rising more than 1,400 feet above the rolling countryside of the upper Piedmont plateau. Dedicated as a National Natural Landmark in 1976, this solitary peak is the centerpiece of Pilot Mountain State Park. Fun, from relaxation to exhilaration, is easy to find here. A seven-mile woodland corridor joins two sections of the park, each section offering a wealth of opportunities for outdoor fun. The mountain segment, which includes the two pinnacles, contains most of the visitor facilities. The more primitive river section centers around the lazy, meandering Yadkin River.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: 25 miles of trails at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. There is a one-tenth of a mile paved accessible path with a 10-percent or less slope.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide do not meet ADA standards for turning a wheelchair.

Restrooms: No restrooms meet full ADA standards for turning a wheelchair. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the doors and restrooms. The drive to the summit has one accessible overlook, and the summit picnic area has an accessible path. The river section has primitive facilities and is not accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Most print material is 18-point or larger font. Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Rendezvous Mountain Educational State Forest

1956 Rendezvous Mountain Road
Purlear, NC 28659

Location: Take U.S. 421 North to N.C. 16 North. Turn left on Boone Trail, turn right on Purlear Road, stay straight on Shingle Gap Road, and turn left on Rendezvous Mountain Road.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Friday before Thanksgiving through the third Tuesday in March.

Phone: 336-667-5072

E-mail: rendezvousmountainef.dfr@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncesf.org/RMESF/home.htm

Cost: Free. Donations accepted for picnic shelter reservations.

Located in the rugged Blue Ridge Mountains, Rendezvous Mountain Educational State Forest (E.S.F.) showcases magnificent mountain hardwoods in one of North Carolina's most scenic settings. This forest contains trails, views, a picnic shelter, exhibits and much more.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Gravel and asphalt at least four feet wide. There are areas that provide rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Six restrooms with grab bars in the stalls. However, there is not a stall at least five feet long and five feet wide. The bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See above notes about the pathways and the restrooms.

Additional Information: Educational Programs can be conducted for groups of ten or more people free of charge. Subjects covered are Forestry, Wildlife, Water and Soils. The programs can be conducted Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The covered picnic shelter can be reserved on Saturday or Sunday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and again from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., and it is also free; however, donations are accepted. The maximum seating is 175, and the minimum required to make a reservation is 20 people.

Stone Mountain State Park

3042 Frank Parkway
Roaring Gap, NC 28668

Location: From Elkin travel approximately 13 miles on U.S. 21 North. Turn left on Traphill Road, travel four miles, turn right on John P. Frank Parkway and travel two miles to the park.

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-957-8185 **E-mail:** stone.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. There are fees for camping, fishing and facility rentals. Firewood is available for purchase.

Stone Mountain is not immediately visible upon entering the park that bears its name, but this magnificent 600-foot granite dome is well worth the wait. Sunlight and shadows dance across a broad tapestry of stone. Designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1975, Stone Mountain is bounded on the north by the Blue Ridge Parkway and on the west by the Thurmond Chatham Game Lands. More than 14,100 acres of mountain beauty offer opportunities for outdoor activities of all kinds, including hiking, camping, group camping, backpack camping, trout fishing, a horse trail and picnicking.

Parking: 16 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Hiking paths at least four feet wide with slopes. The Stone Mountain Loop Trail has wooden steps near the falls and at the summit area.

Entrance: All buildings are wheelchair-accessible. The Hutchinson Homestead has a level entrance. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Seven accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers and push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Public Telephone: Yes, three, but there is no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Family Campground has two accessible campsites with full hookups and 16 accessible campsites with no hookups. All three picnic shelters are accessible. Not all trails are accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in facilities may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

Shelby City Parks Carrousel and Rotary Train

850 West Sumter Street
Shelby, NC 28150

Location: From Shelby's historic Court Square, go north on Lafayette Street, go two blocks to Sumter Street, turn left and go eight-tenths of a mile. The park is on the right.

Open: Varies according to season. Open Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. during the winter months.

Phone: 704-484-6811

Web Site: www.cityofshelby.com/parks

Cost: Free to enter the park. A small fee for rides.

Shelby City Park features an antique carrousel for the 1920s and a miniature train from 1952 restored in 1998 and 2002, respectively. Shelby City Park is a full municipal park for adults and children with party facilities, a nine-hole golf course, an Olympic swim center, a gymnasium, ball fields, tennis courts, picnic areas and open spaces.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces at the Carrousel and two at the train.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with some slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms at the Carrousel and two at the train. However, the bottom of the mirror in the restrooms at the Carrousel is 44 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** There is a ramp that provides access to the Carrousel, which has wheelchair spaces. Assistance is available. However, the train is not wheelchair-accessible.

Chateau Laurinda Vineyards

690 Reeves Ridge Road
Sparta, NC 28644

Location: From I-77, take U.S. 21 North (Exit 83 or 85), pass Sparta, turn right on N.C. 93, and follow the signs.

Open: April - October: Monday - Saturday noon - 5 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
November - March: Monday - Saturday noon - 4 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Phone: 336-372-2562 or 800-650-3236 (toll-free)

E-mail: clwinery@skybest.com

Web Site: www.chateaulaurindavineyards.com

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for tasting.

Chateau Laurinda offers more than 30 flavors of family-produced all natural wine specializing in fresh fruit wines, wine tours and tastings daily, wine sales and wine-related items. They use fresh fruit grown in North Carolina and a few tropical fruits from Florida. Visitors may make reservations to stay at the Laurinda House Lodge or the Carriage House.

Parking: One marked accessible parking spaces in a large open gravel parking area. But there are plenty of areas to park near the entrance ramp.

Types of Paths: A packed gravel path at least four feet wide with slight slopes. There are areas of rest every 400 feet. The winery has a wooden deck.

Entrance: The winery is raised above the ground but has a ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. The sink faucet has a single lever.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. The Laurinda House Lodge and the Carriage House currently have no lodging rooms at ground level; visitors must use steps to access them. However, in 2012, Chateau Laurinda anticipates adding two lodging rooms at ground level.

 **Vision Loss:** The sales counters protrude more than four inches from the wall, and they have a leading edge that is 30 inches above the floor, creating a possible hazard for visitors with vision loss.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road
Statesville, NC 28625

Location: Take I-77 to Exit 54 or I-40 to Exit 150 and follow the brown signs.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 704-873-5882

E-mail: info@fortdobbs.org

Web Site: www.fortdobbs.org

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted.

Fort Dobbs is the site of a three-story timber blockhouse that was constructed in 1756 to protect the frontier settlement from Indian attacks during the French and Indian War. The fort no longer stands, but visitors may take a tour of the archeological remains, and a visitor center displays some of the artifacts recovered. A full-scale reconstruction of the building is planned. The site holds several living history events throughout the year.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Gravel and path leads from the parking lot to the visitor center.

The site of the fort is a grass field. The one-half a mile long nature trail is not paved, contains mulch and overgrown tree roots in some spots, and has a wooden bridge.

The archaeological site contains benches that provide areas of rest, but the nature trail does not provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp, and the entrance is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms on site. However, the toilet stalls are narrower than five feet by five feet, and the sink faucets have turn knobs that may be difficult to operate with a closed fist.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. The nature trail is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Fort Dobbs offers various objects that visitors with vision loss may touch, including a scale model of the fort and reproductions of period clothing and bullets. Some objects in the visitor center may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge 27 inches or less from the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** Fort Dobbs will try to cater tours toward individuals with disabilities such as by providing tactile tours for visitors with vision loss as described above.

Lake Norman State Park

159 Inland Sea Lane
Troutman, NC 28166

Location: In Iredell County, 10 miles south of Statesville and 32 miles north of Charlotte. From I-77, take Exit 42 onto U.S. 21 North to Troutman. In Troutman turn left on Wagner Street and right on State Park Road, which leads into the state park.

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March, April, September and October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
May - August, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 704-528-6350 **E-mail:** lake.norman@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: No entrance fee. There are fees for camping, swimming, boat rentals and facility rentals.

At Lake Norman State Park, fun is just a matter of scale. On one hand, there's the largest manmade lake in the state, Lake Norman. When filled to capacity, its surface area is 32,510 acres with a shoreline of 520 miles and a main channel 34 miles in length – thus its nickname, the “Inland Sea.” The 13-mile shoreline within the state park provides boating access. On another hand, the park boasts its own 33-acre lake where visitors can enjoy fishing and boating. Also, with hiking trails, picnic areas, interpretive programs and campgrounds, there's more to Lake Norman State Park than merely water.

Parking: 18 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Accessible paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest lead to the community building and an accessible fishing dock.

Entrance: The Park Office has steps. The door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Telephone: The park has three public telephones.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See above notes. Facilities that have a ramp or wheelchair access include swimming area, the community building, the family campground showerhouse and the Osprey and Kingfisher picnic shelters.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in facilities may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** The park requires at least 72 hours (three days) advance notice to provide accommodations for visitors with disabilities such as allowing vehicular access down a service road to a picnic area that is not accessible by wheelchair.

LifeSpan's Blue Sky Nature Center

147 Iredell Avenue
Troutman, NC 28166

Location: Located off Murdock Road in Troutman. From I-77, take Exit 45, turn left on Murdock Road, and turn right on Iredell Avenue.

Open: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 704-872-1321

Web Site: www.lifespanservices.org

Cost: Free.

LifeSpan's Blue Sky Nature Center is a certified Wildlife Habitat that provides a natural area that is safe and aesthetically pleasing where wildlife can be observed and protected. This site provides visitors an outdoor experience that includes sensory and horticultural gardens while offering the community at large a model for conservation and preservation. Special features include viewing decks, a picnic area, an amphitheater and a one-fourth a mile hardscaped walking trail.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A one-fourth mile hardscaped walking trail at least four feet wide with gentle slopes. There is a ramp to the lookout deck and benches that provide areas of rest. Natural ground with pine needles separates the small stage from the trail.

Entrance: A ramp provides access to the hardscaped walking area.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms located in Building One. Sink faucets have levers. Restrooms are closed when LifeSpan's offices are closed on weekends and holidays.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. LifeSpan developed the Blue Sky Nature Center to meet the needs of children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

◐ **Vision Loss:** The sensory garden could provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss to smell and touch.



Rasheeda Thrasher enjoys the nature trail at the Blue Sky Nature Center.

Zootastic Park

448 Pilch Road
Troutman, NC 28166

Location: Take I-40 to I-77 South to Exit 42 for Troutman. Turn left on U.S. 21, travel one mile, turn right on Ostwalt Amity Road, travel 1.5 miles, turn left on Pilch Road, and Zootastic Park is one-half mile on the left.

Open: April - October: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call or check the web site for the specific dates the zoo opens and closes.

Phone: 704-245-6446

Web Site: www.zootasticpark.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 2-11 and groups of 15 or more.

A visit to Zootastic Park is a trip to the zoo that's fun, educational and affordable. Explore the days of the cowboys in Western Town and learn about snakes, reptiles, tortoises, raccoons, skunks and coatimundi. Then wander over to Safari Trail with the ZooKeeper tour guide, where a covered walk allows visitors to get close to some of our larger exotic animals including, antelope, red kangaroos, exotic birds, camels, zebra, bison and much more. The tour continues through the Barnyard Petting Zoo, where visitors can interact and learn about the farm animals such as chickens, horses, cows, pigs and goats. The fun doesn't stop there! The grand finale of the tour includes viewing our two tigers, Sasha and Jasmine, in their brand new 4,000-square-foot enclosure. Host a birthday party, bring a school, church or summer camp group or hold corporate events.

Parking: Ten paved accessible parking spaces in two large gravel lots.

Types of Paths: Level paved and gravel walking paths at least four feet wide. Benches, tables and rocking chairs provide areas of rest. The indoor exhibits have concrete surfaces.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The zoo is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but they may experience some difficulty on the gravel paths.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Tour guide scripts are available to provide detailed animal information.

 **Vision Loss:** A tour guide can provide audio descriptions.

 **Mental Disabilities:** The zoo has a Qualified Mental Health Professional on staff. Groups of 15 or more that include individuals with mental disabilities should schedule in advance.

Valdese Tourism Department/Old Rock School

400 West Main Street
Valdese, NC 28690

P.O. Box 339
Valdese, NC 28690

Location: Take I-40 to Exits 111 or 112.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 828-879-2129

Web Site: www.visitvaldese.com

Cost: Free.

Located in the rolling foothills of Western North Carolina, the Town of Valdese was founded on the rich traditions of 19th century Waldensian settlers and their historic journey from the hills of Italy to Burke County. The Valdese Tourism Department is located in the historic Old Rock School, which houses two Art Galleries and the Piedmont and Western Railroad Club's model train museum. Visitors can obtain information about attractions in Valdese, including information about From This Day Forward Outdoor Drama and Waldensian Heritage Wines. The department also plans trips for groups and prepares their itineraries.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces along the side of the building.

Types of Paths: There is a long, winding ramp at the building's rear. However, the path through the parking lot to the ramp has a two-inch high speed bump. The ramp's path is 39 to 43 inches wide, and the turn intervals are 50 to 52 inches wide and 90 inches long. There is a curb cut by the side entrance. The Heritage Millennium Clock Tower has a curb cut and a concrete sidewalk approximately 45 inches wide.

Entrance: The side entrance that is level with the walkway provides access to the restrooms. The door is at least 32 inches wide but requires a click and pull to open. A ramp at the building's rear provides access to the tourism department and the Art Galleries. The door is at least 32 inches wide and requires only a pull to open. There is a doorbell to receive assistance.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender on the lower level. Each restroom has an accessible stall 71 inches long and 77 inches wide with a sink, mirror, soap dispenser, and paper towel dispenser. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: The lower level has a tall narrow water fountain with a spout 39 to 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Because the building does not have an elevator, visitors with mobility disabilities must enter one entrance for the tourism office and Art Gallery and another entrance for the restrooms. The speed bump and side entrance door handle are barriers, and the water fountain is inaccessible.

Waldensian Heritage Museum

208 Rodoret Street
Valdese, NC 28690

P.O. Box 111
Valdese, NC 28690

Location: Take I-40 to Exit 111. Travel north one mile, turn left on Germain Street, and the museum will be two blocks ahead and the light.

Open: Tours: Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Phone: 828-874-1111

E-mail: museum@waldensianpresbyterian.org

Web Site: www.waldensianpresbyterian.org

Cost: Small admission fee.

The Waldensian Heritage Museum is a 12,000-square-foot building with two floors. Many displays retrace the lives of the Waldensians from the Middle Ages in Europe across the centuries to settling in a new world. The tour begins with a 15-minute movie detailing the early days of the Waldensians to the group of 29 settlers coming here in 1893 and settling in the town now called Valdese.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalk at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single handle levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

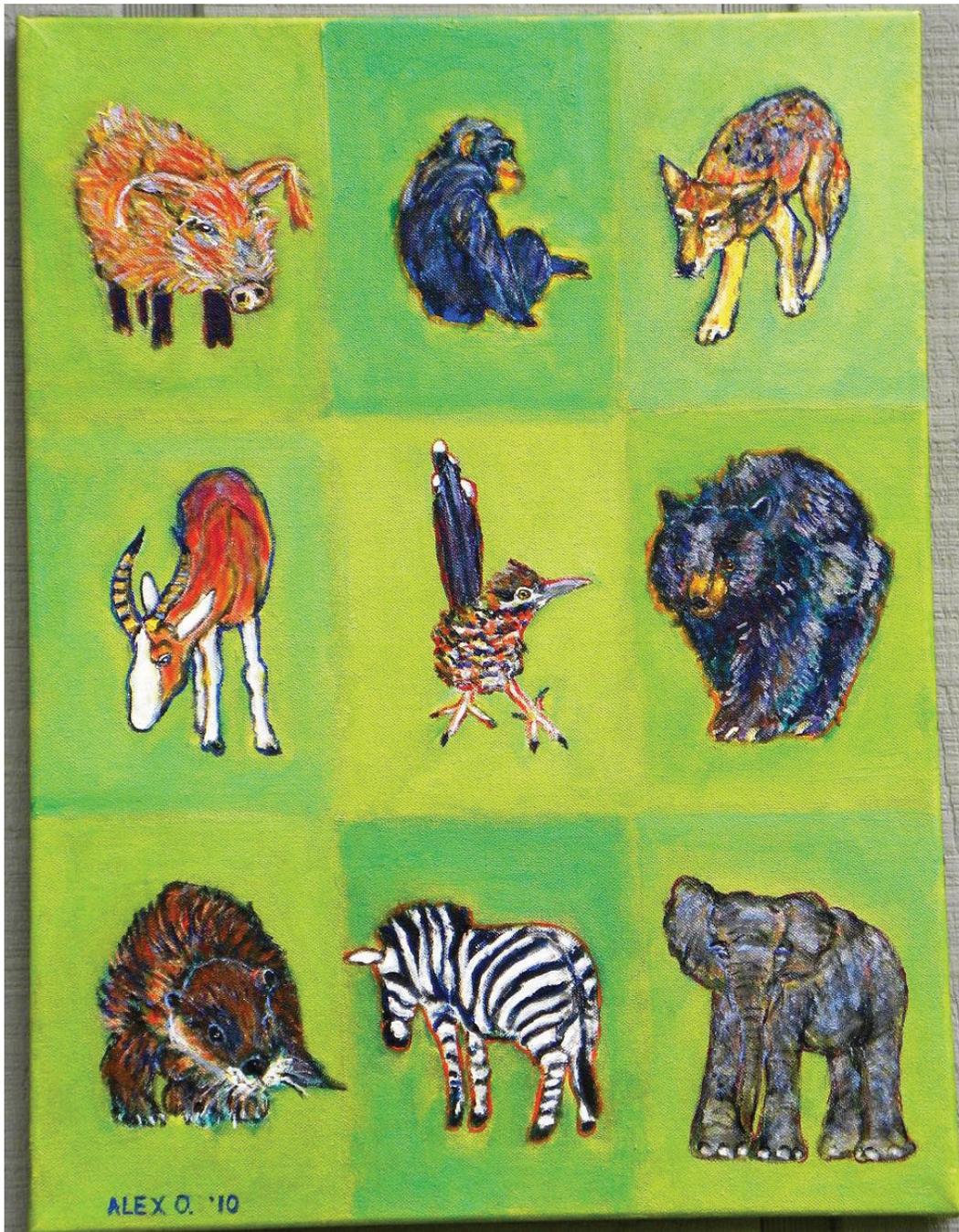
Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

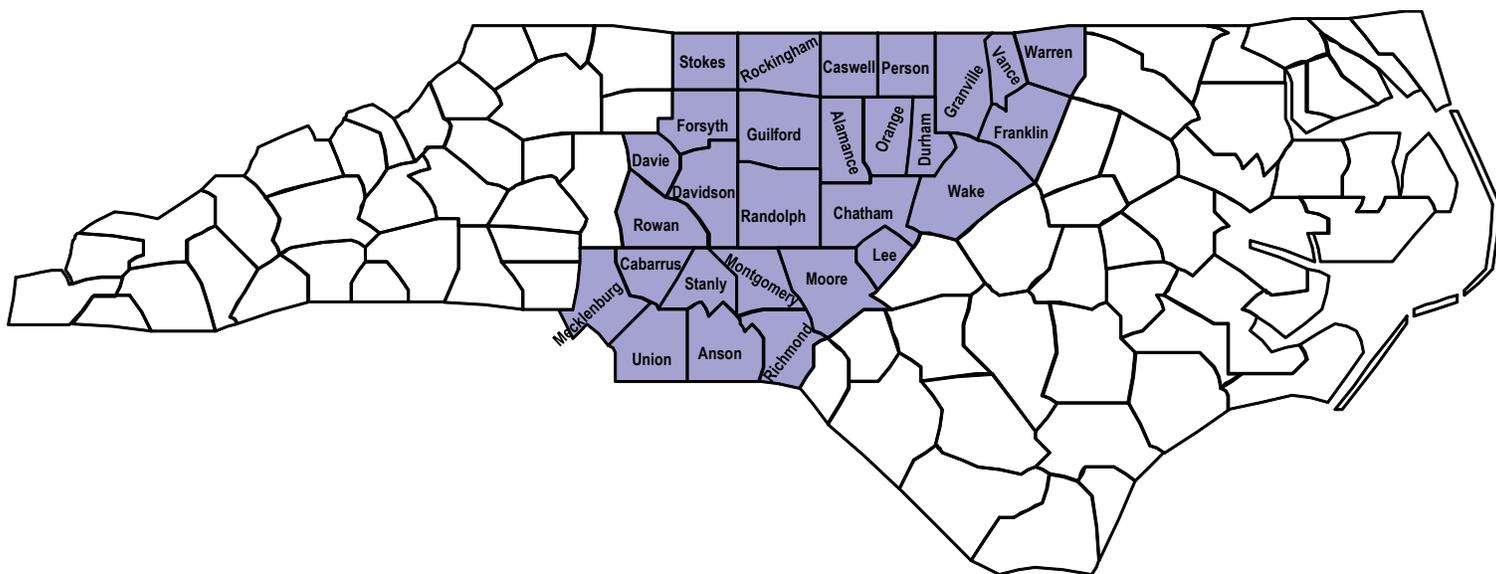
Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The movie at the beginning of the tour is not captioned, and most display areas do not have any printed materials.

Vision Loss: The new timeline display has large-print font. Tours involve tour guides telling about the artifacts. Objects do not protrude more than four inches from the wall.

Piedmont



“Day at the Zoo”
By Alex O’Connor, Animal Artist with Multiple Sclerosis
Durham, N.C.



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Dennis Vineyards Winery

24043 Endy Road
Albemarle, NC 28001

Location: From Albemarle take N.C. 24/27 west approximately five miles, turn right on Endy Road at the caution light, and the winery is one-half mile on the left.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 704-982-6090 or 800-230-1743

E-mail: mail@dennisvineyards.com

Web Site: www.dennisvineyards.com

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for tours and tastings.

Dennis Vineyards Winery, Stanly County's first winery, offers a gift shop with wine accessories, customized gift baskets and crafts from local artists; muscadine, fruit and berry wines; tours and tastings. The winery hosts receptions, class reunions, and private meetings as well as events such as a Spring Fling, a Harvest Festival & Grape Stomp and Murder Mystery dinners.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces at ground level.

Types of Paths: Outside: gravel and concrete paths. Gift shop: tile floors.

Entrance: One side of the gift shop has a ground level entrance, and the other side has a slope with steps. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have pull handles.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The sink faucets have a single lever handle.

Water Fountain: Yes, it has spouts at three heights: 39 inches high, 34 inches high and 28 inches high.

Water Fountain: Yes, not more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. One entrance to the gift shop is accessible, and one entrance is not accessible, so visitors with mobility disabilities should be sure to use the accessible entrance.

Morrow Mountain State Park

49104 Morrow Mountain Road
Albemarle, NC 28001

Location: Six miles east of Albemarle. Accessible from N.C. 24/27, 73 and 740.

Open: November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - May and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; June - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 704-982-4402

E-mail: morrow.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for certain activities.

Enjoy the gifts of nature surrounded by the remnants of a once mighty range of peaks, the Uwharrie Mountains. Recreation is plentiful in and around the waters of Lake Tillery and the Yadkin-Pee Dee River. Fishing and boating are popular pastimes. Nature lovers can pick from miles of trails to travel on foot or horseback. For those who want to stay and take it all in, cabins and camping are available. One word describes Morrow Mountain State Park: variety. Use the family car or RV, horseback or canoe, put on a pair of hiking boots or bait a favorite fishing pole – a visit to Morrow Mountain lets visitors choose their own kind of adventure.

Parking: Numerous marked accessible parking spaces and areas.

Types of Paths: Concrete, stone, asphalt, wood and dirt/gravel paths. Most are at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: Some buildings have a ramp, and some buildings have level entrances. All doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Numerous restrooms that are mostly accessible. The swimming pool has a restroom stall that is 10 feet by three feet, and the family campground has a restroom stall that is three feet by six feet. The restrooms at the lower picnic area and shelters have accessories that are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park has an accessible picnic shelter in the lower picnic area, an accessible fishing pier, six accessible campsites in the C loop, one accessible group campsite (Campsite 4) and one accessible vacation cabin. The accessible campsites have raised fire pits and a three-foot by seven-foot shower with grab bars and a seat; however, the shower hose does not reach the seat. The swimming pool has a four-foot wide access ramp with handrails.

 **Vision Loss:** Two wall displays in the park office's/community building's foyer protrude slightly more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge. The A View from the Top sign at one scenic overlook has large print with good contrast.



Marc Jones fishes from the park's accessible pier.



Marc and Philip Woodward chat at the accessible picnic shelter.



Marc enjoys the view from one of the park's scenic overlooks in the upper parking lot.

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area

280 State Park Road
Apex, NC 27523 (Park Office)

Location: On U.S. 64 in Chatham County.

Open: Park Office: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 919-362-0586 **E-mail:** jordan.lake@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: An admission fee is collected on any vehicle that enters any Jordan Lake state park property with amenities on weekends in April, May and September and daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Fee for camping, facilities and shelters. Reduced camping fee for seniors ages 62+.

Imagine relaxing in a cove, listening to the sounds of water rippling. Then, you feel a firm tug on your fishing line. It's going to be a big one! Picture the surface of the lake glistening, water spraying your face, and the boat motor ahead roaring. Hear the laughter of children, smell burgers roasting over a charcoal fire, and feel a breeze blowing through the campground. With almost 14,000 acres of water, all this and more is yours to discover at Jordan Lake State Recreation Area. The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation operates nine recreation areas on the lake: Crosswinds Campground, Ebenezer Church, Parker's Creek, Poplar Point, Seaforth, Vista Point, Robeson Creek, New Hope Overlook, and White Oak Recreation Area. Whether you're looking for fun in the sun or an evening under the stars, Jordan Lake offers it all.

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area's park office provides information to the public visiting Jordan Lake. Its exhibit hall educates visitors about the flora, fauna and history of Jordan Lake.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces at the park office.

Types of Paths: Level sidewalks at least four feet wide with mild slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The park office has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park office is accessible. Primitive campsites are not accessible. The group tent and RV campsites are accessible. The non-electric and electric campsites are accessible near each shower house. The picnic shelters are accessible.

North Carolina Aviation Museum and Hall of Fame

2222-G Pilots View Road P.O. Box 1814
Asheboro, NC 27205 Asheboro, NC 27204

Location: Take I-40 to U.S. 220 South (future 735) to N.C. 49/64 to Tot Hill Farm Road to Pilots View Road.

Open: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday in November and Monday - Tuesday in December - March.

Phone: 336-625-0170

Web Site: www.ncairmuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students ages 6-17. Children under six are free.

The North Carolina Aviation Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and honoring the heritage of the wonderfully wide world of flight and beyond. The museum's inventory includes a unique Piper "Flitfire" flown by Orville Wright and an extremely rare Savoia Marchetti S-56 Seaplane, and the Bob Moon Museum Store houses one of the Southeast's largest collections of scale models. The museum also features a torpedo display, a submarine exhibit, an Army convoy, wartime memorabilia dating back to the 1800s, a research area, several video viewing areas and walls of amazing aviation artwork and numerous period newspapers.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces. Five areas marked for buses.

Types of Paths: A clearly marked asphalt walkway connects the parking area to the museum entrance. The museum has tile floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the ground.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The videos are not captioned, but the volume can be adjusted liberally for visitors who are hard of hearing.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum is a no-touch museum. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall but have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Planes are free-standing with some signs on the floor. The video viewing area provides audio information.

North Carolina Zoo

4401 Zoo Parkway
Asheboro, NC 27205

Location: Take U.S. 64 to Asheboro and then take N.C. 159 to the zoo.

Open: Daily March - October 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; November - February 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-879-7000

Web Site: www.nczoo.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors and children under 12 years old.

Located in the picturesque Uwharrie Mountains, the North Carolina Zoo is recognized as one of the world's finest natural habitat animal parks and is the first American zoo designed entirely around the "natural habitat" philosophy – presenting animals and plants in exhibits that closely resemble their wild environments. The zoo's African and American exhibit regions span more than 500 acres, ranking it among the nation's largest walk-through zoos. Trek five miles from the Arctic's frosty waters to Africa's wild lands. Stroll through the Forest Aviary's tropical rainforest or see the Sonora Desert's reptiles. Feed giraffes from the Acacia Station Giraffe Deck. Ride on the unique accessible Carousel featuring endangered animals.

Parking: 51 total marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and concrete paths at least four feet wide with some slopes. Signs point out areas with gentle slopes. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: Buildings have ramps. The doors to the African Pavilion have pull handles that make them difficult for some visitors with physical disabilities to open.

Restrooms: Nine sets of accessible restrooms. Not all restrooms have a five-foot by five-foot toilet stall. Sink faucets have front push handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the ground.

Public Telephone: Yes, available at two Visitor Services Offices. There is no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Carousel has a wheelchair-accessible swan bench, and the 4-D theater has a ramp in the rear. Electric and manual wheelchairs are available for rent as well as a limited number of four-wheel electric mobility carts that hold one standing passenger per vehicle. Accessible trams and buses transport visitors between three stops and between parking lots. The coin-operated viewers and some signs are not wheelchair-accessible. See the African Pavilion and restroom notes above. Restroom sinks are difficult to operate.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The zoo has ample directional and exhibit information signs and provides a park map upon entry.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille. The Smart Cart has objects that provide tactile stimulation. The "Why Bear Why?" book has an audio feature.

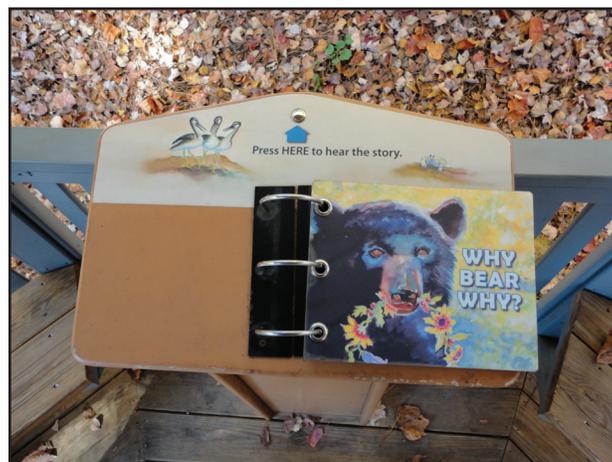
 **Cognitive Disabilities:** The "Why Bear Why?" book has an audio feature.



Billy Frisbee enjoys riding on the Carousel's wheelchair-accessible swan bench at the North Carolina Zoo.



Billy feeds a giraffe at the Acacia Station giraffe deck.



The "Why Bear Why?" book has a button to read the story aloud.

Pisgah Covered Bridge

6925 Pisgah Covered Bridge Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

Location: From U.S. 220 (I-73/I-74), take Exit 49 and follow the signs to the bridge.

Open: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Web Site: www.pisgahcoveredbridge.com; a detailed history is available at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pisgah_Covered_Bridge

Cost: Free.

Explore this structure, one of North Carolina's two remaining historic covered bridges (the other is the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge in Claremont). Built in 1911 at a cost of \$40, the bridge spans 54 feet and crosses the West Fork Branch of the Little River within Uwharrie National Forest. This bridge, on the National Register of Historic Places, presents a great spot for photography, picnics and nature walks along the surrounding quarter-mile walking trail. Picnic tables and public parking are available.

Parking: No marked spaces in a gravel parking lot.

Types of Paths: A gravel parking area leads to a flagstone ramp. The bridge itself is wooden and bumpy. The gravel walking trail is approximately 67 inches wide with slopes and six steps. There are boardwalk bridges approximately 69 inches wide with wooden handrails along the trail.

Entrance: The bridge's entrance has a rough flagstone ramp. The threshold between the asphalt area and the ramp is up to two inches high. Three wooden posts stand in front of the ramp with 30.5 inches and 28.5 inches between each post. The entrance to the bridge itself is nine feet and 11 inches wide.

Restrooms: No restrooms are located on site.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Visitors with mobility disabilities may be able to approach and cross the bridge with some difficulty. However, the nature trail is not wheelchair-accessible because it contains steps. Two wheelchair-accessible picnic benches 30 inches high are located on site.

 **Vision Loss:** The site has a Randolph County Historic Landmark sign that contains large-print white text with all capital letters and smaller, lower-case letters near the bottom. Visitors with vision loss can enjoy listening to the water rippling through the stream and other sounds of nature.

Haw River State Park

339 Conference Center Drive
Browns Summit, NC 27214

Location: Take U.S. 29 North to the Browns Summit exit (N.C. 150). Turn left and go through Browns Summit, where N.C. 150 veers right and crosses railroad tracks. Continue about three miles past the railroad tracks and turn right on Spearman Road (Fire Station #33 is on the corner). Go 1.4 miles and turn left on Conference Center Drive. The Lodge is near the end of the drive.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed most state holidays. Call the park office to find out about extended hours for some weekends.

Phone: 336-342-6163 **E-mail:** haw.river@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free for trail and lake users. Visitors must stop at the main office to sign in and receive a map. A fee for overnight stay or day events.

Haw River State Park is the only overnight facility for the state parks system and offers environmental education programming as well as conference center amenities. The park has a fully stocked cafeteria and food services for visitors who are staying for the day or overnight. All meeting areas are accessible as well as four motel-style rooms. All overnight rates are per person per night. Rates are based on 5 p.m. arrival and 5 p.m. departure and include one meeting space, use of audiovisual equipment, three meals and one snack break. The motel rate includes linens. Visitors staying in the cabins should bring their own linens.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved paths between buildings at least four feet wide with slopes. Gravel and dirt trails at least four feet wide with slopes run throughout the park grounds; there are no areas of rest.

Entrance: All buildings have a ramp or a level entrance. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have lift levers. The Lodge and the education building's sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the ground.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, but no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the path notes. The park recently completed a renovation of all restrooms and one meeting area to make them more accessible in addition to installing an elevator and a deck with a level entryway.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The park can hire sign language interpreters if necessary.

Alamance Battleground State Historic Site

5803 South NC 62
Burlington, NC 27215

Location: Six miles south of I-40/I-85 in Burlington at Exit 143.
Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and major holidays.
Phone: 336-227-4785 **E-mail:** alamance@ncdcr.gov
Web Site: www.alamancebattleground.nchistoricsites.org
Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Alamance Battleground is the site where North Carolina colonial militia, under the command of Royal Governor William Tryon, defeated the Regulators at the Battle of Alamance on May 16th, 1771. An orientation video, exhibits, monuments, waysides and the 1780 Allen House help tell the story of this pre-Revolutionary War battle and period life. The site also interprets unique links to the American Revolution and the Civil War.

Parking: No designated paved parking spaces. Accommodations can be made as necessary for easy access.

Types of Paths: Natural ground with grass. No paved paths. Some slopes. Benches near the restroom provide an area of rest.

Entrance: The visitor center is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and has a pull handle that swings outwardly. The Allen House has one step.

Restrooms: One women's and one men's accessible restroom. The sink faucets have a single lever handle.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** On a tour of the Allen House (approximately 80 yards from the visitor center), visitors with mobility disabilities may drive or be driven to it. Staff can assist at the Allen House wherever necessary or requested to assure a comfortable experience for visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The orientation video has a volume control but is not captioned. Staff tries to make all accommodations possible.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille. Two plaques outside the visitor center are a map of the site with raised letters and shapes that visitors with vision loss can feel. Two monuments across the street also have raised letters. Staff will take time with visitors with vision loss to meet their needs. The orientation video does not have audio description.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff will make every effort to meet all needs and ensure an enjoyable experience.

Bryant House and McClendon Cabin

3361 Mount Carmel Road P.O. Box 324
Carthage, NC 28327 Southern Pines, NC 28387

Location: Drive west from Carthage on N.C. 24/27, turn left on Mount Carmel Road and proceed about five miles.

Open: Spring and summer: second and fourth Sunday of each month: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Phone: 910-673-0908

E-mail: moorehistory@connectnc.net

Web Site: www.moorehistory.com/house_museums/index.htm

Cost: Free. donations accepted.

The McClendon Cabin, dating from approximately 1760, is the oldest building in Moore County still on its original foundation. The Bryant House was built about 1825, and its occupants always used the McClendon Cabin as their kitchen. Annual events include Clenny Creek Day on the third Saturday in April and a Christmas Open House for two days in December.

Parking: Parking is available in a field above the houses.

Types of Paths: A gravel path at least four feet wide with slopes leads from the parking field to the house. The path is approximately 275 feet long.

Entrance: The entrance to each building has steps, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: One outhouse is on site, and Porta-Johns are available for events. The outhouse has a stall at least five feet by five feet but does not have grab bars. The Porta-Johns have a hand cleaning dispenser. There is no mirror.

Water Fountain: None. Water is sold at events.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The buildings are not wheelchair-accessible. Friends and family lift wheelchairs onto porches. Visitors with mobility disabilities who use a mobility device other than a wheelchair or walker (such as a cane) may be able to enter the houses on site more easily.

 **Vision Loss:** The house has at least 80 inches of headroom above the floor except for a short distance going up the stairs. Some furniture protrudes more than four inches from the wall and could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss. Visitors with vision loss receive assistance from family and friends.

Chatham Hill Winery

3800 Gateway Centre Boulevard #310
Cary/Morrisville, NC 27560

Location: From I-40, take Exit 285 at Aviation Parkway and follow the grape signs. Turn south on Aviation Parkway toward Morrisville, take the first right on Gateway Centre Boulevard and turn left into the third driveway at the 3800 building.

Open: Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
January - March: Closed Monday.

Phone: 919-380-7135

E-mail: info@chathamhillwine.com

Web Site: www.chathamhillwine.com

Cost: Fee for a wine tasting, winery tour and souvenir glass.

Chatham Hill Winery, a boutique Urban Winery and the Triangle's oldest, handcrafts award-winning wines from grapes grown in the Yadkin Valley, North Carolina's first appellation. Selected wines are available in many fine wine and food stores, and in restaurants throughout North Carolina. The winery offers daily wine tasting and winery tours and hosts private and corporate functions and events. Come visit and relax with a wonderful glass of wine and some cheese and crackers. Enjoy the art gallery featuring local artists, and shop our wine and gift store. The winery loves to tell its unique story about being an Urban Winery as well as sharing its passion and love for wine, food and people.

Parking: At least 50 parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with areas of rest. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide with a pull handle that opens outwardly.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. The sink faucets have lever handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The Tasting Room has a large wheelchair-accessible table reserved for visitors with mobility disabilities. The winery tours can accommodate visitors who use wheelchairs.

Cary Heritage Museum/Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop
Cary, NC 27513

Location: Adjacent to the Cary Town Hall between Chapel Hill Road and Chatham Street.

Open: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Available on the weekend for special events and rentals. Closed on all official Town of Cary holidays.

Phone: 919-460-4963

Web Site: www.townofcary.org (click on Departments and then Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources)

Cost: Free. Donations appreciated.

The Cary Heritage Museum is on the third floor of the historic Walker Hotel built by Cary's founder, Allison Page. The museum presents exhibits that capture the metamorphosis of a town that transformed from a railroad village to a high-tech community. A timeline of two- and three-dimensional artifacts provides historic perspective by juxtaposing national and international events with significant happenings in Cary. An accessible park with a garden lies between the museum and the Cary Town Hall.

Parking: Three unmarked accessible parking spaces behind the museum (they have a marked access aisle but are not marked as accessible) and six marked accessible parking spaces at the town hall. Each parking area has a curb cut.

Types of Paths: Brick and flat stone paths at least four feet wide with gentle slopes. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The front has steps, but the side entrance is level with the museum. The door is at least 32 inches wide and has twisted lever handles that pull outward.

Restrooms: Four restrooms. However, only the second- and third-floor restrooms have a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet; the first-floor restroom stall has only 30.5 inches between grab bars. The toilet on the third floor is only 15 inches high, and the sink does not have nine inches of toe space. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A wheelchair is available. The museum and all floors are accessible, but see the notes on restroom accessibility. The restroom on the second floor is the most accessible restroom.

 **Vision Loss:** Elevator signs have Braille.

 **All Disabilities:** The museum strives to be available to all visitors, and visitors with special needs should contact the museum ahead of time.

Kids Together Playground at Marla Dorrel Park

111 Thurston Drive
Cary, NC 27518

Location: From U.S. 1, take Exit 99 onto the Cary Parkway. Turn on Thurston Drive and turn left into the playground's parking lot.

Open: Daily sunrise to sunset.

Phone: Shelter reservations: 919-460-4965

Web Site: www.kidstogethercary.org

Cost: Free. Fee to rent the picnic shelter.



One of the playground's two Landscape Structures swings

Two girls led an effort to bring an accessible playground in Cary, and the Kids Together Playground opened in June 2000. Marla Dorrel Park consists of the two-acre, accessible Kids Together Playground with a picnic shelter; a climbable dragon sculpture named KATAL; an open field and concrete slab for play; a basketball court; and parking facilities all on a 16-acre parcel of land. A paved trail connects Marla Dorrel Park to MacDonald Woods Park, crossing U.S. 1 and U.S. 64 via a pedestrian bridge.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks. Mulch surrounds the play structures. The main climbing structures have matted surfaces to provide access to them. Artistic benches, including the wheelchair-accessible, interactive oracle bench, provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the playground and the picnic shelter is level. The entrance to each toddler playhouse is 35 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The accessible stall is at least eight feet wide and nine feet long and contains an adult-size changing station. Each one has two sinks; the lower sink faucet is 22 inches high, and the faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, it has spouts at three heights: 39 inches high, 34 inches high and 28 inches high.

Public Telephone: Yes with a volume control button.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The playground has two Landscape Structures swings for children with disabilities, wheelchair-accessible sand tables and a ramp up one of the main climbing structures.

◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** See the note about the public telephone.

◐ **Vision Loss:** Varied surfacing on walkways provides textural cues. The oracle bench has trumpet-shaped tubes for whispering into and listening to another person.

● **All Disabilities:** Lush landscaping appeals to the senses of sight, touch and smell. Visitors are encouraged to play with the plants.

Ackland Art Museum

101 South Columbia Street CB 3400
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3400

Location: At the corner of South Columbia and East Franklin Streets in downtown Chapel Hill. Adjacent to the Hanes Art Center on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

Open: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Monday, Tuesday and most major holidays.

Phone: 919-966-5736; TTY: 919-962-0837 **E-mail:** ackland@email.unc.edu

Web Site: www.ackland.org

Cost: Free.

Only 50 years old, the Ackland Art Museum is one of the leading public university art museums in the country. The permanent collection includes the art of Africa, Europe and America as well as one of the Southeast's finest Asian collections and one of the Southeast's largest collections of works on paper. The museum also displays the tomb and a memorial sculpture to William Hayes Ackland, whose bequest established the museum. The museum offers more than a dozen exhibitions annually and events such as music, Yoga and Drawing in the Galleries to create a dynamic environment for the public to enjoy the arts.

Parking: One marked diagonal accessible parking space behind the museum.

Types of Paths: Level sidewalks with curb cuts lead to the museum. The galleries have carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and contains fancy D-shaped handles that pull outward.

Restrooms: One accessible family restroom. The sink faucet has a lever. The museum also has one restroom for each gender, but the largest stall is 40 inches by 70 inches, and the sink faucets have turn knobs that require a fine grasp.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum and the family restroom are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** A free cell phone audio tour is available at 919-428-2006. Restroom signs have Braille. Gallery walls have large-print text that is purple and dark grey on a tan wall or purple and white on a grey wall. A double-sided painting mounted on a free-standing display case in the Early Modern European Art room is a possible barrier to visitors with vision loss.

Additional Information: Use only pencils when writing in galleries; pencils are available at the front desk.

Carolina Performing Arts

114 East Cameron Avenue
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Location: In Memorial Hall located next to the Phillips Annex. Visit the web site for detailed driving and parking directions.

Open: Box Office hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Performance schedule varies.

Phone: Box Office: 919-843-3333

E-mail: performingarts@email.unc.edu

Web Site: www.carolinaperformingarts.org

Cost: Varies by performance and seat location.

Carolina Performing Arts serves as the flagship program of UNC's Office of the Executive Director for the Arts. It presents the best from the full spectrum of performing arts: internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras; dance and chamber ensembles; jazz, folk and world music performers; and opera and theater.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces. However, for performances the Swain lot adjacent to Memorial Hall is reserved for accessible parking, and a golf cart will be present to shuttle guests to Memorial Hall's front entrance.

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp on both sides, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: Three accessible for each gender (six total). On the main floor, restrooms are on either side of the lobby. Upstairs the restrooms are in the left-hand lobby only. The sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, but no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Memorial Hall is fully accessible and has wheelchair seating. Please notify the sales associate when purchasing tickets of any wheelchair seating needs. A wheelchair is available, so is wheelchair-pushing assistance upon request. See the note about the golf cart shuttle.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A complimentary infrared, in ear listening system is available. Please see an usher or proceed to the coat check on the left side of the main floor lobby to borrow a device. The brand is Sennheiser, RI 250 mono "direct ear." The theater can provide a sign language interpreter with two weeks notice.

● **Vision Loss:** Large-print programs are available, and Braille programs are available upon request. The theater can provide an audio describer with two weeks notice.

Morehead Planetarium and Science Center

250 East Franklin Street CB #3480
 Chapel Hill, NC 27599 Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Location: At Franklin Street's intersection with Pickard Lane in downtown Chapel Hill.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday also open 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 919-962-1236 **E-mail:** mhplanet@unc.edu

Web Site: www.moreheadplanetarium.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children, students and seniors.

Morehead Planetarium and Science Center offers fulldome digital video planetarium shows, live science demonstrations, camps, exhibits and other educational programs. It has a rich history – Morehead was the first planetarium on a U.S. college campus and trained American astronauts during the 1960s and 1970. It serves as UNC's primary site for informal science education. From birth, humans are naturally curious about the universe around them. The basic idea behind Morehead's programming is to create fun, educational programs that help people explore their own natural curiosity. A day at Morehead might include a visit to an interactive exhibit; an exciting live science demonstration; and an engaging, live show about a current science topic. The building is also home to the UNC Visitors' Center, which offers campus information and tours.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts.

Entrance: The primary, west and east entrances have ramps with handrails. Doors are at least 32 inches wide; the primary and west entrances have automatic doors.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes, in the attached UNC Visitors' Center.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The planetarium is located in an older building built in 1949. The fulldome theater and gift shop are fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. Access to one exhibit area requires three steps. Movement between the fulldome theater and the Science Stage presentation room requires the use of stairs or outdoor travel around the building to the ramp. A person with a mobility disability who enters the west entrance must take an elevator down to the exhibit areas and restrooms.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available for planetarium shows upon request. The animated film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Some entrance, elevator and restrooms signs have Braille. Some exhibit areas have dim lighting.

Jordan Lake Educational State Forest

2832 Big Woods Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Location: From Apex take N.C. 64 East, cross Jordan Lake, turn left on Big Woods Road and travel three miles. The forest is on the right.

Open: Mid-March to mid-November: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Daylight Savings Time and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Phone: 919-542-1154

E-mail: JordanLakeESF.DFR@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncesf.org

Cost: Free.

One of seven Educational State Forests operated by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, Jordan Lake Educational State Forest is approximately 420 acres and features a Talking Tree Trail, Demonstration Trail, picnic shelter and educational classes.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel paths at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The office, shelter, and restrooms have a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One restroom. However, there is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet. The sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** In 2008, The ACCESS North Carolina program funded the construction of ramps at the picnic shelter and accessible parking at the Ranger Station and restrooms. An ACCESS North Carolina project authorized in 2011 will pave 300 feet of the existing picnic shelter trail, pave 360 feet of the Education Cabin trail, and provide a trail-specific accessible parking space at each location to substantially increase accessibility.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Scripts for the trees on the Talking Tree Trail are available at the forest office. Each tree delivers seven messages.

 **Vision Loss:** The Talking Tree Trail's audio feature could benefit visitors with vision loss. Each tree delivers seven messages.

North Carolina Botanical Garden

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

100 Old Mason Farm Road

CB 3375

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Location: On Old Mason Farm Road approximately 200 feet south of the Fordham Boulevard (U.S. 15/501 Bypass) and Old Mason Farm Road intersection.

Open: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. But open until 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in April - October.

Phone: 919-962-0522

E-mail: ncbg@unc.edu

Web Site: www.ncbg.unc.edu

Cost: Free. Fee for specific public programming.

The North Carolina Botanical Garden is a conservation garden with a mission to inspire understanding, appreciation and conservation of plants in gardens and natural areas and to advance a sustainable relationship between people and nature. Facilities include beautiful native plant gardens, nature trails and a new education center that opened in 2009 and was designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Standards of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces with high-contrast paint and a ramp to the gardens and buildings.

Types of Paths: Compacted grit paths (also known as Chapel Hill gravel) and sections of concrete, brick, natural surface and boardwalk with bumpers at least four feet wide with slopes and benches that provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The building entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open. The Paul Green Cabin has a ramp and a one-inch-high threshold.

Restrooms: Ten accessible restrooms. The sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Two wheelchairs and loaner walking sticks are available upon request for visitors with mobility disabilities. There is an accessible pathway through the gardens. The Horticulture Therapy Demonstration Garden has five raised beds 22 to 24 inches high.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Two assistive listening devices and an amplification system are available for use during programs in Reeves Auditorium.

Vision Loss: Accessible parking spaces contain high-contrast paint. The Herb Garden provides a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

All Disabilities: The N.C. Botanical Garden provides specific public programming for people with physical and mental disabilities.

Carolina Basketball Museum

450 Skipper Bowles Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Location: On the first floor of the Ernie Williamson Athletics Center adjacent to the Dean Smith Center and the Koury Natatorium on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Phone: 919-962-6000

Web Site: www.carolinabasketballmuseum.com

Cost: Free.

The Carolina Basketball Museum is a UNC basketball fan's paradise. The museum features artifacts, videos, photos, statistical and historical panels that highlight the history of the Carolina Basketball program. The museum experience begins with a six-minute theater presentation and includes video tributes to UNC greats and the history of UNC Basketball. It also includes UNC's National Championship trophy collection and interactive presentations highlighting UNC's Final Four appearances, Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament championships and many of the greatest games and most exciting finishes in Tar Heel history.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete walkways at least four feet wide with slight slopes and curb cuts. The interior has carpeted and hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom with an automatic door opener for each gender. The sink faucets have a single hot/cold lever.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The museum is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Selected highlight videos are captioned. However, the six-minute theater presentation is not captioned.

Vision Loss: Much of the museum is based on dialogue/game action.



The Carolina Basketball Museum has wheelchair-accessible memorabilia displays.

Bechtler Museum of Modern Art

420 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: In center city Charlotte just blocks from I-77 and I-277 between Stonewall Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the newly constructed Wells Fargo Cultural Campus.

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Open until 9 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month. Closed Tuesday.

Phone: 704-353-9200

Web Site: www.bechtler.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, college students, educators, and youth ages 11-14. Free for children up to age ten.

View artwork by influential artists of the 20th century at the new Bechtler Museum of Modern Art. The terra-cotta tiled museum in the heart of Charlotte's center city brims with works by mid-20th-century notables. The previously private collection accumulated over 70 years by the Bechtler family of Switzerland also features books and letters illustrating personal relationships between the Bechtlers and some of the artists in the collection. The four-story museum juxtaposes whimsy with work of significant intellectual depth and historic significance. Cosmopolitan in nature yet intimate in scale, the Bechtler provides an experience that is inspiring and approachable. An on-site café refreshes visitors with freshly prepared meals, and a museum store provides books and gifts related to the modern era.

Parking: 15 marked accessible parking spaces. Bechtler visitors receive discounted parking at the Levin Center for the Arts garage at 550 South Tryon Street.

Types of Paths: Concrete and terra-cotta sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts. The museum has hardwood floors with benches for resting.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Two wheelchairs are available for visitors to borrow. The museum is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Audio tours with a volume control are available.

 **Vision Loss:** Informational and directional signage incorporates Braille.

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

551 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: At the Levine Center for the Arts in downtown Charlotte.

Open: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Monday.

Phone: 704-547-3700

Web Site: www.ganttcenter.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, teachers, students and groups of 10 or more. Children five and under are free.

The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture serves as an epicenter for music, dance, theater, visual art, film, arts education programs, literature and community outreach. The exhibitions feature nationally and internationally renowned artists.

Parking: In the two lower levels under the Duke Energy building at the corner of South Tryon and Stonewall Streets and in other nearby surface lots and parking garages.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms (two on each floor). Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The center is located in a new building that was built according to ADA specifications.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** An old video that outlines the history of the center is not captioned. The center will contact a sign language interpreter if requested in advance.

 **All Disabilities:** Visitors who require special arrangements are asked to notify the staff so that accommodations can be made for individuals or groups with special needs. Docent-led tours are available for groups of 10 or more.

McColl Center for the Visual Arts

721 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: In a converted church at 721 North Tryon St. between 10th and 11th streets next to North Carolina Dance Theatre in Uptown Charlotte.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Galleries close temporarily between exhibits and on holidays. Visit the web site for information about closings.

Phone: 704-332-5535

Web Site: www.mccollcenter.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

McColl Center for Visual Art is a nationally acclaimed contemporary art center dedicated to connecting art and artists with the community. Located in a historic, neo-Gothic church in Uptown Charlotte, the Center houses nine artist studios and more than 5,000 square feet of gallery space. The Center welcomes the public to explore its exhibits and connect with artists through various programs, including open studios, community outreaches, workshops and more.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces in the small paved and gravel lot directly behind the Center on Church Street.

Types of Paths: Paths at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The accessible entrance has a ramp and is located at the rear of the building at the large bay door, which is at least 32 inches wide. Buzz for admittance or call ahead, and a staff member will be ready to assist.

Restrooms: Ten accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Center is accessible. See the above notes about the parking lot and the entrance.

 **All Disabilities:** The Center strives to make its galleries and program accessible to all visitors. Please contact the Center with questions or to obtain additional information about accessibility.

Additional Information: The Center encourages interaction between artists and the community and has an open-door policy with regard to the artists' studios: if an artist's door is open, visitors may walk in and speak with the artist at work. If a door is closed, however, visitors should respect the artist's creative process and not disturb him or her. On Open Studio Saturdays, all Artists-in-Residence and Affiliate Artists are in their studios with doors open to the public.

Mint Museum of Art

Mint Museum Randolph
2730 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

Mint Museum Uptown
721 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: Two locations. Randolph: in Charlotte's historic Eastover neighborhood. Uptown: in the Levine Center for the Arts in uptown Charlotte.

Open: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Monday, New Year's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Phone: 704-337-2000

Web Site: www.mintmuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+, college students and children ages 5-17. Children ages 4 and under are free. Admission is good for two days from date of purchase.

Housed in what was the original branch of the United States Mint, the Mint Museum Randolph opened in 1936 as the first art museum in North Carolina. Today the Mint features collections that span more than 4,500 years of human creativity from all over the world. Intimate galleries invite visitors to engage with the art of the ancient Americas, ceramics and decorative arts, historic costume and fashionable dress, and European, African, and Asian art, among other collections.

The Mint Museum Uptown houses the internationally-renowned Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as outstanding collections of American, contemporary, and European art. The five-story, 145,000-square-foot facility combines inspiring architecture with groundbreaking exhibits to provide visitors with unparalleled educational and cultural experiences.

Parking: Randolph: four marked accessible parking spaces. Uptown: 30 marked accessible parking spaces in the Levine Center for the Arts Garage.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks at least four feet wide at both. Randolph: 12 benches at the rear of the building. Uptown: curb cuts and tables and chairs.

Entrance: Randolph: a ramp. Uptown: level entrance.

Restrooms: 14 accessible restrooms. Most sink faucets are automatic, but some have single hand controls.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes at the Uptown location.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Both museum locations are wheelchair-accessible, and wheelchairs are available at both. Call the front desk for more information.

Carowinds

14523 Carowinds Boulevard GPS Address: 300 Carowinds Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28273 Fort Mill, SC 29708

Location: Approximately 15 minutes from uptown Charlotte at Exit 90 (Carowinds Boulevard) off I-77 at the North Carolina-South Carolina border.

Open: Weekdays and weekends during the summer. Weekends during the spring and fall. Opening and closing times may vary. Call or visit the web site for specific dates and hours.

Phone: 704-588-2600

E-mail: guestrelations@carowinds.com

Web Site: www.carowinds.com

Cost: Admission fee. Special rates for people with disabilities.

Carowinds, one of the Southeast's most popular family entertainment attractions, is a 108-acre theme park offering more than 50 rides, shows and attractions, including Boomerang Bay, a 20-acre water park.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Most paths are level, paved and at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance is level.

Restrooms: All restrooms are accessible.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A free guide is available at Guest Services for visitors with disabilities that provides information on ride safety, group and individual discounts, and parking options. People with disabilities can also view the Rider Safety Guide by going to the web site and clicking on Rides and then Policies and Procedures. Carowinds developed its Ride Admission Policy in consultation with a biodynamics engineer and a rehabilitation specialist, and the guide contains extensive details for visitors with various types of disabilities and injuries. Many rides have a Special Access Entrance for visitors with mobility disabilities and one riding companion. Some rides require a visitor using a wheelchair to transfer out of the wheelchair to the ride unit. A limited supply of wheelchairs and electric convenience wheelchairs are available for rent at the Rental Center inside each entrance, and a valid form of identification must be presented to rent one. However, Carowinds urges visitors who need one to bring their own wheelchair.

Service Animal Users: Service animals are welcome. However, owing to the nature of most rides, the service animal must remain with a non-riding companion while the service animal user experiences the ride.

Discovery Place

301 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: In Uptown Charlotte at the corner of Church Street and 6th Street.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 704-372-6261

E-mail: accessibility@discoveryplace.org

Web Site: www.discoveryplace.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 2-13 and seniors ages 60+. Children under age 2 are free.

Discovery Place exists to ignite wonder as a preeminent science education center providing extraordinary experiences that engage people in the active exploration of science and nature. In 2010, Discovery Place completed a full museum renovation that included many architectural changes and new exhibits all while keeping accessibility at the forefront.

Parking: Nine accessible parking spaces in the adjacent parking deck.

Types of Paths: Brick and concrete sidewalks and walkways at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: 11 public accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, two public elevators.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Discovery Place provides courtesy wheelchairs and accessible seating.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Discovery Place provides assistive listening devices for IMAX shows and will provide sign language interpretation for individuals or groups upon request.

● **Vision Loss:** Discovery Place will provide audio description for individuals or groups upon request.

 **All Disabilities:** Discovery Place developed accessibility action steps to facilitate the removal of barriers to accessibility within the museum and in how the museum promotes itself.

Billy Graham Library

4330 Westmont Drive
Charlotte, NC 28217

Location: From I-77, take Exit 6B to Billy Graham Parkway. From I-85, take Exit 33 to Billy Graham Parkway. Take Billy Graham Parkway to Westmont Drive and turn on Westmont Drive to the main entrance.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Phone: 704-401-3200

Web Site: www.billygraham.org/library

Cost: Free. Donations welcomed.

The Billy Graham Library is a multimedia, self-guided presentation that covers the life and ministry of Dr. Billy Graham. The tour includes 14 galleries as well as the childhood home of Dr. Graham. The library includes a dairy bar, where visitors may purchase a snack, and an extensive gift shop and bookstore. The grounds include the Prayer Garden, where Ruth Bell Graham is buried and which will ultimately be the final resting place for Dr. Graham and the library's founding partners George Beverly Shea and Cliff Burrows and their spouses. The Journey of Faith Tour takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick paths at least four feet wide with slight slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have a pull handle.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** All areas of the library and grounds are wheelchair-accessible, and the library has wheelchairs available on a first-come, first-served basis.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Videos are not captioned, but scripts of the videos are available upon request at the information desk.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Exhibits include various text colors with good contrast such as yellow text on a green wall and white text on a maroon wall.

Carolinas Aviation Museum

4672 First Flight Drive
Charlotte, NC 28208

Location: Adjacent to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. Go to Morris Field Drive, turn right on Minuteman Way and follow it to the dead end. Turn left on First Flight Drive, proceed up the hill, and the museum will be on the right.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 pm. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 704-359-8442

E-mail: info@carolinasaviation.org

Web Site: www.carolinasaviation.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+, students and active military. Children ages 5 and under are free.

The Carolinas Aviation Museum, located in the airport's former Southern Airways hangar, displays and preserves the Carolinas' aviation history. It houses collections of aircraft, helicopters, equipment, gadgets and printed material that cover years of aviation history and accomplishments. Interactive displays are especially attractive to the younger visitor, but aircraft buffs of all ages can climb into the pilot's seat. The highlight is the addition in 2011 of the "Miracle on the Hudson" U.S. Airways flight that successfully ditched in the Hudson River on January 15, 2009. All hands survived.

Parking: An open parking lot with no marked accessible spaces but easily accessible to wheelchairs and visitors who cannot walk long distances.

Types of Paths: Level path at least four feet wide. Outdoor exhibits on asphalt. A smooth flagstone path leads to the museum's library. Comfortable rocking chairs inside the museum provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The metal doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A wheelchair is available for visitors who need it. Docents provide tours and will push a wheelchair if needed. See the above notes about the parking area and the rocking chairs. The museum itself is wheelchair-accessible, but the interactive exhibits require a ladder or steps to enter the planes.

 **All Disabilities:** Interactive exhibits are actual airplanes that visitors can enter to have a hands-on experience and develop a feel of sitting in and operating a modern jet fighter or a feel of the complexity of a large aircraft.

Bank of America Stadium

800 South Mint Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: Uptown Charlotte between West Morehead Street and South Graham Street/West Stonewall Street. See web site for directions.

Open: Game schedule varies.

Phone: Panthers Ticket Office: 704-358-7800

Web Site: www.panthers.com/stadium/index.html

Cost: Admission charge for games; varies by seating location.

Opened in the summer of 1996, the 73,778-seat, open-air Bank of America Stadium serves as the headquarters for Carolina Panthers National Football League (NFL) franchise in addition to being the home of the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship football game and a college football bowl game.

Parking: Bank of America Stadium does not have reserved accessible parking, but Carolinas Medical Center provides a game-day shuttle for guests with mobility disabilities. Guests should have an accessible parking placard and should park in Lot A at Carolinas Medical Center. There is a charge per vehicle.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks around the stadium and concrete pathways in the stadium. The wheelchair seating area has soft thresholds.

Entrance: The North, East and South entrances are equipped to accommodate guests with mobility disabilities. The entrances are level.

Restrooms: 95 accessible restrooms, including 36 women's, 36 men's and 23 family.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

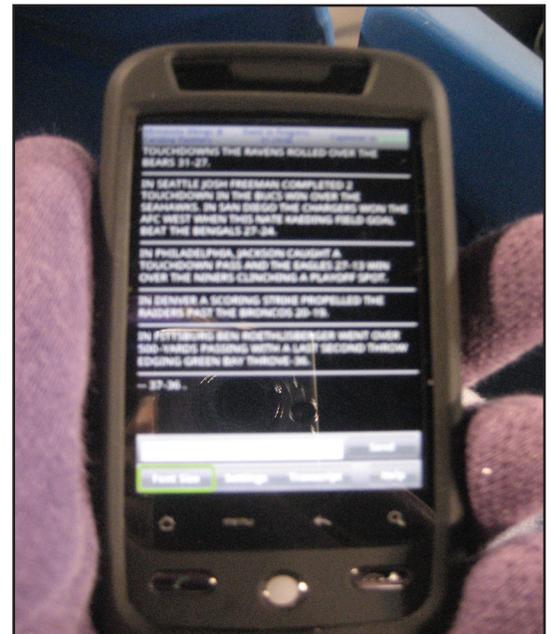
Elevator: Yes, for guests with physical disabilities and their immediate party.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The stadium has 1,394 seats for guests with mobility disabilities. A drop-off/pick-up zone has been established in the curb lane of westbound Morehead Street. The stadium has some lowered concession counters. Wheelchairs are available to transport guests with mobility disabilities to their seats.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Five headsets and receivers for multi-channel LPB Radio-Aide assistive listening devices and five hand-held closed captioning devices are available at no charge at the Guest Relations booth on the 100 level at the North Gate. The closed captioning device captions everything spoken over the public address system. A driver's license or a credit card is required as a deposit to borrow a device.



A hand-held captioning device

Hendrick Motorsports

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28262

Location: From I-85, take Exit 49 (Bruton Smith Boulevard) two miles toward the Charlotte Motor Speedway, turn right on U.S. 29 South for three-tenths of a mile, turn right on Morehead Road for 1.1 miles, and turn right on Stowe Lane (marked by a Hendrick Motorsports sign).

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Numbers 5/24 and Numbers 44/88 Shop: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Extended hours during Charlotte Motor Speedway race weeks – visit the web site for details.

Phone: 704-453-3400

Web Site: www.hendrickmotorsports.com

Cost: Free.

Hendrick Motorsports was founded in 1984 by owner Rick Hendrick. It is a 100-acre complex where more than 700 engines and more than 50 cars are built each year. The campus features state-of-the-art facilities and technology, which the organization's four NASCAR Sprint Cup teams employ in preparation for race day. Fans can tour the race shops and the Hendrick Motorsports Museum & Team Store.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces in front of each building open to the public.

Types of Paths: Level concrete path at least four feet wide with some areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and are set efficiently for anyone to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender in each area. However, the sink is not within three feet above the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance, restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Public Telephone: Site telephones are available if needed.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Hendrick Motorsports is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but some restroom elements are not fully accessible.

Time Warner Cable Arena

333 East Trade Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: Uptown Charlotte between College Street, Davidson Street and East Fifth Street.

Open: Box office: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Sunday.
Game and event schedule varies.

Phone: General Information: 704-688-9000 Tickets: 1-800-745-3000

Web Site: www.timewarnercablearena.com

Cost: Admission charge for games; varies by seating area.

Opened in October 2005, the Time Warner Cable Arena serves as the home of the Charlotte Bobcats National Basketball Association (NBA) franchise, the American Hockey League (AHL) Charlotte Checkers and top-rated concerts and events. The arena's design is a "celebration of gathering" with open walkways, terraces and exposed staircases.

Parking: The Time Warner Arena does not have reserved accessible parking, but 30,000 off-street parking spaces are located within a 15-minute walk of the area.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks around the arena and smooth floors inside the arena.

Entrance: The arena recommends that guests with mobility disabilities enter on the Fifth Street side. Guests with mobility disabilities can also enter the Trade Street side during regular box office hours.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms available.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Wheelchair and companion seating is available at various locations. Guests with mobility disabilities may purchase one wheelchair and up to three companion seats. An accessible drop-off location is provided in front of the Fifth Street entrance. To purchase wheelchair and companion seating, please call 704-522-6500 or 1-800-474-4TDD (TDD).

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Assisted listening devices are available to guests at no charge at Guest Services just off the main lobby outside of section 102. A driver's license, credit card or some form of identification will be required as a deposit. Guests who choose to bring their own headset and receiver may access the system on a standard FM broadcast. Guests should call Guest Services at 704-688-8120 to request a sign language interpreter for concerts no later than three weeks after ticket sales begin for that event.

Mrs. Hanes' Moravian Cookies

4643 Friedberg Church Road
Clemmons, NC 27012

Location: From Clemmons take the Clemmons exit off I-40, continue through Clemmons until the road dead ends and turn left at the Stop sign on Idols Road. Go one-half a mile and turn right at the Stop sign on Hampton Road. Go one-half a mile and turn left on Frye Bridge Road at the VFW building. Go approximately four miles to Friedberg Church Road, turn left, and the bakery is on the right.

From Winston-Salem Take Highway 150 West (Peters Creek Parkway, turn right on Central Road, turn left on Friedburg Church Road, and the bakery is one mile on the left in a beige building.

Open: All year: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., but 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in October-December. Open Sunday 1 pm. - 4 p.m. in November-December. Tours given between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Phone: 888-764-1402

E-mail: hanes@hanescookies.com

Web Site: www.hanescookies.com

Cost: Admission fee for tours.

Mrs. Hanes' Moravian Cookies doesn't manufacture cookies; they create them. The family business is more than 60 years old and still make cookies by hand, using only rolling pins and cookie cutters. The company makes about 100,000 pounds of cookies annually, equaling about 10 million cookies cut out one by one with a cookie cutter! Contact the company to arrange a tour of the bakery, watch the "Artists in Aprons" in a special viewing window and enjoy tasty samples of six different flavors. Mrs. Hanes advertises itself as a one-of-a-kind bakery in a "cookie cutter world" offering a product made in America, made by hand and made with love.

Parking: Two marked accessible spaces close to the entrance in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: A path at least four feet wide with a slight slope. The interior has smooth tile floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The bakery is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The bakery does not provide sign language interpreters because tours are generally "self-explanatory" (visitors can see the cookies being made), and a tour guide can write things on paper.

Piedmont Triad Farmers Market

2914 Sandy Ridge Road
Colfax, NC 27235

Location: Located on I-40. Take Exit 208 to Sandy Ridge Road and turn south. The market entrance will be approximately one-fourth a mile on the left.

Open: Daily 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 336-605-9157

Web Site: www.triadfarmersmarket.com

Cost: Free.

The Piedmont Triad Farmers Market has been designed to be a place where growers of all sizes can come to sell their fresh fruits and vegetables. It provides facilities for growers, retailers and consumers to buy and sell horticultural commodities and other food products. Here you will find a year-round market with a Garden Center and a family-style restaurant. The atmosphere of this Farmers Market is just like being down on the farm. You can purchase fresh produce directly from the farmers who grew it. You can buy in volume for canning or freezing or in meal portions. You can browse from one area to the other until you find just what you are looking for. In the Retail Building, you will find a wide array of products both locally produced and from other areas. You can shop for the “just right” gift for a loved one, and it will most likely be homemade.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in asphalt parking lots.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks with slopes. Not all sidewalks are four feet wide. In 2010, an accessible sidewalk was under construction near Building D – Retail Farmers Building #1. There are some areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to each building is level with the pathway, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** While not all sidewalks throughout the campus are accessible, visitors with mobility disabilities can park in each lot to access the buildings they want to shop at. See the note about the mirrors in the restrooms.

Great Wolf Lodge

10175 Weddington Road Extension
Concord, NC 28027

Location: From I-85, take Exit 49 for Bruton Smith Boulevard. Turn right on Weddington Road.

Open: Water park: daily 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Arcade: daily 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Phone: 704-549-8206 Reservations: 866-925-9653

Web Site: www.greatwolf.com/concord/waterpark

Cost: Charge to stay at the hotel and use the water park.

The Great Wolf Lodge features an indoor water park and an outdoor pool open only to hotel patrons and their guests. Amenities include restaurants, a gift shop, an ice cream shop, two spas (one for children), the MagiQuest game, an arcade, the Cub Club play center, a nightly "Rhythm of Nature" Clock Tower Show and a conference center.

Parking: 11 marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Outside: concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with gradual slopes. Inside: carpeted hallways. Water park: hard wet surfaces.

Entrance: The entrance is level. Automatic door openers and doormen open the doors, which are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Multiple accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: The hotel rooms have phones.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The accessible hotel rooms have wheelchair-accessible clothes hangers and clotheslines. In the water park, guests with physical disabilities should see the Aquatics Manager on duty. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can access the park but must be removed from water six inches deep to avoid creating an entrapment hazard for other swimmers.

◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The accessible hotel room phones have a flashing red light. The in-room and restaurant TVs have closed captions. However, the Clock Tower show is not captioned, and a script is not available.

◐ **Vision Loss:** Room signs have Braille. They are black with gold, flat-headed Braille and gold space marks between each word.

◐ **Skin Conditions:** A sign by the rear restrooms in the water park cautions guests with sensitive skin about the chemicals in the water.



Mac Robinson with a wheelchair-accessible clothes hanger in a guest room.

Memorial Garden

36 Spring Street Southwest
Concord, NC 28025

P.O. Box 1193
Concord, NC 28026

Location: Near First Presbyterian Church located at 70 Union St. North. In between Cabarrus Avenue and Barbrick Avenue.

Open: December - February: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

March - November: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays.

Phone: 704-786-8009

Web Site: www.firstpresconcord.org (Click on Memorial Garden link)

Cost: Free. Donations accepted at donation boxes placed in the garden.

The Concord Memorial Garden sits on three acres owned by First Presbyterian Church of Concord. The garden has annual display beds and borders entwined through the 200-year-old cemetery. There are multitudes of plants, sloping hillsides, ancient oaks, winding paths, water features and intricately carved white Italian marble markers.

Parking: No marked accessible spaces.

Types of Paths: Stone and mortar pathways with slopes. Not all paths are four feet wide. There are no curb cuts or ramps. There are some benches for resting.

Entrance: The entrance has steps. The gates are at least 32 inches wide and are opened by the managers.

Restrooms: No restrooms are available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Steps and narrow pathways make the garden inaccessible to visitors who use wheelchairs. However, visitors who use a cane or other mobility aid may be able to access the garden.

 **Vision Loss:** The flower scents and water features may provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Backing Up Classics Auto Museum

4545 Concord Parkway
Concord, NC 28027

Location: North of Charlotte Motor Speedway on U.S. 29 in Concord.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 704-788-9500

Web Site: www.backingupclassics.com

Cost: Admission fee.

The Backing Up Classics Auto Museum comprises 18,000 square feet featuring more than 50 cars, including classics, 1950s, 1960s, and muscle cars. The museum also has a Country Music Room with a diner feel and country music memorabilia. A NASCAR gift shop has souvenirs. Banquet facilities are available.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space 12 feet wide.

Types of Paths: Stone path 55 inches wide with benches for resting. Museum: carpeted and tile floors with a bench and chairs for resting.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors least 32 inches wide with pull handles that open outwardly. There is a ramp from the gift shop in the entry area to the museum.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the largest stall is only five feet by 50 inches and has one side grab bar. There is no pipe covering. The paper towel dispenser is 57 inches above the floor, but the hand dryer is within four feet of the floor. The bottom of the mirror is 41 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. A manual wheelchair is available for visitors who need it. A ramp connects the entry area/gift shop to the museum, but, at the end of the museum, there are two steps to return to the entry area/gift shop. A visitor using a wheelchair would need to backtrack to the ramp at the beginning. Tables and chairs in the Country Music Room limit wheelchair access throughout the room.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

The Dirt Track at Charlotte and ZMAX Dragway

5555 Concord Parkway South
Concord, NC 28027

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 49 for Bruton Smith Boulevard and travel east toward the speedway.

Open: Ticket Services Department walk-up: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Event schedule varies.

Phone: 704-455-3200 Ticket Hotline: 1-800-455-FANS (3267)

E-mail: Guest-Services@charlottemotorspeedway.com

Web Site: www.charlottemotorspeedway.com

Cost: Price varies by event and seat location.

Charlotte Motor Speedway was designed and built in 1959 by O. Bruton Smith. The 1.5-mile superspeedway seats 140,000 people and holds major NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events, NASCAR Nationwide Series races and a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event. Newer facilities include The Dirt Track at Charlotte, a state-of-the-art, four-tenths mile clay oval that opened in 2000, and the zMAX Dragway, a state-of-the-art facility that opened in 2008 and has been praised as the finest drag racing facility in the world. Building on the basic philosophy of putting fans first and keeping the competitors in mind, Charlotte Motor Speedway continues to be a leading promoter and marketer of motorsports activities in the U.S.

Parking: Many marked accessible parking spaces in designated lots.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms. However, in the ticket office, the largest stall is only five feet by 34 inches, and the sinks have no pipe covering. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Each race track has wheelchair-accessible seating. The speedway offers a golf cart shuttle service from parking lots to the grandstand and has a wheelchair-accessible golf cart. Click on Special Assistance Needs on the web site for full details. The tunnel at the zMAX Dragway has a slope steeper than 1:12.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom and elevator signs have Braille; signs have good contrast.

 **Service Animal Users:** Fans may exit and reenter with their tickets. This policy allows service animal users to take their animals out for breaks.

Textile Heritage Museum Mill House Museum

131 Church Street
Cooleemee, NC 27014

163 Cross Street
Cooleemee, NC 27014

Location: From N.C. 801, go west on Marginal Street, turn left on Church Street to the Textile Heritage Center on the left inside the fence. Start there and continue with the guide one block to the Mill House Museum at the corner of Church and Cross streets.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-284-6040

Web Site: www.textileheritage.org (Click on Cooleemee)

Cost: Free for Textile Heritage Museum. Admission fee for Mill House Museum. Reduced fee for seniors. Children ages 12 and under are free.

Get an inside glimpse at the era of the South's textile industry through the eyes of those who lived it. The Textile Heritage Museum's exhibit tells the story of Cooleemee, a typical mill town born in 1898. One block away, the Mill House takes visitors inside a restored 1934 mill hand's home to see how life was for a typical family living on a mill hill. The grounds also feature Cooleemee's Fire Fighters Museum, North Carolina's smallest museum at 15 feet by 15 feet.

Parking: A packed gravel parking lot with no marked spaces. For larger events, the museum marks off the area near the ramp for everyone except visitors with mobility disabilities. The museum also facilitates accessible drop-offs when parking inside the gates is prohibited.

Types of Paths: At the Textile Heritage Center, there is a flat, packed gravel path at least four feet wide around the ramp area and a long brick walkway. At the Mill House Museum, there is a packed driveway with grass up to the ramp.

Entrance: Each entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two restrooms are at the Textile Heritage Center. There are no grab bars in the stall, and the bottom of the mirror is within 40 inches of the floor only in the women's restroom. Sink faucets have long levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about accessibility, including the parking information.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Tour guides speak loudly. The displays at the Textile Heritage Museum have text.



Vision Loss: The site provides guided tours of both museums.

Additional Information: The site provides group tours. Contact the museum for details.

Hanging Rock State Park

1790 Hanging Rock Park Road
Danbury, NC 27016

Location: From Danbury take N.C. 8 north to Hanging Rock Park Road. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to the park. From King take N.C. 66 west, turn right on Moore Springs Road and right on Hanging Rock Park Road to the park entrance.

Open: May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
March, April, September and October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 336-593-8480

E-mail: hanging.rock@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for certain activities.

Not far from the cities of the Triad area, off the four-lane highways, there's another North Carolina to be discovered – sheer cliffs and peaks of bare rock, quiet forests and cascading waterfalls, views of the Piedmont plateau that stretch for miles. Hanging Rock State Park is a 7,040-acre park in the scenic Sauratown Mountains with waterfalls, beautiful forests and wildlife. The accessible visitor center has an auditorium, exhibit hall, classrooms and restrooms.

Parking: 23 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Asphalt paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest. A 5-foot-wide asphalt trail leads from the lake parking lot to an accessible fishing pier.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single and dual handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above note about the trail to the accessible fishing pier. The asphalt trail to the Rock Garden is wheelchair-accessible. The Upper Cascade Trail has a boardwalk bridge. One picnic site is wheelchair-accessible as is the nearby restroom. One campsite is wheelchair-accessible as is the adjacent showerhouse. Two vacation cabins are wheelchair-accessible. However, the waterfalls and overlooks are not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. The park has made plans to increase facility and trail accessibility in the future.

Other Disabilities: With advance notification, park rangers can provide environmental and historical interpretive programs tailored to meet disability needs.

Duke Eye Center Touchable Art Gallery

2351 Erwin Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Near the main entrance of the Duke Eye Center. Take N.C. 147 North to Exit 15A, turn left on Trent Drive, turn right on Erwin Road, and the Eye Center is on the left.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 919-684-0401

Web Site: www.dukehealth.org/patients_and_visitors/volunteer_services/programs
(Click on Eye Center Touchable Art Gallery)

Cost: Free.

Located in the Duke Eye Center, the Touchable Art Gallery invites patients and visitors to enjoy the arts through touch. Volunteer docents, trained in the history and unique features of each work, staff this intimate gallery that contains many creative works from the Eye Center's collection as well as pieces on loan from the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and other North Carolina sources. Exhibits rotate throughout the year.

Parking: Marked accessible parking is located in the nearby parking deck.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The Eye Center has automatic sliding doors.

Restrooms: One unisex accessible restroom near the main entrance to the left. The sink faucet has levers.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The Eye Center and the Touchable Art Gallery are wheelchair-accessible.

● **Vision Loss:** The Touchable Art Gallery provides a tactile learning experience and a way for visitors with vision loss to learn about and appreciate different forms of art.

● **Cognitive Disabilities:** The Gallery provides a tactile experience for tactile learners.



Ronnie Marshall feels the teeth on a Japanese mask at the Eye Center.

Duke University Chapel

401 Chapel Drive Box 90974
Durham, NC 27708 Durham, NC 27708

Location: On Chapel Drive off Duke University Road on Duke's West campus.

Open: Academic year: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Summer: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Holidays and academic breaks: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: Chapel Information Line: 919-684-2572 Visitor Services: 919-681-9488

Web Site: www.chapel.duke.edu

Cost: Free.

The Duke University Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of a uniquely interdenominational character with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, liturgy and a calling to walk with those marginalized by the world. Dedicated in 1935, this Duke University landmark's architectural style is inspired by English Gothic and represents one of the last great collegiate Gothic projects in this country. The tower rises 210 feet, and the main Chapel has seating for more 1,500 people and 150 choir members; the Memorial Chapel seats 50 people.

Parking: Accessible parking is located in the nearby Bryan Center parking lot.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide lead to the chapel.

Entrance: A ramp with a railing on the right side of the chapel near the rear provides access. The front entrance has steps.

Restrooms: No public restrooms in the chapel. Accessible public restrooms are located in the Westbrook Building and the Gray Building. Sink faucets in the Westbrook Building restrooms have levers.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the accessible entrance. Signs point visitors to this entrance, and a sign inside this entrance describes the location of the nearest accessible restrooms. Wheelchairs are available for visitors who need one. The chapel is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

● **Vision Loss:** Large-print brochures are available, and a Braille brochure is available to borrow.

Durham Performing Arts Center

123 Vivian Street
Durham, NC 27701



Location: Near the intersection of Pettigrew and Blackwell streets. Take the Durham Freeway (N.C. 147) to Exit 12B or 13.

Open: Performance schedule varies.

Phone: 919-680-2787 **E-mail:** Tickets@DPACnc.com

Web Site: www.DPACnc.com

Cost: Varies, depending on type of performance and seating level.

Debuting in November 2008, this gem in Durham's American Tobacco District advertises itself as "the Carolinas' hottest new live entertainment center." With a seating capacity of 2,712, the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) hosts a variety of shows ranging from concerts to Broadway musicals to children's performances.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in front of DPAC along Vivian Street are first-come, first-served. Vivian Street is closed to allow only accessible parking and drop-offs close to show times. Each of the decks surrounding DPAC has marked accessible parking with the American Tobacco East Deck being the closest.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide. Interior: red carpets run throughout the building.

Entrance: One entrance is level, and one has a ramp and automatic door openers.

Restrooms: Each level has one women's and one men's accessible restroom, and the ground floor lobby has two family/companion restrooms with a low toilet and a chair.

Elevator: Yes, the elevator goes to all three seating levels.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** DPAC has handrails, and snack and beverage bar countertops are at a height "comfortable for everyone." A carpeted ramp leads to the V.I.P. section and provides access to the lower level, which has a small section for wheelchairs and companion seating. Ushers are available to assist.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices (ALDs) are available for all performances at the box office in the ground floor lobby. ALDs work anywhere in the building when the public address system is in use. With 30 days notice, DPAC will provide up to three sign language interpreters for select performances.

● **Vision Loss:** DPAC has ADA-approved signage, and Braille menus are available at the lobby snack and beverage bars. Contact DPAC for information and options related to audio description. The bright red carpet, red railing, and red walls in the V.I.P. ramp may be difficult for some visitors with low vision to distinguish.

● **All Disabilities:** DPAC's web site advertises, "Guests can call the Box Office at any time about accessibility needs and we recommend doing so before arrival. You may also contact us in advance with questions and special requests."

Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University

2001 Campus Drive
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Anderson Street between Campus Drive and Duke University Road. The accessible entrance is located at 650 Anderson St.

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-684-5135

E-mail: nasherinfo@duke.edu

Web Site: www.nasher.duke.edu

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors.

The Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University fosters the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts by providing direct experiences with original works of art supported by a range of exhibitions, programs and publications for the university and the broader community. The museum draws on the intellectual resources of a great research university and serves as a laboratory of the arts dedicated to multidisciplinary approaches to learning. These strategies make the Nasher at Duke a unique cornerstone of the arts for Duke University, Durham and the Triangle community, the State of North Carolina and the greater Southeast region.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces at the Anderson Street entrance within 40 feet of the door and eight marked accessible spaces in the lower parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts. The museum's lobby has smooth marble floors and a ramp with handrails to the exhibits.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. The sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available at the Information Desk. See the above note about accessible parking. The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available upon request for museum auditorium lectures.

 **Vision Loss:** Large-print guides are available. The museum can do descriptive tours for visitors with limited vision and offers audio guides to certain special exhibitions. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** Special tours can be arranged by calling the Manager of Visitor Services in advance: 919-684-6947.

Museum of Life and Science

433 Murray Avenue
Durham, NC 27704

Location: Take I-85 to the Duke Street North exit; at the second light, turn right on Murray Avenue. The museum is one-half mile down the road on the left.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays in the fall and on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 919-220-5429

Web Site: www.lifeandscience.org

Cost: Admission fee for museum visit and train rides. Call ahead for group rates.

Packed with highly interactive, state-of-the-art exhibits, the Museum of Life and Science is a critically acclaimed regional science and technology center that provides education and fun. Exhibit areas include Aerospace, Weather, Carolina Wildlife, the Farmyard, a train ride, Contraptions, Investigate Health, Play to Learn and the Magic Wings Butterfly House (a tropical year-round conservatory), and newer attractions include Catch the Wind; Explore the Wild with a black bear, red wolves and lemurs; and the Dinosaur Trail showcasing dinosaurs in a natural setting and a fossil dig.

Parking: 13 marked accessible parking spaces; six have an access aisle.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks, asphalt trails with some cracks, stone dust with mulch in the Farmyard and a wooden boardwalk. Paths are at least four feet wide with gradual slopes and curb cuts. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance to the main building is level, and the entrance to the Butterfly House has a ramp with handrails. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: 14 accessible restrooms. The family restrooms don't have grab bars. Some restrooms don't have restroom accessories within four feet of the floor. Sink faucets have push on/automatic shut-off buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes, with audio signals.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The admissions desk has a wheelchair line. Wheelchairs are available, as is a golf cart service to outdoor exhibit areas. The train ride has a wheelchair car. All areas are wheelchair-accessible except for the train caboose.

◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Video kiosks have a volume control. Several videos have open captions. The musical play area produces loud noises and vibrations.

● **Vision Loss:** Audio description and story-telling kiosks are available. Some areas have textured tactile exhibits. Weather has mist visitors can feel. The Insectarium has magnifiers, and Explore the Wild has zoom cameras. Restroom signs have Braille.

◐ **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** Interactive exhibits include the musical play area and a wing-flapping flight simulation.

Bennett Place State Historic Site

4409 Bennett Memorial Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: From the west: Take I-85 North to Exit 170 and follow the brown N.C. Historic Site signs.

From the east: Take I-40 West and exit right onto N.C. 147 North traveling through Durham.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-477-5498

Web Site: www.bennettplace.nchistoricsites.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted. Gift shop purchases go toward the preservation of this historic site.

On April 17th, 1865, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston met at the farm of James and Nancy Bennett near Durham Station to begin the negotiations that would lead to the largest surrender of the Civil War. The negotiations were finalized at the Bennett home on April 26th, 1865, surrendering more than 89,270 Confederate soldiers still fighting in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Three more noteworthy armies surrendered in Citronelle, Ala.; New Orleans, La.; and Doaksville in the Oklahoma Territory. These surrenders, together with Gen. Robert E. Lee's capitulation to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, Va. effectively disbanded all Confederate forces and ended the Civil War.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts in a paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete walkways from the parking lot to the visitor center. A dirt path approximately 50 yards long leads to the farm. Paths are four feet wide and level with some areas of rest. The Nature Trail is gravel and dirt with stumps along the route.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have pull handles. The Bennett House and kitchen house have steps.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, they do not have a stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have push on/automatic off buttons.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but not all buildings are accessible. Operation of sink faucets may challenge visitors with limited use of their arms. The picnic facility has no wheelchair-accessible tables.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The site's two videos are not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Signs in the visitor center have large print with good contrast. The site's two videos do not contain audio description.

Duke Homestead State Historic Site

2828 Duke Homestead Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Between Carver Street and Broad Street in Durham. From I-85, take Exit 175, turn left on Guess Road and turn right on Duke Homestead Road.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-477-5498

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/duke/duke.htm

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Duke Homestead is the ancestral home of the family whose name became synonymous with the tobacco industry in America and includes a “living museum of tobacco history.” See the early home, factories and farm where Washington Duke first grew and processed tobacco. His sons later founded The American Tobacco Company, the world’s largest tobacco company. Duke and others helped create a market for Durham-area tobacco products that eventually would make North Carolina the heart of an international tobacco empire. Many profits were invested in land and industries, but others were used for such humanitarian causes as Duke University, named for the family. The site includes Washington Duke’s home (1852) with four furnished rooms. The well house, smoke house, reconstructed first tobacco factory, third tobacco factory (1869), tobacco curing barn and pack house make up the remainder of the homestead.

Parking: 50 parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Gravel and dirt paths. Some are four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center and the house are wheelchair-accessible. A one-fourth mile path leads to the historic buildings, which all have steps. The paths are not fully accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Written materials on the orientation film (a script), the historic area and site history are available. The orientation film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Not all areas have 80 inches of headroom above the floor. The orientation film does not contain audio description.

Historic Stagville State Historic Site

5828 Duke Homestead Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Along a gravel drive off Old Oxford Highway near its intersection with Stagville Road. From Durham watch for a wooden fence on the right that parallels the road and turns in with the gravel drive. There is a large black sign with gold and white writing. From Butner watch for Jock Road (a gravel drive on the right), Stagville Road (a paved road on the right – do not turn on this road), and the site entrance will be the next gravel road on the left.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Guided tours from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 919-620-0120

E-mail: stagville@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.stagville.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Historic Stagville State Historic Site comprises the remnants of one of the largest plantations of the pre-Civil War South. The plantations belonged to the Bennehan-Cameron family, whose combined holdings totaled approximately 900 slaves and almost 30,000 acres of land by 1860. Stagville offers a view of the past, especially that of its African-American community, by allowing visitors to guide themselves around its extensive grounds and offers many learning opportunities.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center and two at the Bennehan House.

Types of Paths: Walking paths at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, the largest stall is five feet by three feet. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the note about the restrooms. The visitor center and historic buildings are accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The orientation film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The orientation film does not contain audio description.

 **All Disabilities:** The site makes every attempt to accommodate any visitor with a disability and is flexible to work with any group to resolve any issue surrounding touring the facilities. Individuals and groups who need additional information are welcome to call for further details.

C.M. Herndon Park

511 Scott King Road
Durham, NC 27713

Location: Along Scott King Road where it intersects Salix Drive.

Go to www.durhamnc.gov/gis_apps/parkapp/mainmap.cfm to see the Durham Park Locator. Click on Choose a Park Name and then click GO to view a map showing the park's location.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.

Phone: 919-560-4355

Web Site: www.DPRPlayMore.org

Cost: Free.

This beautiful park is 25 acres and includes athletic fields, greenways and trails, a playground, restrooms, two grills and a picnic area with six picnic tables.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Paved walkways at least four feet wide with areas of rest. The playground surfacing has wood chips.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, appropriate height for children with mobility disabilities.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** This new park is generally accessible. Routes to the ball fields, except the far practice soccer field, are accessible. However, the concession stand counter is a little too high for visitors who use wheelchairs, the picnic tables are too low for adult visitors who use wheelchairs, and neither water fountain is deep enough to allow an adult wheelchair to pull up smoothly under it.

Duke Park

106 West Knox Street
Durham, NC 27701

Location: Between I-85, Knox Street, Acadia Street, and North Roxboro Street. Go to www.durhamnc.gov/gis_apps/parkapp/mainmap.cfm to see the Durham Park Locator. Click on Choose a Park Name and then click GO to view a map showing the park's location.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.

Phone: 919-560-4355

Web Site: www.DPRPlayMore.org

Cost: Free.

This beautiful 17-acre park has two playgrounds, trails, racquetball/handball courts, restrooms, five grills, a picnic shelter and 18 picnic tables.

Parking: Accessible parking at both entrances. Only the main entrance provides wheelchair access to the park.

Types of Paths: Paved walkways and gravel paths at least four feet wide with some steep slopes, some broken spots and areas of rest. One playground has wood chips, and the other has a rubber surface that is breaking apart because of wear and tear. The racquetball/handball courts have level concrete surfaces.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: No accessible restrooms. There are steps to the restroom, there is no stall at least five feet by five feet, and the stall does not have grab bars. Sink faucets have turn knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, wheelchair-accessible.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Because of its paved walkways, this park is often used by families with small children who enjoy walking or riding trikes, bikes or scooters. The racquetball/handball courts and picnic shelter are wheelchair-accessible. The wood chip playground is not wheelchair-accessible owing to the slope and the border. The rubber surface on the other playground is breaking up, and the path to it has steep slopes. Neither playground contains interactive equipment for a visitor who uses a wheelchair. The restroom is not wheelchair-accessible because of steps.

Eno River State Park

6101 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Take I-85 to the Cole Mill Road exit and follow the signs to the park.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 919-383-1686

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping and picnic shelter reservations.

Eno River State Park is a wilderness park with nature trails along the Eno River that offer picnicking, primitive camping, canoeing and fishing. The Eno River's waters roll past historic mill sites, river bluffs covered with flowering shrubs and fords used by early settlers. Groups should call in advance to request that river access be opened. Call the park office for information on numerous special events held throughout the year.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Varied types of paths, including dirt trails, at least four feet wide with slopes. There are no frequent areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. However, restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, wheelchair-accessible near Fews Ford.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Being a wilderness park, Eno River State Park presents challenges to visitors with mobility disabilities. Fews Ford has 20 picnic sites, 10 of which are accessible. An accessible water fountain and restrooms are nearby. A 12-table picnic shelter with a fireplace and a grill is also accessible and may be reserved for a fee. Another eight-table shelter at the Cole Mill Access is accessible and may be reserved for a fee.

Forest Hills Park

1639 University Drive
Durham, NC 27707

Location: Between Forest Hills Boulevard and Beverly Drive.

Go to www.durhamnc.gov/gis_apps/parkapp/mainmap.cfm to see the Durham Park Locator. Click on Choose a Park Name and then click GO to view a map showing the park's location.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.

Phone: 919-560-4355

Web Site: www.DPRPlayMore.org

Cost: Free.

This beautiful 45-acre park has many open grass areas, an outdoor swimming pool, a playground with a sprayground, tennis courts, two grills, a picnic shelter, 12 picnic tables and a small clubhouse.

Parking: The main lot is paved with a curb cut but no marked accessible parking spaces. The curb cut is placed where other vehicles could block it. The secondary lot is gravel and has one parking space designated accessible by a sign near the shelter. The third lot at the tennis courts is also gravel with no marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved walkways and gravel paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest. The playground has a rubber surface in the main play area and under the swings.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the small clubhouse, but they are not accessible to park visitors.

Water Fountain: Yes, three accessible water fountains at the playground and shelter area.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The playground has an accessible route from the main and secondary parking lots, accessible play features, a ramp onto the main play structure, and several ground-level activities. The sand area is accessible, but sand sometimes washes onto the path of travel. The picnic shelter has several wheelchair spaces and an accessible grill. The rear shelter entrance has a drop-off and erosion. The tennis courts are not accessible from the gravel lot in front of them, and the nearby water fountain is not accessible. There are no accessible routes to the athletic fields. The path to the pool narrows behind the building it passes. The pool has a wet ramp entrance and a hooyer lift swing seat to provide access to swimmers with mobility disabilities, but it requires two people to assist.

Morreene Road Park

1102 Morreene Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: Between U.S. 15/N.C. 501, Morreene Road and Glasson Street.

Go to www.durhamnc.gov/gis_apps/parkapp/mainmap.cfm to see the Durham Park Locator. Click on Choose a Park Name and then click GO to view a map showing the park's location.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.

Phone: 919-560-4355

Web Site: www.DPRPlayMore.org

Cost: Free.

This beautiful 12-acre park includes two basketball courts, five tennis courts, an athletic field, an accessible playground, a picnic shelter and a small clubhouse.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Paved walkways at least four feet wide with areas of rest. The path to the athletic field and shelter is not paved.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: The park has accessible indoor restrooms; however, owing to recreation programming, they are not available to park visitors.

Water Fountain: Yes, appropriate height for children with disabilities.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park has a beautiful, fenced in, accessible play structure designed for children and their families. However, the paved path of travel is a steady downhill grade.

Sarah P. Duke Gardens

420 Anderson Street
Durham, NC 27708

Location: On the Duke University campus between Campus Drive and Erwin Road. The entrance is a half-circle drive with stone walls. See web site for detailed directions.

Open: Daily 8 a.m. to dusk. Doris Duke Center: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays.

Phone: 919-684-3698 **E-mail:** gardens@duke.edu

Web Site: www.sarahpdukegardens.org

Cost: Free. A fee for trolley tours.

Sarah P. Duke Gardens is a 55-acre public garden on Duke University's West campus. Among its attractions are historic Italianate terraces, a wisteria-covered pergola, an Asiatic arboretum with a Japanese Pavilion and tea house, a garden of native plants, wildlife and endangered species gardens, a white garden, water lily and lotus ponds, a butterfly garden, a duck pond, a bird-viewing shelter, a café and a gift shop, and many shaded resting spots. Duke Gardens was named one of the South's 10 best public gardens in *Southern Living*. Come see why.

Parking: At least three marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: A combination of paved, gravel and boardwalk paths at least four feet wide with slopes, some greater than 1:12. There are five miles of allées, walks and pathways, and some areas have steps. Benches are located throughout the gardens.

Entrance: The east entrance has a ramp, but the slope is greater than 1:12. Doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high located throughout the gardens.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The gardens contain various types of paths with varying slopes, some steps and some loose gravel that may be difficult for visitors who use wheelchairs. However, a renovation in 2011 made the entrance pathway and Blomquist Pavilion more accessible. Labels of various plants and foliage are easily visible. Wheelchairs are available to borrow from the Doris Duke Center. Trolley tours lasting 45 minutes may be scheduled for up to five people with a minimum of one week's notice. Call 919-668-1705 to schedule a trolley tour.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The gardens can provide accommodations such as a sign language interpreter for special events.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Self-guided cell phone tours are available. The gardens can provide a rich sensory experience.

Cameron Indoor Stadium

Duke Basketball Museum & Duke Athletics Hall of Fame

115 Whitford Drive
Durham, NC 27708

Location: Between Towerview Drive and Whitford Drive on Duke University's West campus.

Open: Stadium: available for public viewing on most weekdays except during basketball practices and maintenance. Game schedule varies.
Museum and Hall of Fame: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with weekend hours around home football and basketball games.

Phone: 919-681-BLUE (2583) or 877-375-DUKE (3853)

Web Site: www.goduke.com

Cost: Free to visit. Ticket prices for games vary by seat location.

Cameron Indoor Stadium, the home of Duke's men's and women's basketball teams, seats slightly more than 9,000 fans. When it opened in 1940, it was the largest basketball arena south of Philadelphia and was later renamed for Edmund McCullough Cameron, a former Duke coach and athletic director. The Athletic Department's ticket office is located in the front lobby. Outside the campus-side doors is Krzyzewskiville, where students pitch tents each basketball season to get into big games. The Duke Basketball Museum and the renovated Duke Athletics Hall of Fame opened in the fall of 2010 and display memorabilia from all Duke intercollegiate sports.

Parking: Accessible parking is available in the Card Gym lot in the rear of the building.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and benches. The Museum and Hall of Fame have carpeted and hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with handrails, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms on the stadium's main and concourse levels and inside the Hall of Fame. However, the bottom of the mirror in the stadium is 46 inches high, and the paper towel dispenser in the Hall of Fame is five feet high.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor in the Hall of Fame.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchair seating is located in Section 20 Row CC in front of the bleachers behind the basket on the ticket office side of the stadium. The Museum and Hall of Fame are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** An assistive listening system is available for games.

 **Vision Loss:** The Museum has a small room that provides an audio experience by simulating the crowd noise during a game in the stadium. Signs have white text on a blue or wooden background.

Durham Bulls Athletic Park

409 Blackwell Street
Durham, NC 27701

Location: At the intersection of Blackwell Street and Jackie Robinson Place. Take I-40 West to the Durham Freeway to the Mangum/Roxboro Street exit (Exit 12B). Keep straight up the hill for two blocks, and the stadium is on the right.

Open: Game schedule varies.

Phone: 919-956-2855

Web Site: www.durhambulls.com

Cost: Ticket prices vary by seat location.

The Durham Bulls Athletic Park is the home of the Triple-A International League's Durham Bulls baseball team affiliated with Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays. It opened in 1995 and has a seating capacity of 10,000, with every seat designed to give fans a great view of the field with an intimate ballpark feel. The ballpark's most distinctive feature is the Bull atop the leftfield wall. Its eyes light up, and its nostrils blow smoke in celebration of home team home runs.

Parking: 50 reserved accessible parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis along Blackwell Street. Accessible parking is also located in the South Deck.

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts. The inside of the stadium has concrete floors and slight slopes where drains exist.

Entrance: The main entrance is level, and the gates are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Three contain one stall at least five feet by five feet and three contain more than one stall this size.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Wheelchair seating with companion seating is located along the main level behind Sections 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120 and 122. Some companion seats fold up and slide over to make room for another wheelchair. The Fan Assistance Center staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) has a wheelchair available for loan. EMTs or ushers can escort a fan with a mobility disability to his/her seat and can escort the fan to his/her car after the game upon request. Concessions stands have wheelchair-accessible sections. The suites and the press room are wheelchair-accessible, but the suites have doorway thresholds for a wheelchair to pass over. A ramp on the first base side leads to the field.

Vision Loss: The lowered concessions stands protrude more than four inches from the wall.

Rankin Museum of American Heritage

131 Church Street P.O. Box 499
 Ellerbe, NC 28338 Ellerbe, NC 28338

Location: Exit 11 off I-73/74 or U.S. 220 Business.

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Closed Wednesday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-652-6378

Web Site: www.rankinmuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students and groups of 15+. Children under age 4 are free.

The Rankin Museum allows visitors to remove themselves from their everyday world and explore faraway places and times past in its exhibits. Visitors can imagine what it would be like to be there by taking a walk in the jungles of Central America or in the backwoods of the Carolinas or going on a safari in Africa and encounter animals closer than people can get in the wild. Visitors can compare arrowheads they may have found with its collection of small arrow points to large axes and learn how they were made and used. Visitors can venture into the Amazon jungle and feel a primitive existence. Along the way, they can reflect on how they could be as talented with crafts and inventive tools as the Native Americans and early settlers. An adventure awaits at the Rankin Museum of American Heritage and its three sections: natural science, local and state history, and the American Indian.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk at least four feet wide with slopes and a ramp.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. The largest stall is 3.5 feet by five feet, the toilet is 15.5 inches above the floor, and the sinks do not have 29 inches of knee clearance or a pipe covering. Restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches high. Sink faucets have knobs.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: A wheelchair is available. The restrooms are not fully accessible.



Vision Loss: Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Historic Village of Gold Hill

850 St. Stephens Church Road
Gold Hill, NC 28071

Location: Off U.S. 52 on St. Stephen's Church Road in eastern Rowan County. Approximately 15 miles from Salisbury, Concord and Albemarle.

Open: Tuesday - Sunday. Shops open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Restaurant open Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 704-267-9439

Web Site: www.HistoricGoldHill.com

Cost: Free.

The restored 19th century Mining Village of Gold Hill boasts numerous shops filled with everything from pottery, original art, fine handcrafted furniture, nostalgic Americana crafts, antiques, yard art, live plants and flowers, photo and history displays, and more. The shops are open Thursday through Sunday; on Saturdays shopkeepers wear 19th century attire lending an air of authenticity to the once famous gold mining town. For a quick meal or fine, relaxed dining, visit the Gold Miner's Cafe located in the heart of the village. The town offers guided tours and history sessions.

Parking: 40 parking spaces at least eight feet wide.

Types of Paths: Wood sidewalks and gravel walkways at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have wide-spread double handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths. Different shops may offer different levels of accessibility.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

E.H Montgomery General Store Bluegrass Jam

755 St. Stephens Church Road
Gold Hill, NC 28071

Location: In the Historic Village of Gold Hill off U.S. 52 on St. Stephen's Church Road in eastern Rowan County. Approximately 15 miles from Salisbury, Concord and Albemarle.

Open: Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 704-267-9439

Web Site: www.HistoricGoldHill.com

Cost: Free.

The E.H. Montgomery Store is one of the original general stores for the gold mining town built circa 1840. Restored and reminiscent of typical 19th century mercantile, the store offers Bluegrass Jam Sessions open to anyone every Friday night. The store can accommodate seating for up to 65 people inside with lawn and sidewalks outside available for lawn chairs. Concessions are available.

Parking: 30 parking spaces at least eight feet wide.

Types of Paths: Wood sidewalks and gravel walkways at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has one step on all sides (front, left and right), and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have wide-spread double handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths and the step up to the store.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The store does not have assistive listening devices, but public seating for the Bluegrass Jam Sessions is close to the music, and visitors who are hard of hearing have attended performances. The sessions are indoors year-round but also outdoors during the spring, summer and fall.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Gold Hill Mines Historic Park

735 St. Stephens Church Road
Gold Hill, NC 28071

Location: Off U.S. 52 on St. Stephen's Church Road in eastern Rowan County. Approximately 15 miles from Salisbury, Concord and Albemarle.

Open: Year-round during daylight hours.

Phone: 704-267-9439

Web Site: www.HistoricGoldHill.com

Cost: Free.

Gold Hill Mines Historic Park is a 70-acre park and home of the Barnhardt and Randolph Gold Mines, both once known as the richest, most valuable gold mining property east of the Mississippi River. Educational tours are available by request, and gold panning can be arranged with the tours. The heated and air-conditioned Russell-Rufty Shelter and adjoining grounds offer the perfect setting for destination weddings, corporate parties, and private, formal and informal functions. The huge Log Barn at the park's entrance provides an ideal setting for rustic country events. The park's Amphitheater Stage is also available for group events and Sunday worship services. The Gold Hill Rail Trail offers a chance to explore nature and history as the trail passes through the numerous historic sites in the park. A self-guided tour book is available for a small fee at the adjacent E.H. Montgomery General Store.

Parking: At least 100 parking spaces at least eight feet wide.

Types of Paths: Gravel walkways at least four feet wide and grass fields. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about the paths. The bridge has handrails.

Weatherspoon Art Museum

Spring Garden and Tate Streets P.O. Box 26170
Greensboro, NC 27402 Greensboro, NC 27402-6170

Location: On the campus of the University of North Carolina Greensboro at the corner of Spring Garden and Tate streets.

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-334-5770

E-mail: weatherspoon@uncg.edu

Web Site: <http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu> (no www at the beginning of the address)

Cost: Free.

The Weatherspoon Art Museum's mission is to acquire, preserve, exhibit and interpret modern and contemporary art for the benefit of its multiple audiences, including university, community, regional and beyond.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Brick and concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Sculpture Garden has level brick pathways. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with handrails, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide with an automatic door system.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers that pull forward.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Two wheelchairs are available. See the above note about accessible parking. The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available for use in the museum's auditorium.

 **Vision Loss:** Large-print gallery guides and audio guides are available for some works.

Greensboro Children's Museum

220 North Church Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Location: On North Church Street across from the Central Library.

Open: Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-574-2898

Web Site: www.gcmuseum.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+. Children under age 1 are free.

At the Greensboro Children's Museum, visitors can create, experience, solve and discover in the museum's hands-on exhibit galleries. Galleries include: Our Town, where visitors may choose their profession; a transportation gallery, where visitors can climb into a real DC-9 cockpit, an actual NASCAR race car, a real fire truck or a real police car; a Train Depot; and the new Edible Schoolyard, an organic teaching and learning garden. Check the web site for traveling exhibit and museum program information.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in the adjacent asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: The museum has tile, carpeted and hardwood floors at least four feet wide. The Edible Schoolyard has mulch pathways.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with handrails, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have pull handles that swing outwardly.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms, including a nursing restroom.

Elevator: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The museum and most exhibits are wheelchair-accessible. The museum has two painted ramps that blend in with the walls, and the Train Depot has a ramp to the train. Tot Spot has soft padded blocks and mats. The Health Center has ankle braces to educate children on mobility devices for people with mobility disabilities. However, the fire truck has three steps (which provide access to young children who want to climb in), the spinning amusement ride is not wheelchair-accessible, and the mulch pathways in the Edible Schoolyard may be difficult for visitors who use wheelchairs. Adults can assist young children with disabilities in accessing these.

Vision Loss: Our Town has textured floor surfaces to indicate when visitors are leaving the "street" to enter an exhibit area. The museum has many hands-on exhibits.

Cognitive Disabilities: The museum has many interactive, hands-on exhibits for visitors who are tactile learners.

Natural Science Center of Greensboro

4301 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455

Location: Off Lawndale Drive approximately one-half mile past the intersection of Lawndale Drive and Pisgah Church Road.

Open: Center: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Zoo: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Phone: 336-288-3769

Web Site: www.natsci.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors age 65+ and children ages 3-13. Children under age 3 are free.

The Natural Science Center of Greensboro includes the Dinosaur Gallery, the Kids' Alley play area for children under age 6, hands-on encounters with North Carolina sea life in the Kiwanis Kids' Sea Cove, Jaycee's Herpetarium, the Animal Discovery zoological park, and fun-filled public shows. A highlight is the OmniSphere Super Media Globe II Theater, the first full dome, 3D and laser theater in the country. The Center is committed to excellence in science education by providing the community with a dynamic, experiential and family-focused attraction designed to inspire scientific curiosity and encourage personal discovery about life and the natural world.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot with a curb cut.

Types of Paths: The zoo has concrete paths at least four feet wide with moderate slopes and benches. A steep gravel path leads to the picnic benches. The Center's interior has hardwood and carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms are available.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

- **Physical Disabilities:** The Center is wheelchair-accessible. Kids' Alley and the insect pictureboard have a ramp. The glass viewing structures provide easy viewing of and the opportunity to come face to face with a tiger. The picnic bench area may not be accessible to all visitors because it has a steep gravel path.
- ◐ **Vision Loss:** The zoo has farm animals to pet and an antler display that provides a tactile experience. Some free-standing signs in the Dinosaur Gallery may pose a hazard for visitors with vision loss.
- ◐ **Cognitive Disabilities:** The zoo has a Forward Flight Simulator for visitors to mimic the motion of a bird in flight (an interactive learning activity).



All visitors can view a tiger up close.

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

2332 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC 27410-2355

Location: Six miles northwest of downtown Greensboro. Take U.S. 220 North to New Garden Road and follow the directional signs to the site.

Open: Daily 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-288-1776

Web Site: www.nps.gov/guco

Cost: Free.

This American Revolution battleground is the site of the March 15, 1781 battle between American troops commanded by General Nathanael Greene and British troops commanded by Lord Charles Cornwallis. Today the park features a visitor center and auto, bicycle and foot trails, including 2.5 miles of battlefield walking trails and 28 monuments. The visitor center offers a 32-minute film "Another Such Victory" shown on the hour, a 10-minute animated Battle Map Program shown on the :15 and :45 of the hour, colorful exhibits and a Revolutionary War bookstore.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center and at least one marked accessible space with a curb cut at each tour stop except Stop 7.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks and asphalt roads at least four feet wide. Not all paths are paved, and some have slopes.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide with pull handles.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic. However, the bottom of the mirror is 44 inches above the floor. Tour Stop 6 has a comfort station.

Accessibility

Physical Disabilities: Accessible pathways run throughout the site; however, not every monument lies on an accessible path.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The film "Another Such Victory" has a box under it that displays closed captions.

Vision Loss: The visitor Center has a 20-minute Tactile Map Program and Braille restroom signs. Exhibit signs contain white on blue text and a "Field Musick" exhibit plays battlefield music.



The Tactile Map Program contains Braille and audio.

International Civil Rights Center & Museum

134 South Elm Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Location: Downtown Greensboro. From I-40 and Business 85, take the U.S. 220 North exit to downtown Greensboro.

Open: April - September: Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Monday.
October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Monday.

Phone: 336-274-9199 or 800-748-7116 (toll-free)

E-mail: info@sitinmovement.org

Web Site: www.sitinmovement.org

Cost: Admission fee; reduced fee for students, children and seniors.

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum opened on Feb. 1, 2010 in the former F.W. Woolworth store in dedication to those who stood for freedom a generation ago and for the generations to come. With the historic lunch counter and stools as its centerpiece, the 43,000 square-foot museum tells the heroic story of the A&T/Greensboro Four as well as other key human and civil rights struggles and achievements that have impacted social change worldwide.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces on street or in nearby parking decks.

Types of Paths: Outside: concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide. Inside: hard, smooth floors and carpeted floors.

Entrance: One entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sinks have push on-slow off faucets.

Elevator: Yes, the elevator goes down to the museum on the lower level.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The tour starts by taking an escalator down to the lower level, but an elevator is available. The museum has two wheelchairs available and plans to order two more; visitors should request a wheelchair prior to the tour if they need one. Most of the tour involves standing, but there are theater-style seats in the Walk of Courage room.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The museum will provide a sign language interpreter for a tour if requested in advance. Most of the videos are closed-captioned, including a video projected onto a round table in the lunch counter room.

Vision Loss: The museum has Braille door signs and large-print signs. Much of the tour proceeds through dark or dimly lit rooms. The Walk of Courage room has better lighting but a grey wall that makes the white text appear a little fuzzy. Other signs include black text on a pink/orange background and black text on tan signs.

Gardens of Greensboro

Open: Daily 7 a.m. to dusk.
Phone: 336-373-4162
Web Site: www.greensboro-nc.gov
Cost: Free.

Greensboro Arboretum

401 Ashland Drive
 Greensboro, NC 27403

Location: Near West Market Street and Holden Road.

Take a leisurely stroll on the 1.7 miles of paved asphalt and natural trails that meander through the gardens and open space at the Greensboro Arboretum. Visitors will find seasonal and annual plants, shrubs, trees and flowers.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden

1105 Hobbs Road
 Greensboro, NC 27410

Location: Near West Friendly Avenue and Holden Road.

Bicentennial Garden was created to commemorate our nation's bicentennial. Bordered by 1.25 miles of paved concrete trails, the garden's scenic vistas showcase a variety of seasonal and annual plants and flowers along with sculptures that provide artistic and historic interest.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

The Bog Garden

3238 Northline Avenue
 Greensboro, NC 27410

Location: Just southwest of the Bicentennial Garden.

An elevated boardwalk comprises a half-mile of the 1.06 miles of concrete and boardwalk trails that wind through the Bog Garden. Here, you will find an array of wetland flora, including trees, shrubs, wildflowers and fern species that thrive in wetland ecosystems. The Bog Garden also provides an excellent place for viewing wetland wildlife such as migratory and indigenous birds.

Restrooms and Water Fountain: None.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: All gardens have paths at least four feet wide and areas of rest.



Vision Loss: The Bicentennial Garden has a Sensory Garden.

Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe Waterpark

3910 South Holden Road
Greensboro, NC 27406

Location: South of Greensboro off of I-85 at Holden Road at Exit 34.

Open: Late May - early September. Check the web site for times and dates.

Phone: 336-852-9721 or 800-555-5900 (N.C., S.C. and Va. residents only)

Web Site: www.emeraldpointe.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for senior citizens ages 55+, children over age 2 but under 48 inches tall, and groups of 15+.

Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe, the Carolinas' largest water park, has rides and attractions that promise the perfect family "Daycation." When you think summer, think Wet'n Wild, the place to cool off, get sun and have fun. With more than 36 rides and attractions, there's something for everyone . . . from mild to wild . . . from tots to seniors. It's family friendly, and the young kids (and mom and dad, too) will have a great time in Splash Island and Happy Harbor, the two large children's areas. When you're ready to kick back and relax after enjoying the more than three million gallons of water fun, Wet'n Wild offers an abundance of lounge chairs and shaded areas.

Parking: 24 marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. An accessible gate is located next to the turnstile entrance to primary amenities. Doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: Not all rides and attractions are accessible to guests with mobility disabilities. However, the Fifth Shop and Locker Room are on one level and are accessible. A roll-in shower is available in the accessible shower room.

Additional Information: Call the Group Sales Department for details on group rates and arrangements for guests that require special services. Each ride or water slide has various height and other restrictions.

Replacements, Ltd.

1089 Knox Road P.O. Box 26029
McLeansville, NC 27301 Greensboro, NC 27420

Location: Take I-85/40 to Exit 132, turn left at the Exxon gas station, and follow the signs.

Open: Daily 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 336-697-3000 or 1-800-REPLACE (737-5223)

E-mail: inquire@replacements.com

Web Site: www.replacements.com

Cost: Free to visit.

Bob Page allowed his passion for china and crystal to grow into the world's largest retailer of old and new china, crystal, silver and collectibles at Replacements, Ltd. Visitors can shop from nearly 14 million pieces of inventory, browse through rare antiquities in the retail store or watch silver and crystal artisans at work. Offering free guided tours every 30 minutes, Replacements, Ltd. is one of the Piedmont Triad region's top destination attractions.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces near the entrance and eight farther from the entrance in an asphalt parking lot with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and open automatically.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers. However, the paper towel dispenser is 59 inches above the floor (paper towels hang down to about 53 inches above the floor), and the bottom of the mirror is 46 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The store is wheelchair-accessible. However, the paper towel dispenser and mirror might be difficult for some visitors who use wheelchairs to access. Four wheelchairs are available for visitors.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum's introductory signs have large-print white text on a navy blue background. Display signs have small blue or black text on a white background or black on a tan background. Replacements, Ltd. wants visitors to have the best experience possible and will describe the china to visitors with vision loss or allow them to touch certain pieces.



Additional Information: Replacements, Ltd. welcomes well-behaved pets and thus welcomes service animals.

Hamlet Historic Depot

2 Main Street
Hamlet, NC 28345

Location: Main Street in Hamlet.

Open: Saturday - Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Private tours during the week by appointment.

Phone: 910-582-2651

Web Site: www.bytrain.org/istation/ihamlet.html
www.hamlethistoricdepot.org (Still under construction in 2012.)

Cost: Free.

Hamlet Historic Depot, built in 1900, has a museum with two model train displays and the first steam engine in North Carolina. It is the only Victorian Queen Anne passenger station in North Carolina. It was built as a passenger station and division headquarters for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. To preserve the historic depot, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the city of Hamlet relocated and renovated the station, which serves as an anchor for the downtown. It has become a catalyst for the continued redevelopment of the Hamlet Historic District.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces are nested near the depot.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with benches.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The depot is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Kerr Lake State Recreation Area

6254 Satterwhite Point Road
Henderson, NC 27537 (Park Office)

Location: In Vance and Warren counties north of Henderson. Visitors can access via U.S. 1, N.C. 39, or I-85. On I-85, the exits for the individual recreation areas are marked – follow the brown signs.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day. Park Office: daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-438-7791 **E-mail:** kerr.lake@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: An admission fee is collected on any vehicle that enters any State Park property with amenities on weekends in April, May and September and daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Fee for camping, facilities and shelters. Reduced camping fee for seniors ages 62+.

Kerr Lake State Recreation Area is comprised of seven individual areas on 50,000-acre John H. Kerr Reservoir. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers leases the areas to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation. Facilities include 650 campsites, three improved group areas, nine boat ramps, three community buildings, 11 picnic shelters, 300 picnic tables, one defined swim area and two fishing piers. The majority of the park's visitors come to camp, picnic, fish or swim.

Parking: Each of the seven areas has at least two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Foot paths and nature trails at least four feet wide with mild slopes and areas of rest. The Satterwhite Point Amphitheater Trail is paved and meets ADA requirements.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Each area has at least one accessible restroom. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, nine pay phones in various locations.

Accessibility

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above note about the Satterwhite Point Amphitheater Trail. Satterwhite Point also has a Rolleeze all-terrain wheelchair available upon request to provide access to the defined swim area. Each area has at least one accessible campsite. Exhibits at the park office/visitor center were designed to comply with ADA requirements.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Five Easy Listener assistive listening devices are available.

Doll & Miniature Museum of High Point

101 West Green Drive
High Point, NC 27260

Location: From I-85 or Business 85, take Business 311 North (also Main street) and turn left on Green Drive. Stay in the left lane and turn into the first driveway on the left. The museum is in the back of the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-885-3655

Web Site: www.dollandminiaturemuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, students, groups of 15+ and youth ages 6-15. Children under age 6 are free.

The Doll & Miniature Museum showcases 2,700 dolls from around the world, including wax, tin head, wooden, cloth, china head and more. Highlights include the Eugene Kupjack and Meredith Slane Michener Miniature Bedroom Gallery, a Nativity Scene with 50 rare Crèche dolls and African-American Personality dolls.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space in a slightly sloped asphalt parking lot with a curb cut.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide. Chairs are spaced throughout the museum.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the toilet seat is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is 41 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have knob handles that are not operable with a closed fist.

Water Fountain: Yes, the spout is two feet above the floor and uses cups.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is on one level and wheelchair-accessible. A wheelchair is available, and chairs spaced throughout the museum provide areas of rest. While the museum is accessible, the restrooms are not fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities and the sinks may be difficult to operate.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau

300 South Main Street
High Point, NC 27260

Location: At the corner of South Main Street and Green Drive. From I-85, take Exit 111 for downtown High Point.

Open: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday.

Phone: 336-884-5255

Web Site: www.highpoint.org

Cost: Free.

The mission of the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau is to encourage and promote economic development in High Point through travel and tourism. The bureau operates a Visitor Information Center at two different entrances to the building: at 300 South Main St. Monday - Saturday and at 101 West Green Drive on Saturday. High Point, known as the "Home Furnishings Capital of the World," boasts the World's Largest Chest of Drawers and the largest furniture store in the nation.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance at 300 South Main St. is level, but the threshold is about one inch high, and the door is 31 inches wide and requires more than 8.5 pounds of force to open. The entrance at 101 West Green Drive has a ramp.

Restrooms: Four restrooms. However, there is not a stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, a water dispenser no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes about the entrance to each Visitor Information Center and the restrooms.



All Disabilities: The High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau lists "Diversity/Inclusion" as one of its five major goals on its web site.

High Point Museum

1859 East Lexington Avenue
High Point, NC 27262

Location: Located on East Lexington Drive near the intersection with East Hartley Drive/North College Drive

Open: Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and major holidays.

Historic Park: Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-885-1859

E-mail: hpmuseum@highpointnc.gov

Web Site: www.highpointmuseum.org

Cost: Free.

The High Point Museum is the only place to learn, play and explore the real history of High Point, and admission is free. Featuring exciting exhibits, hands-on programs and tours, and special members-only events, the museum gives visitors a peek into what life was like in High Point from its early days as a backcountry community to its present days as the International Home Furnishings Capital of the World.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paths are at least four feet wide with areas of rest. Paths through the park are hard-packed.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Buildings in the historic park have steps. While the museum is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, the park and its historic buildings are not fully accessible.

Oak Hollow Campground

3415 North Centennial Street
High Point, NC 27265

Location: From U.S. 311 Bypass, take the Johnson Street exit, travel one block south of Oakview Road to Lakecrest Avenue, and turn left on Centennial Street.

Open: Daily 5 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Office: daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Phone: 336-883-3492

Web Site: www.oakhollowcampground.com

Cost: Fee for full hook-up sites and tent platforms.

Oak Hollow Campground, a 116-site campground that opened in 1976, offers campers the opportunity to relax in the beauty and serenity of the great outdoors. Located within the 1,550-acre Oak Hollow Park, many of the campsites border the scenic shores of Oak Hollow Lake. Two modern bathhouses, washers and dryers, outdoor swimming pool, bank fishing, picnic shelter, children's play areas, boat docks and a camp store are just a few of the features for campers to enjoy.

Parking: 90 parking spaces eight feet wide. None have a five-foot-wide access aisle.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt paths at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms for each gender in the ADA-compliant bathhouses. However, the largest toilet stall is three feet wide. Each restroom has a five-foot by five-foot area of clear turning space. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Campsite 13 is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. The campground has two ADA-compliant bathhouses. However, there is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet. The campground map shows that the most accessible bathhouse is located in Section "C" on the opposite end of the campground from campsite 13. Staff is available to assist campers.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff is available to assist campers.

Oak Hollow Golf Course

3400 North Centennial Street
High Point, NC 27265

Location: From Winston-Salem, Greensboro or Raleigh, take I-40, 311 South Bypass or Wendover Avenue in Greensboro to Eastchester Drive/N.C. 68 and turn right on Centennial Street. The course is two miles on the right. From Charlotte take I-85 North to I-85 North Business to 311 North. Exit at Eastchester Drive/N.C. 68, turn left on Eastchester Drive and turn left on Centennial Street. The course is two miles on the right.

Open: Daily 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Phone: 336-883-3260

Web Site: www.oakhollowgc.com

Cost: Green fee and cart fee. Fee is higher on weekends than on weekdays.

Oak Hollow Golf Course, which opened in 1972, is a Pete Dye-designed golf course along the shores of Oak Hollow Lake ranked in *Golf Digest's* top 50 public golf courses. Railroad ties, pot bunkers, several peninsula greens and even an island tee make up a bevy of Pete Dye design features. However, the small, undulating greens serve as the course's most recognizable Dye trademark. The course also offers a driving range and a full-service grillroom.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt paths at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets are ADA-compliant.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Staff is available to assist golfers, including providing transportation from the parking lot to the course.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff is available to assist golfers. The course has taught lessons to a few golfers with disabilities and has used some Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) training techniques to adapt these lessons.

Oak Hollow Park

3431 North Centennial Street
High Point, NC 27265

Location: From U.S. 311 Bypass, take the Johnson Street exit, travel one block south of Oakview Road to Lakecrest Avenue, and turn left on Centennial Street.

Open: Daily 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Phone: 336-883-3494

Web Site: www.high-point.net/pr
www.oakhollowcampground.com/Oak-Hollow-Brochure.pdf

Cost: Fee for boat launches, bank fishing and shelter rentals.

Oak Hollow Park, along Oak Hollow Lake, offers a Marina building with boat launches, picnic tables and shelters, a playground and a meeting room. Oak Hollow Lake has been the site of many exciting sporting events such as drag boat races, circuit boat races, sailboat regattas, water ski tournaments and fishing tournaments.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt paths at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts. Benches along the lake provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets are ADA-compliant.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A new ADA-accessible building opened in 2009. Staff is available to assist visitors.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff is available to assist visitors.

Piedmont Environmental Center

1220 Penny Road
High Point, NC 27265

Location: On Penny Road in between Greensboro Road and West Wendover Avenue in High Point.

Open: Building: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Trail: daily sunrise to sunset. Closed major holidays.

Phone: 336-883-8531

Web Site: www.piedmontenvironmental.com

Cost: Free.

The Piedmont Environmental Center (an environmental preserve named for Rebecca Rhodes Smothers) makes environmental education fun for children and adults of all ages. The center has 11 miles of hiking trails on 376 acres – preserved and protected for visitors. Qualified naturalists are available to share the beauty and wonders of the outdoor classrooms with visitors. Activities include field classes, events, guided outdoor hikes, nature expeditions, kayaking/canoeing adventures and many other outdoor nature-based opportunities. The environmental education building was created from many recycled items, and the highlight of a visit is Mapscape, a permanent walk-on relief map of North Carolina that demonstrates the geography and physiography of the state.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick paths at least four feet wide with slopes. A concrete ramp with a hairpin turn leads through an amphitheater to Mapscape. Beyond Mapscape, the dirt trails have steps or slopes with rocks and tree roots.

Entrance: The entrance has ramps, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. The widest stall is 31 inches wide, 52 inches long and has a toilet seat 17 inches high. The stall with grab bars is 31 inches wide with a toilet seat 20 inches high. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The environmental education center is wheelchair-accessible except for the restroom stalls. The center has good signage. Mapscape has two openings with level thresholds for wheelchairs to enter, but an information sign blocks one. Mapscape is bumpy, so a wheelchair would have difficulty crossing it. The trails are not wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom and vending/refreshment area signs in the environmental education center have Braille.

Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area

Office Address: 6101 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705

Location: From I-85, take Exit 164. Turn right traveling north on Churton Street and turn left at the light on Mayo Street. At the next Stop sign, turn left onto Orange Grove Road. Take the second right to Virginia Cates Road and follow the signs to the parking area.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 919-383-1686

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free.

High scenic views and mountain trails await visitors at Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area. This Piedmont monadnock has been recognized as one of the most important natural areas in the Triangle. It is the highest point in Orange County at 867 feet, and the oak forest, pond, field, heath bluff and river habitats found on the mountain support species that are rare and significant in this region. With 190 acres of land and nearly three miles of trails, visitors can experience a wide variety of the area's natural surroundings and wildlife.

Parking: No marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The summit trail is an old road bed at least 12 feet wide, but all other hiking trails are two-foot-wide corridors with slopes. There are no areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. There are no buildings at Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area.

Restrooms: There is only a Romtec vault toilet. While the toilet is technically accessible, the approach to it is not accessible. The toilet vault does not include a sink.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. There are long-range plans to develop it, but those plans are largely land acquisition-dependent.

 **Other Disabilities:** Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area could be enjoyed by visitors who have disabilities other than mobility disabilities, but it offers no special accommodations for those visitors.

Energy Explorium

13339 Hagers Ferry Road
Huntersville, NC 28078

Location: On Lake Norman. From I-77, take Exit 25 and follow the signs. Please do not follow GPS or mapping services, but call for directions instead.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday noon - 5 p.m.
Closed most major holidays.

Phone: 980-875-5600 or 1-800-777-0003

Web Site: www.duke-energy.com/energyexplorium

Cost: Free.

Energy Explorium provides educational opportunities at numerous hands-on exhibits designed for all ages on topics ranging from saving energy to tracking weather. The site offers detailed teaching materials for instructors and teachers and presentations on nuclear energy and basic electricity. The observation deck offers a spectacular view of Lake Norman. The premises include a wildflower/butterfly garden and picnic facilities. School groups should arrange trips in advance.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Paths are at least four feet wide. There is a mile-long nature trail.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. There is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet, and some restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Energy Explorium is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but the restrooms are not fully accessible, and outdoor paths may not be fully accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Energy Explorium has an extensive video collection with five-minute to 30-minute videos, but they are not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall. Groups can check out educational backpacks that include magnifying glasses to identify trees and insects and explore nature.

 **Cognitive Disabilities:** Groups can check out one of the educational backpacks and have fun identifying trees and insects and exploring nature with magnifying glasses, binoculars and other science “tools.” This hands-on learning experience may benefit visitors with cognitive disabilities.

North Carolina Music Hall of Fame Museum

109 West A Street
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 60 for Dale Earnhardt Boulevard to Main Street in Kannapolis. Turn right on Main Street and then turn right on A Street.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - noon and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
After hours and weekends available by appointment.
Closed all federal holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Web Site: www.northcarolinamusichalloffame.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The North Carolina Music Hall of Fame Museum's primary mission is to recognize, honor, promote and preserve the history and legacy of musical artists born or who have deep roots in North Carolina. The museum features exhibits and memorabilia of many inductees, including Randy Travis, Charlie Daniels, Clyde McPhatter, Ben E. King, James Taylor, Roberta Flack, Earl Scruggs, Andy Griffith, Doc Watson, Donna Fargo, Nina Simone, Maurice Williams, Shirley Caesar, George Hamilton IV, and many other popular music stars from the state.

Parking: Marked accessible on-street parking spaces available around the museum.

Types of Paths: Level city sidewalks at least four feet wide. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms available. Sink faucets have single handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall where there are exhibits, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Costumed mannequins are roped off, which prevents visitors with vision loss from bumping into them.

Dale Earnhardt Plaza

Main Street
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Location: Located on Main street between A and B streets in Cannon Village. Take I-85 to Exits 58, 60 or 63 to reach Cannon Village.

Open: Daily.

Web Site: www.cityofkannapolis.com/dept_pr_dale_earnhardt_plaza.asp

Cost: Free.

The one-acre Dale Earnhardt Plaza features a 900-pound, nine-foot-tall bronze statue of hometown hero and racing legend Dale Earnhardt created by Arizona sculptor Clyde Ross Morgan. Walkways and gardens surround the statue, and there is also a granite monument contributed by Earnhardt fans from Vermont and New York. The walk around the plaza is shaped like an oval racetrack, and the azaleas and daylilies around the center seat wall are planted in sets of three to represent Earnhardt's car number.

Parking: Marked accessible on-street parking spaces available around the plaza.

Types of Paths: Level brick paths at least four feet wide with benches.

Entrance: One entrance is level with the sidewalk. One entrance has steps.

Restrooms: No public restrooms available.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The plaza is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. The statue itself is mounted on a round granite base that requires two steps to walk up to the statue, so visitors who use wheelchairs will not be able to touch the statue but will still have an excellent view of it.

◐ **Vision Loss:** Visitors with vision loss could take two steps up onto the pedestal to feel the statue.



Mac Robinson visits the statue of his friend, Dale Earnhardt.

Körner's Folly

413 South Main Street
Kernersville, NC 27284

Location: Take I-40 Business to Exit 14. Go north on South Main Street approximately one mile.

Open: Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Guided group tours by appointment seven days a week for groups of ten or more with two weeks notice required.

Web Site: www.KornersFolly.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 6-18. Children under age 6 are free.

Körner's Folly is "The Strangest House in the World," as described in 1997 by *Preservation Magazine*. It is the showcase of decorator, designer and painter Jule Gilmer Körner, the creator and painter of Bull Durham bulls across the U.S. Jule designed and built the combination bachelor's quarters, artist's studio, office, billiard room, carriage house and stables in 1878, and the house underwent many renovations to the 22 rooms on three floors and seven levels that it has today. Ceiling heights range from five feet seven inches to 25 feet, and the house has 118 steps, 15 fireplaces featuring American Encaustic tiles, and decorative murals by German artist Caesar Milch.

Parking: Marked accessible parking available in a gravel lot.

Types of Paths: Level dirt and slate pieces. Not all paths are at least four feet wide. The interior has wooden, marble and tile floors and 118 total steps to climb.

Entrance: The entrance has two steps, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. The tour guide can open the door for visitors who need assistance.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms available. However, the toilet seat is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, the stall does not have grab bars, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Körner's Folly is not wheelchair-accessible. Visitors with mobility disabilities who use other mobility devices could access it if they can manage the 118 steps. Some doorways, hallways and staircases are very narrow. The summer room has cracks that could pose some difficulty.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Tours are primarily self-guided with information signs to read in each room.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Not every doorway and room has 80 inches of headroom available. Signs have black type on white paper, but some have all capital letters.

Knightsdale Environmental Park/ East Regional Library

946 Steeple Square Court
Knightsdale, NC 27545

Location: Behind Knightsdale Town Hall and East Regional Library. Take Knightsdale Boulevard to Smithfield Road north and turn left on Steeple Square Court into the library parking lot.

Open: Daily from dawn to dusk.

Phone: 919-217-2230

Cost: Free.

The park offers a half-mile walking trail, picnic shelters, four environmental sculptures and two observation overlooks on the pond. The National Wildlife Federation recently certified park as a Backyard Habitat, meaning the site offers wildlife food, water, shelter and a place to raise their young.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces in front of East Regional Library.

Types of Paths: An asphalt path approximately 74 inches wide with some cracks and uneven slopes near the Knightsdale Town Hall. There are three bridges and two overlooks that are boardwalks approximately 69 inches wide with wooden guardrails 45.5 inches high and wooden handrails 32 inches high.

Entrance: The library side has a curb cut, but the Town Hall side has steps.

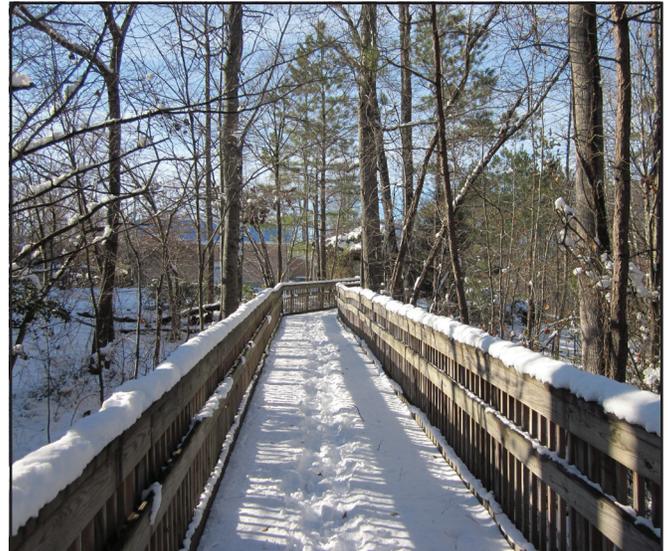
Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender is located in East Regional Library. One sink faucet has a pull-on, push-off lever; the other faucets have push buttons. There is an adult-size changing table.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high, located in East Regional Library.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above notes. The park trail is generally wheelchair-accessible except where there are cracks and uneven pavement. A visitor with a mobility disability who cannot use steps should enter and exit on the library side, not the town hall side.

Vision Loss: Restroom signs have Braille. During the spring and summer months, the library has a wonderful sensory Children's Butterfly Garden outside the main entrance.



Knightsdale Environmental Park makes a pretty site when covered in snow. Pictured is one of its accessible boardwalk bridges.

The Bob Timberlake Gallery

1714 East Center Street Extension
Lexington, NC 27292

Location: Take I-85 from Greensboro or Charlotte to Exit 94 and then go one-fourth mile west on Old U.S. 64.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Riverwood Coffee Shop: Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Gallery and Coffee Shop closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 336-249-4428

Web Site: www.bobtimberlake.com/gallery

Cost: Free.

The Bob Timberlake Gallery showcases Timberlake original paintings; reproductions; home furnishings; and accessories, gifts and collectibles. It is located in a beautiful building with more than 20,000 feet of display space and includes the Riverwood Coffee Shop.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available and an additional parking lot for bus parking.

Types of Paths: Level brick walkways and a garden arena. Paths are at least four feet wide and are within 100 feet of the Gallery. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide but require slightly more than 8.5 pounds of force to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. However, some restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor. The bottom of some mirrors might be more than 40 inches above the floor, but a large mirror that goes to the floor is available outside of the first floor restrooms. Sink faucets have knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Bob Timberlake Gallery is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. But the entrance door may require some assistance, and some restroom accessories may be inaccessible.

Uptown Lexington

North and South Main Street plus side streets
Lexington, NC 27292

Office: Uptown Lexington, Inc.

4 East 1st Avenue
Lexington, NC 27292

Location: Accessible from I-85, Business 85, U.S. 52 and U.S. 64.

Open: Store hours vary.

Phone: 336-249-0383

E-mail: uptownlex@lexcominc.net

Web Site: www.uptownlexington.com

Cost: Free.

Visitors come to uptown Lexington to see pigs from the public art project "Pigs in the City" located inside and outside of businesses. They also come to shop and dine at more than 50 stores. Sites include the Davidson County Historical Museum inside the 1858 Old Courthouse.

Parking: On-street parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and hills.

Entrance: The entrance to individual stores varies by store.

Restrooms: No public restrooms are available except when patronizing restaurants.

Accessibility varies by restaurant.

Elevator: Yes, in the Davidson County Historical Museum.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The sidewalks are generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but there are some hills. Store accessibility varies by store.

Childress Vineyards

1000 Childress Vineyards Road
Lexington, NC 27295

Location: From Charlotte, take I-85 North to Business 85 South. Stay to the left to U.S. 52, take Exit 89 at U.S. 64 West, and turn left. the winery is on the right.

From Raleigh, Greensboro and Winston-Salem, take U.S. 52 South to Exit 89 at U.S. 64 West and turn right. The winery is about 100 yards on the right.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday noon - 6 p.m.

Phone: 336-236-9463

E-mail: info@childressvineyards.com

Web Site: www.childressvineyards.com

Cost: Free.

NASCAR team owner Richard Childress invites you to experience award-winning wines, delicious food and the warm atmosphere of Childress Vineyards. Winemaker Mark Friszolowski presents more than 30 world-class wines for your enjoyment, including Signature, Reserve, and Barrel Select varietals as well as Classic, Muscadine and Specialty collections. Browse the Tasting Room for gifts and wine accessories, have lunch in the Bistro or learn more about the winery by taking a complimentary tour. The winery building's design is inspired by the Italian Renaissance architecture of rural Tuscany.

Parking: Marked accessible parking available.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks and gravel walking paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The interior has marble and hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms: one female, one male and one single. The sink in the single restroom is no more than three feet above the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance. Sink faucets have lift/single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The winery is wheelchair-accessible. However, the vineyards and gravel paths might not be fully accessible to all visitors. See the note about the single restroom being the most accessible.

Boones Cave Park

3552 Boones Cave Road
Lexington, NC 27295

Location: Take I-85 to N.C. 150 to Boones Cave Road.

Open: May - September: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday
1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

October: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

November - April: Monday - Saturday 8 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-752-2322

Web Site: www.co.davidson.nc.us/leisure/BoonesCavePark.aspx

Cost: Free.

Boones Cave Park is a great place for people of all ages to picnic, hike, camp, watch birds or butterflies, run or walk for exercise. The park's 100 acres offer five miles of trails, fishing, canoeing, North Carolina's largest Cottonwood tree on record and a cave thought to be Daniel Boone's hideout from Indians. Forty-six acres are designated as a Natural Heritage Site that boasts wildflowers normally found only in the Appalachian Mountains. The park also offers guided tours.

Parking: No marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel, dirt and mulch paths with slopes. Not all paths are at least four feet wide. There are no curb cuts and no areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: No interior use buildings. The restroom doors are at ground level and are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, there is no mirror.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The picnic area and restrooms are wheelchair-accessible. The picnic area is level with the parking lot/walkway. However, not all paths and areas of the park are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs contain Braille.

Richard Childress Racing Museum and Gift Shop

236 Industrial Drive P.O. Box 1189
Lexington, NC 27295 Welcome, NC 27374

Location: On Industrial Drive in Welcome, approximately 10 minutes south of Winston-Salem at I-40 and approximately one hour north of Charlotte. GPS technology will typically identify the Lexington address instead of Welcome, but road maps will show Welcome.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed Sunday.

Phone: 336-731-3389

E-mail: museumsales@rcrracing.com

Web Site: www.rcrracing.com and www.rcrstore.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 55+ and students ages 7-18. Free for children ages 6 and under.

The Richard Childress Racing Museum presents the history of Richard Childress Racing (RCR) and an original Number 3 race shop circa 1986-2002. Encompassing 47,000 square feet, the museum displays about 50 to 52 cars (depending on the time of year), including many cars driven by Dale Earnhardt, and all of RCR's NASCAR Winston Cup championship banners and championship owner's trophies. The museum offers self-guided audio tours and 16 video screens. The Richard Childress Store is the official destination for purchasing RCR merchandise.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt lot.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes in the parking lot. The interior has smooth tile floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Race cars are marked off by metal railings. The 16 video screens can provide a lot of audio information, and they showcase victories from RCR history and informational pieces hosted by Richard Childress and RCR's managerial staff.

Mayo River State Park

500 Old Mayo Park Road
Mayodan, NC 27027

Location: One public access – Mayo Mountain Access located on U.S. 220 between Mayodan and Stoneville. Take U.S. 220 North toward Martinsville, Va., take the Stoneville exit and turn left at the bottom of the ramp. Go 1.7 miles, and the entrance is on the right.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March and October: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.;
April, May and September: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 336-427-2530

E-mail: mayo.river@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee to rent the picnic shelter.

The Mayo River State Park's interim facility, Mayo Mountain Access, opened to the public on April 1, 2010. Located at the site are a park office/visitor contact station, a picnic shelter with grills (accommodates up to 100), three individual picnic pads each with table and grill, a one-half-mile loop hiking trail, a 1.8-mile loop hiking trail, restrooms, a catch and release fishing in the pond (N.C. fishing license required) and a maintenance facility. Total acreage for the entire park is presently 1,967 acres. Park staff is available to provide outreach environmental education programs and will be hosting volunteer workdays.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces at ground level (no need for curb cuts).

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes lead to all outdoor structures. The hiking trails have natural surfaces.

Entrance: The park office has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The visitor center and all outdoor structures are wheelchair-accessible. However, the two natural surface hiking trails are not wheelchair-accessible.

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Gold Mine Road
Midland, NC 28107

Location: Take Highway 601 to N.C. 24/27 or U.S. 601 to N.C. 200 and follow the signs.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday and most major holidays.

Phone: 704-721-4653

E-mail: reed@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/reed

Cost: Free. Fee per pan for gold panning.

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site is the site of the first discovery of gold in America. The site offers a museum, a film, an underground tour, one mile of trails, the 1895 stamp mill and panning for gold (open April-October).

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Small pea gravel paths. Most are at least four feet wide with slopes lead and areas of rest. The museum has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The visitor center and the stamp mill have a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have individual hot/cold paddle handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, at the stamp mill.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center, panning area and restrooms are accessible. The underground tour is on a level gravel surface with the exception of a series of steps at the end. Visitors with mobility disabilities may elect to return from the tour using the level entrance. Two wheelchairs capable of going through the underground are available.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The site has a written tour script for the general tour and the nature tour loop. The film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** A Braille tour script is available; it is of the older tour script and may not contain the same information the newer scripts contain. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

RayLen Vineyards & Winery

3577 U.S. Highway 158
Mocksville, NC 27028

Location: Between Exits 174 and 180A off I-40.

Open: Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Closed Sunday, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 336-998-3100

Web Site: www.raylenvineyards.com

Cost: Fee for wine tastings.

The first vines for RayLen Vineyards & Winery were planted in 1999 when Joe and Joyce Neely purchased the property. Until then, the property had functioned as a dairy farm for nearly a century. Today the rolling hills and winding drive romance visitors as they drive through 35,000 European varietal grape vines. The distinctive cupola roof top of RayLen Vineyards & Winery is a beacon for the southern portion of the Yadkin Valley Appellation. Travelers from the highway and wanderers from the surrounding country roads are drawn to the Tasting Room to discover a new experience. Loyal customers return for the lush vista and a reliable favorite of RayLen's award-winning wines.

In its first three vintages, RayLen Vineyards & Winery won more than 200 medals at various statewide, regional and international competitions, while the *Wine Spectator* has lauded RayLen as one of the premier wineries in the Southeast. An easy drive from downtown Charlotte, Winston-Salem and the Research Triangle, RayLen Vineyards & Winery is close enough to be a neighborhood winery. See why Phil Lambert announced on the *Today Show* in March 2008, "Napa is out, North Carolina is in." Swirl, sip and savor at RayLen Vineyards & Winery.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces in a paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: Level concrete/cement paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest such as rocking chairs on the porch. The vineyards are surrounded by grass.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is 43 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The winery is wheelchair-accessible, but the vineyards are not fully accessible.

Historic Downtown Monroe

113 West Morgan Street P.O. Box 3382
 Monroe, NC 28112 Monroe, NC 28111

Location: On N.C. 207 in the heart of Monroe.

Open: All year. Business hours vary with each individual business.

Phone: 704-292-1705

Web Site: www.historicdowntownmonroe.org

Cost: Free.

Monroe's Central Business District still reflects the period of Downtown Monroe's greatest prosperity as an agricultural and commercial center. The City of Monroe still remains a hub of industrial and retail activity within the region and remains the focus of culture and commerce within Union County. Millions of dollars in renovations, façade improvements, annual events and new interest in mixed-use development, including upper floor residential spaces, have made Downtown Monroe again the place for commerce and travelers alike. A self-guided Historic Walking Tour showcasing some of Downtown's most historic structures is available on the web site. The historic walk is just over a mile long and provides an architectural glimpse into Monroe's past. Shop-Dine-Explore! Meet Me Downtown!

Parking: 56 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance to individual businesses varies by business.

Restrooms: No public restrooms. Some restrooms available when patronizing businesses. Accessibility varies by business.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The sidewalks are accessible to visitors with disabilities and have curb cuts. Business accessibility varies by business.

Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site

509 Town Creek Mound Road
Mount Gilead, NC 27306

Location: 5.5 miles from Mount Gilead on Town Creek Mound Road. Signs point the way south from N.C. 731 and north from N.C. 73.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-439-6802

E-mail: towncreek@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.towncreek.nchistoricsites.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

For more than a thousand years, Indians lived an agricultural life on the lands that became known as North Carolina. About the 11th century A.D., a new cultural tradition emerged in the Pee Dee River Valley. That new culture, called "Pee Dee" by archaeologists was part of a widespread tradition known as "South Appalachian Mississippian." Throughout Georgia, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and the southern North Carolina Piedmont, the new culture gave rise to complex societies. These inhabitants built earthen mounds for their spiritual and political leaders, engaged in widespread trade, supported craft specialists, and celebrated a new kind of religion.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The entrance has cement pathways at least four feet wide. The path to the historic site is level with mowed grass. The path to the ceremonial center (known as the village site) is 157 yards long with two shaded rest areas with benches along the way, but it narrows to 29 inches wide at the guard tower.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. The ramp to the mound and townhouse is 25 feet long with an incline of approximately 50 degrees, and door to the townhouse is narrower than 32 inches.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths and entrances. The burial hut and the visitor center/museum are wheelchair-accessible, but the other two historic structures are not wheelchair-accessible. A visitor using a wheelchair can approach and circumnavigate the east lodge but cannot enter it.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The visitor center has an orientation movie that is captioned. Self-guiding tour leaflets are available for touring the site.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille.

Granville County Historical Society Museums

Harris Exhibit Hall	Granville History Museum	Mailing Address
1 Museum Lane Oxford, NC 27565	110 Court Street Oxford, NC 27565	P.O. Box 1433 Oxford, NC 27565

Location: Downtown Oxford behind the Courthouse.

Open: Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phone: 919-693-9706

E-mail: webmail@granvillemuseumnc.org

Web Site: www.granvillemuseumnc.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The Granville County Historical Society operates two museums:

1. Harris Exhibit Hall rotates exhibits in science, history and cultural arts every three to six months. It is within in a 1946 freezer locker plant that reopened in 2000 and was named for the donor of the building.
2. The Granville History Museum is a permanent exhibit of the county's history. It is in a circa 1860 jail that reopened in 1996 and again in 2006. Visitors have been delighted with the colorful and educational story of this county's history in the building that originally held inmates and that now imprisons an impressive past.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space and one accessible parking space that is not marked.

Types of Paths: Level brick paths are at least four feet wide. A bench provides an area of rest in front of each museum. Harris Hall's gift shop has hardwood floors.

Entrance: Harris Hall has two "blind" steps that are difficult to see but are marked with yellow caution tape. The rear of the Granville History Museum has steps with handrails at the front entrance and a ramp at the rear entrance. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Both museums have steps, but the Granville History Museum has a ramp at the rear entrance.

 **Vision Loss:** Both museums have hands-on exhibits but not at all times (exhibits rotate). Yellow caution tape marks the "blind" steps in front of Harris Hall. Exhibit walls have various fonts and background colors.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** Both museums have hands-on exhibits but not at all times (exhibits rotate).

Given Memorial Library and Tufts Archives

150 Cherokee Road
Pinehurst, NC 28388

Location: Downtown Pinehurst.

Open: Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday.

Phone: 910-295-6022

Web Site: www.givenmemoriallibrary.org
www.tuftsarchives.org

Cost: Free.

The Given Memorial Library is a library and history museum. The library has a collection of more than 14,000 items, including fiction, non-fiction, audio books, reference, large-print and children's books and also offers magazines, newspapers, jigsaw puzzles and a rental collection of recent best sellers. The Tufts Archives, located at the rear of the library, houses documents, photographs and memorabilia relating to the village of Pinehurst and the Tufts family. Visitors can also find the original Donald Ross golf course plans here. Copies and reproductions are available for a fee.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level brick paths at least four feet wide. The Tufts Archives has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has steps, and the door is less than 32 inches wide and requires more than 8.5 pounds of force to open.

Restrooms: Two inaccessible restrooms. The stalls are smaller than five feet by five feet and do not contain grab bars. Sinks are more than three feet high without 29 inches of knee clearance and nine inches of toe space, and restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have turn handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The library and restrooms are not wheelchair-accessible. Visitors with mobility disabilities who are able to walk could access the library.

 **Vision Loss:** The library offers large-print and audio books.

Sandhills Horticultural Gardens

3395 Airport Road
Pinehurst, NC 28374

Location: At Sandhills Community College. Follow the signs to the community college.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.

Ball Visitors Center: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-695-3882

Web Site: www.sandhillshorticulturalgardens.com

Cost: Free.

The Sandhills Horticultural Gardens contains many different types of gardens, including the Rose Garden; the Sir Walter Garden, a formal English garden; the Margaret Ambrose Japanese Garden; the Hackley Woodland Garden; the Ebersole Holly Garden; the Fruit and Vegetable Garden; the Children's Garden for children to see how to grow vegetables; and the the Desmond Native Wetland Trail Garden.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved asphalt, brick and boardwalk pathways at least four feet wide with slopes. The Japanese Garden has an arched wooden bridge and some steps. Benches at different parts of the Gardens provide areas of rest, but some are more than 400 feet apart.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide. The entrance to the Sir Walter Garden has a brick ramp.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the sinks are not within three feet of the floor or do not have at least 29 inches of knee clearance and nine inches of toe space.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** While not every area of each garden is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, many of the various gardens are accessible. The Fruit and Vegetable Garden is not fully accessible, and the Ambrose Japanese Garden has some steps and dirt/gravel or stone paths. See the notes about the restroom sinks.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the Visitors Center protrude more than four inches without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The scents, sounds and sculptures may provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Additional Information: Pets are not allowed. Amateur photography is allowed, but professional photography is not allowed.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Highway
Pineville, NC 28134

Location: From I-77 south of Charlotte, take I-485 East (Exit 65B). At the Pineville exit, take Polk Street south through Pineville for approximately 2.5 miles. The site is on the left.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 704-889-7145

E-mail: polk@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

Cost: Free.

The President James K. Polk State Historic Site is located on land once owned by the 11th U.S. president's parents. The site commemorates significant events in the Polk administration: the Mexican-American War, the settlement of the Oregon boundary dispute and the annexation of California. Reconstructions of typical homestead buildings – a log house, a separate kitchen and barn – are authentically furnished. The visitor center features a film on Polk's life and exhibits on his family and his tumultuous presidency.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. Some buildings in the historic area are located in grass fields.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide but may be difficult to open. The house and the kitchen have three steps each.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the toilet seat is only 16 inches high. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths and historic buildings. Visitors with mobility disabilities may need assistance on the path to the historic buildings.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** A Braille version of the guided tour is available. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Historic Pittsboro

Location Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau
 U.S. 64 and U.S. 15/501 964 East Street P.O. Box 1809
 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Pittsboro, NC 27312

Location: Downtown Pittsboro on U.S. 64 and U.S. 15/501.

Open: All year. Business hours vary with each individual business.

Phone: 919-542-8296

E-mail: info@visitpittsboro.com

Web Site: www.visitpittsboro.com
www.shop-pittsboro.com

Cost: Free.

Take a leisurely stroll in downtown Pittsboro and see the grand landmark, the Chatham County Courthouse, damaged by fire in March 2010 and under reconstruction. Meander through a variety of shops that carry vintage pieces, fine furniture and accessories, collectibles, estate jewelry, clothing and rare books, to name a few items. Grab a bite at any of the downtown restaurants, each with its own distinct menu and atmosphere.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts. One area has a ramp with handrails to the sidewalk (pictured).

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts. Some parts of the sidewalk are somewhat uneven.

Entrance: Most stores have level entrances. The French antique store and the Angelina's Kitchen restaurant have a ramp. Doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: No public restrooms are available except when patronizing businesses. Accessibility varies by business.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The sidewalks are generally

accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but they are uneven in some areas. Most businesses have an accessible entrance. A ramp provides easy access from one accessible parking space to the sidewalk.



A ramp helps visitors with mobility disabilities access the sidewalk from the accessible parking area.

Carolina Tiger Rescue

1940 Hanks Chapel Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Location: On U.S. 64 at mile marker 387, turn onto Foxfire Trace. Go one-half mile and turn left on Dee Ferrell Road. At the end of Dee Ferrell Road, turn left. Go four-tenths of a mile, and Carolina Tiger Rescue will be on the right.

Open: Tours available by reservation only.

Phone: 919-542-4684

E-mail: info@cptigers.org

Web Site: www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org

Cost: Fee for tours. Reduced fee during the off season (January 3rd-March 3rd). Reduced fee for children ages 4-12. Children ages 3 and under are free.

Carolina Tiger Rescue, formerly the Carnivore Preservation Trust, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit wildlife sanctuary whose mission is saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild. Carolina Tiger Rescue is open to the public for guided tours by reservation. Tours go on a guided half-mile walk to meet some of the world's most endangered species and introduce visitors to tigers, caracals, servals, ocelots, binturongs and kinkajous. Guides explain the rescue stories that brought them to Carolina Tiger Rescue and the issues that their kind face in the wild. Tours last approximately 1.5 to two hours depending on the group's involvement. Special Tours include Feeding with a Keeper, Training with a Keeper and Twilight Tours.

Parking: No accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Paths are not wheelchair-accessible.

Entrance: Buildings are not fully accessible.

Restrooms: No accessible restrooms.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The compound is not accessible for wheelchairs, strollers or other wheeled vehicles. Carolina Tiger Rescue has plans to make the main buildings more accessible over time.

 **Other Disabilities:** Visitors for whom mobility is not an issue could enjoy a tour. It is important to understand and follow all rules for safety reasons.

Additional Information: All visitors must sign a Visitor Release Form, and visitors may take pictures after signing the form. Tours are rain or shine.

Artspace

201 East Davie Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: In downtown Raleigh at the corner of Davie and Blount Streets.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
First Friday of each month 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Office hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-821-2787

E-mail: info@artspacenc.org

Web Site: www.artspacenc.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Artspace inspires individual creativity by engaging the community in the process of the visual arts. Artspace is a non-profit visual art center dedicated to providing inspiring and engaging arts education and community outreach programs, creating a dynamic studio environment of more than 30 professional artists, and presenting nationally acclaimed exhibitions. Since 1986, Artspace has provided the Raleigh community with the opportunity to interact with working artists and participate in hands-on arts education.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in the parking lot behind Artspace.

Types of Paths: Level brick sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and open outwardly. From the inside, there is a lever handle to assist visitors in pushing the door open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** A wheelchair is available on site for anyone who requires one. The entrance door may be slightly difficult to open when entering because of the amount of force required, but the lever handle makes it easier to open when exiting. Artspace received a Triangle Access Award for Outstanding Achievement in Removing Architectural Barriers to Create Access to the Arts in 2002.

● **Vision Loss:** New gallery and studio signage added in recent years includes Braille lettering. Artspace also offers large-print and Braille copies of exhibition brochures.

● **All Disabilities:** Educational programs are accessible to visitors with disabilities, and arrangements can be made to accommodate many differing needs through a partnership with Arts Access.

CAM Raleigh | Contemporary Art Museum

409 West Martin Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Location: In downtown Raleigh between Harrington and West Streets in the heart of Raleigh's Depot National Historic District and Warehouse District.

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday - Sunday noon - 5 p.m. First and third Friday of each month: open until 9 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 919-513-0946

E-mail: info@camraleigh.org

Web Site: www.camraleigh.org

Cost: Admission fee. Free for children ages 10 and under; members of the military; and N.C. State University students, faculty and staff.

CAM Raleigh | Contemporary Art Museum seeks to curate the most contemporary works of art and design possible – those still emerging, growing and living. CAM Raleigh hopes to spark new thinking by creating ever-changing experiences that explore what's now and nearing.

Parking: A parking lot is available, and additional on-street parking is available at metered spots or at the Davie Street Parking Lot at 201 West Davie Street.

Types of Paths: Level concrete paver sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Four benches outside the museum provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and steps with handrails. The doors are at least 32 inches wide, and the main entrance door has a pull bar with a doorbell.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: CAM Raleigh is wheelchair-accessible. See the note about the doorbell for staff assistance opening the main entrance door. The information/check-in desk has a wheelchair-accessible opening.

Vision Loss: The walls have large-print text with good contrast such as red on a white background. The museum has some free-standing artwork that could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss but marks the floor with tape around some works to signal to visitors that they are approaching a work of art. The museum also has some artwork that visitors may touch.

Additional Information: The brochure states, "Look around! Artworks may be underfoot, overhead, or in motion. Please be mindful of your surroundings." Children under age 12 must be supervised by an adult.

North Carolina Museum of Art

2110 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Location: From I-40, take the Wade Avenue exit to the Blue Ridge Road exit and travel north on Blue Ridge Road. The Museum will be on the right.

Open: Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 919-839-6262

Web Site: www.ncartmuseum.org

Cost: Free. There is a charge for certain special exhibitions and programs.

The North Carolina Museum of Art comprises two buildings, including the new West Building that opened in April 2010, a Museum Park and Theater in the Park. This renowned state-owned museum features collections ranging through all eras as well as many special exhibitions, programs and lectures.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces near the West Building's entrance and 10 in the main lot along Blue Ridge Road near the Museum Park entrance.

Types of Paths: Paved and gravel paths at least four feet wide with slopes. The West Building has hard, smooth floors, and the East Building is carpeted. Both buildings have chairs and tables, couches and benches that provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: The West Building has two accessible restrooms for each gender. The East Building's Level A restrooms are not fully accessible, but accessible restrooms are located on Level B. All accessible restrooms have sink faucets with single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high at each restroom.

Elevator: The East Building has an elevator.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Standard and electric wheelchairs and rollator chairs are available at the Information Desk. The West Building provides greater accessibility than the East building. The Museum Park has a few inaccessible trails.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Assistive Listening Devices are available with two weeks notice for lectures and gallery talks. A transcript of the Cell Phone Tour is available at the Information Desk in the West Building. Sign language tours are available with at least four weeks notice.

Vision Loss: The Cell Phone Tour provides casual remarks about the art. The Museum provides audio description for some events. Restroom signs have Braille. Some free-standing works of art could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss.

All Disabilities: Call 919-664-6820 to arrange a special tour.



Docent trainee Elizabeth Kahn practices giving an audio described tour to Gary Ray in the North Carolina Museum of Art's Rodin gallery in its new West Building. Audio description can help people with vision loss appreciate the visual and performing arts.

Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts

2 East South Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: In downtown Raleigh between Salisbury and Wilmington Streets five blocks south of the State Capitol.

Open: 7 a.m. - midnight.

Box office: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Performance schedule varies.

Phone: 919-831-6060

Web Site: www.progressenergycenter.com

Cost: Ticket price varies based on performance and seating location.

As one of the finest performing arts facilities in North Carolina since 1932, the Progress Energy Center experienced a dramatic rejuvenation in 1989-1990 with completed renovations totaling more than \$10 million. Rich with history, this elaborately appointed landmark continues to nourish an outstanding repertoire of performing arts events in grand tradition, providing sophisticated beauty, comfort and convenience for patrons and performers alike. Meymandi Concert Hall and A.J. Fletcher Opera Theater were completed in 2001.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and open outwardly.

Restrooms: 24 accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have blade handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The center offers wheelchairs for visitors who need them and extra-large seating areas. Passenger golf carts are available as needed in the parking lot to transport visitors to the buildings. Front of house staff will assist as needed.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The center works with Arts Access for assistance on ADA standards and offers Williams Sound Assistive Listening Devices. The center has provided sign language interpreters at past shows.

● **Vision Loss:** Doors and elevators have Braille signage on the side. The center offers audio description at select shows.

Marbles Kids Museum

201 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: At the corner of Hargett and Blount Streets in downtown Raleigh.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Closed most Mondays. Check the web site or call for IMAX show times.

Phone: Museum: 919-834-4040 IMAX: 919-882-IMAX (4629)

Web Site: www.marbleskidsmuseum.org www.imaxraleigh.org

Cost: Admission fee. Children under age 1 are free. Visit the web site for group rates and IMAX ticket prices.

Marbles Kids Museum delivers purposeful play in a BIG way. Children imagine, discover and learn in dozens of interactive exhibits, daily educational programs, field trips, birthday parties, special events and giant-screen IMAX films. Home to North Carolina's only 3-D giant screen, the Wells Fargo IMAX Theatre at Marbles is the ultimate movie experience. Crystal-clear, larger-than-life 3-D images and exhilarating, state-of-the-art surround sound make audiences feel as if they're in the movie.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces in the parking deck on Blount Street.

Types of Paths: Level concrete and stone pavers at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Benches outside of Marbles provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and pull outwardly. The Hargett Street side has a ramp up to the entrance area.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Marbles provides step stools for children to reach the sinks. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Marbles is wheelchair-accessible. The stage in Around Town has a ramp. The pirate ship on the first floor has a wooden threshold at the entrance and soft thresholds at the entrance to the water matting around the ship.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices and film scripts are available subject to availability. IMAX films are not captioned. Call 919-857-1095 at least two weeks prior to a scheduled program for a sign language interpreter.

 **Vision Loss:** Elevator signs have Braille. Hands-on activities provide tactile stimulation and an interactive experience.

 **All Disabilities:** Marbles offers Family Fun Night once every three months on Thursday evenings for children with disabilities and special needs to enjoy the museum in a less crowded environment.

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

11 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: Downtown Raleigh between the Legislative Building and the State Capitol at the corner of Jones and Salisbury Streets.

Open: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Please see web site for holiday closings.

Phone: 919-733-7450; 1-877-4NATSCI (toll-free); TTY: 919-715-6464

Web Site: www.naturalsciences.org

Cost: Free. There is a fee for special exhibits and workshops.

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is the Southeast's largest natural history museum with four floors of engaging, interactive exhibits showcasing N.C.'s rich natural history and global connections. Exhibits include Terror of the South, the world's most complete Acrocanthosaurus dinosaur; Mountains to the Sea; Tropical Connections; and the Arthropod Zoo. Visitors can also enjoy high-definition movies, traveling exhibits and free hands-on programs with live animals and natural objects.

Parking: Marked accessible parking on streets and in designated lots.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide.

The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and one set of doors with an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender on each floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Two elevators and an escalator.

Public Telephone: Yes, including a TTY.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available for loan free of charge at the front desk on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinosaur room has automatic door openers. Exhibit signs are wheelchair-accessible.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices are available at the front desk for exhibit hall programs, and most videos have captions. Please contact the Curator of Special Populations at extension 525 to request a sign language interpreter.

● **Vision Loss:** Staff-led tours can be scheduled for groups by calling the Curator of Special Populations. A touch kit is available for check-out; please call the Curator of Special Populations in advance of a visit to reserve the kit.

● **Other Disabilities/Additional Information:** Groups requiring special accommodations can schedule assistive services, programs and tours with the Curator of Special Populations. Please allow at least six weeks advance notice.



Renita Rogers, Veronica Puente and Vahn Vue experience the objects in the touch kit.

Raleigh Amphitheater

500 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: Across the street from the Raleigh Convention Center. From I-40, take Exit 298B toward downtown to the intersection of Lenoir Street and McDowell Street.

Open: Varies depending on event schedule.

Phone: 919-996-8500

Web Site: www.raleighconvention.com/amphitheater/

Cost: Varies depending on event schedule.

The Raleigh Amphitheater, which opened in 2010, is a venue for concerts and other events. LiveNation hosts 15 shows during each season. See the web site for more information.

Parking: 4,000 parking spaces, including accessible parking spaces, are available on street and in decks within a block.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick pavers at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. They are located on each floor and include some family restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Ramps provide access to all entrances, exits and restrooms. Accessible seating is available.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** An assistive listening system is available.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille.

Raleigh Convention Center

500 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: From I-40, take Exit 298B toward downtown and turn right onto Lenoir Street.

Open: Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Various public and private events throughout the week and on the weekends (check the web site).

Phone: 919-996-8500

Web Site:

www.raleighconvention.com

Cost: There is a fee for certain special events open to the public.

The Raleigh Convention Center reopened in 2008 after an extensive renovation and hosts a variety of private and public events such as the annual International Festival of Raleigh and the 2011 National Hockey League (NHL) All-Star Game Fan Fair.

Visitors can obtain information from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau in the lobby and view artwork. A statue of Sir Walter Raleigh stands to the right of the main entrance.

Parking: 4,000 parking spaces, including accessible parking spaces, are available on street and in decks within a block.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick pavers at least four feet wide with curb cuts. A ramp provides access to the statue area.

Entrance: The main entrance is level with large doors and one set of automatic doors.

Restrooms: 26 accessible restrooms. They are located on each floor and include some family restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, 11 water fountains no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, elevators provide access to all floors.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Manual wheelchairs are available for visitors who need one. Electric wheelchairs are not available.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: An assistive listening system is available.

Vision Loss: Room signs and restroom signs have Braille. Hallways are wide open without protruding objects.



Sir Walter Raleigh and the Convention Center at night

Historic Oak View County Park

4028 Carya Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Location: Take I-440 to Poole Road (Exit 15). Turn left onto Carya Drive, and the road to the park will curve to the left.

Open: Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-250-1013

E-mail: oakview@wakegov.com

Web Site: www.wakegov.com/parks/oakview

Cost: Free.

Historic Oak View is a 19th century historic farmstead with a mission to interpret North Carolina's agricultural heritage and rural history through educational programs, special events and exhibits. The 27-acre site contains five historic buildings, a visitors center, a gazebo, a picnic shelter and a grove of pecan trees.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space at the barn and visitors center.

Types of Paths: Brick aggregate paths at least four feet wide with some slopes. The path narrows inside the Herb Garden. The Barn floor is covered with hay.

Entrance: The visitors center is level. Most of the historic buildings have ramps. The Plank Kitchen has steps, but the park has a portable ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender (one each in the visitors center and one each in the Carriage House). Sink faucets in the visitor center are automatic; sink faucets in the Carriage House have single lift handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The portable ramp provides access to the Plank Kitchen. Walkers and golf cart tours are available for visitors with mobility disabilities. The park conducts an educational program on the first floor of the Cotton Gin House and has developed a booklet that explains the second floor of the Cotton Gin House for visitors with mobility disabilities. The restrooms in the visitors center received new automatic faucets in 2011 and have a two-step stool to help visitors of short stature and children use the sinks.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The visitors center has a film that is not captioned.

Vision Loss: The farmhouse inside the visitor center has an audio sharecropper's story. The visitors center has a play kitchen, a display to feel cotton and tobacco, and historic farm objects that provide tactile stimulation.

Other Disabilities: The visitors center has a play kitchen, a dress-up area with animal costumes and a bookshelf with books to provide a hands-on experience for children.

Historic Oakwood

c/o the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood
 701 Oakwood Avenue P.O. Box 27283
 Raleigh, NC 27611 Raleigh, NC 27611

Location: Just outside of downtown Raleigh north and east of the Executive Mansion.

Open: All year for walking or driving tours.

Phone: 919-832-6077 or 919-832-5786

Web Site: www.historicoakwood.com

Cost: Free.

With fine examples of restored Victorian homes, Oakwood is a 20-block neighborhood near downtown Raleigh that includes the Oakwood Cemetery, where over 1,500 Confederate soldiers rest. See the Historic Oakwood web site for more information. Maps available at the North Carolina Museum of History on Edenton Street list architectural and historic points of interest.

Parking: Parking is on-street.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Some of the sidewalks have buckled and are bumpy in some areas.

Entrance: Historic Oakwood does not have a visitor center.

Restrooms: No restrooms are available.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the sidewalks. Visitors with mobility disabilities interested in viewing the homes embark on a driving tour to see them.

Historic Yates Mill County Park

4620 Lake Wheeler Road
Raleigh, NC 27606

Location: From I-40/I-440, take Exit 297. Go south on Lake Wheeler Road for 2.8 miles, and the park entrance is on the right.

Open: Park: daily 8 a.m. to sunset. Park Center: daily 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Both closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 919-856-6675

E-mail: yatesmill@wakegov.com

Web Site: www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill

Cost: Free.

The 174-acre park features historic Yates Mill, a fully restored 18th century gristmill. Park amenities include a 20-acre mill pond and the A.E. Finley Center for Education and Research, which contains visitor information, educational exhibits, classrooms, an auditorium, research laboratories and staff offices. The park was developed through a partnership among Wake County, N.C. State University, the N. C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Yates Mill Associates. Visitors enjoy cultural history and environmental education programs, mill tours, hiking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, the amphitheater and more.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Paved cobblestone paths at least four feet wide lead to the park center. Behind the center, the path becomes a boardwalk with bumpers and then dirt/gravel and then grass by the mill with a bumpy rock look-out point behind the mill. A steep flagstone path runs past the mill. A bench on the path to the mill provides an area of rest. The park also has two boardwalk bridges.

Entrance: The entrance to the center is level, and the rear entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide; the automatic door opener does not always work.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A wheelchair is available in the park center, and signs in the center are wheelchair-accessible. The path to the mill is not fully wheelchair-accessible. A visitor using a wheelchair could possibly navigate the path, but the grass around the mill and the slope next to the mill present challenges.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The center has a video that is not captioned, but a script is available at the reception desk.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille.

 **Children with Disabilities:** The center has hats and dress-up items for creative play.

Joel Lane Museum House

160 St. Mary's Street P.O. Box 10884
Raleigh, NC 27603 Raleigh, NC 27605

Location: From the State Capitol, take Hillsborough Street to St. Mary's Street and turn left on St. Mary's Street. The Visitors Center is in the last block on the left.

Open: Tours: Wednesday - Friday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
Saturday at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Sunday afternoon group tours by appointment.
Closed mid-December to March 1 except on Saturday.

Phone: 919-833-3431

Web Site: www.joellane.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+ and students. Children under age 6 are free.

The Joel Lane Museum House is a classic example of 18th century mid-Atlantic colonial architecture. Joel Lane's home has been painstakingly restored and furnished. Costumed interpreters tell the story of a "Father of Raleigh" who deeded 1,000 acres to the state of North Carolina in 1792 for the new capital city.

Parking: Parking is on street. No marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level brick path 43 inches wide with curb cuts. The garden has a gravel path 36.5 inches wide. Benches provide areas of rest, and one sits under a wooden awning that provides shade.

Entrance: The Visitors Center has a ramp, but the historic buildings have steps. The doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. The sink faucet has levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Visitors Center is wheelchair-accessible, but the historic buildings are not. However, the site offers a virtual PowerPoint tour of the historic buildings in the Visitors Center if reserved in advance.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall. The restroom sign has Braille.

 **All Disabilities:** This is a small site that provides the opportunity for a small or personal tour for visitors who have various accessibility needs.

Additional Information: Strollers are prohibited in the museum buildings. Infants and young toddlers must be carried.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens

Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Rock Quarry Road
Raleigh, NC 27610

Location: The intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Rock Quarry Road. From I-40, take the Rock Quarry Road exit and follow to the intersection with Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The Memorial Gardens are on the left.

Open: Daily 24 hours per day for self-guided tours.

Phone: 919-834-6264

Web Site: www.king-raleigh.org/pgms/gardens.htm

Cost: Free.

Raleigh's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens, which opened in 1989, is the first public park in the United States devoted to the civil rights movement. A colorful variety of trees and flowering plants encircles a life-size bronze statue of Dr. King. A 12-ton granite/water monument honors other notable pioneers in the civil rights movement. Plans call for adding more parking and restrooms.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces. Two bus spaces within 50 feet of the entrance.

Entrance: Curb cuts lead to the entrance.

Types of Paths: A cement path seven feet wide with five benches leads visitors around the gardens. A three-foot-wide paved path leads behind the fountain. The paths from the parking lot from and the monument to the statue contains slight slopes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The park is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

● **Vision Loss:** Visitors with vision loss can feel the statue.

● **All Disabilities:** The statue is mounted on the ground for visitors to relate physically and emotionally to it.



Ronnie Marshall visits the statue of Dr. King.

Mordecai Historic Park

1 Mimosa Street
Raleigh, NC 27604

Location: From I-40, take Exit 299 to Person Street. Person Street will become Wake Forest Road. Turn left on Mimosa Street.

Open: Mordecai House: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Trolley Tours: March - December: every Saturday; departs at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Phone: 919-857-4364

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov/mordecai

Cost: Fee for hour-long tours, half-hour tours and trolley tours. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+ and youth ages 7-17. Children ages 6 and under are free.

Mordecai Historic Park is located in the heart of downtown Raleigh and is home to some of North Carolina's most extraordinary treasures, including the Mordecai House and the birthplace of Andrew Johnson, the 17th president of the U.S. The park offers guided tours of the park year-round and trolley tours on Saturdays in March through December.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces 7.5 feet wide with a 7.5-foot wide access aisle.

Types of Paths: Aggregate paths, asphalt paths, bricks paths and gravel paths all at least four feet wide with slopes, ramps and areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance to the Mordecai House has a ramp, but the other buildings have steps. The doors for all buildings are at least 32 inches wide except for the Andrew Johnson birthplace.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the toilet is 16 inches high, some restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is 43 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have push nozzles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Only the Mordecai House has a ramp; all other buildings have steps. Some restroom accessories are not fully accessible. The trolley has a wheelchair lift and space to accommodate two wheelchairs.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A tour guide on staff is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). Visitors should call ahead to schedule a sign language tour.

 **Vision Loss:** Hands-on tours are available with historic props that all visitors may engage with. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

North Carolina Museum of History

5 East Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: Downtown Raleigh across from the State Capitol.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-807-7900

Web Site: www.ncmuseumofhistory.org

Cost: Free. However, some special exhibits require a fee.

Explore North Carolina's past and learn about its people through the exhibit, The Story of North Carolina, which opened in 2011. See other exhibits highlighting the state's military history, decorative arts, sports heroes in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame and more. The Museum Shop, featuring North Carolina crafts, is open daily.

Parking: Available in the lot behind the museum between Jones Street and Edenton Street or metered spaces along the street. Free parking on weekends.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks and concrete pavers at least four feet wide with slopes and curb cuts. Bicentennial Plaza has benches for resting.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp on the Edenton Street side, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide. There is a doorbell with a sign for visitors who need assistance opening the doors.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, four no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Wheelchairs are available. Some exhibits have ramps. Signs are at a wheelchair-accessible height. The only inaccessible exhibit is a small house in the Story of North Carolina that has two steps to enter. The ACCESS North Carolina program stabilized the area around the entrance to provide greater and safer access.



The sign at the doorbell is a good practice where there are not automatic door openers.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Most videos in exhibits have a button to press to display captions. Sign language interpreters are available with three days notice.

Vision Loss: The signs next to the statues outside the museum and the restroom signs have Braille. Some exhibits provide hands-on interactives, and signs in the Story of North Carolina say, "Please Touch." Large-print brochures are available.

All Disabilities: Special group tours for adults and children with disabilities are possible, but they must be scheduled two weeks in advance (call 919-807-7986).

North Carolina State Capitol

1 East Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: On Union Square bounded by Morganton, Wilmington, Salisbury and Edenton streets.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 919-733-4994

E-mail: state.capitol@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/capitol/default.htm

Cost: Free.

Built in 1840, the North Carolina State Capitol is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the Southeast. The Capitol has been restored to its mid-19th century appearance and is open to the general public to tour.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces available in a visitor lot on the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts to the Capitol grounds and paved brick walkways at least four feet wide on the grounds.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: The first floor men's restroom is accessible. Women may request to use the accessible first floor staff restroom. However, some restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have turn handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: All areas except the third floor are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. The ACCESS North Carolina program provided funds to make the Union Square sidewalks ADA-compliant and to build ramps to the Capitol grounds. Directional signs point to the accessible entrance.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Tour materials are available in writing.

Vision Loss: With one week's advance notice, the staff will provide a touch tour. The grounds contain bronze objects that provide a tactile experience. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The sidewalks are now safer for visitors with vision loss.



Vahn Vue, Veronica Puente and Renita Rogers feel a cannon on the Capitol grounds.

North Carolina State Legislative Building

16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: In the block bordered by Salisbury, Jones, Lane and Wilmington streets; across Jones Street from the Museum of History.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-733-7928 Tours: 919-733-7929

Web Site: www.ncga.state.nc.us/NCGAInfo/visitinglegcomplex.html

Cost: Free.

The five-domed marble North Carolina State Legislative Building occupies a city block and houses the North Carolina General Assembly and informative exhibits on North Carolina's heritage. Legislative sessions are usually held during the first half of the year. However, legislative committees and study commissions meet at various times throughout the year. Call ahead to arrange tours.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available on the streets around the Legislative Building, in the parking deck accessed from Salisbury and McDowell streets, and in the parking lot in front of the State Library on Jones Street.

Types of Paths: Level concrete and granite sidewalk at least four feet wide. The interior has marble floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: Restroom accessibility varies. The second floor has a single-stall female restroom at least five feet by five feet, and the third floor has a male restroom with a stall measuring five feet by 56 inches. The first floor restrooms have a stall six feet long with a 32-inch wide door and 28 inches between grab bars. The soap dispensers are 50 inches above the floor. The bottom of the mirror is 43 inches high on the first floor but 39 inches high on the other floors. Sink faucets have turn knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, some are no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The building is wheelchair-accessible, but restroom accessibility varies. A sign in front of the building cautions visitors that the surface can be slippery when wet. A long flight of stairs leads to the hearing rooms, also accessible via elevator.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The building will provide a sign language interpreter for certain hearings, including televised hearings, with an advance request. The building has a total of 10 Listen Tech Assistive Listening Devices with earclips; a sign painted on the door to the hearing room advertises these.

Raleigh City Museum

220 Fayetteville Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Location: In the old Briggs Hardware Building two blocks south of the State Capitol.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Also open on the first Friday of each month 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 919-832-3775

Web Site: www.raleighcitymuseum.org

Cost: Free.

The Raleigh City Museum is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Raleigh, North Carolina's capital city. The Raleigh City Museum is the only home for artifacts of the city and its people and serves as an educational center using exhibits, lectures and programs to help residents and visitors learn about the diverse aspects of the city's people, places and events.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in nearby parking decks.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with curb cuts. The interior has hardwood floors. The Revolution of Media area has three seats that provide rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and has an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the bottom of the mirror is 42 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have single handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, available for local calls at the front desk.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The museum sets out chairs for individuals and groups upon request. The floor is old and uneven in some spots, but, otherwise, the museum is wheelchair-accessible.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The museum offers special tours with visual aids upon request and will try to provide a sign language interpreter with advance notice. The Revolution of Media video is not captioned.

Vision Loss: Several free-standing displays may pose a barrier to visitors with vision loss. Restroom and elevator signs have Braille. The museum offers special tours with touch artifacts upon request. Large-print signs have purple and green text on a tan background or black text on a white background.

Developmental Disabilities: The museum offers special tours designed for groups of visitors with developmental disabilities that can cater to their specific needs.

Anderson Point Park

20 Anderson Point Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Location: From I-440, take Exit 13B for U.S. 64 East Business. Turn right on Rogers Lane, left on Neuse View Drive and right onto Anderson Point Drive. The parking lot is on the left.

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.
Rentals: daily 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Phone: 919-329-5994

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/PRecRecreation/Articles/AndersonPointMainPage.html

Cost: Free. Fee for rentals and special programs.

Anderson Point Park offers four miles of walking trails, a playground next to an open field, swinging benches, overlooks that provide spectacular scenic views and a variety of habitats for viewing wildlife. Bring the whole family to enjoy a relaxing day at the park.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts at the upper lot, two at the lower lot and two at the rental cottage.

Types of Paths: Asphalt and concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes. A matted ramp winds around a hillside in front of the playground across a small bridge to the main climbing structure. Mulch surrounds the swings at the playground. A flagstone area connects to narrow sand/crushed gravel pathways with mulch that lead to the swinging benches. A circular path winds up a hill with an overlook containing four gazebos. The trail to the river is not paved but contains small gravel with a slight slope.

Entrance: The entrance to the cottage is level with the parking lot, the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open. The picnic shelters are level with the path. The restroom doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms (four outdoors at the shelters and two inside the cottage). Sink faucets have single hot/cold levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, with spouts at three different heights.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Most of the paths through the park are accessible, but the pathway to each swinging bench and the trail to the river may be difficult for some visitors with mobility disabilities. The matted ramp provides access to two slides and the main climbing structure, but the main climbing structure does not have a ramp for wheelchairs. Each picnic shelter is accessible.

Blue Jay Point County Park

3200 Pleasant Union Church Road
Raleigh, NC 27614

Location: Take Six Forks Road north, turn left at the Bayleaf water tower to stay on Six Forks Road, and turn right onto Pleasant Union Church Road.

Open: Park: daily 8 a.m. to sunset.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 919-870-4327

E-mail: bluejaypoint@wakegov.com

Web Site: www.wakegov.com/parks/bluejaypoint

Cost: Free.

Located on 236 acres adjacent to Falls Lake, Blue Jay Point County Park offers many opportunities to learn about and enjoy the natural world. Environmental Education programming is the park's main attraction. Public programs for all ages are conducted throughout the year, and organized group tours are available upon request.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot at the Environmental Education Center.

Types of Paths: Paved asphalt and concrete paths and trails at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance to the center has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open. The entrance to the main play structure has a ramp.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the largest stall is 65 inches by 42 inches. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high; one has a spout and bowl for pets.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The Environmental Education Center's educational garden has a pond with an elevated deck and platform. The playground has transfer platforms for children with mobility disabilities. The playground's sandbox is 29 inches high with 22 inches of clearance for a child's wheelchair. A playground bench has 33.5 inches of space cut out for a wheelchair to slide in. The overnight Lodge has an accessible shower stall with a chair in each bathroom. The park has three accessible picnic benches. Not every trail is accessible, but many are.

Vision Loss: Door signs have Braille. The center offers bird sounds, a cement bench with leaf shapes engraved, a raised relief map of eastern North Carolina and a magnifying glass to view insect specimens.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Intellectual Disabilities: The center has lift flaps with illustrations and animal flip books for visitors who are visual learners.

All Disabilities: The center has provided programs for visitors with disabilities, including an Access Nature workshop for educators of students with disabilities.

Service Animal Users: See the note about the water fountain for pets.



Durant Nature Park

8305 Camp Durant Road
Raleigh, NC 27614

Location: Main entrance at north end of the park. From U.S. 1/Capital Boulevard North, pass under I-540 and, at the second light, turn left on Durant Road. Go one mile and turn left on Camp Durant Road. Follow it to the park.

Open: Daily 7 a.m. to dusk.

Phone: 919-870-2871

Web Site: www.parks.raleighnc.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for rentals and special programs.

Five miles of trails explore parts of Durant Nature Park's more than 200 acres. Hike along a stream, through hardwood and pine forests, past wildflowers and ferns, and alongside two lakes. Visitors can enjoy fishing, wildlife observation, photography, picnicking and playing on the playground, forest edge or in the grassy field. Rental facilities include a large picnic shelter, the Campbell Lodge and the Training Lodge.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts at the north entrance and three with curb cuts at the south entrance.

Types of Paths: Primarily dirt single-track trails with roots and rocks and short, steep hills or gravel road-bed trails. A paved trail at least four feet wide with slopes links the parking lot with the lake, boathouse, docks, restroom and picnic shelter. This trail starts at the main entrance toward the Training Lodge.

Entrance: The rental lodges, office and field bathrooms have a ramp or same grade access. The door to each rental lodge and field bathroom is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender in the field bathrooms and two for each gender in the rental lodges. However, the field bathrooms have long stalls, but they are not at least five feet wide. The Training Lodge does not have at least nine inches of toe space under the sink, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets in the lodges have push/pull levers, and the sink faucets in the field bathrooms have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high at each location.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The main entrance's parking lot has a chain blocking the path near two accessible spaces, but visitors who use wheelchairs can move the chain to access the path.



All Disabilities: Durant Nature Park is home to Camp Friendly, a specialized recreation summer camp.

JC Raulston Arboretum

4415 Beryl Road Campus Box 7522
Raleigh, NC 27606 Raleigh, NC 27695-7522

Location: On Beryl Road between Blue Ridge Road and I-440. From I-440, take Exit 3 for Hillsborough Street. Turn left on Hillsborough Street and then right at the second light on Beryl Street. Proceed straight for one-half mile, and the Arboretum is on the left after Capitol City Lumber.

Open: Grounds: April - October: daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
November - March: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
McSwain Education Center: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.
Visitor Center: hours are posted on the door.
April-October: guided tours each Sunday at 2 p.m.

Phone: 919-515-3132

Web Site: www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/

Cost: Free.

The JC Raulston Arboretum is a nationally acclaimed garden with one of the largest and most diverse collections of landscape plants adapted for landscape use in the Southeast. Plants especially adapted to Piedmont North Carolina conditions are collected and evaluated in an effort to find superior plants for use in southern landscapes.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces in a paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide, Chapel Hill grit and grass. The Rooftop Terrace has brick pavers.

Entrance: The entrance to the Arboretum is level, and doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers and turn knobs.

Public Telephone: An emergency button is located on the pole between the Education Center and the Visitor Center.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Visitors who use wheelchairs can readily access the Arboretum Visitor Center, the McSwain Education Center and the Rooftop Terrace. The paths throughout most of the Arboretum are not paved and are partially accessible, ground conditions (weather) permitting.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The arboretum's plants may provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Marsh Creek Park and Community Center

3050 North New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC 27604

Location: Off of New Hope Road between the Buffalo Road and Marsh Creek Road stoplights.

Open: Playground: daily dawn to dusk.
Community Center: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 919-996-4920

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov (search: Marsh Creek Community Center)

Cost: Free. Fee for some programs.

In 2010, Marsh Creek Park opened a new Community Center and accessible playground. The Community Center is a 24,000-square foot building with 5,000 square feet of exterior covered space. The barrier-free, inclusive playground has play components that stimulate all of the senses.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces (one is marked van-accessible) with curb cuts at the playground and two with curb cuts at the lower level of the Community Center.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with gentle slopes that act as ramps and benches every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance to the playground has a gate with a lever handle. The entrance to each main play structure has a ramp. The entrance to the Community Center is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender in the Community Center. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high at each location.

Public Telephone: Yes, in the Community Center.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The playground and Community Center are fully wheelchair-accessible.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The playground has a sign with the manual alphabet.

● **Vision Loss:** The playground has a sign with the Braille alphabet and drums and musical instruments that provide tactile and audio stimulation.

● **Intellectual Disabilities:** The playground has drums and musical that provide tactile and audio stimulation.

 **All Disabilities:** Each play structure has an umbrella or a roof that provides shade during hot weather. The playground is a partnership between various organizations.

Pullen Amusements at Pullen Park

520 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606

Location: Between Western Boulevard and Hillsborough Street in Pullen Park.

Open: Amusements: daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

General areas, including the playground: daily dawn to dusk.

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov (search keyword: Pullen Park)

Cost: Free to visit. Ticket fee for all riders ages 1 and older. Riders under age 1 are free with a paying adult. Fee to rent the picnic shelters.

Pullen Park, founded by Richard Stanhope Pullen in 1887, became the first public park in North Carolina. A main attraction is the Amusement Center, the fifth oldest operating amusement park in the U.S. and the 16th oldest in the world. Attractions include the 1911 Gustave A. Dentzel Carousel, the C.P. Huntington miniature train, kiddie boats, Lake Howell's pedal boat rentals, a playground, a children's amphitheater, picnic shelters available for rent, a Welcome Center, and the Pullen Place Cafe serving fresh, locally produced foods. Pullen Park closed in December 2009 for renovations that made it more wheelchair-accessible and reopened in November 2011.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths and boardwalk bridges at least four feet wide. The playground has a rubberized safety surface and sand. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to each building is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have large push buttons with timed water release.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The renovation substantially increased the park's accessibility. The playground's universally accessible features include one pre-school full-bucket seat swing, one molded bucket seat swing, two universally accessible slides, one accessible sand digger, accessible sand play and one accessible spring platform. The kiddie boats and Carousel are not wheelchair-accessible; parents/caretakers of children with mobility disabilities will need to lift them onto these rides.

 **Vision Loss:** The playground contains a Ring-A-Bell musical feature and drums that offer an audio and tactile experience for visitors with vision loss.

Pullen Aquatic Center at Pullen Park

410 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606

Location: Between Western Boulevard and Hillsborough Street in Pullen Park.

Open: Public Open Swim: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim: Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Teach Pool: Monday - Thursday 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Diving Boards: Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Check the web site for closings for special events.

Phone: 919-831-6197

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov (search keyword: raleighaqua)

Cost: Fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 55+ and children ages 1-12.

The Pullen Aquatic Center offers an indoor 50-meter by 25-yard pool. The main pool starts at four feet deep and slopes to 14 feet deep with a water temperature of 83 degrees. A separate warm water pool with an accessible ramp starts at zero depth and goes to four feet with a water temperature of 88 degrees. There are male and female locker-rooms and a separate accessible family dressing room.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender and one family restroom. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, two.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The warm water pool is accessible to swimmers with physical disabilities who need a wheelchair or other mobility device to approach the pool. It could serve as a good place to provide water therapy. A lift is available in the main pool to assist swimmers with mobility disabilities into and out of the water.

RDU Airport Observation Park

East International Drive P.O. Box 80001
RDU Airport, NC 27623 RDU Airport, NC 27623

Location: Near the Air Traffic Control Tower and Park and Ride 2. From I-40 or I-540, follow the signs to Raleigh-Durham (RDU) Airport, go past Terminal One and follow the signs for General Aviation and Observation Park.

Open: Daily November - March 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
April - October 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Cross Winds Cafe: daily 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Web Site: www.rdu.com/whileatairport/obpark.htm

Cost: Free.

Plane enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy the views from Observation Park, which overlooks RDU's longest runway, and can hear direct communication from the control tower to pilots from the observation tower's elevated lookout area. The park contains playground, a mini-runway, picnic tables and stone columns with photos that serve as a mini-museum for North Carolina and RDU Airport aviation history.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts at the park and two with curb cuts in front of General Aviation.

Types of Paths: Paved paths five feet wide with slopes and benches that provide rest.

Entrance: The observation tower has a ramp with a railing 36 inches high. General Aviation is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide. The door inside General Aviation to the outdoor observation deck is heavy (possibly caused by wind pressure).

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender (one each at the park and one each in General Aviation). They are located on each floor and include some family restrooms. Sink faucets have levers. In the restrooms at the park, the levers are 43 inches above the ground, the hand dryer control is 52 inches above the ground, and there is not a pipe covering.

Elevator: Yes, in General Aviation.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Observation Park is wheelchair-accessible. The park has three accessible picnic tables with tabletops 29.5 inches above the ground. See the above note about the door pressure inside General Aviation.

● **Vision Loss:** The restroom doors have Braille. The observation tower has a radio to listen to direct communication between the control tower and the pilots.

● **Autism/Intellectual Disabilities:** General Aviation provides a quiet environment for children with autism and other intellectual disabilities to watch airplanes. This environment could be suitable for families who want to prepare their children for flying on a plane without the noise and stress that can accompany air travel.

Shelley Lake Park

1400 West Millbrook Road
Raleigh, NC 27612

Location: Off West Millbrook Road between North Hills Drive and Lead Mine Road.

Open: Greenway, bank fishing, fishing pier and playground open daily dawn to dusk. Boathouse temporarily closed.

Phone: 919-420-2321

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov (keyword search: Shelley Lake Park)

Cost: Free.

Shelley Lake consists of a 53-acre lake and park surrounding the lake with two miles of paved, scenic greenway trails around the lake. The park provides many opportunities to enjoy nature, including beautiful and serene woods, views of the lake and abundant wildlife. Located around the greenway trail are strategically placed workout stations to help enhance visitors' exercise routines. The park also has a playground near the Sertoma Art Center. Three open fields available for public use provide opportunities to picnic or play sports such as soccer or football, making Shelly Lake an overall all-in-one recreational location.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Paved greenway at least four feet wide with slopes and a level boardwalk bridge at least four feet wide. Mulch and sand surround the playground structures. Workout stations along the greenway provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the playground and the Sertoma Art Center is level. There are steps to both the fishing pier and the restrooms. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: The Sertoma Art Center has one accessible restroom for each gender. The restrooms near the lake have steps and do not have a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high at each location.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The greenway is paved but has some steep slopes that may present a challenge to some visitors who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices. Mulch and sand around the playground equipment may also present a challenge to some visitors who use wheelchairs.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The playground has a sign warning hearing aid users that static electricity can interfere with certain hearing aid devices.

William B. Umstead State Park

8801 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27617

Location: The park has two entrances. The Crabtree section is off U.S. 70 between Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Raleigh. The Reedy Creek section is just off I-40 at Exit 287 in Cary.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 919-571-4170

E-mail: william.umstead@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping, boating, facilities and shelters.

Tucked between the growing cities of Raleigh, Cary, Durham and Research Triangle Park is an oasis of tranquility, a peaceful haven – William B. Umstead State Park. Here, two worlds merge as the sounds of civilization give way to the unhurried rhythm of nature. Highways fade in the distance as trees, flowers, birds and streams form a more natural community. William B. Umstead is a place to escape the pressures of everyday life, a place to picnic in the pines, to fish or to take a hike or horseback ride.

Parking: 19 total marked accessible parking spaces in four different areas.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide with slopes and a wooden bridge. Some trails are not paved. The visitor center has carpeted and tile floors and benches.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Restrooms in the visitor center and the picnic area and bathrooms near the Reedy Creek picnic shelters are accessible. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, outside the visitor center.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The lower parking lot serving the boat house and picnic shelters leads to a one-fourth mile paved loop around the picnic area. The Crabtree section's parking lot leads to an eight-foot wide paved trail to the Big Lake Dam and boat house. The Reedy Creek section has one accessible picnic shelter. The visitor center exhibit areas has lift flaps 30-35 inches above the floor.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A script of the visitor center videos is available at the front desk. Two interactive video monitors contain no audio.

 **Vision Loss:** The exhibit area has new L.E.D. lighting and some large-print signs with good contrast. Two interactive video monitors contain no audio; visitors with vision loss may need assistance using these. Restroom signs have Braille.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** The exhibit area has an interactive turtle activity and lift flaps with photos.

State Farmers Market

1201 Agriculture Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Location: Take I-40 to Exit 297 for Lake Wheeler Road, turn left on Centennial Parkway, and turn right on Farmers Market Drive.

Open: Daily 5 a.m. - 8 p.m. Most vendors are present from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 919-733-7417

Web Site: www.ncdamarkets.org (Click on Farmers Markets and then Raleigh Farmers Market)

Cost: Free, open market.

The State Farmers Market is an open air market offering seasonal, local-grown produce year-round and a wide range of plants and flowers from spring to fall. Market Shoppes is climate-controlled with produce, the N.C. Meat and Cheese Center, N.C. wines, barbecue sauces, jams, jellies, baked goods, craft items, framing, hand soaps, lotions and candies. There are also two different restaurants and one short-order, walk-up grill: the State Farmers Market Restaurant, the N.C. Seafood Restaurant and the Market Grill.

Parking: Numerous marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks and paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts and some slopes. Aisleways in buildings are 15 feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance to each building is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms. The sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The Farmers Market is wheelchair-accessible. The right side entrance to the Market Shoppes (the entrance facing the North Carolina Seafood Restaurant) has handrails along the sloped path to provide easier access.

Vision Loss: Restroom signs have Braille. Main aisleways are wide, but aisles within each merchant's section are narrower, and some may have protruding objects.

Service Animal Users: The Farmers Market has signs stating that animals are not allowed in the building, but service animals are permitted.

Ray Price Harley-Davidson Legends of Drag Racing Museum

1126 South Saunders Street
Raleigh, NC 27616

Location: Take I-40 to the South Saunders Street exit toward downtown Raleigh. Follow South Saunders Street to its intersection with Prospect Avenue and turn left. Immediately turn right on South Saunders Street. The museum is a short distance down the road on the left.

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

Phone: 919-832-2261

Web Site: www.rayprice.com

Cost: Free.

The only Harley-Davidson drag racing museum in the world is located on the second floor of one of the East Coast's largest Harley-Davidson dealerships. World-famous drag racing champion Ray Price owns the dealership.

Parking: No marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot. Many spaces are marked for motorcycles, and parallel parking is available on South Saunders Street.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the paper towel dispenser is 51.5 inches high, and the bottom of the mirror is 52 inches high. Sink faucets have single hot/cold levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The dealership and museum are wheelchair-accessible, but some visitors who use wheelchairs may have difficulty using some restroom accessories. While no parking spaces are reserved for visitors with disabilities, the parking lot has plenty of spaces available.

 **Vision Loss:** Elevator and restroom signs have Braille, and the elevator has audible signals. Large-print door signs feature black ink on white paper. Some display cases protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they stand in recessed wall formations.

PNC Arena

1400 Edwards Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Location: Take I-40 or I-440 to the Wade Avenue exit and follow the signs for Edwards Mill Road.

Open: Event schedule varies.

Phone: 919-861-CARE (2273)

Web Site: www.thePNCArena.com

Cost: Varies by seat location and event.

PNC Arena, formerly the RBC Center, opened in 1999 and is home to the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes and NC State University's men's basketball team. Annually, PNC Arena welcomes 1.5 million guests and hosts 150 events that include major concert tours and family shows.

Parking: Numerous marked accessible parking spaces in the East and West parking lots.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide, and ushers are available to open the doors. The interior has hard smooth floors.

Restrooms: 37 accessible restrooms, including family restrooms that have a chair and a baby changing table located adjacent to Sections 111, 128 and 333. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, designated as preferred for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Although the threshold to the lower level seating area may be difficult to cross in a wheelchair, the PNC Center is wheelchair-accessible and has accessible seating locations. The Rex Wheelchair Brigade Services is a group of Rex Hospital volunteers available to assist visitors to and from their seats before, during and after events.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: A sign in the front window advertises assistive listening devices, and advance notice will ensure availability. Headsets and receivers are available at Guest Services located on the Main Concourse across from Section 127. An identification card or credit card is required to borrow it. For a sign language interpreter, call Guest Services at least three weeks prior to the event.

Vision Loss: Elevator and restroom signs have Braille and tactile images, and the elevator has auditory signals. Accessible seating is available for visitors with vision loss. The sign on the front window is difficult to read (blends in with the background).

Richard Petty Museum

142 West Academy Street
Randleman, NC 27317

Location: Take I-40/I-85 to U.S. 220 (also I-73) South for 14 miles to the exit for Randleman. Turn left on West Academy Street, go approximately one mile, and the museum is on the left.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-495-1143

Web Site: www.rpmuseum.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors and children. Children under age 6 are free.

The Richard Petty Museum showcases the life and accomplishments of NASCAR legend Richard Petty's (nicknamed "The King") racing history and includes the personal collectibles of him and his wife, Lynda: more than 350 guns, 900 dolls and 500 pocket watches.

Parking: 150 parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The interior has carpeted floor and seats every 50 feet. Picnic tables on the patio outside provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single hot/cold levers.

Water Fountain: A water dispenser is available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible, and a wheelchair is available for visitors who need one.

Additional Information: Visitors to the museum can obtain a free pass to visit Petty's Garage, located just six miles north of the museum and open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The garage is beside "The King's" old home place where it all began.

Chinqua Penn Plantation and Vineyards

2138 Wentworth Street
Reidsville, NC 27320

P.O. Box 161
Wentworth, NC 27375

Location: Near U.S. 29 Business and U.S. 158, just west of Reidsville.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-349-4576

Web Site: www.chinquapenn.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+, students with college ID, military with ID, and youth ages 6-15. Children ages 5 and under are free.

Listed on the National register of Historic Places, Chinqua Penn Plantation welcomes visitors to the 27-room English countryside-style mansion built by Jeff and Betsy Penn during the 1920s. The Penns filled their Guided Age mansion with treasures collected while traveling the world. Surrounded by 22 acres of beautiful gardens, historic lodge buildings, a clock tower and greenhouses, the estate showcases the state's premier collection of eclectic decorative arts. The house has been featured on A&E's *America's Castles* and acclaimed as an architectural American treasure.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel, slate, millstone and grassy paths. Most are at least four feet wide with a few slopes, and there are areas of rest. The interior has hardwood, marble and stone floors and a carpeted staircase.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open. One threshold is two inches high.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. However, the largest stall is 3.5 feet wide by six feet long. Sink faucets have push levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The house does not have an elevator, and the entrance has a high threshold. Some areas of the grounds may be difficult for a visitor using a wheelchair to navigate.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but visitors with vision loss who stay on the tour as directed will encounter few of these.

Tiger World

4400 Cook Road
Rockwell, NC 28138

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 68 (N.C. 152 East) for four miles, turn right on Cook Road, and look for the sign.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except Wednesday (closed).

Phone: 704-279-6363

Web Site: www.tigerworld.us

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors and children.

Tiger World is a nonprofit animal conservation and educational center dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation and preservation of exotic animals and all threatened and endangered species. Tiger World is a different kind of zoo. It is open to the public for educational guided tours and walkabout self-guided tours. The educational tours personally guide visitors throughout the preserve, teaching about each animal while providing an individual, hands-on experience. Visitors will see the animals in a natural setting and have the opportunity to observe them running, playing, swimming, eating, sleeping and interacting with their handlers.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Grass, gravel and dirt paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One restroom. Although the stall is at least five feet by five feet, it does not have grab bars. The sink has a cabinet and does not provide 29 inches of knee clearance and nine inches of toe space.

Water Fountain: No. Drink machines are available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Tiger World is not fully wheelchair-accessible. However, staff can drive visitors with mobility disabilities around if they call ahead and make an appointment.

 **All Disabilities:** Tiger World offers special tours with more personalized attention by appointment only. Visitors who require more personalized attention should call in advance to schedule a special tour.

Person County Museum of History

309 North Main Street
Roxboro, NC 27573

Location: From Durham take U.S. 501 North 25.4 miles, turn right on Morehead Street and continue two-tenths of a mile. Turn left on North Main Street, and the museum is on the left.

Open: Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-597-2884

E-mail: pcmuseum@roxboro.net

Web Site: www.visitroxboronc.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, students and groups of ten or more. Children under age 12 are free.

The Person County Museum of History is located in the former home of W. W. Kitchin, governor of the state from 1909 to 1913. The museum complex includes the Kitchin House, the Male Academy/Parsonage, Woodsdale General Store, Dr. John H. Merritt's office, a tobacco barn and the Van Hook Subscription School, which is believed to be the oldest in the state. More features are being added continually, and variety is the emphasis of the museum, with something for everyone from sports fans to doll lovers. The Enos Slaughter display honoring the Roxboro native and Hall of Famer features a replica of a statue depicting his winning slide in the 1946 World Series, while the Victorian Wedding Room showcases a wedding party of dolls in full wedding garb.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level, concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with several benches for resting.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open. Each two-story house has ramps. The Subscription School has one step, and a gazebo on the grounds has steps.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the stalls do not have grab bars. Sink faucets have levers in one restroom and knobs in the other one.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** When requested, the museum will show a DVD of the entire museum's exhibits for visitors who cannot access the entire museum. See the above notes about the two-story house and gazebo entrances and the lack of grab bars in the restrooms.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Visitors with vision loss could benefit from listening to the DVD of the museum's exhibits.

Rowan Museum, Inc.

202 North Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 76 and turn right on Innes Street. Continue into downtown, turn right on Main Street, and the museum is on the left.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 704-633-5946

E-mail: rowanmuseum@carolina.rr.com

Web Site: www.rowanmuseum.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The Rowan Museum, located in the 1854 Courthouse, is a general history museum offering displays and interpretive exhibits reflecting the life and history of Rowan County. Its collection includes an 1860s wagon found in a barn that tells the story of the Great Wagon Road, Civil War and Salisbury Confederate prison artifacts, and exhibits highlighting the county's communities and business and professional life.

Parking: Nearby streetside parking includes two accessible spaces.

Types of Paths: The museum has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The front entrance has steps, but the rear entrance has a ramp.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom.

Water Fountain: No. Drink machines are available.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The rear entrance is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Dan Nicholas Park

6800 Bringle Ferry Road
Salisbury, NC 28146

Location: Eight miles southeast of Salisbury. Take I-85 to Exit 79 to Andrews Street. Turn left on North Long Street and left on Correll Street, which becomes McCanless Road. Turn left on Bringle Ferry Road and travel 5.2 miles to the park on the left.

Open: January - May and October - December: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
June - September: daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
July weekends and holidays: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Attractions open at 10 a.m. and close one hour before the park closes.

Phone: 704-216-7803

Web Site: www.dannicholas.net

Cost: Free to visit. A small fee for attractions.

Dan Nicholas Park is a 425-acre park offering many opportunities for family fun and for school groups. Tour the Nature Center and the Cheerwine Aquarium and pet animals in the Petting Barn. Ride on Haden's Carousel. Beat the heat by strolling through the Hurley Water Plaza. Search for gemstones at the Miner Moose Gem Mine. Other activities include a train ride, paddle boating, fishing, camping at the campground or in a cabin, picnicking, mini golf, an accessible playground and an outdoor theater.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalk at least four feet with slight slopes. The path to the Miner Moose Gem Mine has a slope that exceeds 1:12.

Entrance: The entrance to each attraction is level. Each entrance to the main playground structures has a ramp.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Dan Nicholas Park is generally wheelchair-accessible, although the slope of the path to the Gem Mine exceeds 1:12. Not all of the playground structures are wheelchair-accessible, but the main one has a ramp in the front and the back. One cabin has a ramp.

 **Vision Loss:** Many signs have large print writing with good contrast. Several signs have etchings that provide a tactile experience. Inside the Nature Center, one tree branch sticks out 75 inches above the floor, posing a possible barrier to tall visitors with vision loss.

 **Additional Information:** Dan Nicholas Park has expressed an interest in obtaining a grant to make one of its two mini golf courses wheelchair-accessible.

National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association & Hall of Fame

325 North Lee Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Location: Take I-85 to Exit 76 toward Salisbury. Continue on Innes Street for eight-tenths of a mile and turn right on Lee Street.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed most federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving and certain days between Christmas and New Year's Day. Call to check.

Phone: 704-633-4275

Web Site: www.nssafame.com

Cost: Free.

The National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association (NSSA) membership consists of approximately 700 leading sportscasters and sportswriters from throughout the country. More than 80 sports media legends have been inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame, which began in 1962 with the induction of Grantland Rice. The NSSA hosts an awards weekend each spring that honors a Sportscaster of the Year and Sportswriter of the Year from each state as well as a National Sportscaster and Sportswriter of the Year. A Hall of Fame induction ceremony also occurs at this time. The NSSA Headquarters houses memorabilia of sportscasters, sportswriters and sports legends. The Hall of Famers' pictures are located on the lobby wall at the Holiday Inn on Jake Alexander Boulevard in Salisbury.

Parking: The main parking lot is gravel with no marked spaces, but a paved lot is nearby with eight-foot parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalk at least four feet with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The rear entrance has a wooden ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the note about parking. It is uncertain how close marked accessible parking spaces are. The rear entrance is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The NSSA will contact a sign language interpreter for the induction ceremony upon request.

Temple Theatre

120 Carthage Street
Sanford, NC 27330

Location: Downtown Sanford on Carthage Street near the train tracks. Take the exit for U.S. 421 South, turn left on Carthage Street, and the theater is two blocks away on the left.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and during show hours.

Phone: Main Office: 919-774-4512 Box Office: 919-774-4155

E-mail: templetheatre@windstream.net
Box Office: boxoffice@templeshows.com

Web Site: www.templeshows.com

Cost: Fee for shows. Reduced fee on Thursday nights. Reduced fee for students/children and groups of ten or more.

The Temple Theatre produces eight mainstage shows per season ranging from musicals to thought-provoking dramas. All actors are paid professionals who work hard to produce high-quality, consistently professional theatre shows. Temple Theatre is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Parking: On-street parking. Currently, there are no marked accessible parking spaces, but the city plans to redo the on-street parking.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts at the corner intersections. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have pull handles that are easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. No stall is at least five feet by five feet, the height of the toilet is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, the sink is not within three feet of the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance and does not provide nine inches of toe space with a pipe covering. Sink faucets have two handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Row J contains two wheelchair seating areas. See the restroom notes.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Signs at the box office advertise the theatre's loop system that is compatible with a hearing aid's or cochlear implant's telecoil.



A sign at the box office advertises the loop system.

House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site

288 Alston House Road
Sanford, NC 27330

Location: 15 miles west of Sanford and nine miles north of Carthage.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-947-2051

E-mail: horseshoe@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/horsesho/horsesho.htm

Cost: Free.

In spring and summer, bright flowers surround this plantation house named for its location on a horseshoe bend in the Deep River. The house, built around 1770, was owned by Philip Alston, whose band of colonists seeking independence from Britain was attacked here in 1781 during the American Revolution by British loyalists led by David Fanning. Later, four-term governor Benjamin Williams lived in the house, which now features antiques of the colonial and Revolutionary War eras. The Alston House now resides on the National Register of Historic Places.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Gravel pathways at least four feet wide with no slopes and with areas that provide rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the Alston House has steps, but a ramp leads to the sun porch. A ramp leads to the greeting station's museum and gift shop. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ACCESS North Carolina program provided the ramps that lead to the Alston House's sun porch and the greeting station's museum and gift shop, created accessible restrooms, and paved two accessible parking areas.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A written walking tour brochure is available.

Museum of North Carolina Traditional Pottery

127 East Main Street P.O. Box 500
Seagrove, NC 27341 Seagrove, NC 27341

Location: Near the intersection of U.S. 220 Business and N.C. 705. From U.S. 73/74, take Exit 45 to Seagrove. Turn left at N.C. 705/Little River Road.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 336-873-7887

E-mail: ncpottery122@embarqmail.com

Web Site: www.seagrovepotteryheritage.com

Cost: Free.

The Museum of North Carolina Traditional Pottery was founded in 1983 to support and preserve the pottery heritage pertaining to Seagrove, Randolph County and surrounding areas. The museum offers local pottery displays, information services and maps to area potteries. The museum hosts the Seagrove Pottery Festival in November at Seagrove Elementary School and the North Carolina Pottery Festival in April at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Parking: 11 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk leads to the museum. The museum has tile floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. There is a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet, but the stall does not have grab bars.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but see the note about the lack of grab bars in the restrooms.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. There are free-standing glass display cases.

North Carolina Pottery Center

233 East Avenue
Seagrove, NC 27341

P.O. Box 531
Seagrove, NC 27341

Location: Take U.S. 220 south to Exit 45 for Seagrove/N.C. 705. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left and follow the brown signs to the Center.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-873-8430

E-mail: info@ncpotterycenter.org

Web Site: www.ncpotterycenter.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for high school students. Free for students in Kindergarten-eighth grade.

The North Carolina Pottery Center showcases the remarkable history and on-going tradition of pottery-making in North Carolina. Located in Seagrove, one of the state's key historical and contemporary pottery producing regions, the Pottery Center is your first stop in exploring North Carolina's rich clay heritage. The state's pottery communities range from the mountains to the sea, and the Center preserves and promotes that wide-ranging diversity of styles, techniques and history.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide. The interior has hardwood floors and a bench for resting.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Center is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, and there are numerous free-standing display cases that could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss. Walls have large-print text in various colors and shades.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum State Historic Site

6136 Burlington Road
Sedalia, NC 27342

Location: Between Greensboro and Burlington. Take I-85/I-40 to Exit 135 to U.S. 70.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday and state holidays.

Phone: 336-449-4846

E-mail: chb@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/chb

Cost: Free.

The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum State Historic Site highlights African-American education in the early 20th century and the work of Charlotte Hawkins Brown, the founder of the Palmer Memorial Institute.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide in some areas with slopes.

Entrance: The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high in one building that is available for rental.

Elevator: Yes, in one building that is available for rental.

Accessibility

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center and the Canary Cottage are wheelchair-accessible. Recent construction has made the campus more than 90 percent accessible. Some pathways end in grass, so visitors with mobility disabilities will need to turn around if they cannot navigate across the grass.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The site has an orientation video that is not captioned, but a script is available. The walking campus tour provides the material ordinarily offered in a guided tour in written form.

 **Vision Loss:** The orientation video provides a verbal overview of the site, and the guided tour offers visual details for visitors with vision loss. Some objects might protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** The site asks groups when scheduling if there are special needs in order to help the site plan accommodations. Groups of 20 or more visitors should call in advance to schedule a visit.

Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre

301 Drama Road

P.O. Box 535

Snow Camp, NC 27349

Snow Camp, NC 27349

Location: From I-85/I-40, take Exit 145 (N.C. 49) south. Go approximately 12 miles to the second blinking light (there is a stop light after the first blinking light) and turn left on Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road. The entrance to the theatre is four miles on the left.

Open: Late June - late August: Wednesday - Saturday 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Phone: 336-376-6948 or 800-726-5115

E-mail: snowcampot@aol.com

Web Site: www.snowcampdrama.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+, children ages 11 and under, and groups of 15+ with advanced reservation.

Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre produces and performs two historical dramas, two children's shows and a musical annually. The historical dramas are *The Sword of Peace* and *Pathway to Freedom*. The theater was created out of the desire to promote the rich heritage of Quakers in the Snow Camp area.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A paved path at least four feet wide with slopes leads to the theater.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have single levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The theater is wheelchair-accessible, and both wheelchairs and golf cart transportation are available.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The theater does not provide services for patrons who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

 **Vision Loss:** The theater can assist patrons with vision loss in obtaining a ticket to sit closer to the stage.

Historic Shaw House

110 West Morganton Road P.O. Box 324
Southern Pines, NC 28387 Southern Pines, NC 28387

Location: Take U.S. 1 South from Raleigh to Southern Pines and follow the Moore County Historical Association exit signs.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Other times by appointment.

Phone: 910-692-2051

E-mail: moorehistory@connectnc.net

Web Site: www.moorehistory.com/house_museums/index.htm

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The Historic Shaw House is located on its original foundation at the crossing of the famed Revolutionary Pee Dee and Morganton roads in Southern Pines. Charles C. Shaw, a first-generation Scottish settler, built the house around 1820. It is typical of antebellum houses that followed the cabins of the early Sandhills settlers and shows the charm and sturdy simplicity characteristic of the Scottish families who settled in this region. Two hand-carved fireplace mantels of unusual beauty highlight the interior as well as early examples of Moore County pottery and “plain-style” pine furniture. The property also includes the Garner House and Sanders Cabin, which are open for tours.

Parking: 30 parking spaces are available.

Types of Paths: Gravel and grass paths less than four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance to each building has steps. The doors are at least 32 inches wide but are old and may be difficult to open.

Restrooms: One inaccessible restroom. The sink faucet has a single handle.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The buildings are not wheelchair-accessible. Visitors with mobility disabilities who use a mobility device other than a wheelchair or walker (such as a cane) may be able to enter them.

 **Vision Loss:** The house has at least 80 inches of headroom above the floor. However, some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall and could pose a hazard to visitors with vision loss.

Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve

1024 Fort Bragg Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Location: Two miles east of Southern Pines. From Southern Pines, go south on Indiana Avenue, turn left at the intersection with Fort Bragg Road, and the park is one-half mile on the left.

Open: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-692-2167

E-mail: weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free.

The 900-acre Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve maintains examples of the longleaf pine forest that once covered the entire southeastern United States. Weymouth Woods is different from traditional parks in that this limited-use area serves to preserve and portray the natural features unique to its region. Visitors can look at the longleaf pine forest and see how human actions have affected the environment, can learn about rare and endangered species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, and can learn about the role fire plays in maintaining this incredible forest. A small natural history museum contains audio and visual exhibits. Interpretive talks and hikes occur every Sunday at 3 p.m. in April - November.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The Pine Barrens Trail is a one-fourth mile out/return trail made of hard-packed screening surface. The trail is at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the natural history museum is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sinks faucets are automatic.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** One 300-yard section of the Pine Barrens Trail is the only wheelchair-accessible trail at this time and provides access to plants and animals, including the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. Plans include constructing an observation platform halfway out and increasing the length of the trail. The museum contains an underground diorama where visitors can crawl beneath the forest to view wildlife that seek shelter there; it is not wheelchair-accessible, but visitors with mobility disabilities who have sufficient upper-body strength could crawl in.

 **Vision Loss:** The preserve provides headsets that are mp3 players with four stories for use on the 1 trail. The museum has multiple audio exhibits, including a large mural that depicts flora and fauna in the park and that has push buttons allowing visitors to hear their calls.

North Carolina Transportation Museum

411 South Salisbury Avenue
Spencer, NC 28159

Location: From I-85, take Exit 79, turn west and follow the signs to Salisbury Avenue. The entrance is approximately one-half mile on the left.

Open: May - October: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.;
November - April: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Monday. Also closed New Year's Day, Veterans Day,
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas holidays.

Phone: 704-636-2889 or 877-NCTM-FUN (6286-386) (toll-free)

Web Site: www.nctrans.org

Cost: Admission fee, includes train ride. Reduced fee for seniors, active military and children ages 3-12. Children ages 2 and under are free.

The North Carolina Transportation Museum is located on the site of Southern Railway's steam locomotive repair facility. The museum includes Barber Junction Depot (1913), the site reception center; the Master Mechanic's Office (1911); the Flue Shop (1924); and the Bob Julian Roundhouse (1924). Exhibits trace the story of all forms of transportation in the state. Train rides enhance the visitor experience.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces at Barber Junction and two by the Roundhouse. All have curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Level asphalt, concrete, wooden and brick paths at least four feet wide with ramps at the Mechanic's Office. The train has tile flooring.

Entrance: The entrances to Barber Junction and the Mechanic's Office have a ramp, and the entrance to the Roundhouse is level. Doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms in Barber Junction, the Mechanic's Office and the Roundhouse. Sink faucets have levers and turn knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: The train ride has a wheelchair lift.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The train ride has a wheelchair lift available with 15 minutes notice and six spaces for wheelchair tie-downs (courtesy of the ACCESS North Carolina program). Wheelchairs are available. Exhibit signs are wheelchair-accessible.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss: Many signs have large print and good contrast. The orientation film does not contain audio description.



Jennifer Bailey enjoys the lift and gets ready to ride the train.

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Contact: Thomasville Visitors' Center
44 West Main Street
Thomasville, NC 27360

Location: Off of I-85 between Lexington and Thomasville at mile marker 100. Access exits to the park are indicated on both northbound and southbound I-85.

Open: Daily 24 hours a day.

Phone: 1-800-611-9907 (Thomasville Tourism)

Web Site: www.thomasvilletourism.com

Cost: Free.

This park located at a state-maintained rest area contains an alphabetical listing of each North Carolinian killed or missing during the Vietnam War etched into the face of 1,647 bricks that comprise the memorial. The brick memorial rests in a circular park surrounded by trees and flowers. An annual wreath-laying ceremony occurs at the Memorial Day Celebration.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: A red brick path at least 76 inches wide with some slopes leads to the memorial.

Entrance: A ramp running down to the rear of the memorial provides access.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender and one unisex restroom located at the rest area. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The memorial and nearby restrooms are wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** The memorial sign has white/grey letters etched into marble. The etchings might be difficult for visitors with low vision to read.

Wake Forest Historical Museum

450 North Main Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Location: Take U.S. 1-A North (North Main Street) in Wake Forest and proceed two blocks north of the Southeastern Seminary campus. Turn right onto Walnut Street or turn right on Juniper Ave proceed to end of the street to the drive leading to the rear of the building. Accessible parking is on Walnut Street as well as behind the museum complex off Juniper Avenue.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. But closed on Sunday from late December - February.
Other times by appointment.

Phone: 919-556-2911

Web Site: www.wakeforestmuseum.org

Cost: Free.

In the spring of 2010, the Wake Forest Historical Museum opened a new 7,000-square-foot facility that tells the story of the first 122 years of Wake Forest University while in the town of Wake Forest. The museum is also dedicated to the history of the town and surrounding region, including the history of law, medicine, sports, history of higher education and local history. The museum also offers special exhibits and occasional exhibitions of local works of art.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A brick path at least four feet wide with benches that provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The new museum has a level entrance, and the historic Calvin Jones House has a ramp at the rear. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The new museum is wheelchair-accessible. However, the historic house is not fully accessible. A ramp at the rear provides access to the first floor, but there is no access to the second floor, and each room has thresholds that may make wheelchair passage difficult. Staff will offer assistance if needed.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Printed guide material is available upon request. The museum has a 15-minute introductory video that is captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff will offer assistance to visitors with special needs.

Falls Lake State Recreation Area

13304 Creedmoor Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Location: Near N.C. 50 and N.C. 98 in Wake and Durham counties.

Open: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

May - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 919-676-1027

E-mail: falls.lake@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping and picnic shelter reservations.

Hours of relaxation await visitors at Falls Lake State Recreation Area. Just moments away from the hustle and bustle of the city, Falls Lake is a great way to escape urban life. With a 12,000-acre lake and 26,000 acres of woodlands, Falls Lake State Recreation Area offers a choice of recreation areas: Beaverdam, B.W. Wells, Highway 50, Holly Point, Rolling View, Sandling Beach and Shinleaf. Fishing, boating and swimming are only a few of the activities awaiting visitors on the water. On land visitors can enjoy walking, trail biking or camping along this portion of the state's Mountains-to-Sea Trail. From recreation to environmental education, no matter what visitors are looking for, they are sure to discover it at Falls Lake.

Parking: All parking lots have marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Various types of paths include a few short concrete paths (one by the office leads to the lake), hiking trails, bike trails and paved boat ramps.

Entrance: The park office/visitor center has a ramp at the building's rear. The Community Building's entrance is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Restrooms: Each restroom has an accessible toilet stall; however, it is uncertain if all accessible stalls are at least five feet wide and five feet long. Most sink faucets have lever-style turn handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Visitors with mobility disabilities will find access to a wide range of recreational opportunities at Falls Lake, and park staff can guide visitors to facilities best suited to their needs. An accessible fishing pier is located at Beaverdam and Rollingview. Accessible picnic shelters are available at Beaverdam, Rolling View and Sandling Beach. Accessible swimming is available at Beaverdam, Rolling View and Sandling Beach. Accessible campsites are available at Holly Point, Rolling View and Shinleaf.

Delta Arts Center

2611 New Walkertown Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Location: From I-40 Business, take the MLK, Jr. Drive exit to New Walkertown Road. The center is located up the hill behind the BB&T Bank.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phone: 336-722-2625

E-mail: delta2611@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.deltafinearts.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The mission of Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts, Inc. is to enrich the lives of neighborhood and area residents by stimulating interest throughout the entire community in American arts and humanities with emphasis on the contributions of African-Americans; to increase awareness and knowledge of the contributions of African-Americans to the arts and humanities in America and build pride in these contributions; to encourage individual creativity; and to provide quality cultural and educational programming for the entire community. Established in 1982, it is the city's oldest incorporated, nonprofit cultural and educational organization established and operated by a community-based organization of African-American women. The center has received local, state and national support and recognition for its programs, which have afforded people of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds an opportunity to come together and participate in programs developed from the African-American perspective.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Outdoor: paved sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Inside: hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push knobs.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The center is wheelchair-accessible.

Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc.

601 North Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Location: In downtown Winston-Salem's Arts District.

Open: Administrative Offices: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Gallery: Tuesday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 336-725-1516

E-mail: operations@piedmontcraftsmen.org

Web Site: www.piedmontcraftsmen.org

Cost: Free.

Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., a non-profit education and arts organization, is dedicated to the promotion of fine traditional and contemporary craft/art through a wide variety of educational and membership activities and services for the benefit of the community. The organization represents more than 350 fine craft artists from across the southeast, and, at any given time, visitors can find work by about 200 exhibiting members in the shop and gallery.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A paved sidewalk at least four feet wide with gradual slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms but by permission only (no public restrooms). However, the toilet seat is 16.5 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have single handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The gallery is located on the ground floor, easily accessible from the sidewalk, and a ramp in the gallery provides access for visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Free-standing objects are mounted on a wooden pedestal.

Reynolda House Museum of American Art

2250 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27109

Location: Between Wake Forest University and Coliseum Drive Northwest. See the web site for specific directions.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 336-758-5150 or 888-663-1149

E-mail: reynolda@reynoldahouse.org

Web Site: www.reynoldahouse.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors age 60+, teachers (with ID) and AAA members. Children ages 18 and under and students and Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center employees with valid ID are free.

Reynolda House Museum of American Art is one of the nation's premier American art museums, with masterpieces by Mary Cassatt, Frederick Church, Jacob Lawrence, Georgia O'Keeffe and Gilbert Stuart among its permanent collection. Affiliated with Wake Forest University, Reynolda House features traveling and original exhibitions, concerts, lectures, classes, film screenings and other events. The museum is located in the historic 1917 estate of Katharine Smith Reynolds and her husband, Richard Joshua Reynolds, the founder of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Reynolda House and adjacent Reynolda Gardens and Reynolda Village feature a spectacular public garden, dining, shopping and walking trails.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces immediately adjacent to the museum entrance and two more in lower Parking Lot 1A.

Types of Paths: Concrete and stone paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms located off the reception hall in the historic house and on the main gallery levels of the Babcock wing.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: Two wheelchairs and lightweight gallery stools are available at the front desk at no charge.



Vision Loss: A large-print transcript of the audio tour is available at the front desk at no charge.



All Disabilities: The museum waives admission for any accompanying interpreter or aide. Guided tours may be arranged for special needs groups with at least two weeks notice.

SciWorks Science Center

400 West Hanes Mill Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Location: Take U.S. 52 to Exit 16 for Hanes Mill Road.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June - Labor Day: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday.

Phone: 336-767-6730

E-mail: info@sciworks.org

Web Site: www.sciworks.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+ and youth ages 4-19. Children under age 4 are free.

SciWorks is a hands-on science center with exhibits in animal and human biology, physics, astronomy and geology. The center also offers a 120-seat planetarium, a 15-acre environmental park with paved trails and a barnyard with sheep, goats, donkeys, a miniature horse and cows.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide and areas of rest. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Six restrooms. However, there is not a stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have lever-style handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** SciWorks is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. However, the restrooms do not have a stall at least five feet by five feet. Visitors who have little or no use of their arms but full use of their legs can enjoy exhibits such as the Soundworks piano on the floor.

 **Vision Loss:** SciWorks has hands-on activities such as Soundworks, where visitors can create music by playing a piano on the floor with their feet. The Science Park has sculptures visitors can touch.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** SciWorks has hands-on activities that could benefit visitors with cognitive/intellectual disabilities.

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

600 South Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Visitor Center: 900 Old Salem Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Location: South of downtown Winston-Salem. From U.S. 52, take Exit 108C for Stadium Drive and go to the stop light at Salem Avenue. Turn left on Salem Avenue and bear right at the traffic circle on Old Salem Road. Turn left on Walnut Street into the Visitor Center parking lot.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 1 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 336-721-7300 or 888-653-7253

Web Site: www.oldsalem.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

Old Salem Museums & Gardens encompasses 100 acres of restored and reclaimed landscapes that include 80 buildings, 11 nationally acclaimed gardens and five retail stores. Its unique museums – the Historic town of Salem and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) – invite today’s visitors to experience the complete story of those who lived and worked in the early South.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Brick and stone sidewalks and concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with slopes. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the Visitor Center has a curb cut. The entrance to MESDA has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and contain pull handles that open easily.

Restrooms: 13 accessible restrooms. Sinks have various types of faucet controls.

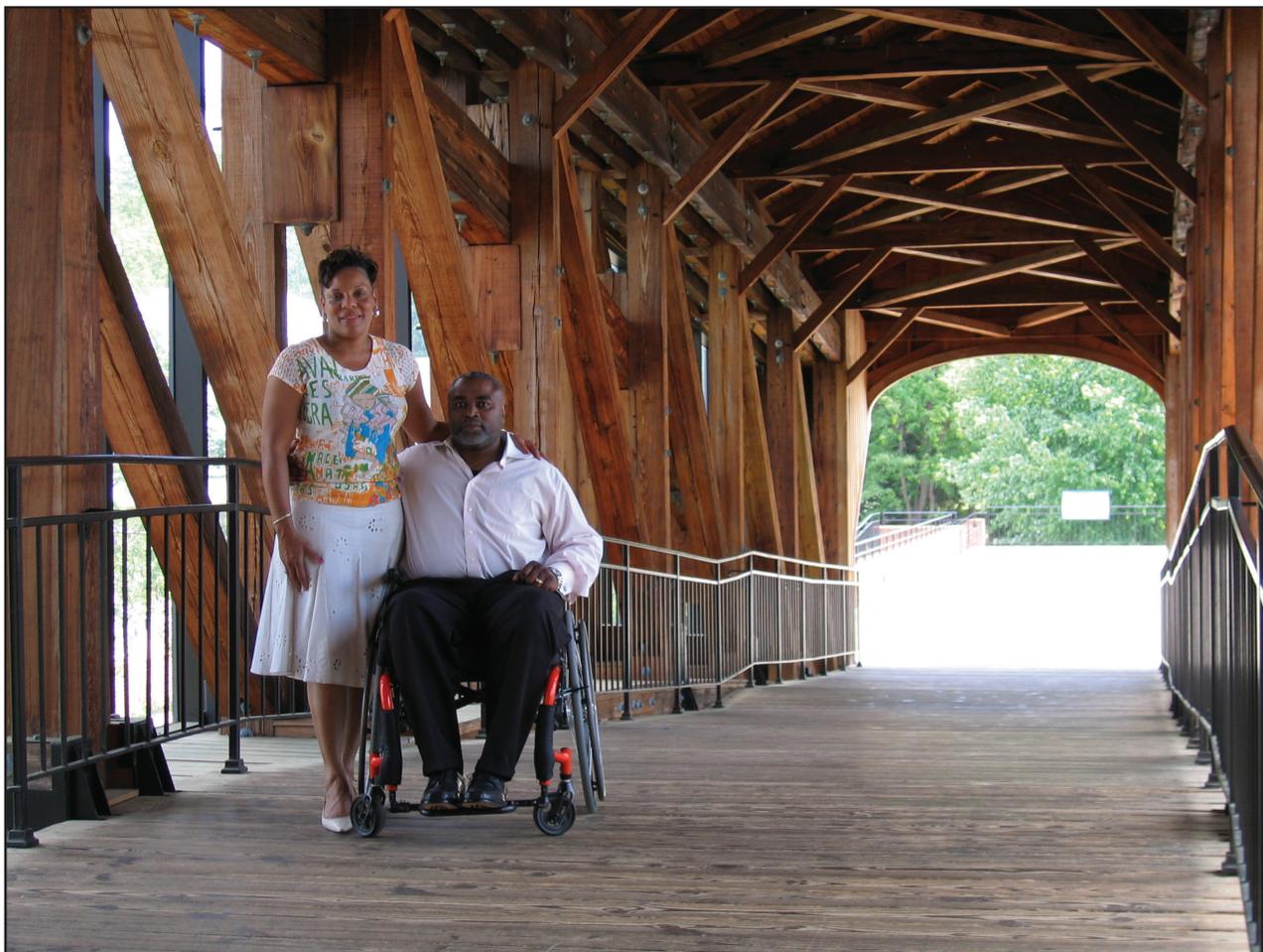
Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Old Salem is a living history museum with uneven, city-owned sidewalks and historic buildings. Some but not all buildings are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. To receive a special map outlining the accessible buildings, please see a Visitor Center representative. The wooden pedestrian bridge from the Visitor Center to MESDA is arched and contains resting intervals for wheelchairs.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Additional reading materials are available. The Visitor Center has a film that is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Tactile experiences are available. Not every building has 80 inches of headroom, and some may have objects that protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** Old Salem makes every effort to accommodate visitors with disabilities but can be limited by the physical surroundings.



Camilla and Barry Washington stop on Old Salem's wheelchair-accessible pedestrian bridge.

Barry Washington visits the Timothy Vogler Gunsmith Shop, the most authentically restored gunsmith shop in America. While one entrance has steps, the other entrance has a ramp.



Five County Stadium

1501 N.C. Highway 39
Zebulon, NC 27597

Location: About 20 minutes east of Raleigh at the corner of U.S. 264 and N.C. 39.

Open: April - September for all Mudcats home games (70 home games).

Phone: 919-269-CATS (2287) **E-mail:** muddy@gomudcats.com

Web Site: www.carolinamudcats.com (Click on Five County Stadium)

Cost: Depends on seating location.

The Carolina Mudcats are the Class-A Advanced minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team and have called Zebulon and Five County Stadium home since moving from Georgia in 1991. Over the years, the Mudcats have featured players who became Major League stars such as Tim Wakefield, Dontrelle Willis, Miguel Cabrera, Matt Holliday, Tony Womack and many more. The team has also served as the farm club for other big league teams such as the Rockies, the Marlins, the Pirates and, most recently, the Reds. Mudcats games are a favorite pastime of fans in Raleigh and the surrounding area.

Parking: 41 marked accessible parking spaces in paved asphalt and gravel lots.

Types of Paths: Concrete pavement at least four feet wide with low-grade slopes and curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has ramps, and the gates are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Five County Stadium is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities with all concessions, restrooms, souvenirs and accessible seating areas located on the ground level for easy access.

👍 **All Disabilities:** The Mudcats have hosted events for the Miracle League of the Triangle (a baseball league for children with disabilities) on its field.



Fans enjoy the view from one of Five County Stadium's wheelchair seating areas.

Coastal Plain

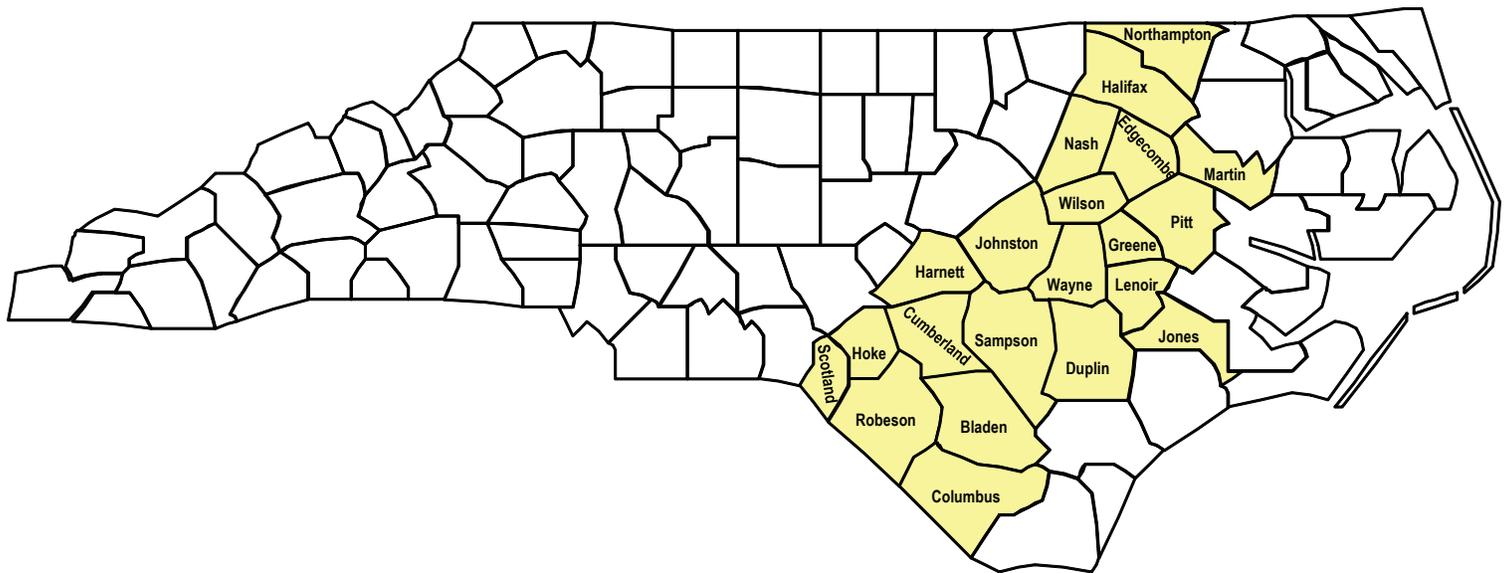


“The Long Leaf Pine”

By Brandon Austin

Fayetteville, N.C.

Student at the Governor Morehead
School for the Blind, Raleigh, N.C.



Counties

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Greene	Robeson	Fort Bragg	Rocky Mount
Halifax	Sampson	Four Oaks	Rose Hill
Harnett	Scotland	Fremont	Scotland Neck
Hoke	Wayne	Goldsboro	Selma
Johnston	Wilson	Halifax	Seven Springs
Jones		Hollister	Smithfield
		Kelly	Tarboro
		Kenansville	Warsaw
		Kenly	White Oak
		Kinston	Whiteville
		Lake Waccamaw	Williamston
		Lillington	Wilson



Country Doctor Museum

6642 Peele Road P.O. Box 34
Bailey, NC 27807 Bailey, NC 27807

Location: From U.S. 264, take Exit 30 for Bailey/Spring Hope and head south on N.C. 581. Follow the signs to the museum.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, Christmas week and major holidays.

Phone: 252-235-4165

Web Site: www.countrydoctormuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 55+ and students ages 3-17.

Created in 1967 by a group of energetic women who wanted to build a lasting memorial for rural physicians, the Country Doctor Museum is the oldest museum in the United States dedicated to the history of America's rural health care. It operates as a repository of historically significant medical artifacts with emphasis on the period from the early 1800s through the end of World War II. Managed by East Carolina University's Laupus Health Science Library, the museum's mission is to interpret the history of medicine in rural America. Docents lead tours through three buildings, and the grounds include a medicinal garden.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces in a concrete parking lot.

Types of Paths: A level brick paver path at least four feet wide. However, the medicinal garden path is 29 inches wide and narrows to 17 inches at the center. The museum has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance to the Farmer Annex, where visitors check in, has a ramp to the porch and then a small ramp to the entrance door. The door is at least 32 inches wide. There is also a ramp to the Freeman-Brantley Building and the restrooms.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is 52.5 inches above the floor, but the museum plans to add another mirror at the correct height. Sink faucets have hot/cold levers.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The Freeman-Brantley Building has an interior ramp with handrails, but the doorway at the top of the ramp has only 28 inches between grab bars. The Farmer Annex's ramp provides only 31 inches of turning room to access the second ramp and can be problematic for visitors who use wheelchairs. The grounds are wheelchair-accessible except where the path narrows in the garden.

Clemmons Educational State Forest

2411 Old U.S. 70 West
Clayton, NC 27250

Location: 2.5 miles west of Clayton on Old U.S. 70.

Open: Mid-March to mid-November: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Monday and for winter maintenance mid-November to mid-March.

Phone: 919-553-5651

E-mail: clemmonsESF.DFR@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncesf.org

Cost: Free.

Clemmons Educational State Forest offers visitors a unique look into the transition zone of the lower Piedmont and upper Coastal Plain ecosystems. There are three main trails: Talking Trees, Talking Rocks and the Forestry Demonstration Trail. Visitors learn about the environment through the forest window and learn why we manage our resources and how the forest fits into our everyday lives.

Parking: One marked paved accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Trails at least four feet wide with slopes and some dirt and tree roots. There is also a boardwalk bridge.

Entrance: The entrance to the Forestry Center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the mirror might not be accessible. Sink faucets have push buttons, and the water stays on for approximately 30 seconds per cycle.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The trails are not fully wheelchair-accessible.



Vision Loss: The Talking Tree Trail and Talking Rock Trail contain audio information that visitors with vision loss can listen to. The signs marking each trail have large-print text on a high-contrast background (white on black and white on maroon).

Averasboro Battlefield & Museum

3300 N.C. Highway 82
Dunn, NC 28334

Location: I-95 to Exit 71 for Long Branch Road. Follow the brown signs to the site.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Monday.

Phone: 910-891-5190

Web Site: www.averasboro.com

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

In March 1865, the Battle of Averasboro (also called Averysborough, Smith's Mill and Black River) was the first deliberate, tactical resistance to the infamous march of Federal forces through Georgia and the Carolinas. The battle was fought on the plantation lands of the John Smith family four miles south of the Cape Fear River town of Averasboro. Today the cannons are silent, and the battle-scarred plantation lands are quiet. But the memory remains at the Averasboro Battlefield & Museum, which showcases a battlefield model, artifacts from the site and a large gift shop with Civil War memorabilia and children's toys.



Jaime Cisneros looks forward to a visit.

Parking: One accessible parking space in a gravel lot. The space is marked by a sign instead of paint on the ground.

Types of Paths: A gravel and grass pathway lead from the parking lot to the brick sidewalk in front of the museum. Paths are at least four feet wide and level. The museum has wooden floors with one-to-two-inch thresholds.

Entrance: The entrance has a wooden ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide and has a lever handle that pulls outward.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, there is a two-inch threshold and one slanted grab bar to the left of the toilet. The bottom of the mirror is 51.5 inches above the floor. The sink faucet has two long turn handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Other than gravel and grass area between the parking lot and the entrance and the high thresholds, the museum is generally wheelchair-accessible. Display windows start close to the ground to provide easy viewing, but a few of the artifacts placed higher up are difficult to see from a wheelchair.

Vision Loss: Some signs have large-print signs with good contrast, but some signs have smaller print, and some signs have all capital letters.

Jones Lake State Park

4117 Highway 242 North
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Location: In Bladen County four miles north of Elizabethtown on N.C. 242.

Open: Park hours: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Park Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 910-588-4550

E-mail: jones.lake@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping.

Jones Lake State Park consists of 2,208 acres, including two natural Carolina Bay lakes: Jones Lake and Salters Lake. Much of the exhibit hall and the interpretive displays explain the concepts associated with the mysterious Carolina Bay phenomenon. Jones Lake offers six miles of hiking trails that traverse through several distinct habitats, each with a variety of flora and fauna. The park also offers a 20-site campground and one group campsite with shower and restroom facilities and a large picnic area with a large picnic shelter and six small picnic shelters. The park also offers a 204-foot fishing pier and a boathouse.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Gravel trails and concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the types of paths. Beach wheelchairs are available for use on the lake beach area. Campsites and picnic shelters are accessible, but the boat rental areas are not.

 **Vision Loss:** Doors have Braille.

Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest

4803 Sweet Home Church Road
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Location: In Bladen County just east of Jones Lake, turn from N.C. 242 on Sweet Home Church Road, and the forest is on the right.

Open: Mid-March to mid-November: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Sunday and for winter maintenance mid-November to mid-March.

Phone: 910-588-4161

E-mail: turnbullcreekesf.dfr@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncesf.org

Cost: Free.

Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest is a working forest that shows all types of forest management. The forest is located among Bladen County's numerous "Carolina Bays" -- mysterious land formations particular to this section of North Carolina's Coastal Plain. The forest has several trails, including a Talking Tree Trail and Demonstration Trail, and exhibit areas as well and picnic and restroom facilities. The Fire Control Exhibit features two airplanes and a water tower that children will enjoy visiting.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel and other paths at least four feet wide with slopes.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The trails are not fully wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** The Talking Tree Trail contains audio information that visitors with vision loss can listen to.

Fascinate-U Children's Museum

116 Green Street

Fayetteville, NC 28301

P.O. Box 2671

Fayetteville, NC 28302

Location: Along Green and Bow streets near the Market House in downtown Fayetteville.

Open: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Closed Monday.

Phone: 910-829-9171

E-mail: webmail@fascinate-u.com

Web Site: www.fascinate-u.com

Cost: Admission fee.

Fascinate-U is a place where children can explore the world through creative role-playing, manipulation and interaction with each other and the objects around them. Children can touch and play with everything. In the mini-city, everything is kid-sized. Children can shop at the Gro-Right Grocery and Deli, put on a judge's robe and pass their sentence with a gavel in hand, respond to calls at the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center, give the weather forecast at the WNUZ center, and explore many other exhibits.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space in the rear parking lot and two across the street in the bank parking lot.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The side entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. The front entrance has four steps.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, the toilet seat is 16 inches high, and restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, but the spout is 38 inches above the floor. The museum will provide water to anyone who cannot reach the spout.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** See the notes about the accessible side entrance, the restroom and the water fountain. All exhibits are wheelchair-accessible except the costume stage, which is raised six inches above the floor.

● **Vision Loss:** Because visitors can touch and play with everything, the museum provides a tactile experience for visitors with vision loss.

● **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** Because visitors can touch and play with everything, the museum provides a hands-on experience for visitors with cognitive/intellectual disabilities.

Airborne and Special Operations Museum

100 Bragg Boulevard
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Location: The intersection of Bragg Boulevard and Hay Street in downtown Fayetteville.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Closed on Monday but is open on all federal holiday Mondays. Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Phone: 910-643-2766

E-mail: info@asomf.org

Web Site: www.asomf.org

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted. Fees for some programs and activities.

The Airborne and Special Operations Museum pays tribute to the honor, courage, duty, and heroic feats of this unique sector of our armed forces. Exhibits trace the history of the Airborne and Special Operations forces from their inception in 1940 to present day operations. The museum's exhibits and grounds were designed for maximum accessibility.

Parking: Ten accessible parking spaces and curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Paved concrete paths. Gently sloping walkways surround the building.

Entrance: Level with an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Each restroom has one sink faucet with levers.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The museum has three wheelchairs available for those who require them. A wide, sweeping path winds its way through the main exhibit area, which has ramps with handrails and benches for resting. Some signs are built into the ground at a comfortable height for people who use wheelchairs. The gift shop contains wide open spaces.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Every video is open-captioned with the volume raised except for the Test for the Best video. The Rescue of Kurt Muse exhibit contains three earphones to listen to accounts of the rescue; they have no obvious volume control, but they are compatible with a hearing aid's telecoil.

● **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille. The main gallery contains some large-print signs and some small-print signs. Free-standing mannequins bring the museum to life, but they could pose a potential hazard to a person with vision loss.

Market House

201 Hay Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Location: In the heart of downtown Fayetteville at the intersection of Hay, Gillespie, Person and Green streets.

Open: Daily.

Web Site: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market_House_\(Fayetteville,_North_Carolina\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market_House_(Fayetteville,_North_Carolina))

Cost: Free.

The Market House was built in 1832 on the site of the old State House, which was destroyed by fire in 1831. It was within the walls of the State House that North Carolina ratified the Constitution of the United States in 1789 and chartered the University of North Carolina. Also, here North Carolina ceded her western lands to form the state of Tennessee. For decades meat and produce were sold beneath the Market House's arches by local farmers, while the second floor was the town hall. In recent years the second floor has been used as a public library, chamber of commerce offices and an art museum. Many distinguished visitors have spoken from its balconies. Architecturally unique in North Carolina, the Market House sits on the National Register of Historic Places and remains one of the few structures in America that used this town hall-market scheme found in England. The clock chimes the hours, and the bell in the cupola still rings at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, at 1 p.m. for dinner, at sundown and at 9 p.m. (once the curfew hour).

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces on nearby streets.

Types of Paths: Level brick sidewalks at least four feet wide. Two crosswalks lead to Market House, but there are no curb cuts where the crosswalks end at Market House. Benches within the Market House provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The Hay Street side has a curb cut ramp at least 32 inches wide. The other sides have steps.

Restrooms: No restrooms on site.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Hay Street side of the Market House is wheelchair-accessible, but a crosswalk does not lead to this side. The crosswalks lead to two sides that do not have curb cuts. A visitor using a wheelchair in one of the crosswalks would need to wheel around to the Hay Street side of the plaza. Traffic can be a concern for visitors trying to navigate their way to the Hay Street side.

82d Airborne War Memorial Museum

Building C-6841

Ardennes Street P.O. Box 70119

Fort Bragg, NC 28310 Fort Bragg, NC 28307

Location: Take All American Freeway to Fort Bragg. Turn left at the light on Long Street and then turn left at the light on Ardennes Street. The museum is one mile on the left next to the C-130 aircraft.

Note: Be sure to bring appropriate identification, including a driver's license and vehicle insurance papers, and be prepared to have your vehicle searched to be admitted to visit Fort Bragg.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday and most federal holidays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 910-432-3443

Web Site: www.82ndAirborneDivisionMuseum.com

Cost: Free.

The 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum occupies 12,000 square feet and maintains an aircraft park. The museum tells the history of the 82nd Airborne Division from 1917 to present. Exhibits include World Wars I and II, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Gulf War, Kosovo and the Global War on Terrorism, and topics range from combat operations to peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. The 82d has been in the forefront of many battles and spearheaded the invasions on Sicily, Normandy and Holland with airborne assaults. Since World War II, it has served as a strategic response force ready to deploy worldwide within 18 hours. There are also exhibits featuring the five Medal of Honor recipients.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces with a curb cut ramp directly in front of the museum.

Types of Paths: Level concrete paths at least four feet wide.

Entrance: Level with an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible. However, there are no ramps leading to the Air Park. A new chapel is under construction next to the museum; when complete, the chapel will provide wheelchair access to the Air Park. The estimated completion date for the chapel is the fall of 2012.

 **Vision Loss:** Restroom signs have Braille. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum

Building D-2502
 Corner of Ardennes and Marion Streets
 Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Location: From I-95, take Exit 46 to Fayetteville and Exit 100 to Owen Drive. Stay on Owen Drive as the name changes to the All American Freeway to Fort Bragg. Go through the main gate. After stopping to show identification and having the car searched, turn right on Gruber Road. Go through four stop lights and turn right on Reilly Road and then turn left on Ardennes Street. Turn left at Marion Street and turn left into the parking lot behind the museum.

Note: Be sure to bring appropriate identification, including a driver's license and vehicle insurance papers, and be prepared to have your vehicle searched to be admitted to visit Fort Bragg.

Open: Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Monday. Open for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Phone: 910-432-4272

Web Site: www.jfkwebstore.com

Cost: Free.

The JFK Special Warfare Museum is one of 64 U.S. Army museums in the country with a mission to illustrate the history of the U.S. Army Special Operations, including the history of the Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations branches. It also serves to illustrate the unique and specialized part played by all aspects of the Army Special Operations community both in conflict and during crucial roles in peacetime. It consists of the main museum and off-site locations.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The front entrance has a ramp, and the side door has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: No, but visitors may use the phone in the offices if necessary.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the note about the entrance. The museum is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some exhibits protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site

5466 Harper House Road
Four Oaks, NC 27524

Location: From U.S. 701 north of Newton Grove, take State Route 1008 (Harper House Road). The site is two miles east of U.S. 701.

Open: April - September: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday.
October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Closed most major holidays – call for information.

Phone: 910-594-0789 **E-mail:** bentonville@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.history.org/bentonville

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site has a visitor center with exhibits, a fiber optic map, a gift shop and an audiovisual program. Historic structures include the circa 1855 Harper House, which was used as a Union XIV Corps Headquarters, a kitchen and slave quarters. The site offers a self-guided tour of the Harper Family Cemetery and a driving tour with a map provided. The Battle of Bentonville, fought March 19-21, 1865, was the last full-scale action of the Civil War in which a Confederate army was able to mount a tactical offensive. This major battle, the largest fought in North Carolina, was the only significant attempt to defeat the large Union army of Gen. William T. Sherman during its march through the Carolinas in the spring of 1865.

Parking: One accessible parking area marked by a sign. The rest of the parking area is either gravel or grass.

Types of Paths: A walking trail, a dirt path and Tour Stops paved walkways all at least four feet wide with some slopes on the walking trail. The Tour Stops are within 100 feet of parking for a personal vehicle.

Entrance: The visitor center and restrooms are at ground level. The historic structures have steps. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single hot/cold levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center, restrooms and Tour Stops are wheelchair-accessible. The site has a photo book for visitors with mobility disabilities to see the historic structures if they desire and someone to interpret each photo.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The audio-visual is not captioned. The site requires a request in writing two weeks in advance for a sign language interpreter.

 **Vision Loss:** Visitors with vision loss can listen to the audio-visual, but it does not contain audio description.

Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site

264 Governor Aycock Road
Fremont, NC 27830

Location: On U.S. 117 between Fremont and Pikeville.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 919-242-5581

E-mail: aycock@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/aycock

Cost: Free.

The Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace is the 19th century farm home of Governor Charles B. Aycock, who inspired the growth of public education in North Carolina. The site features the home, a reconstructed kitchen, a barn, a smokehouse, a pantry, a one-room schoolhouse and a visitor center. Advance reservations are required for groups.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces: one at the visitor center and one at the picnic shelter.

Types of Paths: A concrete path at least four feet wide with slopes leads from the parking lot to the visitor center. An uneven dirt path leads to the schoolhouse and the home. A bench near the home provides an area of rest. The interior of the visitor center has a ramp and carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp. Other buildings have steps. The door of the visitor center is at least 32 inches wide and has long handle knobs.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths. The schoolhouse does not have a ramp because the site tries to portray what students encountered going to school at the turn of the 20th century. A video tour is available.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The video tour is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** 12 Braille copies of the site's brochure are available (courtesy of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind). The site offers tactile tours that allow visitors to touch reproduction items. Restroom signs have Braille.

 **Developmental/Psychiatric Disabilities:** The site has hosted tour groups from local hospitals/centers that serve individuals with developmental and psychiatric disabilities.

Cherry Hospital Museum

201 Stevens Mill Road
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Location: From U.S. 70, take U.S. 117 South and turn right on Stevens Mill Road. The hospital will be on the left. N.C. 70, 13 and 117 all pass within a few miles of the campus.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Phone: 919-580-2936

Web Site: www.cherryhospital.org

Cost: Free.

The Cherry Hospital Museum, located on the hospital campus, depicts the history of this psychiatric hospital that opened in 1880 for African-American patients with mental illness. Written documents, photographs and other artifacts are on display. The museum is open to the public; please call to schedule an appointment.

Parking: The gravel parking lot has no marked spaces, but it has enough space for 10 cars.

Types of Paths: The gravel parking lot runs up to the entrance ramp.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open. The threshold is seven-eighths of an inch high.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom 5.5 feet wide by seven feet long. However, the toilet seat is 14 inches high, the sink provides 27.25 inches of knee clearance, the paper towel dispenser is 54 inches high, and the bottom of the mirror is 49 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have individual hot/cold knobs that require a fine grasp, but a hand sanitizer pump is available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the notes about the parking lot, the high entrance threshold and the restrooms. The museum has antique wheelchairs on display.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** There are many materials to read/view. The museum does not provide a sign language interpreter for tours.

 **Vision Loss:** A lot of the information shared during a tour is verbal, so visitors with vision loss can access the information presented.

The Wayne County Museum

116 North William Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530

P.O. Box 665
Goldsboro, NC 27533-0665

Location: Located in downtown Goldsboro at the corner of William and Mulberry streets across from the main Post Office.

Open: Tuesday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday noon - 4 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Phone: 919-734-5023

E-mail: waynecountymuseu@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.waynecountyhistoricalnc.org

Cost: Free.

The Wayne County Museum is a small museum located in the heart of downtown Goldsboro. It offers a variety of exhibits including the “Wayne County At War” room, which features many artifacts from various wars. It is listed on the Civil War Trails.

Parking: Parking spaces in the parking lot are not marked. Visitors with mobility disabilities may park at the base of the ramp.

Types of Paths: A paved sidewalk at least four feet wide leads to the museum. The interior contains hardwood floors and carpets.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the sink is not within three feet of the floor with at least 29 inches of knee clearance, and some accessories may be more than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but such visitors might experience some difficulty using the sinks and accessories in the restrooms.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum does not have large-print signs. Some objects such as mannequins and displays such as the Wall of Fame are free-standing, posing a potential hazard to visitors with vision loss, but most of them have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Historic Halifax State Historic Site

25 St. David Street P.O. Box 406
Halifax, NC 27839 Halifax, NC 27839

Location: Take I-95 to Exit 168 and follow the signs.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 252-583-7191

E-mail: halifax@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/halifax

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Historic Halifax State Historic Site offers restored houses and museums depicting the 1760-1840 period. Halifax was an early riverport town that developed into a commercial and political center at the time of the American Revolution. Visitors can take guided tours on a scheduled basis and self-guided tours with some wayside exhibits erected (a map is available). The visitor center has an orientation film and museum. Other buildings on site include the merchant's home (1760), two taverns (1790), the clerk's office (1832), the Jail (1838), the law office (1808), the plantation house (1808) and the archaeology museum.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space with curb cuts near the visitor center.

Types of Paths: Brick and gravel paths that are narrower than four feet wide with slopes. Some buildings lie in grass fields. One portion of the tour has an area of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center, the Tap Room tavern, the Jail and the archeological museum each has a ramp. Other buildings have steps. Some buildings have doors at least 32 inches wide, and tour guides open the doors.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, there is not a stall at least five feet wide and five feet long, the sink does not provide at least nine inches of toe space or a pipe covering, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have individual hot and cold handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths, which buildings have ramps, and the restrooms.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Demonstrations allowing visitors to see and try the demos themselves can be arranged with advance notice. The orientation film is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Guided tours and demonstrations such as buttermaking that allow participants to feel objects can be arranged with advance notice. A Braille version of the film's script is available. The film does not have audio description. Some exhibits protrude more than four inches from the wall, and some have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Medoc Mountain State Park

1541 Medoc State Park Road
Hollister, NC 27844

Location: Four miles east of Hollister on N.C. 561; follow the signs.

Open: Park hours: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - May, September and October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 252-586-6588

E-mail: medoc.mountain@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping. Reduced fee for seniors.

At Medoc Mountain State Park, the urban refugee finds a welcome tranquility and a chance to embrace the outdoors. Trails beckon as light filters through branches overhead and falls onto paths that hold the promise of new frontiers. The peacefulness gives the opportunity to refresh. The silence of the forest is broken only by bird songs and the occasional drumming of the pileated woodpecker. Spend some time at Medoc Mountain State Park and let nature renew the spirit. The park offers electric and non-electric and group camping sites, hiking, canoeing, horse trails and a picnic area.

Parking: Eight marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paths/trails at least four feet wide, including wooden bridges and wooden stairs. There are areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. However, the sink does not provide at least nine inches of toe space or a pipe covering.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Two electric campsites are wheelchair-accessible. The improved group campsites are not wheelchair-accessible. The picnic shelter is wheelchair-accessible. Not all trails are paved, and they include wooden steps.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Singletary Lake State Park

6707 NC Highway 53 East
Kelly, NC 278448

Location: In Bladen County on N.C. 53, 10 miles southeast of Elizabethtown and six miles east of White Lake. The park entrance is marked with a large sign.

Open: Park hours: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open limited weekend hours. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 910-669-2928

E-mail: singletary.lake@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Fee for camping and classroom use.

Bring a group to Singletary Lake State Park and enjoy group camping in a land of mysterious origins. A portion of the unique Carolina bay ecosystem found nowhere else in the world, Singletary Lake lies within the 35,975-acre Bladen Lakes State Forest. Developed primarily for organized group camping, visitors must arrange for access by contacting the park staff. The park encompasses 649 acres of land and a 572-acre natural lake and operates two group camps: one accommodates 92 people, and the other accommodates 48 people. In addition to group camping, Singletary Lake State Park offers ample opportunities for nature study and recreation.

Parking: Parking information was not provided.

Types of Paths: Hardpacked paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. However, restroom accessories may be higher than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the paths and restrooms. The group camps and classroom are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Duplin County Events Center

195 Fairgrounds Drive
Kenansville, NC 28349

Location: On N.C. 11 across from James Sprunt Community College; within a few miles of N.C. 24, N.C. 903, N.C. 50 and I-40.

Open: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Other hours may vary based on events.

Phone: 910-275-0009

E-mail: info@duplinevents.com

Web Site: www.duplinevent.com

Cost: Varies by event.

The Duplin County Events Center is one of eastern North Carolina's premier event centers for meetings and entertainment. With a 27,000-square-foot arena, the center hosts concerts, trade shows, agricultural events, festivals, banquets, rodeos, meetings, the circus, dances and family reunions.

Parking: Marked accessible parking is available.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the doors are least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Accessible seating is available. The center was completed in 2005 and is wheelchair-accessible.

Kenan Park

Main Street
Kenansville, NC 28349

Location: At the intersection of Main Street and Stokes Street near the Cowan Museum and Liberty Hall in Kenansville.

Open: Daily from dawn to dusk.

Phone: 910-296-0369

Web Site: A photo is available at www.kenansville.org/parks.htm

Cost: Free.

Kenan Park features wooden modern play equipment for young children that was built by local citizens in 2003. The play equipment includes a variety of climbing structures with ropes, rings, and slides for children with different abilities. The play equipment area is enclosed by a fence next to covered picnic facilities. Older children and adults will enjoy use of the park's basketball court, tennis court, and baseball/softball field. In the spring, the park serves as a dining hall and recess area when school field trips visit Liberty Hall and the Cowan Museum.

Parking: No marked accessible parking spaces, but parking is available in an asphalt lot.

Types of Paths: A boardwalk ramp serves as the playground entrance, and mulch surrounds the play structures.

Entrance: The entrance has a wooden ramp at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: No restroom facilities at the park.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The entrance ramp provides access to some play structures, but the rest of the play structures require passing through mulch. The park has a special swing with a back for young children with disabilities, but the safety straps are missing.

 **Children with Disabilities:** The playground is enclosed by a wooden fence to prevent young children from exiting the play equipment area on their own.



The playground has a special swing for young children with disabilities.

Tobacco Farm Life Museum

709 North Church Street
Kenly, NC 27542

Location: From I-95, take Exit 107 to Kenly, turn right off the exit ramp on U.S. 301 North. Travel north through town toward Lucama/Wilson. The museum is approximately 1.5 miles on the left.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 919-284-3431 or 1-800-965-1437

E-mail: groups@tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org

Web Site: www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 55+ and students and children ages 3+. Children ages 2 and under are free.

Located on five acres of pine woods, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum includes a 6,000-square-foot exhibit gallery displaying artifacts from all aspects of farm life. Exhibits include household goods, rural medicine, clothing, agricultural tools and a hands-on children's exhibit. A restored farmstead with a main house, a detached kitchen, a smokehouse, a working blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a log tobacco barn and a packhouse depicts rural life as it was during the Great Depression era. The gift shop offers a variety of unique souvenirs, delicious food items and hand-crafted products, many produced in North Carolina.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Gravel, grass, sand and pine straw-covered paths.

Entrance: The main gallery is at ground level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, there is not a stall at least five feet by five feet, the toilet seat is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The main gallery is at ground level, but the paths may make the structures may be difficult to access, and the restrooms are not fully accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The hands-on children's exhibit includes a kitchen with a pot belly stove and utensils, a wardrobe with period clothing, and a work bench with child-sized tools.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** The hands-on children's exhibit includes a kitchen with a pot belly stove and utensils, a wardrobe with period clothing, and a work bench with kid-sized tools to provide unlimited imaginative play opportunities.

Community Council for the Arts

400 North Queen Street
Kinston, NC 28501

Location: In the Arts Center in downtown Kinston. The parking lot sits adjacent to the railroad tracks on the southern side.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 252-527-2517

Web Site: www.kinstoncca.com

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for workshops, classes and lessons.

The Community Council for the Arts is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to help Lenoir County residents experience the joy, promise and pursuit of artistic excellence. The council offers art workshops and classes and music lessons and provides docent-led tours. The council's home, the Arts Center, is a 30,000-square-foot building nestled in the heart of downtown Kinston.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level paths at least four feet wide with a bench at the top of the entrance ramp. The interior has flat floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with a handrail bordering the exterior portion. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms (two on each floor). Sink faucets have push/pull handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: A wheelchair is available. The Arts Center is wheelchair-accessible with flat floors and wide, open interior doorways.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The council does not provide a sign language interpreter or other accommodations for visitors who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Vision Loss: The elevator has Braille buttons.

CSS Neuse State Historic Site and Governor Caswell Memorial

2612 West Vernon Avenue
Kinston, NC 28501

Location: From U.S. 70 west of downtown Kinston, exit onto U.S. 70 Business East (West Vernon Avenue), and the site is one-half a mile on the right.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Last guided tour begins at 4 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 252-522-2091

E-mail: cssneuse@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The CSS Neuse State Historic Site and Governor Caswell Memorial preserve the remains of the CSS Neuse, a Confederate ironclad ship that burned and sank on the Neuse River near Kinston in March 1865. This site also honors Richard Caswell, North Carolina's first post-Revolutionary War governor and the founder of Kinston.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk and a deck at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets have two handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Tours of the CSS Neuse are accessible to all visitors. The Governor Caswell Memorial is fully accessible.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The orientation film is not captioned.

Vision Loss: Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The orientation film does not have audio description.

Neuseway Nature Park

401 West Caswell Street
Kinston, NC 28501

Location: On N.C. 11 just north of the U.S. 70 and N.C. 11 junction.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Monday and some holidays.

Campground: open all year 24 hours a day.

Phone: Nature Center: 252-939-3367

Planetarium and Health & Science Museum: 252-939-3302

Web Site: www.neusewaypark.com

Cost: Free. Small fee for groups.

Neuseway Nature Park consists of the Exchange Nature Center, the Planetarium, the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Health & Science Museum, camping for R.V.s and tents, hiking, fishing, a canoe program, a miniature train ride, a playground and a meeting room. The Health & Science Museum has a "giant" Operation game; a miniature replica of Lenoir Memorial Hospital that children can crawl in; and a replica of the mouth, stomach and intestines that visitors can crawl in and explore.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved and boardwalk paths at least four feet wide with slopes. The interior has hardwood and carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, but the threshold is higher than one-half inch. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, in the planetarium.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Nature Center, the Planetarium, and the Health & Science Museum are wheelchair-accessible. Some outdoor areas of the Nature Park may not be fully accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Most areas have headroom at least 80 inches above the floor. Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. The salt water touch tank in the Nature Center provides a tactile experience. Some signs have good contrast such as white text on a black background or black text on a yellow background.

 **All Disabilities:** The park's staff will stay with visitors with disabilities and try to help as much as possible.

Lake Waccamaw State Park

1866 State Park Drive
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

Location: In Columbus County 38 miles west of Wilmington and 12 miles east of Whiteville. Signs on Highway 74/76 will direct drivers to the park. Turn right on Jefferson Road, turn left on Bella Coola Road until it ends at the park.

Open: Park hours: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - May, September and October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park Office hours: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 910-646-4748

E-mail: lake.waccamaw@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping, special activity permits and indoor facility use for special meetings/gatherings.

The cool, tea-colored waters at first appear similar to other lakes in the area, but Lake Waccamaw is a unique body of water. You will find species of animals found nowhere else on the planet, rare plants and endangered animals. At Lake Waccamaw, you can view one of the greatest geological mysteries of the eastern U.S. – the phenomenon of Carolina bays. Limestone bluffs along the north shore neutralize the lake's water, make the lake different from any other Carolina bay. Nearby, you can catch a glimpse of a botanical wonder – the Green Swamp. From its sandy shorelines to its tree-lined natural areas, Lake Waccamaw offers peaceful surroundings, an intriguing natural history and fun in the sun.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved paths, a 700-foot boardwalk, and dirt and paved trails at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Five accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A paved, accessible trail leads from the visitor center to the lake. Shelters and picnic tables, including accessible picnic tables, are along the trail. However, not all trails may be wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Rooms have Braille signage. Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Raven Rock State Park

3009 Raven Rock Road
Lillington, NC 27546

Location: Nine miles west of Lillington off U.S. 421 at the end of Raven Rock Road. From the junction of U.S. 1 and U.S. 421, follow U.S. 421 South, turn left on Raven Rock Road and follow it three miles to the park.

Open: Park hours: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - May, September and October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park Office hours: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-893-4888

E-mail: raven.rock@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping.

The first feeling visitors are likely to experience at Raven Rock State Park is one of renewal. Here, the forest reigns as each year the timeless cycle of growth further heals age-old wounds inflicted by man. Nature triumphs as plants compete in the stages of forest succession and the woodlands are restored. High above the Cape Fear River stands Raven Rock, its austere beauty a testament to the forces that have shaped the land. As the river below rushes to join the sea, nature's elements continue to shape the surface of this natural monument. Spend some time at Raven Rock State Park and let nature refresh the spirit.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Pavement, screening surfaces and natural trail surfaces at least four feet wide with slopes in some areas.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp/flat surface, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms in the visitor center and two in the picnic area. Sink faucets have push handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The new visitor center and picnic area are wheelchair-accessible. The park has some wheelchair-accessible paths, but some nature trails are not wheelchair-accessible. The primitive and group campsites are not wheelchair-accessible.

Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Center and Farmers Market

1027 Highway 74 East
Lumberton, NC 28358

Location: Take I-95 to Exit 13A and then go east on I-74 to Exit 210. At the first light, turn left, and the Center and Farmers Market are on the right.

Open: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-618-5699

Web Site: www.ncdamarkets.org

Cost: Free.

The Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Center is the first of its kind in North Carolina because it is the first to have a Farmers Market and a multipurpose building on the same grounds. Space is available for rent and for farmers to sell their products.

Parking: 12 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Eight accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Farmers Market is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects such as steel beams and tables may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Lumber River State Park

2819 Princess Anne Road
Orrum, NC 28369

Location: To the Princess Ann Access Area from I-95, take Exit 13A or B to U.S. 74 East. Travel 13 miles east and turn right on Creek Road (SR 2225) near Orrum. Travel 5.5 miles and turn left on Princess Anne Road (SR 2246). Travel two miles, and the park entrance is on the left.

Open: Park office: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Princess Anne Access: Daily November - February: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March-April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June-August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Chalk Banks Access: Thursday - Sunday November - February:
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; March, April, September and October: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.;
June - August: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-628-4564

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for overnight camping and picnic shelter reservation.

Lumber River State Park includes 115 miles of the Lumber River, sections of which are designated as North Carolina Natural & Scenic and National Wild & Scenic. It has two access areas which the public can drive to: the Princess Ann Access Area on the lower end of the river near Orrum and the Chalk Banks Access Area on the upper end near Wagram. Popular activities include canoeing, kayaking, boating, fishing, primitive camping, picnicking, hiking and nature study. The park offers regularly scheduled general public nature programs related to the river, the surrounding natural habitats and the plants and animals that live in and around the river, and it offers cultural programs related to the history of the river, Princess Ann and Chalk Banks, and Native American history.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A paved path approximately 300 yards long at least four feet wide with areas of rest. The rest (1.4 miles) is screening (very fine gravel) or dirt.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Of the 23 primitive campsites, Site #1 at Princess Anne and Site #3 at Chalk Banks are designated as accessible. All campsites at Chalk Banks are accessible with slight difficulty. The picnic shelter is accessible.

The Native American Resource Center

One University Drive P.O. Box 1510
Pembroke, NC 28372 Pembroke, NC 28372

Location: From I-95, take Exit 17 to Highway 711. Continue straight past the stop light and travel about 10 miles to Pembroke. Follow N.C. 711 through Pembroke to the fifth stop light, and UNC-Pembroke will be on the right. Located on the first floor of the Old Main building.

Open: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-521-6282 **E-mail:** nativemuseum@uncp.edu

Web Site: www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum

Cost: Free.

The mission of the Native American Resource Center is to educate the public about the prehistory, history, culture, art and contemporary issues of American Indians, with a special emphasis on the Robeson County Native American community; to conduct scholarly research; to collect and preserve the material culture of Native America; to encourage Native American artists and craftpersons; and to cooperate on a wide range of projects with other agencies concerned with Native America. The museum contains exhibits of authentic artifacts, arts and crafts from Indian people all over North America, from Abenaki to Zuni. Many other items come from North Carolina Native Americans, with special emphasis on Robeson County Indian people and the largest North Carolina tribe, the Lumbee.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level brick path at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide. The outside entrance doors of Old Main are fairly heavy, but the door at the ramp is not as heavy and opens inwardly.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible. With advance notice, staff can be available to assist visitors with physical disabilities in gaining access to the building and the museum.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the visitor center protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** The museum prefers one week's notice for guided tours and will make an effort within its capabilities to assist all visitors.

Cabin Lake County Park

220 Cabin Lake Road
Pink Hill, NC 28572

Location: Approximately five miles north of Beulaville on N.C. 111 and approximately 15 miles east of Kenansville.

Open: April - September: Thursday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
March and October: Thursday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
November - February: Friday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Also open Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day.

Phone: 910-521-6282

E-mail: cabinlake@intrstar.net

Web Site: www.duplincountync.com (Click on Tourism and then Where To Stay)

Cost: Admission fee and a fee for certain activities and to rent the picnic shelter.

Cabin Lake County Park is a 200-acre park with hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing, paddle boating, picnicking, and R.V. and tent camping. The park has a boat launch (electric motors only), two fishing piers, two playgrounds, a swim beach, and two bath houses.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A 2.3-mile hiking trail at least four feet wide with slopes. There are no areas of rest along the trail, but there are many picnic benches near the lake and campsites.

Entrance: A sloped concrete walkway leads to the park office. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and are easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible buildings with restrooms. Sink faucets push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes, a restricted use camper phone.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park office, picnic area, and picnic shelter are wheelchair-accessible but not all areas of the park are.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects might protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Additional Information: No alcohol, firearms, gas-powered motors, four-wheelers or other recreational-type vehicles, or horses are allowed. Pets must be on a leash.

Powell's Gardens

9468 U.S. Highway 70 East
Princeton, NC 27569-7896

Location: Just outside of the town of Princeton on U.S. 70. Princeton lies between Smithfield and Goldsboro.

Open: All year. Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. during iris season.

Phone: 919-936-4421

Cost: Free.

Powell's Gardens feature the largest iris garden and hosta collection in the state and a half-acre day lily garden, all arranged in beds interspersed with paths. Peak bloom for irises interspersed with peonies and perennials is April 15 - May 30. Peak bloom for day lilies interspersed with perennials and shrubs is June 15 - July 31.

Parking: Eight parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Stone, gravel, and brick paths through the gardens. Benches and a gazebo provide areas of rest.

Restrooms: No public restrooms available.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Some paths may not accommodate wheelchairs, but most of them do. The benches and gazebo provide areas of rest.

 **Vision Loss:** The scents could provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss.

Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences

270 Gay Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Location: In downtown Rocky Mount between Franklin Street and North Church Street.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-972-1266

E-mail: arts@imperialcentre.org or museum@imperialcentre.org

Web Site: www.imperialcentre.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 60+ and children ages 2-15. Children age 1 and under are free.

The Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences houses the Maria V. Howard Arts Center and the Children's Museum & Science Center, which includes the Cummins Planetarium. The Imperial Centre is a division of the City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation Department.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp that is almost level with the ground, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push-on, slow-off handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

- **Physical Disabilities:** Signs are at wheelchair-accessible heights, and the Enviroscape windows are 33 inches high. The Art Center has a performance platform that requires one step up. The New Children's Museum has children's exercise equipment that visitors of short stature could use.
- ◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The Live Animal Gallery has a video that is not captioned, and there is no volume control, but the volume is fairly high. The See Your Weight on All the Planets exhibit has captions.
- ◐ **Vision Loss:** A variety of exhibits provide tactile stimulation, including the H2O fountain, a touch pool and a tornado vapor; and audio stimulation, including water, music and baseball game sounds. The text on the Recycling & Renewable Products sign is difficult to read. Elevator signs have Braille.
- **Developmental Disabilities:** The New Children's Museum contains good hands-on activities for children with developmental disabilities, including information about the senses.

Duplin Winery

505 North Sycamore Street P.O. Box 756
Rose Hill, NC 28458 Rose Hill, NC 28458

Location: In the heart of Rose Hill on N.C. 117. Rose Hill is between Raleigh and Wilmington. From I-40, take Exit 380.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tours: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday.

Phone: 910-289-3888

Web Site: www.duplinwinery.com

Cost: Free tours and tastings.

Duplin Winery invites visitors to stroll through the Winemaking Museum and uncover the lessons, successes and history of the oldest and largest winery in the South. Founded in 1976, this award-winning Muscadine winery continues to hold fast to its Southern roots, strong religious beliefs and commitment to family. The Duplin Winery Retail Room features award-winning wines, practical wine accessories and serving pieces, gourmet foods, home decor and a variety of gift baskets. A visit to Duplin Winery presents an exciting opportunity to shop or browse the more than 5,000 square feet of retail space. Discover Duplin's award-winning wines at two unique tasting bars and what many consider to be the friendliest tasting room in the South. Visitors from all over the world come to discover Southern hospitality and savor the sweet wines. Duplin Winery is also home to the on site Bistro at Duplin Winery where local, seasonal and fresh fare is paired with Duplin wines.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest. The vineyards have grass.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide but require more than 8.5 pounds of force to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms in the retail store. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The retail store and restaurant are wheelchair-accessible. The tour occurs in a working warehouse, where drains, pipes and hoses may present a challenge to visitors who use wheelchairs.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, and not all of them have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Additional Information: The web site suggests calling ahead to arrange a tour, tasting and dinner for a group of 10 or more.

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park

1829 Lees Meadow Road
Scotland Neck, NC 27874

Location: From U.S. 64, take U.S. 258 North to Scotland Neck/Princeville. Continue for 21 miles through Scotland Neck, and the park is on the right.

Open: April - September: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; October - March: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Monday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-826-3186

Web Site: www.shwpark.com

Cost: Admission fee.

Discover the fascinating world of birds at Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park. With over 180 species of exotic ducks, geese, swans, parrots, pheasants, cranes, flamingoes, and more, there's always something new to see. Watch a duckling hatch in a glass-topped incubator, get face-to-face with the most endangered duck in the world, and enjoy peaceful walking trails and gardens. View Eastern North Carolina's native wildlife and wetlands from a new perspective atop the scenic and accessible Bird's Nest Tree House. New discoveries hatch daily at the park.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Black top and stone dust pathways with slopes.

Entrance: The Visitor Center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have dual and single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities:

The park has North Carolina's only wheelchair-accessible tree house. The tree house allows easy viewing of the swamp habitat 20 feet in the air. The park also has two wheelchairs available for visitors, and it offers golf cart tours.



The wheelchair-accessible Bird's Nest Tree House

American Music Jubilee

300 North Raiford Street
Selma, NC 27576

P.O. Box 429
Selma, NC 27576

Location: From I-95, take Exit 298 and go west approximately two miles.

Open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Phone: 919-202-9927

E-mail: rudythea@bellsouth.net

Web Site: www.amjubilee.com

Cost: Price varies by seating location (floor and balcony) and season (regular and Christmas). Reduced price for children under age 12. Tickets purchased one hour before showtime without prior reservations will increase \$1 each.

The American Music Jubilee, presented by Rudy Theatre Productions, features a Music Variety Show, a two-hour extravaganza that pays tribute to this great country. The variety of songs ranges from classic instrumentals, Jazz classics, country greats, and sometimes there is a special appearance by the immortal "Blues Brothers." The comedy routines feature Homer Hogwaller and his sister Homerlina.

Parking: Parking is on-street. There is a marked accessible parking space in front of the building.

Types of Paths: Level sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the sidewalk, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, there is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The auditorium has wheelchair seating spaces in Section B, Rows 8, 10 and 12. See the above note about the restroom. The site has stated that patrons with mobility disabilities have not expressed a problem with the restroom's largest stall.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The theater does not provide accommodations for patrons who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

 **Vision Loss:** The theater does not provide accommodations for patrons with vision loss. However, anyone with vision loss who enjoys music and singing could possibly enjoy this show.

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

240 Park Entrance Road
Seven Springs, NC 28578

Location: 11 miles southeast of Goldsboro on N.C. 111. Turn on Park Entrance Road.

Open: Park hours: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March - May, September and October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Park Office hours: Weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 919-778-6234 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: cliffs.neuse@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Free. Fee for camping, swimming, canoe/paddleboat rental, and picnic shelter rental. Reservations are required for primitive group camping.

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park features unique cliffs rising 90 feet above the Neuse River. Several hiking trails lead along the river and through the mixed hardwood forests, where galax plants may be seen in the spring. The family campground features 35 non-electric sites with a full bathhouse and a dump station. Organized groups are welcome at the rustic campground. A swim lake is open seasonally, and a new visitor center opened in 2011 with an exhibit hall, teaching auditorium, classroom and administrative offices.

Parking: Nine marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved concrete paths with slopes. There are areas of rest within 400 feet of each other in the lake area.

Entrance: The visitors center, picnic bathroom and lake area all have a ramp. All other buildings have steps.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms are open year-round at the picnic areas and the visitor center. Sink faucets have push-on/slow-off buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: One year-round at the park office and one at the lake during the summer season.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See the above notes.

Ava Gardner Museum

325 East Market Street
Smithfield, NC 27577

Location: Downtown Smithfield approximately one mile west of the intersection of I-95 and U.S. 70 Business.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-934-5830 **E-mail:** avainfo@avagardner.org

Web Site: www.avagardner.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, military, teens ages 13-18 and children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free.

The Ava Gardner Museum in historic downtown Smithfield holds an extensive collection of artifacts from Ava Gardner's career and her private life. A visit begins with a short film about Ava's life and career. Next, visitors will explore the museum area, which contains displays of the late movie star's childhood memorabilia, school photos, film clips, costumes, foreign and domestic film posters, film scripts, scrapbooks and other items. Finally, see oil portraits and photographs of Ava in the museum's library.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes runs past the museum. The museum has carpeted floors and a bench and chairs for resting.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide with outward pull handles.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have single handle levers.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The museum contains wide open spaces and is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The film is not captioned, and a script is not available. Tours are self-guided with many information signs in the exhibits and a slideshow with no audio.

◐ **Vision Loss:** Signs contain good contrast: black text on a white/light background or white text on a dark background. Not all signs have large print.



Salud Solorio reads an
"International Ava" display sign.

Johnston County Heritage Center

241 East Market Street
Smithfield, NC 27577

Location: In the former home office of First Citizens Bank at the northwest corner of Market Street and Third Street in the heart of downtown Smithfield.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 919-934-2836

Web Site: www.johnstonnc.com/heritage

Cost: Free.

The Johnston County Heritage Center houses an exhibit hall, book store and gift shop. You may review a variety of public records, manuscripts, photographs, family histories, old newspapers and artifacts from Johnston County's past.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space in an asphalt parking lot behind the Ava Gardner Museum. Other parking is on-street.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes runs past the center. The museum has tile floors. Chairs and benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with doormats, and the door is at least 32 inches wide with outward, D-shaped pull handles.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have single handle levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, located behind the old bank vault doorway.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The center is generally wheelchair-accessible. However, the ramp to the elevator has a slope that is greater than 1:12 and then a dip. Visitors who use wheelchairs may need assistance accessing the elevator.

 **Vision Loss:** Elevator and restroom signs have Braille. The reading room has audio books and a magnifying glass for visitors who need it for reading small print.

Blount-Bridgers House/Hobson Pittman Gallery

130 Bridgers Street
Tarboro, NC 27886

Location: Just outside of Tarboro, 15 miles east of Rocky Mount between U.S. 64 and U.S. 64 Alt. From Rocky Mount, take U.S. 64, turn left on U.S. 64 Alt, turn right on West Wilson Street, turn left on North Main Street, and take the third right on Bridgers Street.

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-823-4159

Web Site: www.edgecombearts.org

Cost: Admission fee.

The 1808 Blount-Bridgers House, “the Grove,” is a national historic landmark that houses a permanent collection celebrating the 200-year-old material culture of Edgecombe County and the creative achievements of Tarboro-born artist, Hobson Pittman (1899-1972). In addition to the oil paintings, pastels, drawings, prints and watercolors by Pittman, the Blount-Bridgers House exhibits locally made period furniture and nineteenth century paintings of Edgecombe County citizens. The house also features nineteenth century ceramics and twentieth century Jugtown pottery along with silver and iron utilitarian objects. The extensive Batts textile collection includes 19th century clothing, quilts, military uniforms and household linens. Archival records and architectural information about Edgecombe County homes are actively collected and preserved. Also on the grounds is the restored circa 1810 Silas Everette House.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A brick path at least four feet wide with a slope and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide, and staff open it.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Telephone: A telephone is available but no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The house and gallery are wheelchair-accessible, and a wheelchair is available for visitors.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The Edgecombe Arts Council has posted the docent handbook on its web site. This could assist visitors who are Deaf and hard of hearing in learning more about the house and its objects if they cannot access the information during a guided tour.

Duplin County Veterans Museum

119 East Hill Street P.O. Box 137
Warsaw, NC 28398 Warsaw, NC 28398

Location: Take I-40 East to the Warsaw exit. Take N.C. 24 East through downtown Warsaw, turn left past the traffic light at U.S. 117 at the Baptist Church, go two blocks, and the museum is on the left.

Open: Thursday - Friday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Phone: 919-638-5291

Cost: A small admission donation.

The Historic L.P. Best House, an outstanding example of Queen Anne/Neoclassic-style architecture, is home to the Duplin County Veterans Museum. The first floor presents a brief look into the Best family home and hosts receptions, community events and other functions. Plans call for the library to house artifacts and memorabilia highlighting Warsaw's Historic Veterans Day Celebration, the oldest continuous Veterans Day celebration in the nation. Other exhibits include the Veterans Roll of Honor, generals from Duplin County, a library/research room, a collection of military memorabilia and artifacts and a POW/MIA exhibit.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: A level paved sidewalk leads to the museum. Rocking chairs in front of the museum provide an area of rest.

Entrance: The right rear of the house has a ramp with a grade of approximately 1:9. The door is wide enough for a wheelchair to pass through.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have a single hot/cold handle.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, a single-person elevator available for visitors with mobility disabilities.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum has a ramp and an elevator to allow wheelchair access to both floors. Some displays in exhibit rooms and some doorways may create a tight fit for wheelchairs or limit the amount of turning room for a wheelchair.

 **Vision Loss:** Many displays include artifacts and documents, but there are not many large-print display signs. Free-standing mannequins and artifacts are lined up against the walls so as not to create a barrier for visitors with vision loss.

Harmony Hall Plantation

1615 River Road P.O. Box 297
White Oak, NC 28399 White Oak, NC 28399

Location: Between N.C. 53 and N.C. 87. From Fayetteville take I-95 to N.C. 53. Stay on N.C. 53 for 21 miles, turn right on River Road, and proceed 1.5 miles to Harmony Hall.

Open: Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Phone: 910-866-4844

Web Site: www.harmonyhallnc.com

Cost: Donation.

Harmony Hall Plantation is, according to legend, the site where the seeds were sown for General Cornwallis's defeat at Yorktown, Va. in the Revolutionary War. The plantation features an 18th century two-story house and kitchen with a combination of 18th and 19th century furniture. The house has a rare external stair that is the only connection between the first and second floors. The kitchen has the original table, back door and chair. The site also contains a heated and air-conditioned chapel, a school and two old stores: one is a gift shop and visitor center, and the other is for viewing.

Parking: Parking is in a level grass field that is sandy in some places. The parking area is about 150 yards from the house, but visitors with a disability parking placard or license plate may obtain permission to drive up to the house.

Types of Paths: A dirt road with small gravel leads three-fourths of a mile to the river. There are slopes at the river. Buildings in the "village" are about 400 feet apart.

Entrance: The entrance to the main house, the visitor center and the bathroom each has a ramp. Most buildings have steps. The visitor center and chapel have a door at least 32 inches wide that is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the toilet seat is 15.5 inches high, the stalls do not have grab bars, and the sinks provide slightly less than 29 inches of knee clearance. Sink faucets have turn knobs.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the notes about the grass parking field, the path, which buildings have ramps and which have steps, and the restrooms. Allowing visitors with mobility disabilities to drive to the house instead of parking 150 yards away is a good accommodation.

North Carolina Museum of Forestry

415 South Madison Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

Location: At the corner of Madison Street and Columbus Street beside City Hall in Whiteville.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-914-4185

E-mail: forestry.museum@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.naturalsciences.org/visitor-info/museum-of-forestry

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The North Carolina Museum of Forestry celebrates the natural history and cultural heritage of North Carolina's forests through interpretive and interactive exhibits, educational programming, and the preservation of natural and man-made materials that demonstrate the ongoing relationships between forests and people. The museum, a satellite of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, closed in 2010 for renovations and reopened in 2011.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space with a curb cut in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: An irregular surface with a slight slope at various points leads to the museum. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have press down/automatic shut-off faucets.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible. The renovation increased the size of the restrooms and made the restroom doors easier to open.

Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center

2900 N.C. Highway 125 South
Williamston, NC 27892

Location: Take exit 512 off of U.S. 64, turn left at the top of the exit ramp, and the center is approximately one-half mile on the right.

Open: 24 hours seven days a week depending on the event it is hosting.
Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed state holidays.

Phone: 252-792-5802

Web Site: www.ShowWithUs.com

Cost: Free to visit. Ticket prices vary by event.

The Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center is state-of-the-art, multi-facet facility on a 168-acre site. The coliseum comprises over 100,000 square feet and includes approximately 10,000 square feet of vending concourse. It also has a 150-foot by 300-foot arena with permanent seating for 2,286. There is a fully enclosed 75-foot by 125-foot paddock with an attached 120-foot by 240-foot covered arena, two outdoor 120-foot by 240-foot practice rings and three lunging rings. The newly constructed Barns E and F contain 152 additional stalls to bring the total permanent stall capacity to 456. The East Building is capable of hosting an additional 134 stalls or serving as an indoor riding arena. The center has 100 RV sites with water, electricity and a four-station waste disposal site and offers a 10,380-square foot Meeting Center multipurpose building.

Parking: 22 marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Fifteen accessible restrooms. However, the sink is not within three feet of the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance, and restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor. The sink faucets are ADA-compliant.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above information, including the restroom notes.

 **Vision Loss:** The Meeting Center has Braille office and restroom signs.

Arts Council of Wilson Wilson Arts Center Edna Boykin Cultural Center

Wilson Arts Center 124 Nash Street Southwest Wilson, NC 27893	Edna Boykin Cultural Center 108 Nash Street Northeast Wilson, NC 27893
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Location: Wilson Arts Center: at the corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets. Enter through the Goldsboro Street entrances.

Open: Wilson Arts Center: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.
Boykin Center: Open by appointment only and for shows.

Phone: 252-291-4329

e-mail: acw@wilsonarts.com

Web Site: www.wilsonarts.com

Cost: Free. Admission fee for performances.

The Arts Council of Wilson offers a variety of activities for all ages, including exhibitions, workshops and lectures. The council manages the Wilson Arts Center and the Edna Boykin Cultural Center. The Boykin Center is in the renovated 1919 Vaudeville Theatre and hosts the Boykin Center Series of musicals, plays and concerts.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space at each location.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and a minor slope from the parking lot to the sidewalk. The Wilson Arts Center has carpeted, hardwood and tile floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms in the Arts Center and three in the Boykin Center. The mirror height is uncertain. Sink faucets have manual controls.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, at the Wilson Arts Center only.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Each building is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some exhibitions in the Arts Center may have displays that protrude more than four inches from the wall or free-standing displays in the middle of the floor.

Imagination Station Science Museum North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain

224 East Nash Street
Wilson, NC 27894

Location: In the former Federal Post Office and Courthouse building at the corner of Nash and Douglas streets in Wilson.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 252-291-5113 **E-mail:** mail@imaginescience.org

Web Site: www.imaginescience.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 4-17 and seniors. Children ages 3 and under are free.

The Imagination Station Science Museum exists to provide hands-on learning for all ages on a variety of science subjects. Interactive exhibits include outrunning animals in "Race the Wild," lifting 100 pounds in "Simple Machines Exhibits," learning about the body and figuring out optical illusions in "Mirror Magic," and live animal collections. Ask about free public programs, Fabulous Fridays (free admission) or group presentations that include freezing groups with liquid nitrogen or scaring groups with the "Pop, Fizz or Boom" presentation. The third floor houses the North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain, a regional museum dedicating to interpreting 14 middle Coastal Plain counties.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces in the parking lot behind the building.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk at least four feet wide with curb cuts and a slope in the parking lot leads to the building. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with located to the right of the main entrance. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Seven accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have single handle levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museums are generally wheelchair-accessible, but certain activities might not be wheelchair-accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **Children with Disabilities:** Curiosity Corner is an exhibit designed for parents and children ages 5 and under to explore the world around them through activities such as soaring into space, climbing a tree and making music.

Wilson Rose Garden

1800 Herring Avenue P.O. Box 10
Wilson, NC 27894 Wilson, NC 27894

Location: At Wilson's City Operations Center. take U.S. 301 North to the exit for N.C. 42. From the exit ramp, turn left, go through the stop light, and turn left into the Rose Garden.

Open: Daily sunrise to sunset.

Phone: 252-399-2261

Web Site: www.wilsonrosegarden.com

Cost: Free.

The Wilson Rose Garden, an All-America Rose Selections, Inc.-accredited public garden, offers 180+ varieties of roses ranging from historic old garden roses to modern English roses. Included are 75+ varieties of All-America Rose Selections award winners, including the latest varieties. The garden features several modern art structures, including works by two international artists. A picnic area and restrooms are available, and the garden is available for tour groups. The garden is considered one of the most beautiful and relaxing attractions in eastern North Carolina, and convenient benches allow visitors to sit and "smell the roses" and rest or meditate on the beauties of creation.

Parking: Marked accessible parking is available.

Types of Paths: Brick and concrete paths at least four feet wide run through the garden. Benches located on the grass provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp and is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have two turn knobs.

Accessibility Rating

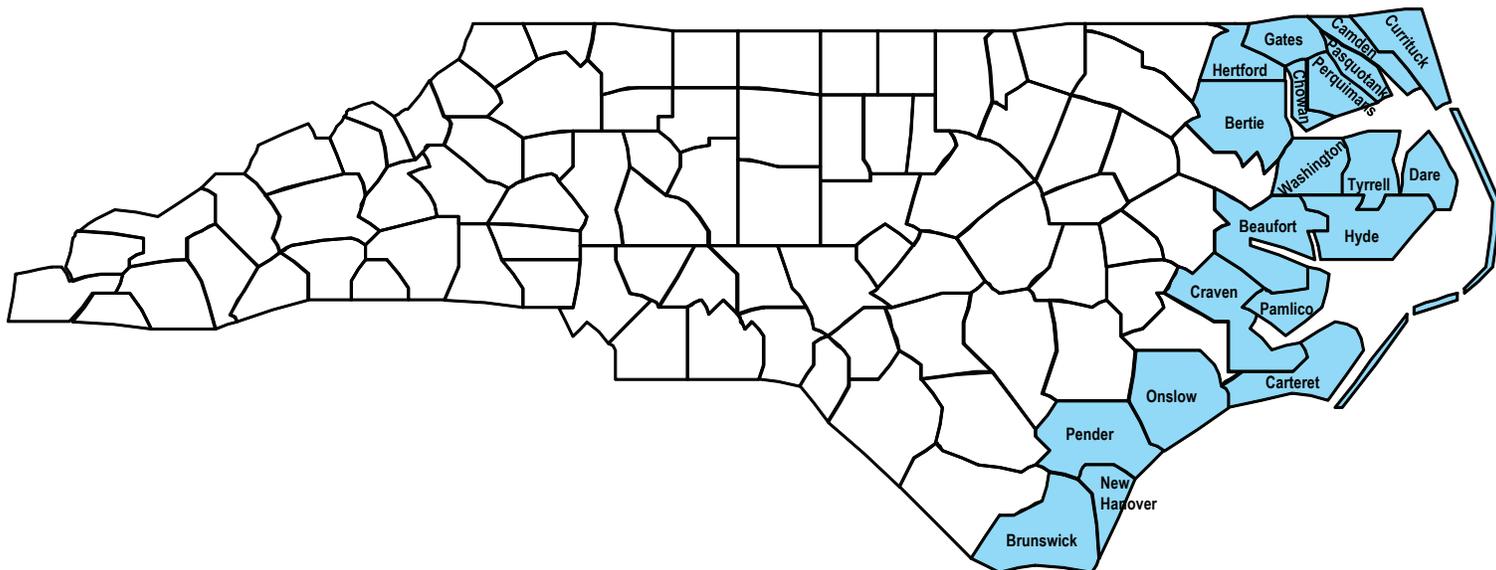
 **Physical Disabilities:** This wheelchair-accessible garden offers a gazebo with a ramp and eight wheelchair-accessible picnic tables.

 **Vision Loss:** The garden could provide a rich sensory experience for visitors with vision loss. The "fragrance garden" area offers an intimate circle of fragrant hybrid tea and grandiflora rose varieties.

Coast



“The Cape Lookout Ponies”
by Ethel Ann Gillikin, Quadriplegic who paints by mouth
New Bern, N.C.



Counties

- Beaufort
- Bertie
- Brunswick
- Camden
- Carteret
- Chowan
- Craven
- Currituck
- Dare
- Gates
- Hertford
- Hyde
- New Hanover
- Onslow
- Pamlico
- Pasquotank
- Pender
- Perquimans
- Tyrrell
- Washington

Cities

- Atlantic Beach
- Aurora
- Bath
- Beaufort
- Belhaven
- Bogue Banks
- Burgaw
- Carolina Beach
- Caswell Beach
- Columbia
- Corolla
- Creswell
- Currie
- Edenton
- Edward
- Elizabeth City
- Frisco
- Gatesville
- Harkers Island
- Hatteras
- Hertford
- Jacksonville
- Kill Devil Hills
- Knotts Island
- Kure Beach
- Manteo
- Morehead City
- Murfreesboro
- Nags Head
- New Bern
- Ocean Isle Beach
- Pine Knoll Shores
- Plymouth
- Portsmouth
- South Mills
- Southport
- Swansboro
- Washington
- Wilmington
- Windsor
- Winnabow
- Wrightsville Beach



Adaptive Golf Cart Locations

Each adaptive golf cart contains a swivel chair that can swivel to the left or the right for a left-handed or a right-handed golfer and hand controls instead of foot controls.



Bob Ronne demonstrates an adaptive golf cart at Accessible Recreation Day at UNC-Wilmington.

Hampstead: Castle Bay Country Club
 107 Links Court
 Hampstead, NC 28443
 910-270-1978 pro@castlebaycc.com
www.castlebaycc.com

Leland: Magnolia Greens Golf Course
 1800 Linkwood Circle
 Leland, NC 28451
 910-383-0999 proshop@magnoliagreensgolf.com
www.magnoliagreensgolf.com/golf/proto/magnoliagreensgolf/

Wallace: River Landing
 110 River Village Square
 Wallace, NC 28466
 800-959-3096
www.riverlanding.com

Wilmington: Wilmington Municipal Golf Course
 311 South Wallace Avenue
 Wilmington, NC 28409
 910-791-0558 TDD: 910-341-7873 / TTY: 711
www.wilmingtonnc.gov/community_services/recreation/golf_course.aspx

Beach Wheelchair Locations

Atlantic Beach: Two beach wheelchairs (either two Cape Quests or one Cape Quest and one Landeez). Call the Fire Department at 252-726-7361 for availability. The wheelchairs are secured on the beach, and the Fire Department has the key.

Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach: Two Landeez. Call 252-726-3775 for availability.

Bald Head Island: Two beach wheelchairs (one Cape Quest). Call the Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252 for availability.

Carolina Beach: One Landeez and one Surf Chair. Call Parks and Recreation at 910-458-2977 for availability.

Coquina Beach: One Cape Quest. Call Cape Hatteras National Seashore at 252-473-2111 for availability.

Duck: People can rent beach wheelchairs from Ocean Atlantic Rentals. Call 252-261-4346 or go to <http://www.oar-nc.com/home.php>.

Emerald Isle: Five Landeez wheelchairs. Call the Fire Department at 252-354-2445 for availability. Users can borrow them between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Harkers Island: One Cape Quest available at the Cape Lookout Lighthouse. Call Cape Lookout National Seashore at 252-728-2250 for availability.

Hatteras: One Cape Quest. Call Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Visitor Information at 252-995-4474 for availability. See additional notes in the entry for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Holden Beach: Call Beach Fun Rentals at 910-842-9600 to rent a Deming Designs wheelchair.

Kill Devil Hills: One Landeez. Call the Ocean Rescue Headquarters at 252-480-0080 for availability.

Kitty Hawk: One Landeez. Call the Fire Department at 252-261-2666 for availability. Priority is given to residents and visitors of Kitty Hawk, but they also lend to surrounding towns.

Kure Beach: Three beach wheelchairs (one Surf Chair). Call the Fire Department at 910-279-0460 for availability.

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area in Kure Beach: Two Landeez Sand-Riks. Call 910-458-5798 for availability.

Nags Head: Two beach wheelchairs (at least one Landeez). Call the Fire Department at 252-441-5909 or Ocean Rescue at 252-480-2555 for availability. One is at North Beach Access, and one is at South Beach Access.

Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head: One Cape Quest. Call 252-441-7132 or visit the park office for availability.

North Topsail Beach: One Cape Quest. Call the Police Department at 910-328-0042 for availability. Users can borrow it between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and may need a van or a truck to transport it to the beach because it is not collapsible.

Oak Island: Two Cape Quests and one Landeez. Call the Recreation Center at 910-278-5518 for availability.

Ocean Isle Beach: One Cape Quest and one Surf Chair. Call the Police Department at 910-579-4221 for availability. These are available first come, first served daily.

Ocracoke: One Landeez. Call the National Seashore/Ocracoke Visitor Center at 252-928-4531 for availability. It is on the beach and is usually available from the lifeguards in the summer. During the offseason, contact the ranger station.

Sunset Beach: Two Surf Chairs. Call the Town Hall at 910-579-3808 for availability.

Surf City: One Landeez. Call the Police Department at 910-328-7711 for availability.

Topsail Beach: One Cape Quest. Call the Police Department at 910-328-4851 for availability. Borrowers need to fill out a form, and the wheelchair needs to stay on the south end of the beach and be returned by 5 p.m. daily.

Wrightsville Beach: One Cape Quest, one Landeez and one Surf Chair. Call Parks and Recreation at 910-256-7925 for availability.



Jerry and Rose Gore enjoy the Surf Chair at Ocean Isle Beach.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Cape Hatteras Light Station

Buxton, NC 27920

Location: Just off N.C. 12 in the village of Buxton.

Open: Friday before Memorial Day - Labor Day: daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Rest of the year: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: Park Headquarters: 252-473-2111; District Interpreter: 252-995-4474

E-mail: caha_information@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/caha

Cost: Free to visit the Hatteras Island Visitor Center and Museum.

The Cape Hatteras Light Station offers a variety of opportunities for visitors to explore both the natural and cultural history of this remote barrier island community. Climbing the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in the country, is a unique experience. The Hatteras Island Visitor Center/Bookstore, located near the lighthouse, sells educational items. The Hatteras Island Museum, located inside the Double Keeper's Quarters next to the lighthouse, presents an opportunity to learn about shipwrecks, U-boats, the U.S. Life-Saving Service and more.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces. Three of them have a five-foot access aisle.

Types of Paths: Paved, brick and wooden boardwalk at least four feet wide with some gradual slopes along the boardwalk. Benches outside the visitor center provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center and the fee booth have a ramp. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and are moderately easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender and one unisex restroom. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center and museum are wheelchair-accessible. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, beach wheelchairs are available at the park's three lifeguarded beaches: Coquina Beach, Buxton and Ocracoke. During the offseason, a beach wheelchair is available at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center, which is approximately one-half a mile from the beach, during normal business hours. Because of its size and required assembly, it is not easy to transport.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The museum shows an old film that is not captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Numerous objects protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Restrooms doors have Braille. The site has signage that meets accessibility standards.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

Buxton, NC 27920

Location: Just off N.C. 12 in the village of Buxton.

Open: Third Friday in April - Columbus Day (early October).

Phone: 252-473-2111 (Park Headquarters)

E-mail: caha_information@nps.gov

Web Site: www.nps.gov/caha

Cost: Admission fee to climb the lighthouse. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+, children ages 11 and under (and at least 42 inches tall) and those holding a National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Access Pass. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be purchased only in-person at the site the day of the climb.

Physical Disabilities: The lighthouse structure is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. Nine steps lead into the lighthouse, and the total climb to the top requires 257 stairs. All climbers must be at least 42 inches tall.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The lighthouse does not provide sign language interpreters or other accommodations for visitors who are Deaf or hard of hearing for lighthouse climbs. But any visitor who is Deaf or hard of hearing who has the physical ability can climb if interested in experiencing the lighthouse and the views at the top.

Cape Lookout National Seashore Harkers Island Visitor Center

131 Charles Street
Harkers Island, NC 28531

Location: Take U.S. 70 East to Harkers Island Road.

Open: Visitor Center: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Light Station Visitor Center and Keepers' Quarters Museum: April - October:
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-728-2250

Web Site: www.nps.gov/caloi/index.htm

Cost: Free.

Cape Lookout National Seashore consists of 56 miles of undeveloped beach stretched over four barrier islands from Ocracoke Inlet on the northeast to Beaufort Inlet on the southeast. The Harkers Island Visitor Center and administrative office are located on Harkers Island.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with no slopes and no areas of rest lead to the visitor center. The Soundside Trail behind the visitor center is half wooden boardwalk and is flat but has some rough surfaces and soft soil.

Entrance: The entrance to the Visitor Center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: The Visitor Center has two accessible restrooms. However, the sink faucet is not within three feet of the floor or does not provide at least 29 inches of knee clearance with at least nine inches of toe clearance and a pipe covering.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The visitor center shows a film on a large screen that displays open captions on a reader board beneath the screen. Assistive listening devices, which are either a headphone speaker or an induction loop, are available at the information desk. The visitor center exhibits have written transcriptions for audio components.

 **Vision Loss:** The film has audio description for use with assistive listening devices, which are either a headphone speaker or an induction loop, available at the information desk. The visitor center exhibits include tactile maps and audio components.

Barrier Islands and Cape Lookout Lighthouse Station

The barrier islands are accessible only by ferry or boat. The Cape Lookout Light Station includes the Cape Lookout Lighthouse and Assistant Keepers' Quarters Museum.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A boardwalk leads from the ferry landing to the Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters and to an overlook deck on top of the dune at the beach. Ease of access to the boardwalk depends on the phase of the tide and the size and style of boat that transports a visitor with a mobility disability. The deck has steps down to the beach, and the boardwalk's incline down to the beach is steep. The boardwalk stretches across the island with benches placed in strategic locations. The Assistant Keepers' Quarters has a step from the porch to the inside, and the doorways are narrow. The Light Station Visitor Center has one regular wheelchair and one all-terrain beach wheelchair available on a first-come, first-served basis.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The visitor center has a mini-theater that shows a shorter version of the park's film and displays open captions on the screen. An induction loop compatible with telecoil hearing aids is built into the mini-theater.

Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Open: Mid-May - mid-September. Visit the web site or call for specific dates and hours.

Web Site: www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/lighthouse-climbs.htm

Cost: Admission fee to climb the lighthouse. Half-price fee for climbers holding a National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Access Pass.

The Cape Lookout Lighthouse, built in 1859, contains 216 steps to the lantern room, operates during the day, and its light is visible 19 miles away.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The climb to the top is strenuous. It may be hot, humid, noisy and dim inside the lighthouse. Climbing the 207 steps to the gallery is roughly equal to climbing a 12-story building. The stairs are narrow, and groups going up will share the stairs with groups returning to the bottom. Visitors with heart, respiratory or other medical conditions or those who have trouble climbing stairs should probably not attempt the climb.

 Visitors who do not wish to climb can view the four outside "View from the Top" exhibits located near the lighthouse's Keepers' Quarters, the panorama located in the Keepers' Quarters Museum, and the online panoramas on the web site at www.nps.gov/cal/photosmultimedia/panoramas.htm.

Portsmouth

Open: Seasonal: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Web Site: www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/visit-portsmouth.htm

Cost: Free.

Portsmouth Village is a remote island accessible only by ferry or boat. The Theodore and Annie Salter House and Visitor Center, the School, the Post Office and General Store, and the Life-Saving Station present exhibits on “lightering,” community life and survival in this village. These buildings, as well as the Methodist Church, are open to the public seasonally.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Village trails can be difficult to walk due to standing water and sandy soils. The buildings contain steps and are not wheelchair-accessible. The Salter House has two restrooms that have a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet, grab bars in the stall and a toilet 17 to 19 inches above the floor. The Life-Saving Station has compost toilets.

 **Vision Loss:** The National Park Service has developed an audio tour of Portsmouth that includes narration, music and interviews.

Additional Information: Visitors should bring insect repellent, drinking water, food, sunscreen, adequate clothing, a hat and good walking shoes. Be prepared for the notorious mosquitoes and unpredictable weather.

Shackleford Banks

More than 110 wild horses – living in harems, which include a stallion and his mares with their foals, or in bands, which consist of bachelor stallions – roam free along the entire length and width of Shackleford Banks. Since their location at any one time cannot be predicted, visitors often scan an area of the island with binoculars to choose which area to search.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The west end of the island has a dock but no boardwalk. All trails are soft sand. The west end ferry landing and Wades Shore have compost toilets.

Fort Macon State Park

2303 East Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

P.O. Box 127
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Location: On the eastern end of Bogue Banks. Turn south off U.S. 70 in Morehead City, cross the bridge to Atlantic Beach, and turn left onto N.C. 58 South. Fort Macon is at the end of the road.

Open: Fort: daily 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. See web site for seasonal hours for the Fort Area and the Bathhouse/Swimming Area.

Phone: 252-726-3775

E-mail: fort.macon@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Fort Macon State Park, surrounding the historic fort, has an accessible Bathhouse, two ramps to the beach, a covered observation deck, and a Coastal Education and Visitor Center that opened in 2009 to interpret the North Carolina coast and barrier island ecology.

Parking: Eighteen total marked accessible parking spaces at the Bathhouse.

Types of Paths: Paved pathways lead to the visitor center and the fort. The interior of the fort has brick pathways and steep steps. A grassy pathway runs along the top perimeter.

Entrance: The entrance to the fort has a steep ramp leading to a rocky path. Rooms inside the fort have a threshold taller than one-half an inch.

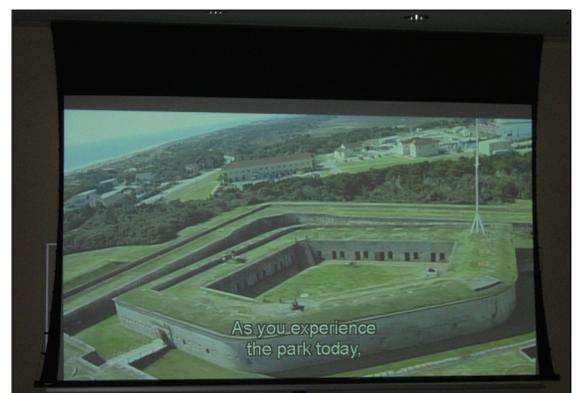
Restrooms: The Visitor Center and Bathhouse have accessible restrooms.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The ACCESS North Carolina program funded the production of a video “Fort Macon Standing through the Tides of History” to present a virtual tour of the fort to visitors who cannot physically access it. The Bathhouse has two Landeez all-terrain wheelchairs that visitors with disabilities may borrow to use on the beach on a first come, first served basis. Each wheelchair requires another person to push it; park staff is available to assist.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The video contains subtitles and closed captions that can be turned on upon request.

● **Vision Loss:** The video contains audio description that can be turned on upon request. A tactile model of the fort and of the island are on display. Restroom signs have Braille.



The captioned and audio described video

Les & Sally Moore Public Beach Access

177 New Bern Street
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Location: Take N.C. 58/East Fort Macon Road for approximately seven-tenths a mile and turn right.

Open: Daily: dawn to dusk.

Web Site: www.thecoastalexplorer.com/NC/AtlanticBeach/Community.asp (Click on New Bern Avenue Regional Beach Access.)

Cost: Public parking rates may apply during beach season (May - September).

This public beach access point contains a long boardwalk ramp to the beach, restroom facilities and outdoor showers.



The boardwalk ramp entrance

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A wooden ramp that becomes sandy near the beach end. Benches along the ramp provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with a slope no greater than 1:12. The restroom doors are at least 32 inches wide and are level with the boardwalk. The entrance to the outdoor showers has a threshold.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender with a toilet 18 inches above the floor and grab bars in the stall. However, the largest stall is smaller than five feet by five feet, the sink faucet is 37 inches high, the soap dispenser is 58 inches high, the paper towel dispenser is 52 inches high (but paper towels hanging out of it could reach within four feet of the floor) and the bottom of the mirror is 52.5 inches high. To exit the restroom, a person must grasp a door knob four feet high and pull the door toward himself/herself.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above notes. The ramp provides access to the beach for visitors with mobility disabilities. However, the restrooms are not fully accessible.

Aurora Fossil Museum

400 Main Street P.O. Box 352
Aurora, NC 27806 Aurora, NC 27806

Location: Take N.C. 33 East to Main Street in Aurora in Beaufort County.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 1 - Labor Day: also open on Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fossil Pit of the Pungo: Sun-up to sun-down.

Phone: 252-322-4238

E-mail: aurfosmus@yahoo.com

Web Site: www.aurorafossilmuseum.com

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted.

The Aurora Fossil Museum features a collection of fossils and minerals from North Carolina and around the world and offers visitors the opportunity to dig for shark teeth in the Pit of the Pungo fossil park.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with no slopes and areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The Pit of the Pungo is filled with sand and fossils and is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities to pass through it. However, a visitor with a mobility disability can transfer out of a wheelchair to sit down on the sand and dig for fossils.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The museum's 12-minute video is not captioned, but a script is available.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the museum protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Additional Information: Bring a garden trowel or sifter and plastic bags, spend the day collecting, and take home a piece of the past.

Historic Bath State Historic Site

207 Carteret Street P.O. Box 148
Bath, NC 27808 Bath, NC 27808

Location: Take U.S. 264 or U.S. 17. Once in Washington, follow U.S. 264 East for 10 miles and then follow U.S. 92 for approximately six miles to Bath.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed state holidays.

Phone: 252-923-3971

E-mail: bath@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/bath

Cost: Fee for guided tours. Other activities free of charge.

Historic Bath focuses on Colonial and 19th-century life in the colony through historic structures, an orientation film in the Visitor Center and related programming. Guided tours are available at the 1751 Palmer-Marsh and 1830 Bonner Houses.

Parking: No marked individual spaces in the paved parking lot, but there is one reserved accessible parking sign near the Visitor Center entrance.

Types of Paths: Gravel/marl (level marlstone) path at least four feet wide with minimal slopes between the Visitor Center and the historic structures. There are frequent areas to pull off the paths for rest when necessary.

Entrance: The Visitor Center is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide and swings outwardly, making it difficult for visitors who use wheelchairs to open without assistance. The Van Der Veer House has a ramp with a slope no greater than 1:12. The guided tour homes (Palmer-Marsh and Bonner) have steps.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. However, the largest stall is 5.5 feet long and three feet wide, and the paper towel dispenser is a little bit higher than four feet above the floor. Sink faucets have hot/cold levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ACCESS North Carolina program provided the ramp at the Van Der Veer House. The Visitor Center is also accessible, and the front information desk has a recessed area to provide room for a wheelchair user's legs. However, the other tour homes are not wheelchair-accessible. If groups are able to walk up the steps into these historic homes, the site is willing to pre-arrange tour details with the group leader.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A captioned version of the 15-minute orientation film is available upon request.

 **Vision Loss:** Visitor signs (restrooms and the orientation room) have Braille. The Palmer-Marsh basement kitchen does not have headroom 80 inches above the floor.

Beaufort Historic Site

130 Turner Street
Beaufort, NC 28516

Location: From U.S. 70, turn right on Turner Street, and the site is three blocks on the left.

Open: March - November: Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
December - February: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-728-5225 or 800-575-7483 (toll-free)

E-mail: beauforthistoricsite@earthlink.net

Web Site: www.beauforthistoricsite.org

Cost: Free to visit. Fee for tours. Reduced fee for children.

Beaufort Historic Site comprises 10 buildings, six of which have been restored, nestled on two acres in the heart of the quaint downtown area of Beaufort. Guided tours of these historic treasures are available Monday through Saturday.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces within easy walking distance across the street from the site.

Types of Paths: Concrete sidewalks outside of the fences and grass and dirt inside of the fences.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the street, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** A portable ramp is available to provide access to all buildings. Please call at least one day in advance so that the site can have the ramp ready.

North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort

315 Front Street
Beaufort, NC 28516

Location: Follow U.S. 70 into Beaufort, take Turner Street toward the Beaufort waterfront, and turn right on Front Street.

Open: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 252-728-7317

E-mail: maritime@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.ncmaritimemuseum.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum, named by *Our State* magazine as North Carolina's "Most Memorable Museum," for a taste of coastal cultures and maritime history. Exhibits feature the state's rich seafood industry, life-saving stations and lighthouses and sailboats and motorboats. The museum serves as the repository for artifacts from Blackbeard's Queen Anne's Revenge, which ran aground near Beaufort in 1718; an exhibit showcasing the artifacts opened in June 2011. Across the street from the museum, the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center buzzes with the action of traditional boatbuilding. Visitors are encouraged to watch and take boatbuilding courses offered throughout the year for all skill levels.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts and a bench that provides an area of rest. The museum's interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. The largest stall has only 29.5 inches between each grab bar. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Field trips go to challenging environments, so accommodations occur on a case-by-case basis.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** All exhibits have text panels or labels that provide information. The museum will provide a sign language interpreter with advance notice.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum has 3-D Touch Me exhibits, Braille exhibit guides and large-print text on exhibit signs. Some objects in the museum protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **Other Disabilities:** Accommodations can be made on a case-by-case prearrangement.

Bogue Banks Public Beach Access

All of these public beach access areas feature dune walkways, access for people with mobility disabilities to the dune crest and the beach and marked accessible parking spaces. Indian Beach Access is the only location without a deck or gazebo. The other locations listed have either an accessible deck or gazebo. The beach access areas are:

- 1. Les & Sally Moore Public Beach Access:** N.C. 58 and New Bern Avenue
(See more information in the Atlantic Beach section.)
- 2. The Bathhouse:** West Drive and Atlantic Boulevard, at the base of the Atlantic Beach Causeway
- 3. Memorial Park:** Near mile marker 6 on N.C. 58
- 4. Iron Steamer Regional Access:** N.C. 58, just west of the former Iron Steamer Pier and Hotel
- 5. Salter Path Access:** The middle of Bogue Banks between Hoffman Beach Road and Frost Lane
- 6. Indian Beach Access:** Just south of the Salter Path Post Office, near Town Hall
- 7. Eastern Regional Access (Old Emerald Isle Pier site):** Turn right at mile post 15 on N.C. 58
- 8. Western Regional Access:** N.C. 58 and Islander Drive, near the Islander Hotel

Carolina Beach State Park

1010 State Park Road P.O. Box 475
 Carolina Beach, NC 28428 Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Location: Located off U.S. 421 on Dow Road ten miles south of Wilmington.

Open: Park office: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
 Park: November - February: daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
 March - April and September - October: daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
 May - August: daily 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Closed Christmas Day. See web site for seasonal hours for the Marina and the Fuel Dock.

Phone: 910-458-8206

E-mail: carolina.beach@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. Fee for camping and for boat ramp and slip rentals.

With a marina providing access to some of North Carolina's best fishing spots, a secluded camping area beneath towering trees and miles of hiking trails that traverse a variety of distinct habitats – not to mention the presence of the Venus flytrap, one of the world's most unique carnivorous plants – it's no wonder Carolina Beach State Park is a popular coastal attraction. Located in an area steeped in both history and natural diversity, the park includes a visitor center with exhibits depicting the wonders of its environment. Visit Carolina Beach State Park to relax, enjoy nature or embark on an eye-opening adventure.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center.

Types of Paths: Paved walkways at least four feet wide and a wooden boardwalk to a fishing pier. The accessible campsites have concrete pads.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms at the visitor center and near accessible campsites. Each campsite restroom has one sink with a lever handle faucet. The other sinks have turn knob handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ACCESS North Carolina program provided an accessible fishing pier and a boardwalk to the pier in 1996 and, more recently, an accessible bathhouse and campsites. The accessible campsites have an accessible picnic table, a raised grill, and a paved path to the bathhouse. UNC-Wilmington funded an accessible trail with an Adopt-A-Trail grant.

Additional Information: Visitors with a camping reservation should check in at the visitor center. Visitors without a camping reservation should take a green tag if the campsite is available and take it to the visitor center.

Oak Island Lighthouse

Physical: 300A Caswell Beach Road
Caswell Beach, NC 28465

Mailing: 1100 Caswell Beach Road
Caswell Beach, NC 28465

Location: Take N.C. 133 to Caswell Beach. N.C. 133 becomes S.R. 1100/Caswell Beach Road.

Open: Daylight to dusk. See the web site for tour hours.

Phone: Town Hall: 910-278-5471

E-mail: oakislandlighthouse@gmail.com

Web Site: www.oakislandlighthouse.org

Cost: Free.

The automated Oak Island Lighthouse was completed in 1958 at a total cost of \$110,000 to replace a manned lighthouse on Bald Head Island. The actual structure is 153 feet tall, but it stands on a slight rise, and, therefore, the height of the light above the water is 169 feet and can be seen for 24 nautical miles. The tower is designed not to sway at all in a 100 mile per hour wind. There is no spiral staircase as found in most older lighthouses, but instead you find a series of ships ladders with a total of 131 steps to the gallery level.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: A boardwalk ramp leads to the base of the lighthouse. The interior contains ladder steps.

Entrance: The entrance to the lighthouse has steps, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: No restroom facilities available on site.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Visitors with mobility disabilities can access the base of the lighthouse, and the town has provided a boardwalk to the beach with an observation deck. The interior requires climbing ladder steps, and climbers must have both hands free owing to the steepness of the steps.

 **Vision Loss:** Because climbers must have both hands free to climb the steps and no exceptions are made to this rule, a visitor with vision loss would not be able to hold a white cane or a guide dog's leash.

Additional Information: Children must be at least age 7 to enter the lighthouse and at least age 9 to climb to the top. Sneakers or similar closed toe, rubber sole shoes are recommended and are required for the climb to the top (no sandals or flip-flops). See the web site for more information.

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

205 South Ludington Drive P.O. Box 329
Columbia, NC 27925 Columbia, NC 27925

Location: U.S. 64 adjacent to the Tyrell County Visitors Center near the Scuppernong River.

Open: Office: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Visitor's Center: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Refuge: daylight hours year-round except during inclement weather.

Phone: 252-796-3004

E-mail: pocosinlakes@fws.gov

Web Site: www.fws.gov/pocosinlakes

Cost: Free.

In northeastern North Carolina, Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is divided between three counties: Tyrell, Hyde and Washington. Pocosin Lakes is one of 530 National Wildlife Refuges and contains more than 100,106 acres of pocosin habitat. Pocosin is an Indian word meaning "swamp on a hill." The office and the Visitor's Center are part of the Walter B. Jones Center for the Sounds.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A walkway connects the buildings that form the Walter B. Jones Center for the Sounds and leads to the Scuppernong Interpretive Boardwalk, which is at least four feet wide with slopes and some stretches with benches.

Entrance: The entrance to the Walter B. Jones Center for the Sounds has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Six total stalls, and two are accessible. However, there is not a stall at least five feet by five feet, some restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor and protrudes at an angle. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. The Pungo Unit has an accessible observation tower. The grounds surrounding the tower are natural turf with some slopes.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the museum protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

The Whalehead Club

1100 Club Road
Corolla, NC 27927

Location: Inside Currituck Heritage Park. Take N.C. 12 North to Corolla and turn left at milepost 11.5 into Currituck Heritage Park.

Open: Year-round: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 252-453-9040

E-mail: info@whaleheadclub.com

Web Site: www.whaleheadclub.org

Cost: Fee for standard audio tour.

At the Whalehead Club, visitors will find a restored 1920s Art Nouveau-style residence, including the original boathouse and footbridge, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built by Edward Collings Knight, Jr. and his wife, Marie-Louise, this home was constructed to reflect the natural beauty of the area and to satisfy their love for waterfowl hunting. In addition to visiting this “jewel by the sea,” visitors can also find acres of picturesque waterfront grounds offering bike paths, a boat ramp, picnic areas, fun family events and a self-guided walking tour through Historic Corolla Village.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: A paved street and grass surround the Whalehead Club. The interior has hardwood floors. Rocking chairs on the front porch and benches inside the house provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has steps. The door is at least 32 inches wide, and staff open the door for visitors.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have handles.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: The standard tour utilizes an audio device that guides the visitor through the residence and describes in detail the stops included in the tour. Visitors with mobility disabilities preventing them from using the steps/stairs may tour the first floor of the residence, which is at ground level. A tour guide will give the remainder of the tour using photos.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: A paper script of the standard audio tour is available.

Vision Loss: The standard tour utilizes an audio device that guides the visitor through the residence and describes in detail the stops included in the tour.

Other Disabilities: Being an historic home, the Whalehead Club is limited in making the home fully accessible, but staff wants everyone to have the opportunity to tour and appreciate this unique place and will make efforts to accommodate visitors with disabilities as best as they can.

Somerset Place State Historic Site

2572 Lake Shore Road
Creswell, NC 27928

Location: From U.S. 64 in Creswell, take Exit 558 and follow the brown signs south through downtown Creswell. Turn right on Thirty-Foot Canal Road, go approximately five miles, and turn left on Lake Shore Road. The site is on the right one-half mile past Pettigrew State Park's headquarters.

Open: April - October: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.;
November - March: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-797-4560

E-mail: somerset@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

Somerset Place State Historic Site is a representative historic site offering a comprehensive view of 19th century life on a plantation. Originally, this plantation encompassed more than 100,000 predominantly swampy acres bordering Lake Phelps in Washington County. During its 80-year existence (1785-1865), thousands of acres were converted into cultivated fields resulting in one of the state's largest rice, corn and wheat plantations. Today the site includes 31 of the original lakeside acres and seven original 19th century buildings. Through one tour, visitors explore the lives of the plantation's owners, slave community, employed whites and free blacks.

Parking: One accessible parking space marked by a sign near the visitor center. This is an historic carriage trail that is not paved.

Types of Paths: The gravel trail leads to a brick walkway close to the visitor center and restrooms. Not all paths are at least four feet wide, and some buildings are in grass fields. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center and each historic structure has steps. Only the entrance to the restrooms has a ramp. Doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about parking, paths and buildings with steps. The site has portable ramps to provide access to the visitor center.

 **Vision Loss:** Historic mantels and modern shelving in the gift shop protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. Objects for visitors to touch include as sedge brooms, baskets and ironware.

 **Intellectual Disabilities:** The site has provided guided tours for visitors with intellectual disabilities from group homes.

Pettigrew State Park

2252 Lake Shore Road
Creswell, NC 27928

Location: In Washington and Tyrell Counties seven miles south of Creswell off U.S. 64. From U.S. 64, take Exit 558 to Creswell, turn right on Alligood Road, turn left on Main Street and go two miles, then turn right on Thirty Foot Canal Road and go five miles. Turn left on Lake Shore Road, and the park office is on the right.

Open: Park Office: Weekdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park: November-February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-797-4475 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: pettigrew@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Free.

With more than 5,000 acres of land around Lake Phelps and the Scuppernong River, Pettigrew State Park is an ideal blend of nature, history and recreation. Explore Lake Phelps and examine dugout canoes as ancient as the pyramids. Or cast your line into crystal-clear waters where largemouth bass reign. Take a trip back in time at the grave of a great Confederate general. Or hug a tree as wide as an elephant. Paddle down one of North Carolina's last undeveloped rivers. Pettigrew exhibits its history among picturesque natural surroundings. Majestic cypress trees tower above as the branches of tulip poplar and swamp chestnut oak provide perches for songbirds. Wildflowers decorate the landscape with a splash of color.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Dirt, screenings and wooden boardwalks at least four feet wide with slight slopes for overlooks.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, there is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet with a toilet 17 to 19 inches high. The sink faucets have push button auto shutoff handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Some family and drive-to campsites are accessible, but the washhouse is not. The primitive group campsite and two picnic shelters are accessible. Boardwalks are accessible.

Moore's Creek National Battlefield

40 Patriots Hall Drive
Currie, NC 28435

Location: Twenty miles northwest of Wilmington. From U.S. 17, follow U.S. 421 to N.C. 210 and then go west on 210. From I-40, take Exit 408 and travel 15 miles west on N.C. 210 or take Exit 398 for N.C. 53/Burgaw.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 910-283-5591

Web Site: www.nps.gov/mocr

Cost: Free.

The Loyalists, mostly Scottish Highlanders wielding broadswords, charged across a partially dismantled Moore's Creek Bridge on February 27, 1776. Just beyond the bridge, nearly a thousand North Carolina Patriots waited quietly with cannons and muskets poised to fire. Expecting to find only a small Patriot force, the Loyalists advanced across the bridge. Shots rang out and 30 Loyalists lay dead, including their commander. Stunned, outgunned and leaderless, the Loyalists surrendered and retreated in confusion. Moore's Creek is the site of the first Patriot victory in the American Revolution and the site of the last Scottish Highland broadsword charge. The victory ended British authority in the colony and stalled the British invasion of the South for four and-a-half years. It also led North Carolina to be the first colony to instruct its delegates to the 1776 Continental Congress to vote for independence.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces within two major parking lots (one at the Visitor Center and one at Patriots Hall).

Types of Paths: Asphalt and recycled materials called Rainbow Turf. There are areas of rest outside the historic battlefield site.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: See above notes.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The park has an installed assistive listening device system called Listen Tech Transmitter.



Vision Loss: The park has installed audio description equipment.

Historic Edenton State Historic Site

108 North Broad Street
Edenton, NC 27932

Location: At the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 32.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed all major holidays.

Phone: 252-482-2637

E-mail: edenton@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org

Cost: Fee for guided tours. Other activities free of charge.

Edenton is North Carolina's second oldest incorporated town (1722) and was the state's first colonial capital (1722-1743). Historic Edenton State Historic Site's Visitor Center offers a 14-minute audiovisual program about Edenton's history, visitor information, exhibits and a gift shop and serves as the departure point for guided trolley tours and guided walking tours.

Parking: One marked accessible parking space in a gravel lot at the Visitor Center. The Barker House has a paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: Throughout the town, paved sidewalks with curb aprons and grass in the yard of each historic property. The path is not always four feet wide, has some slopes and does not have frequent benches for resting.

Entrance: The Visitor Center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. Doors in the Visitor Center have lever handles. St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Chowan County Courthouse both have a ramp. The Barker House has 10 steps, the Cupola House has three steps, and the Iredell House has five steps.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have turn knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes, in the Chowan County Courthouse.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Two wheelchairs are available for loan. The trolley has a wheelchair lift and space to anchor one wheelchair. The only fully accessible historic sites on the guided walking tour are St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Chowan County Courthouse. As noted above, the Barker House, Cupola House and Iredell House each have steps.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The audio-visual program is not currently captioned, but a script is available.

 **Vision Loss:** A Braille copy of the audio-visual is available. The audio-visual does not currently contain audio description.

 **Mental Disabilities:** The site will adjust guided tour content as appropriate for age.

Elizabeth City State University Planetarium

1704 Weeksville Road
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Location: Located in Room 146 of the Jenkins Science Building at Elizabeth City State University. Take I-64 to N.C.17 and turn right on Halstead Boulevard, which becomes Weeksville Road. Follow Weeksville Road to the university.

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Also open during some special Open House events throughout the year.

Phone: 252-335-3759 (3SKY)

Web Site: www.ecsu.edu/planetarium/

Cost: Free. Reservations required for shows.

Elizabeth City State University's (ECSU) Planetarium is your door to the stars and tomorrow. Northeast North Carolina's only planetarium offers live tours of the night sky, dramatic star shows, scientific demonstrations, laser shows, movies and more as part of ECSU's community outreach effort. The planetarium is open to school classes, clubs, organizations, civic groups, private citizens and the public, and any group of 20 or more people and reserve a private showing. Individuals and groups of less than 20 may join an already scheduled group, space permitting.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces within 400 feet of the entrance. All visitors to the ECSU Campus must obtain a visitor's pass. Passes are available from planetarium staff the day of the visit.

Types of Paths: Level concrete sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms (two per floor). Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, but no TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The planetarium is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities and contains wheelchair seating areas.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The planetarium has not received requests from visitors who are Deaf and hard of hearing in the past but will make its best attempt to accommodate these visitors. Scripts of planetarium shows are available, and many DVDs that the planetarium shows have captions.

 **Vision Loss:** The planetarium has not received requests from visitors who have vision loss in the past but will make its best attempt to accommodate these visitors.

Museum of the Albemarle

501 South Water Street
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Location: At the corner of Water and Ehringhaus streets along the banks of the Pasquotank River in Elizabeth City. Approximately one hour from Norfolk, Va. and one hour from the Outer Banks via U.S. 17 and U.S. 158.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday and state holidays.

Phone: 252-335-1453

E-mail: moa@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.museumofthealbemarle.com

Cost: Free.

Serving 13 counties in northeastern North Carolina, the Museum of the Albemarle allows visitors to explore the history of the oldest section of North Carolina, many times considered the birthplace of English America. Its story tells the history of the Albemarle area as an exhibit showcase of more than 700 artifacts that depict the story of the Albemarle region's watermen, farmers, lifesavers and soldiers. The exhibit takes the visitor on a journey through time beginning with the Maritime Era through the Canal Era through the Railroad Era and the Automotive Era to bring the visitor up to date for the Tourism Era. Also enjoy learning how early farming families lived by exploring the furnished Jackson House circa 1755 farmhouse and nearby circa 1840s Proctor smokehouse. The Discovery Room provides a family-friendly hands-on history experience that lets visitors try on period clothing, play games the way our forefathers played them and experience life as it once was. Continual changing exhibits also enhance the visitor experience.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces available.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts. Carpeted floors inside the museum.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The museum is wheelchair-accessible.



Vision Loss: Some objects protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Additional Information: A mothers' nursing room is available upon request.

Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center

53536 Highway 12 South P.O. Box 399
Frisco, NC 27936 Frisco, NC 27936

Location: In the village of Frisco along N.C. 12 South at the southern end of the Outer Banks.

Open: Tuesday - Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday by appointment.
Winter hours are adjusted.

Phone: 252-995-4440 **E-mail:** admin@nativeamericanmuseum.org

Web Site: www.nativeamericanmuseum.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors.

Located in a building with a long and varied history, the Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center contains a nationally recognized collection of Native American artifacts, exhibits and natural history displays. Galleries filled with native art include information on Native Americans across the U.S. as well as artifacts from the first inhabitants of Hatteras Island. Designated as a North Carolina Environmental Education Center, the museum also includes several acres of nature trails winding through a lush maritime forest. A spacious pavilion overlooks salt-marsh water and provides an ideal spot for workshops and programs. Guided tours and special programs are available.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Outside: soft ground at least four feet wide with slopes. The nature trail has a boardwalk with wooden handrails and some benches for resting. The museum has carpets and hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: No accessible restrooms. The stalls do not contain grab bars.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum has a wheelchair available for visitors to use. A wheelchair can cover most of the trail area. But the restrooms are not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** The trail has large-print, routed signs, and the museum has large-print signs. The museum offers special programs for visitors with vision loss, including nature trail walks. Roped areas and special guided tours provide a unique and educational experience. Programs can be arranged through the museum's education director.

 **All Disabilities:** The staff has provided special programs for adults and children with physical and mental disabilities.

Merchants Millpond State Park

176 Millpond Road
Gatesville, NC 27938

Location: From Gatesville, take U.S. 158 East for approximately six miles and turn right on Millpond Road. Go one-half mile and turn in at the picnic area entrance.

Open: Park Office: weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.
Park: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-357-1191 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: merchants.millpond@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Free. Fee for certain activities.

An “enchanted forest,” primitive species of fish relatively unchanged over millions of years, towering bald cypress trees with massive trunks, luxuriant growths of Spanish moss – this is Merchants Millpond State Park. Here, coastal pond and southern swamp forest mingle, creating one of North Carolina’s rarest ecological communities. Together with upland forests, these environments create a haven for wildlife and humanity alike. Escape the hectic pace of life and find sanctuary in a canoe. Drift along the smooth, dark surface of the millpond and savor the many sights and sounds that come alive in the stillness of the forest. Journey into remote and undisturbed Lassiter Swamp, a place that embodies the spirit of adventure, and see what you can discover. The remarkable surroundings of Merchants Millpond State Park lend themselves to a variety of other activities, including camping, hiking and fishing.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Hiking trails at least four feet wide. There is a one-third mile accessible trail.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Four accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The auditorium, classrooms, drive-to campsite 14, the picnic shelter and a one-third mile trail are wheelchair-accessible. Other campsites are not wheelchair-accessible.

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum

59200 Museum Drive P.O. Box 284
Hatteras, NC 27943 Hatteras, NC 27943

Location: Off N.C. 12 at the southern end of the Outer Banks.

Open: April - October: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.;
November - March: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-986-2995

E-mail: maritime@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.ncmaritimemuseum.org

Cost: Free.

The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is a public, non-profit, educational institution dedicated to the preservation, advancement and presentation of the maritime history and shipwrecks of the North Carolina Outer Banks from the earliest periods of exploration and colonization to the present day, with particular emphasis in the periods from 1524 to 1945. The museum preserves, researches, exhibits and interprets its collections for the benefit of the general public and specialized audiences. The museum serves its diverse audiences in order to inspire appreciation, encourage discovery, and promote an active, responsible understanding of the maritime heritage of the Outer Banks itself and in relation to that of the United States and the broader history of seafaring. The museum is one of three North Carolina Maritime Museums, with the others in Beaufort and Southport.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Concrete at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The sinks have automatic faucets.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available for visitors. The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The museum has text boards and written text for some videos.

 **Vision Loss:** Interior doors have Braille signage.

Hertford National Historic District/ Perquimans County Visitor Center

118 West Market Street
Hertford, NC 27944

Location: Downtown Hertford off U.S. 17 Business.

Open: Visitor Center: Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - noon.

Phone: 252-426-5657

E-mail: chamber@perquimans.com

Web Site: www.visitperquimans.com

Cost: Free.

Come to Hertford and spend some time in one of the region's most picturesque and best-preserved towns with 75 percent of the buildings contributing to the historic district designation. Hertford dates to a 1694 land grant and was originally known as Phelps Point. In 1758, Hertford was chartered and named for the governor's political patron, the Earl of Hertford. The street names, such as Covent Garden and Hyde Park, still reflect this colonial link to Britain. Make your first stop the Perquimans County and Town of Hertford Visitor Center at 118 West Market St. The building includes a tribute to Jim "Catfish" Hunter, a native son and baseball Hall of Famer.

Parking: The Visitor Center is adjacent to a large parking lot.

Types of Paths: Level sidewalks at least four feet wide with curb cuts and areas of rest.

Entrance: The Visitor Center entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom. However, some restroom accessories may be more than four feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Visitor Center is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. However, not all areas of Hertford or buildings may be accessible.

Lynnwood Park Zoo

1071 Wells Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Location: From Jacksonville take U.S. 258, go four miles, and turn right on Wells Road. The zoo is 2,000 feet down on the left.

Open: Friday - Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday: groups of 20 or more by scheduled tour only.

Phone: 910-938-5848

Web Site: www.lynnwoodparkzoo.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 2-12.

Lynnwood Park Zoo is a ten-acre park featuring exotic animals such as the llama, rhea, emu, fox, antelope, prairie dog, zebra, alligator and monkey. The zoo has a pond and picnic tables.

Parking: One marked accessible parking spot.

Types of Paths: Hard-packed dirt/earth at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level.

Restrooms: One restroom with a stall at least five feet by five feet. However, there are no grab bars in the stall.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The paths appear to be accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities but could become problematic during wet weather. The restroom is not fully accessible.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

1000 Croatan Highway
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Location: Take U.S. 158 Bypass to milepost 7.5.

Open: Memorial open daily.

Visitor center and Centennial Pavilion: September - May: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
June - August: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Phone: 252-441-7430

Web Site: www.nps.gov/wrbr

Cost: Admission fee. Children ages 15 and under are free.

The Wright Brothers National Memorial is the site where mankind broke the bonds of the earth. On the morning of December 17th, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made the world's first controlled, powered flights in a heavier-than-air machine. The site includes the Wright brothers' reconstructed living quarters and hangar buildings, the site of the first powered flight and the monument to the Wright brothers' achievements atop Big Kill Devil Hill.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks and other paved paths at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest. A sandy area contains the sculpture of the first flight. The Centennial Pavilion has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open. The entrance to the living quarters is mostly level with the ground. The entrance to the monument has steps.

Restrooms: All restrooms are accessible. Sink faucets have pull levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the types of paths and entrances. The path to the monument is long and winding and difficult for some visitors with mobility disabilities or with limited stamina. The monument itself is not fully accessible because it contains six steps. Wheelchairs are available for visitors to use.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Brochures provide information. Films shown in the Centennial Pavilion's auditorium are not captioned, but the park's long-term plans include producing a park-oriented film that is captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** The park will give personal attention to visitors with vision loss by letting them inside the ropes to get a closer look at the airplane while explaining it to them, letting them put on a glove to touch the plane, and letting them go inside the living quarters and touch objects.

Martin Vineyards

213 Martin Farm Lane
Knotts Island, NC 27950

Location: From Virginia Beach: Take Princess Anne Road through Pungo to Creeds and across the Knotts Island Causeway. Follow the signs to Martin Orchard & Vineyards.

From North Carolina: Take N.C. 168 to the Currituck Sound ferry to Knotts Island. The ferry is free; call 800-BY-FERRY for the schedule. Follow N.C. 615 for 2.7 miles to Martin Farm Lane.

Open: Saturday and Sunday: noon - 3 p.m.

Phone: 252-429-3542

Web Site: www.martinvineyards.com

Cost: Fee for wine tasting.

Martin Vineyards provides a wine tasting room on Knotts Island. The coastal vineyards thrive in the sandy soil and ocean breezes, and vineyard practices are geared to maximizing fruit exposure to the sun and wind. The web site advertises that visitors may pick certain fruits from the trees when in season.

Parking: Three parking spaces at least eight feet wide.

Types of Paths: A dirt road at least four feet wide leads to the winery. Picnic benches are located on grass fields.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms are available.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The winery is partially accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Additional Information: The winery's hours are limited, so it is best to call before visiting.

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

900 Loggerhead Road
Fort Fisher, NC 28449

Location: On U.S. 421 south of Kure Beach and about 15 miles south of Wilmington.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 1-800-832-FISH (3474) or 252-473-3494

E-mail: ffmail@ncaquariums.com

Web Site: www.ncaquariums.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+ and children ages 3-12.
Free for children ages 2 and under.

At the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher, located at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, visitors enjoy "The Waters of the Cape Fear" as they take a journey down the Cape Fear River from freshwater streams and swamps to coastline habitats to reefs and the open ocean.

Parking: Nine marked accessible parking spaces. Six have a five-foot-wide access aisle and three do not.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt paths and wood decking at least four feet wide with slopes. The aquarium contains carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, a pay phone is available.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The aquarium, interpretive bike path and garden decks are wheelchair-accessible. Free wheelchairs are available upon request for use on site.

● **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Assistive listening devices providing amplified narration are available free of charge. With pre-registration visitors may receive guided tours and narration for feedings and other programs. Please call 910-458-7468 to arrange a visit. Captioned films are available as well as large-print scripts of many free daily programs. Each fall the aquarium hosts Deaf Awareness Day with programming accessible to visitors who are Deaf and hard of hearing. Watch the web site for details.

● **Vision Loss:** Guided tours are available free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Please call 910-458-7468 to register a group.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site

1610 Fort Fisher Boulevard South
Kure Beach, NC 28449

Location: Take I-40 East to Wilmington and continue to U.S. 421 South to Fort Fisher.

Open: April - September: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.;

October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-458-5538

E-mail: fisher@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.fortfisher.nchistoricsites.org

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted at some special events.

Explore Fort Fisher's historical landscape with its Civil War museum and paved tour trails. During the Civil War, Fort Fisher was captured by Union forces following the largest land-sea battle of the war and largest naval bombardment of any war until World War I. Today visitors will enjoy the educational visitor center with an orientation film fiber optic battle map and exhibits on Fort Fisher. Continue the visit on the half-mile scenic tour trail that encircles the remains of the fort with stunning views of the Cape Fear River and Atlantic Ocean. The site offers guided tours at scheduled times daily; please contact the site for additional details.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces in the museum lot and four at the oceanfront.

Types of Paths: One paved path, one concrete path, one boardwalk path and three dirt paths at least four feet wide with slopes. The paved and concrete paths have ramps.

Entrance: The visitor center entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: Two regular wheelchairs are available. The ACCESS North

 Carolina program provided a paved path and a boardwalk with ramps around the fort, and more ACCESS North Carolina improvements have been approved to provide greater accessibility as the fort prepares for its 150th anniversary in 2015. Currently, if the visitor center is closed, visitors who use wheelchairs may have a difficult time reaching the Armstrong Cannon because grass separates the cannon from the parking lot. The old gun barrier is located atop a steep hill with wooden steps, and the Battle Acre monument is located on grass. A paved path leads to the two gazebos overlooking the ocean.

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

1000 Loggerhead Road
Kure Beach, NC 28449

Location: On U.S. 421 south of Kure Beach.

Open: Office: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Park: January - February and November - December: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;

March - May and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;

June - August: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 910-458-5798

E-mail: fort.fisher@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free. A fee for use of four-wheel drive access.

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area includes a state park providing beach access, a four-wheel drive beach and a basin trail.

Parking: Seven marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A long, winding boardwalk ramp with areas of rest leads up to the park office and to the beach.

Entrance: The entrance to the park office and the beach has a long, winding ramp. The door of the park office is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push buttons.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ACCESS North Carolina program provided boardwalk ramps up over the dunes, made a public shower accessible, and furnished a Landeez all-terrain wheelchair. The park has two Landeez all-terrain wheelchairs.

Additional Information: Visitors interested in four-wheel drive beach access should see the Beach Vehicle Access Permit application on the web site.

The Lost Colony/Waterside Theatre

1409 National Park Drive
Manteo, NC 27954

Location: In Fort Raleigh National Historic Site four miles north of Manteo on U.S. 64 Business on Roanoke Island.

Open: Shows: late May/June - August at 8:30 p.m. daily except Sunday.
Theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. Box office: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 252-473-3414

E-mail: boxoffice@thelostcolony.org

Web Site: www.thelostcolony.org

Cost: Admission fee; price varies for Upper Level and Lower Level. Reduced fee for seniors, children ages 12 and under and groups.

Millions have seen the compelling story that celebrates the 117 English men, women and children whose dream still lives on in this American original. First staged in 1937, The Lost Colony it is the nation's premier and longest-running symphonic drama. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, The Lost Colony plays nightly except Sunday from late May/June through August at Manteo's Waterside Theatre on North Carolina's Outer Banks. The Lost Colony is the "grandfather" of all outdoor dramas and is produced by the Roanoke Island Historical Association, a non-profit whose mission is to celebrate the history of the first English colonies on Roanoke Island and to honor the founders of The Lost Colony symphonic drama through drama, education and literature.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved paths at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest in some areas.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the sink is not within three feet of the floor with 29 inches of knee clearance, some accessories may be more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchair seating and wheelchairs are available; please call the box office in advance for assistance before purchasing tickets. Visitors who require a larger seat or an aisle seat should contact the box office in advance.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The theater provides audio-assist units (a driver's license is required to borrow the unit) and will provide sign language interpretation with two weeks advance notice. Scripts are available when sign language interpretation is not.

 **Vision Loss:** The theatre does not advertise any services for visitors with vision loss other than the audio-assist units.

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island

374 Airport Road
Manteo, NC 27954

Location: Three miles north of Manteo on Roanoke Island.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 1-800-832-FISH (3474) or 252-473-3494

E-mail: ricemail@ncaquariums.com

Web Site: www.ncaquariums.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+ and children ages 3-12.
Free for children ages 2 and under.

The Aquarium on Roanoke Island features many exciting and unusual residents that will guide visitors through their exploration of the "Waters of the Outer Banks." The aquarium has something for everyone and features sharks, alligators and river otters as well as programming that includes dive shows, live animal encounters and feedings. The aquarium offers many special activities and unforgettable events.

Parking: Nine marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths at least four feet wide with slopes. The Aquarium has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Public Telephone: Amplified pay phone; a telephone with a TTY is available upon request.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The aquarium is wheelchair-accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A Pocket Talker and neckloop are available.

 **Vision Loss:** The aquarium has two touch tanks always open to visitors. If visitors with vision loss call ahead of time, the aquarium's education staff can make carts available with items that provide a tactile experience such as beach finds, shark skin and animal furs. The aquarium also tries to incorporate tactile experiences into programming such as live animal encounters and a turtle program with a turtle shell. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

1401 National Park Drive
Manteo, NC 27954

Location: Three miles west of Manteo on Business U.S. 64/264.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-473-5772

Web Site: www.nps.gov/fora

Cost: Free.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site is the site of the first attempt by English explorers to settle in the new world. An earthen fort, exhibits, live drama and lectures by park interpreters help visitors to Fort Raleigh better understand the first English colony in the New World. Exhibits focus on those who tried to build the settlement as well as the people who backed the first colony from the safety of England. Tours start with a park orientation video that is closed-captioned. The site also contains the Thomas Harriot Nature Trail, which offers a 20-minute pocket wilderness experience of the island's natural setting.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces with curb cuts.

Types of Paths: Concrete and asphalt paths at least four feet wide. There is one very gradual slope at the entrance to the outdoor theater. Benches at various stops provide areas of rest. The Thomas Harriot Trail is a winding path through the woods covered with pine needles. It is uneven with slopes in some areas.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have central levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The visitor center and the path to the fort are wheelchair-accessible. A visitor with a mobility disability can view the entire interior of the fort from the path but cannot enter the fort without some difficulty. The Thomas Harriot Trail is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The orientation video is closed-captioned.

 **Vision Loss:** Four displays protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Roanoke Island Festival Park

1 Festival Park
Manteo, NC 27954

Location: Take U.S. 64 to Roanoke Island.

Open: March - December: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed January and February.

Phone: 252-475-1500

E-mail: FestivalParkInformation@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.roanokeisland.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students ages 6-17. Free for children ages 5 and under.

Roanoke Island Festival Park is an interactive family attraction that celebrates the first English settlement in America. The centerpiece of the 25-acre island park, adjacent to the Manteo waterfront, is Elizabeth II, a representation of one of the seven English ships from the Roanoke Voyage of 1585. Costumed Elizabethan sailors greet visitors and help them experience sixteenth-century seafaring life. Explore the American Indian Town and learn about the Coastal Algonquian culture. In the Settlement site, view the life of a 16th century settler – see wood-working, blacksmithing and games. The Roanoke Adventure Museum showcases 400 years of Outer Banks history. The Performance series brings entertainment throughout the year in the indoor film theater and the outdoor pavilion. Also on site are the Art Gallery, fossil pit, Museum Store, Outer Banks History Center and marsh-side boardwalks.

Parking: Nine marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete, asphalt pavement, hard-packed dirt and wood at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest. The outdoor pavilion is all grass. Museums have hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a boardwalk ramp with wooden handrails, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Three accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have levers and turn knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ship, Elizabeth II, is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. See the notes about types of paths and the restroom sinks faucets.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The park does not provide sign language interpreters for the Performance series.

 **Vision Loss:** The park does not provide audio description for the Performance series. The park offers numerous hands-on activities, and the museum has some large-print signs with good contrast.

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge

Visitor Center: 708 North Highway 64 Box 1969
Manteo, NC 27954 Manteo, NC 27954

Location: 15 miles west of Manteo on U.S. 64 on Milltail Road in East Lake (use Manns Harbor if a GPS does not recognize East Lake).
GPS Coordinates of Creef Cut Parking area and start of the Wildlife Drive:
35.8639893, -75.8610764 or N 35 51.839, W 75 51.665
GPS Coordinates of Sandy Ridge Trail area:
35.8377942, -75.9191288 or N 35 50.268, W 75 55.148

Open: Daily dawn to dusk.
Phone: 252-473-1131
E-mail: alligatorriver@fws.gov
Web Site: www.fws.gov/alligatorriver
Cost: Free. Fee for special programs and tours.

The Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge is a broad expanse of wildlands and waters. A driving tour and trails offer many wildlife viewing opportunities. Black bear, deer, river otters, a variety of birds, reptiles, and amphibians are among the creatures seen by visitors. During the winter, flocks of migratory birds provide an outstanding opportunity for birdwatchers.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Creef Cut Trail at Milltail Road has an accessible blacktop trail with a boardwalk loop section. Sandy Ridge Trail at the end of Buffalo City Road has a natural natural ground trail with boardwalked areas. The trails are at least four feet wide with no slopes. There are no areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: No buildings are available at this time.

Restrooms: Two restrooms that are portable toilets with railings. The stall is not five feet by five feet, and there are no sinks, restroom accessories or mirror.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The blacktop trail and boardwalks are accessible for visitors with mobility disabilities. However, there are no benches to provide areas of rest every 400 feet, and the restrooms are not accessible.

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge

Visitor Center: 708 North Highway 64 Box 1969
Manteo, NC 27954 Manteo, NC 27954

Location: N.C. 12 at milepost 31 on Hatteras Island north of Rodanthe.
GPS coordinates for Visitor Center: 35.7162656, -75.4934309 or N 35
42.976, W 75 29.606

Open: Refuge: daily dawn to dusk.
Visitor Center: Daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-987-1118 or 252-987-2394 (Visitor Center)

E-mail: alligatorriver@fws.gov

Web Site: www.fws.gov/peaisland

Cost: Free. Fee for special programs and tours.

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge has 12.2 miles of pristine beach and several miles of additional habitat area. North Pond Trail is 4.5 miles south of Oregon Inlet and is accessible. Platforms along the trail provide opportunities to observe wildlife. The North Pond Trail comfort station has accessible restrooms. Three kiosks along N.C. 12 provide information on the Refuge and its inhabitants. The Pea Island Visitor Center is accessible and offers interpretive exhibits, information desk and a store.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces in two parking lots.

Types of Paths: Boardwalk and natural ground at least four feet wide with no slopes. There are areas of rest every 400 feet.

Entrance: The Visitor Center entrance has a ramp.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, there are no sink, restroom accessories or mirror.

Accessibility

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Visitor Center, restrooms, Salt Flats Wildlife Trail and North Pond Wildlife Trail are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Some videos shown on request in the Visitor Center are captioned. A script is available for the bird button exhibit. Visitors are invited to ride along with guides in vans for wildlife sightings (could read the guide's lips or watch where the guide is pointing).

Morehead City Waterfront

Evans Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Location: Take U.S. 70/Arendell Street east and turn right on 7th Street.

Open: Daily all day and night.

Web Site: www.downtownmoreheadcity.com/Visit.html

North Carolina Seafood Festival information: www.ncseafoodfestival.org

Cost: Free.

A visit to downtown Morehead City can be whatever visitors want it to be: a peaceful time to refresh or an active time boating, fishing, walking, shopping or having a family adventure. Downtown Morehead City is at the heart of the Crystal Coast. Explore the waterfront, island, trails and historic neighborhoods. The restaurants are plentiful and varied, and the food is delicious. Morehead City hosts the North Carolina Seafood Festival each fall. The Waterside has a monument dedicated to North Carolina watermen and their families and a mahi-mahi sculpture with Braille.

Parking: The Port Terminal has marked accessible parking spaces. Parking is also available along Evans Street and in the lot between 6th Street and 5th Street.
Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide that slope to the curb/street.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms located along 6th Street. Sink faucets have single levers. However, the bottom of the mirror is 41.5 inches above the floor. During the N.C. Seafood Festival, accessible restrooms are located along 10th Street, 8th Street, 7th Street, 6th Street, 4th Street and at the Port Terminal.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The Waterside is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

● **Vision Loss:** The mahi-mahi sculpture contains the words “Dolphin (Mahi-Mahi)” in Braille. Visitors may approach and feel the monument and the sculpture.



The mahi-mahi sculpture has raised relief artwork and Braille.

The History Place

1008 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Location: Take U.S. 70 to downtown Morehead City.

Open: Tuesday - Friday and the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Events and rentals can occur seven days a week.

Phone: 252-247-7533

E-mail: historyplace@starfishnet.org

Web Site: www.thehistoryplace.org

Cost: Free.

The History Place serves as Carteret County's history museum and features artifacts from the 1700s and 1800s, a research library, a museum store, a banquet room/auditorium and a tea room. Displays highlight the county's livelihoods from commercial fishing and tourism to farming and boat building. A working train resembling the first train that came to Morehead City in 1857 encircles the top of one exhibit area and greets visitors. Special programs include a history camp, a genealogy workshop, bus trips, lectures, children's programs, an "Antique-A-Thon" and the popular "Lunch with a Dash of History."

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: A sidewalk at least four feet wide runs past the museum. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp with handrails, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have pull-push knobs.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Public Telephone: Visitors can use the phone at the front desk.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. Chairs for resting and wheelchairs are available.

 **Vision Loss:** Some exhibits may protrude more than four inches from the wall. Some exhibits are closed off by a single bar so that visitors cannot touch or bump into artifacts. There are items that visitors can hold, touch and feel.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** There are items that visitors can hold, touch and feel. This experience may benefit tactile learners.

Brady C. Jefcoat Museum of Americana

201 West High Street P.O. Box 3
Murfreesboro, NC 27855 Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Location: In the old Murfreesboro High School. In Murfreesboro turn right on Liberty Street.

Open: Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 252-398-5922 (Murfreesboro Historical Association) or 252-398-8054

E-mail: mha@murfreesboronc.org

Web Site: www.murfreesboronc.org/jefcoat.htm

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students.

Step inside the Brady C. Jefcoat Museum of Americana and step back in time more than 150 years to when life was simpler. Trace the evolution of the washing machine, iron, churn, music box, radio and phonograph by viewing the extensive collection of these items that Brady C. Jefcoat amassed. Over 10,000 items are on display, including glassware, toasters, farm tools and equipment, period furniture and many other items. The collection includes America's largest exhibit of washing machine equipment, butter churns, irons and music boxes.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces near the rear of the building.

Types of Paths: Sidewalks without slopes lead to the museum.

Entrance: The main entrance steps with handrails, but the rear entrance has a ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, the oval sink faucet is not within three feet of the floor with at least 29 inches of knee clearance.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Elevator: An elevator serves all three floors of the building.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is generally accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities via a ramp and an elevator. The restrooms are mostly accessible except for the sink design.

 **Vision Loss:** Some exhibits may protrude more than four inches from the wall. Some exhibits are closed off by a rope so that visitors cannot touch or bump into artifacts.

Jockey's Ridge State Park

300 West Carolista Drive
Nags Head, NC 27959

Location: Located at milepost 12 on U.S. 158 Bypass (South Croatan Highway).

Open: Visitor Center: November - February 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
March - October 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Park: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-441-7132 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: jockeys.ridge@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Free.

Jockey's Ridge is the tallest dune on the East Coast. Jockey's Ridge State Park offers a visitor center, an auditorium, a museum, picnic shelters, restrooms, a boardwalk/dune viewing area and a multipurpose pavilion. Kite flying, hang gliding and sand climbing are popular activities.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks, a 360-foot boardwalk at least four feet wide. Unpaved sand hiking trails with slopes. The boardwalk provides areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Public Telephone: Yes, a payphone on the deck.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park provides a dune ride with 24-hour notice and has a beach wheelchair available for use. Call the park office for more information.

Although not all areas of the park are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, the dune ride and beach wheelchair could increase access to those areas.

New Bern Riverfront Convention Center

203 South Front Street
New Bern, NC 28560

Location: Take U.S. 70 East to New Bern, follow the New Bern/Washington exit, cross over the drawbridge, and turn left at the stop light. The Convention Center is on the immediate left.

Open: Varies by event.

Phone: 800-437-5767 or 252-637-1551

Web Site: www.newbernconventions.com

Cost: Varies per year and by event.

The New Bern Riverfront Convention Center offers meeting planners a state-of-the-art meeting facility along with the charm of North Carolina's colonial capital. The 45,000-square foot center features a 12,000-square foot ballroom, breakout meeting rooms, pre-function and exhibit space and a beautiful waterfront veranda. The center can accommodate groups of up to 1,350 and serve banquets for more than 1,000. Over 500 guest rooms are within walking distance of the center, and 1,400 guest rooms are within a close drive.

Parking: Ten marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Concrete walkway and sidewalks along the parking lot at least four feet wide with curb cuts. The interior has carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic openers.

Restrooms: Four accessible public restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, including a TTY.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Convention Center is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, and the business center is located on the ground level. There is an accessible area of rescue assistance on both floors.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The center will assist meeting planners in making arrangements for the planner and attendees such as providing a sign language interpreter or an assistive listening device. A TTY phone is available in the visitor center.

 **Vision Loss:** Building signage has Braille.

 **All Disabilities:** Staff will assist in any way possible.

North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace

529 South Front Street
New Bern, NC 28562

Location: In Historic New Bern. Take N.C. 70 to New Bern, turn right on Hancock Street, cross Pollock Street, turn right onto Front Street, and the North Carolina History Center's parking lot is immediately on the left.

Open: See the web site for detailed hours information.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24, 25, 26 and New Year's Day.

Phone: 800-767-1560 or 252-639-3500

Web Site: www.tryonpalace.org

Cost: Admission fee for passes. Reduced fee for students in grades one-12.

The new North Carolina History Center, which opened in October 2010, has revolutionized the visitor encounter at the state's premier historic site and sets a new standard for the museum experience. History Navigator tours using portable interactive devices add an exciting new dimension to New Bern's historic sites. Rotating exhibitions and the wide variety of interactive historical activities keep the experience fresh and exciting with each visit. The Pepsi Family Center transports visitors through time. The Regional History Museum takes visitors from the formation of the coastline to the people who shaped the history of this region. The Duffy Exhibit Gallery, the Cullman Performance Hall, Lawson's Landing: A Riverwalk Café, and the Museum Store complete the experience.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces at the North Carolina History Center.

Types of Paths: Concrete paths and a boardwalk in the History center Gardens and Waterfront.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restroom for each gender and one unisex restroom. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available in the center, which is fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** All videos are captioned. The History Navigator contains text and images but is not captioned. Headphones for the History Navigator allow the volume to be adjusted, but the volume is not very strong.

 **Vision Loss:** The text on the History Navigator does not enlarge.

 **All Disabilities:** The center contains many interactive, hands-on exhibits that could benefit tactile learners.

Tryon Palace

610 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC 28562

Location: In Historic New Bern. Take U.S. 70 to New Bern, turn right on Hancock Street, cross Pollock Street, turn right onto Front Street, and the North Carolina History Center's parking lot is on the left.

Open: See the web site for detailed hours information. Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24, 25, 26 and New Year's Day.

Phone: 800-767-1560 or 252-639-3500

Web Site: www.tryonpalace.org

Cost: Admission fee for passes. Reduced fee for students in grades one-12.

Tryon Palace's mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-20th century by collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation. With each visit, Tryon Palace invites visitors to determine their educational experience from a changing menu of choices including interactive programs, historical demonstrations, first-person interpretation and participation in activities of the past. The site strives to spark visitor curiosity and encourage continual learning about North Carolina's contribution to American history.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces at the North Carolina History Center and two in the Eden Street lot.

Types of Paths: Palace entrance: marl (level marlstone). Palace Gardens: brick and marl. Other gardens: brick. All paths are at least four feet wide except in the Caraway Garden (some are 3.5 feet wide) with some minor slopes and short ramps. Benches provide areas of rest.

Entrance: Palace main building: ramp for first floor access. Palace Kitchen Office and Stables: ramps. Other houses: steps only. All doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender at the Way Station and the Palace Stables. Sink faucets have single lift/toggle handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Wheelchairs are available in the History Center. The gardens are accessible to all visitors, but some surfaces may be uneven. See the above notes about which buildings are accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour.

 **Vision Loss:** Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour.

The Birthplace of Pepsi-Cola

256 Middle Street
New Bern, NC 28560

Location: In Historic downtown New Bern at the intersection of Middle and Pollock streets.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday in March - December: noon - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-636-5898

Web Site: www.pepsistore.com

Cost: Free to visit. Charge for drinks and products.

The Birthplace of Pepsi is the actual site where Caleb Bradham invented Pepsi-Cola in his pharmacy in 1898. The Minges Bottling Group located in Ayden owns and operates the site and first opened its doors on the 100th anniversary of Pepsi-Cola in 1998. Step back in time by enjoying a Pepsi from the fountain or browse through the gifts and souvenirs. The site expanded during 2011 to add more retail space, more history on display and restrooms.

Parking: Parking is along the street or in nearby parking lots.

Types of Paths: Brick sidewalks at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the sidewalk. The door has a D-shaped handle and pulls outwardly.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Birthplace of Pepsi is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. Some objects for sale on the shelves may be too high for visitors who use wheelchairs to reach, but they can request staff assistance.

Silver Coast Winery

6680 Barbeque Road
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Location: Take U.S. 17 between Wilmington and Myrtle Beach, S.C. (approximately seven miles from the North Carolina/South Carolina border and 40 miles from Wilmington). Take N.C. 904 West, take the second right on Russtown Road, and then take the fourth right on Barbeque Road. The winery is at the end of the road.

Open: March - December: Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday noon - 5 p.m.;
January - February: Wednesday - Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-287-2800

E-mail: events@silvercoastwinery.com

Web Site: www.silvercoastwinery.com

Cost: Free tours. Fee for wine tastings.

Discover the hidden treasures of the Silver Coast. Visit Brunswick County's first winery located just inland of Ocean Isle Beach. The winery offers tours and tastings of traditional European style award-winning wines. Explore the Art Gallery and gift shops. The winery makes a perfect setting for special events and weddings.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Gravel, dirt and grass paths at least four feet wide with areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The door is at least 32 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender. However, the sink is not within three feet of the floor with at least 29 inches of knee clearance and does not provide at least nine inches of toe space with a pipe covering. The bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The winery provides bar stools for tastings as needed. The paths and the restrooms are not fully accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

1 Roosevelt Drive
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Location: At mile marker 7 on N.C. 58, turn on Pine Knoll Boulevard and then turn left on Roosevelt Drive.

Open: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Phone: 1-800-832-FISH (3474) or 252-247-4003

E-mail: pksmail@ncaquariums.com

Web Site: www.ncaquariums.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 62+ and children ages 3-12. Children ages 2 and under are free.

The Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores provides a view of North Carolina's aquatic life from the mountains to the sea. The show stopper is the 306,000-gallon Living Shipwreck display featuring sand tiger sharks, schools of fish, stingrays and other marine life swimming around a replica of a German U-boat that sank off Cape Lookout during World War II. River otters in their river bank habitat also please crowds. The newest feature is the tactile, talking *Fintastic!* exhibit that opened during the summer of 2010.

Parking: Accessible parking spaces in an asphalt parking lot.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick paths at least four feet wide with curb cuts in front of the aquarium. The Marsh Boardwalk is at least four feet wide with wooden and metal handrails. The aquarium's interior has carpeted floors with smooth tiles and bumpy rubber flooring to indicate the location of certain exhibits for visitors with vision loss.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and contains automatic door openers.

Restrooms: Three sets of accessible restrooms. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The aquarium and the Marsh Boardwalk are wheelchair-accessible. The Bogue Sound Overlook has a wheelchair-accessible distance viewer. Five wheelchairs are available to check out at the Visitor Services desk.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** A script of the *Fintastic!* exhibit is available at the Visitor Services desk and on the web site.

 **Vision Loss:** The aquarium has touch pools, animal models and education carts. The new *Fintastic!* exhibit features tactile fish with touch-activated audio and was designed for visitors with vision loss. See the web site for a full list of "Touching Experiences."

Additional Information: The aquarium requests that visitors with a service animal inform Visitor Services or a Security staff member that a service animal will assist.

Port O'Plymouth Museum

302 East Water Street
Plymouth, NC 27962

Location: The Waterfront in downtown Plymouth in the Atlantic Coastline Railroad Station. Take Washington Street off of U.S. 64, turn right on Water Street and go to the railroad station.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 252-793-1377

E-mail: porto@greenvillenc.com

Web Site: www.livinghistoryweekend.com/port_o.htm

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

The Port O'Plymouth Museum is housed on the Roanoke River in the circa 1923 Atlantic Coastline Railroad station. It is primarily a Civil War museum revolving around the 1864 Battle of Plymouth, the second largest Civil War battle fought in North Carolina. This battle, which involved 20,000 soldiers and sailors, was the last Confederate victory in the war and the last glimmer of hope for the failing South. This nationally recognized museum houses displays of cannon balls, bullets, buttons, buckles, guns, pictures, thousands of battle artifacts, a ship replica and Washington County history publications. The museum also offers reenactments.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Level concrete paths at least four feet wide. The interior has carpeted and brick floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two restrooms. However, there is not a toilet stall at least five feet by five feet, the toilet is not 17 to 19 inches above the floor, and the stall does not have grab bars. The sink does not provide nine inches of toe space and a pipe covering. Sink faucets have knobs. There is no mirror.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** While the museum is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, the restrooms are not.

 **Vision Loss:** Objects are prominently displayed. Some signs have large-print black text on a white background or white text on a blue background. Many artifact labels have small text that may be difficult for visitors with low vision to read.

Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Trail

2356 U.S. Highway 17 North
South Mills, NC 27976

Location: Three miles south of the Virginia-North Carolina border on U.S. 17 beside the historic Dismal Swamp Canal.

Open: Welcome Center hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m./seasonal.
Restrooms are always open.
Vending area is open during daylight hours.

Phone: 252-771-8333

E-mail: dscwelcome@camdencountync.gov

Web Site: www.DismalSwampWelcomeCenter.com

Cost: Free.

The accessible Welcome Center features travel and tourism information for North Carolina, including free maps, brochures and travel guides. The adjacent State Park parking lot provides access to the Dismal Swamp Trail, a 10-foot wide, three-mile long paved asphalt trail with multiple resting places beside the historic Dismal Swamp Canal.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Ten-foot wide paved asphalt trail with multiple resting places.

Entrance: A latch door that opens outward.

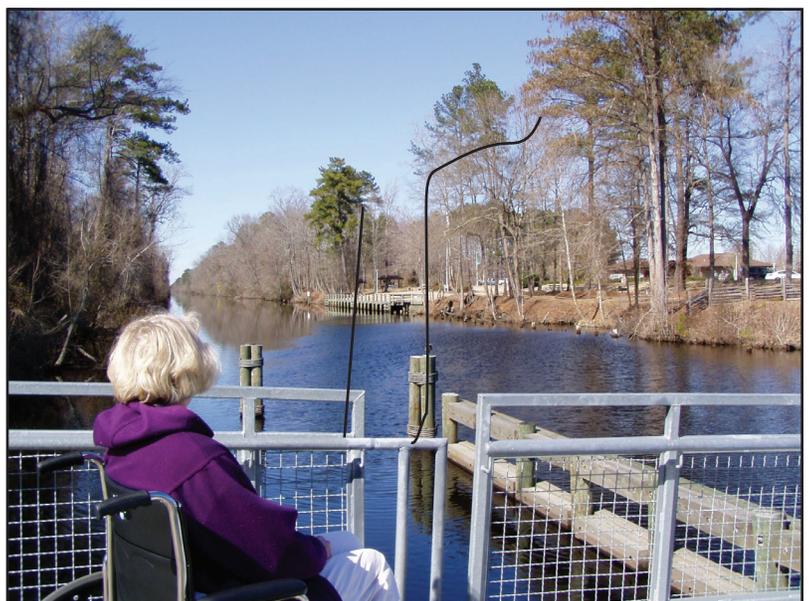
Restrooms: Four accessible restroom stalls and a personal restroom. Sink faucets are automatic.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** The trail and restrooms are wheelchair-accessible.



Delores Stone enjoys looking over the historic Dismal Swamp Canal.

Dismal Swamp State Park

2294 U.S. Highway 17 North
South Mills, NC 27976

Location: Three miles south of the Virginia-North Carolina border on U.S. 17 beside the historic Dismal Swamp Canal.

Open: Park hours: November - February 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; March - October 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Visitor Center hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 252-771-6593

E-mail: dismal.swamp@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov

Cost: Free.

The Great Dismal Swamp is one of North America's great wetland forests and is a habitat for rare plant and animal species. The park visitor has a unique opportunity to see animals such as black bears, butterflies and songbirds. A pedestrian bridge provides access to the park, which contains a Visitor Center with exhibits, a classroom and an auditorium and a half-mile boardwalk.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Accessible half-mile boardwalk and 17 miles of rugged old logging trails with packed dirt and gravel.

Entrance: The visitor center is accessible.

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms available.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

Physical Disabilities: See the above information about the pedestrian bridge, the boardwalk and the trails. With advance notice, the park can provide special assistance (staff permitting).

Vision Loss: The Visitor Center has objects that visitors can touch. Some labels have small print that may be difficult for visitors with low vision to read.



Delores Stone greets two black bear replicas in the Visitor Center.

North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport

204 East Moore Street
Southport, NC 28461

Location: At Fort Johnston on the corner of Moore and Davis streets in Southport.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 910-457-0003

E-mail: maritime@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.ncmaritimemuseum.org

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport opened in its new location at Fort Johnston on July 4, 2011 and exhibits the nautical history of the “Lower Cape Fear.” Follow a self-guided tour viewing exhibits on Cape Fear Indians, piracy, early explorers, colonial Brunswick, Smithville, blockade-runners, the steamboat era, wrecks and rescue, fishing and natural history. Many boat and ship models are on display, and a library is available for research. Programs, classes and tours are conducted throughout the year for children and adults. A gift shop is on site. Guided tours are available to everyone upon request.

Parking: Marked accessible parking is available.

Types of Paths: Concrete and brick path at least four feet wide with slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom available. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating



Physical Disabilities: The new museum is fully wheelchair-accessible.

Hammocks Beach State Park

1572 Hammocks Beach Road
Swansboro, NC 28584

Location: Off N.C. 24 on Hammocks Beach Road.

Open: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-326-4881 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: hammocks.beach@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Fee per person for passenger ferry and for camping.

Venture to Bear Island and reward yourself with vivid memories of one of the most unspoiled beaches on the Atlantic coast. Accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat, there's just one thing at Hammocks Beach that's crowded – the list of things to do. Stroll the beach with laughing gulls and sandpipers. Cast a baited hook into endless rows of foaming breakers. Discover tiny specimens of marine life in tidal pools and mudflats. Use a camera or paintbrush to capture the green and gold grasses that color the salt marshes. Spend the night among the sand dunes or simply bask in the sun and do nothing at all. Secluded and tranquil, free from intruding commercialism, Hammocks Beach may not be for everyone, but the island is a retreat for people who welcome the challenges of relentless sun, sand, sea and sky.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Paved, gravel and sand at least four feet wide with gentle slopes.

Entrance: The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. The rear visitor center entrance may be difficult to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have push down, automatic shutoff handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no higher than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Yes with a push button to amplify the sound.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The ferry to the island is accessible, and the park will provide transportation on the island if requested. The primitive campsites are inaccessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The auditorium has an assistive listening system.

 **Vision Loss:** The entrance to the exhibit area, auditorium and restrooms is only 79 inches tall. Displays may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

North Carolina Estuarium

223 East Water Street
Washington, NC 27889

Location: From N.C. 17 Business in downtown Washington, go east on Main Street and turn right at the first traffic light on Stewart Parkway. Follow Stewart Parkway to the end and then go one block east on Water Street to the Estuarium on the river.

Open: Tuesday -Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. year-round except select holidays. Inquire for specifics and for summer Sunday hours.

Phone: 252-948-0000

E-mail: estuarium@embarqmail.com

Web Site: www.partnershipforthesounds.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students in grades Kindergarten-12. Free for children ages 4 and under.

Located on the Pamlico River, the Estuarium lets visitors explore the ecology of North Carolina's estuaries and learn about some of the threats facing our vital coastal rivers and sounds and ways humans have used this ecosystem for thousands of years. The Estuarium offers more than 200 scientific and historic exhibits that the whole family will enjoy, including aquariums and terrariums with live estuarine species, hands-on educational displays, a spectacular film of the Albemarle-Pamlico region and a River Roving pontoon boat tour (reservations required).

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces. Others can be made available.

Types of Paths: Concrete and packed aggregate paths at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest. There is a three-fourths mile boardwalk along the Pamlico River.

Entrance: The main approach has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The bottom of the mirror is 42 inches above the floor but is angled for visitors with mobility disabilities to use. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The Estuarium is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, and staff is available to assist visitors with physical/mobility disabilities.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** One of the two movies is captioned. Staff is available to assist if needed.

Additional Information: Various educational programs include Scavenger Hunts for grades three-12 and a Nature Sings and the Banjo Rings children's program with nature songs and puppets.

Goose Creek State Park

2190 Camp Leach Road
Washington, NC 27889

Location: From Washington follow U.S. 264 East 10 miles, turn right on Camp Leach Road and travel 2.5 miles to the park entrance.

Open: Park Office: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day.
Park: November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
March - April and September - October: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
June-August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Phone: 252-923-2191 Reservations: 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (1-877-722-6762)

E-mail: goose.creek@ncdenr.gov

Web Site: www.ncparks.gov Reservations: www.ncreserveworld.com

Cost: Free. Fee for camping.

Giant old oaks draped in Spanish moss welcome you to this special world where broad, lazy Goose Creek joins the Pamlico River. A primitive camping area, picnic sites, swim beach, hiking trails and a paddling trail offer a variety of ways to savor the tranquil surroundings at Goose Creek State Park. Set between Bath and Washington, Goose Creek is the perfect place to unwind and soak up the peacefulness. A hectic pace is not permitted.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: One accessible trail at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrances to the Environmental Education/Visitor Center and the Outdoor Classroom have a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. The sink faucets have lever handles.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** One accessible trail. One primitive campsite is accessible with an accessible picnic bench. The picnic shelters are accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Cameron Art Museum

3201 South 17th Street
Wilmington, NC 28412

Location: The intersection of Independence Boulevard and 17th Street.

Open: Tuesday - Wednesday and Friday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Monday.

Phone: 910-395-5999

Web Site: www.cameronartmuseum.com

Cost: Admission fee.

The Cameron Art Museum provides a cultural gathering place which enriches the lives of museum visitors and our community through high quality exhibitions, dynamic public programs, unique events and educational opportunities in the visual and performing arts. The permanent collection is exhibited periodically but not continuously. To find out if certain works are on view, please contact the museum and ask for the Registrar.

Parking: Four marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Sidewalk, gravel and natural/dirt paths at least four feet wide with slopes, curb cuts and areas of rest. The interior has hardwood floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have automatic door openers.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Two wheelchairs and two electric scooters are available for visitors who need them. Not all areas outside of the museum may be accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities because of the gravel and natural/dirt paths.

 **Vision Loss:** Some works of art protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts

310 Chestnut Street

Wilmington, NC 28412

P.O. Box 371

Wilmington, NC 28412

Location: Thalian Hall forms the east wing of the City Hall and is located four blocks east of the Cape Fear River in Wilmington's historic central business district.

Open: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on non-show days.

Times will vary on show days.

Phone: 910-632-2241; Center Box Office: 910-632-2285 or 800-523-2820

Web Site: www.thalianhall.org

Cost: Varies by tours, events and shows.

Thalian Hall is one of America's most celebrated historic theaters in the heart of Wilmington. Since its opening in 1858, Thalian Hall has welcomed a literal "who's who" of national and international artists of every genre. With the theater being only 15 rows deep, there is no need for giant video screen or binoculars because theatergoers can practically reach out and touch the performance, just as the performance touches them.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces in a paved parking lot.

Types of Paths: A concrete sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes runs past the theatre. There is also a concrete patio.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The door is at least 32 inches wide and has an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: Four restrooms. However, not every restroom has a stall at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have manual controls.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes, with a bench for resting.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The seating chart shows six transfer seats that have a liftable arm on the aisle side to accommodate the transfer of theatergoers from wheelchairs or walkers into the seat. These are located in rows E and N of the lower Parquet seating level and row AA of the upper Dress Circle seating level. The elevator has a bench for resting. Not all restrooms are fully accessible.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The theater has assistive listening devices available, and the theater has provided a sign language interpreter in the past.

 **All Disabilities:** The web site states that theatergoers with special seating requests should communicate with the Center Box Office by telephone or in person.

Cape Fear Riverboats, Inc. – Henrietta III

101 South Water Street P.O. Box 1881
Wilmington, NC 28401 Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: Downtown Wilmington's historic district on the Cape Fear River at the corner of South Water Street and Dock Street.

Open: Office: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Public cruises: April - December.

Phone: 910-343-1611 or 800-676-0162

E-mail: info@ CFRboats.com

Web Site: www.cfrboats.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children. Prepaid tickets must be purchased for all cruises with meals.

Henrietta III, an antebellum-style riverboat, cruises the Cape Fear River from downtown Wilmington. She is North Carolina's largest riverboat and has three separate decks, each outfitted with a bar and restrooms. The first and second are enclosed, carpeted with dance floors and climate-controlled. The third, mainly open air, with a smaller glass room, is ideal for sightseeing. Cruises include Sightseeing and Lunch Cruises, Dinner Dance Cruises, Murder Mystery Cruises, Redneck Wedding Comedy Cruises, a summer mid-week Sunset dinner Cruise and cruises for various holidays such as Valentine's Day, Mother's and Father's Days, the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve.

Parking: A public parking area is available.

Types of Paths: Instead of paths, there is a parking area. The interior of the boat's first and second decks are carpeted with a dance floor.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, but the slope can be great than 1:12 depending on the tide. The entrance is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms (two on each deck). Sink faucets have levers.

Elevator: Yes, it provides access to all three decks.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The boat is accessible to passengers with mobility disabilities. See the note about the ramp slope depending on the tide.

 **Vision Loss:** Tables and chairs may provide a barrier for passengers with vision loss. The boat has headroom at least 80 inches above the floor.

 **All Disabilities:** Deck crew and mates are always present to assist passengers with disabilities.

The Children's Museum of Wilmington

116 Orange Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: Take Market Street toward downtown Wilmington, turn left on 3rd Street, and turn right on Orange Street. The museum is located on the corner of 2nd and Orange streets.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Phone: 910-254-3534

E-mail: info@playwilmington.org

Web Site: www.playwilmington.org

Cost: Admission fee per person over 12 months of age. Reduced fee for seniors and military. Free for the aide of a visitor with a disability.

The Children's Museum of Wilmington stimulates children's imagination, curiosity and love of learning and celebrates the joys of childhood by providing magical and playful experiences for children of all ages. The museum serves children from 1-10 and their adult company with a goal for all visitors to learn amazing things about themselves and the world where we live through informal, playful, hands-on and child-directed experiences.

Parking: City parking has accessible spaces randomly scattered on surrounding blocks. The museum does not have its own parking lot or garage.

Types of Paths: Outside: cement sidewalks at least four feet wide with no slopes. Courtyard: brick. Interior: tile and hardwood floors.

Entrance: The wheelchair and stroller entrance is on 2nd Street. The main entrance with steps is on Orange Street. There are three total wheelchair-accessible entrances/exits. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: All restrooms are accessible. Sink faucets have hot and cold levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Elevator: Yes.

Public Telephone: Yes, available if a visitor has an emergency.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible throughout. See the above notes about the accessible entrances/exits.

 **Children with Disabilities:** The museum's warm and inviting environment provides playful, hands-on, child-directed experiences that can benefit a child with any type of disability.

 **Additional Information:** The practice of providing free admission to the aide of a visitor with a disability is a good practice.

Battleship USS North Carolina

#1 Battleship Road
Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: At the junction of U.S. 17/74/76/421 on the Cape Fear River across from historic downtown Wilmington.

Open: Every day of the year, as the ship is a memorial. Friday before Memorial Day - Labor Day: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Closes at 6 p.m. on the Fourth of July.) Tuesday after Labor Day - Thursday before Memorial Day: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Opens at noon on Christmas Day.)

Phone: 910-251-5797

E-mail: programs@battleshipnc.com

Web Site: www.battleshipnc.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors ages 65+, active military and children ages 6-11. Children ages 5 and under are free.

As visitors walk the decks of the USS North Carolina, they can imagine themselves at sea in 1942 searching the sky for enemy aircraft, anticipating what may happen next. Discover how this heroic ship and brave crew fought in every major naval offensive in the Pacific during World War II. This is an historic adventure visitors don't want to miss! The self-guided tour of this authentically restored World War II-era combatant is well-marked so that visitors can tour at their own pace, and it takes approximately two hours to complete. The USS North Carolina is preserved in all her glory just as she was in World War II, a defining moment in history. She will captivate hearts by giving visitors a deeper appreciation of what it took to bring victory and peace to the world. Discover our visual displays that interpret the ship for a younger generation.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces are available.

Types of Paths: Brick paths at least four feet wide. The ship has a wooden deck.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide. Some areas contain high thresholds.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. However, restroom accessories are more than four feet above the floor, and the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The main deck of the ship provides the best access for visitors with mobility disabilities. The interior of the ship contains steps and ladders.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the ship protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor. There is headroom at least 80 inches above the floor.

Burgwin-Wright House Museum

224 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: In the heart of Wilmington's historic district.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 910-762-0570

E-mail: info@burgwinwriighthouse.com

Web Site: www.burwinwriighthouse.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

The Burgwin-Wright House Museum is a 1770s colonial house with a dungeon and a colonial kitchen. It was built on the foundation of an old jail and served as the headquarters for Lord Cornwallis during the Revolutionary War. The beautifully restored house remains southeastern North Carolina's oldest museum house and has a formal garden, a terraced garden and an orchard.

Parking: Street parking is available.

Types of Paths: Brick paths. The gardens have white stone paths and classic white benches that provide areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has steps.

Restrooms: The restrooms are small and are not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Elevator: No because of the age and historic nature of the house.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Because of its age and historic nature, the house is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. However, the museum has produced a DVD with a virtual tour for visitors with mobility disabilities. If a visitor with a mobility disability has help to lift a wheelchair two steps in the garden, then the visitor can enter the lower level of the house to view the DVD.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the house protrude more than four inches from the wall.

Cape Fear Museum

814 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: Near downtown Wilmington on Market Street.

Open: Memorial Day - Labor Day: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.;
Labor Day - Memorial Day: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday during this season.

Phone: 910-798-4350

Web Site: www.capefearmuseum.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, college students, military and children ages 3-17. Children under age 3 are free. Free for groups with disabilities.

The Cape Fear Museum of History and Science is the oldest history museum in North Carolina. Since its founding in 1898, the museum has grown and changed. It began collecting confederate relics and now collects images and artifacts that help us understand the history, science and cultures of the region. It now houses more than 50,000 artifacts and offers programs for children and adults. Exhibits include Cape Fear Stories, Land of the Longleaf Pine, the outdoor Maritime Pavilion, the Michael Jordan Discovery Gallery that provides hands-on environmental exhibits, the Williston Auditorium and Wilmington's Giant Ground Sloth.

Parking: Marked accessible parking spaces are available.

Types of Paths: Paved sidewalks at least four feet wide run to the museum.

Entrance: The entrance is level with the sidewalk.

Restrooms: The museum has accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The museum is wheelchair-accessible, and many signs are placed at a wheelchair-accessible height.

 **Vision Loss:** The museum has some large-print exhibit signs with fairly good contrast between the text and the background.

 **Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities:** The museum contains hands-on exhibits that encourage play and interaction that could benefit children with a variety of disabilities and tactile learners.

Historic Poplar Grove Plantation

10200 U.S. Highway 17 North
Wilmington, NC 28411

Location: Nine miles north of Wilmington along U.S. 17 North at Scotts Hill.

Open: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Closed Easter, Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas until the first Monday in February.

Phone: 910-686-9518

E-mail: pgp@poplargo.com

Web Site: www.poplargo.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, military and students.

Built in 1850, Poplar Grove Plantation is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the South's oldest peanut plantation. The historic home is open for tours with costumed tour guides. The plantation also includes the Tenant House, Smoke House, Kitchen, Weaving Studio, Blacksmith Shop and Basketweaving Shop. A picnic and play area, a restaurant and a gift shop are on site.

Parking: Two accessible parking spaces in the main parking area and six in the additional parking area.

Types of Paths: Brick walkways with slopes surrounded by grass lead to the home and around the home. The interior of the home contains hardwood floors with rugs and carpeted steps.

Entrance: Both entrances to the home have steps, and the weaving studio has four steps. The doors are at least 32 inches wide. The agricultural exhibit building and the basket shop have level entrances, but the agricultural building has a threshold greater than one-half an inch.

Restrooms: Six accessible restrooms. Some sink faucets have levers, and some have turn knobs.

Elevator: No because of the age and historic nature of the home.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** Brick walkways around the plantation home provide some access, but the age and historic nature of the home make it inaccessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

 **Vision Loss:** Some objects in the home protrude more than four inches from the wall, and they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Wilmington Railroad Museum

505 Nutt Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Location: On Nutt Street between Hanover Street and Red Cross Street.

Open: October - March: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.;
April - September: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on most major holidays.
Hours are subject to change, so call for the latest information.

Phone: 910-763-2634

Web Site: www.wrrm.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for seniors, military and children ages 2-12.
Free for children under age 2.

Explore railroad history and heritage, especially of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad headquartered in Wilmington for more than 130 years. Interests and activities for all ages include historical exhibits, a full-size steam engine and rolling stock, a lively children's area and spectacular scale model layouts. Housed in an authentic 1883 railroad warehouse, facilities are accessible and on one level.

Parking: Five marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Outside: a sidewalk at least four feet wide with no slopes and asphalt, gravel and grass areas. Interior: carpeted floors.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp, and the door is at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms. Sink faucets have single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes about the types of paths. The museum itself is accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but some outdoor areas and displays may not be fully accessible.

 **Vision Loss:** Objects do not protrude more than four inches from the wall, but many displays are lined up against the wall. Many display signs have small black text on a white background. One large railroad map shows a yellow outline of North Carolina with black and red lines showing the railroads.

 **Children with Disabilities:** The Childrens Hall provides play tables in lively surroundings where imaginations have free rein. Push-button operation on the layout lets children start up the trains, and a miniature caboose provides a space for pillow play.

The Ability Garden at the New Hanover County Arboretum

6206 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

Location: At the New Hanover County Arboretum off U.S. 76/Oleander Drive.

Open: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Arboretum: daily from dawn to dusk.

Phone: 910-798-7660

Web Site: www.gardeninnhc.org

Cost: Free. However, arrangements to participate in programming must be made in advance.

The Ability Garden is a horticultural therapy program operating on the grounds of the New Hanover County Arboretum and offers inclusive, professionally directed plant, gardening and nature activities regardless of age or ability. The Ability Garden showcases examples of accessible gardening through the use of raised beds, wheelchair-accessible table top gardens and adaptive garden tools. The Arboretum is a beautiful seven-acre garden with wheelchair-accessible paths.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Most paths through the Arboretum are concrete, and a few are packed gravel or packed down mulch. Paths are at least four feet wide with slopes, especially at the entrance, and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors to the building housing the gift shop, Master Gardener Plant Clinic and restrooms are at least 32 inches wide and have an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One restroom for each gender and one accessible unisex restroom. The unisex restroom is at least five feet by five feet. Sink faucets have pull out/push in handles.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: A telephone is available during normal business hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** One motorized wheelchair and two push wheelchairs are available. Some sitting chairs have wheels to make them easier to move. The potting tables are adjustable to accommodate any type of wheelchair.

● **All Disabilities:** The Ability Garden has a wide range of tools to make gardening accessible to everyone. The staff has more than 11 years of experience working with a variety of physical and mental disabilities and strives to make the garden available to all.

Additional Information: Please make arrangements prior to visiting.

Airlie Gardens

300 Airlie Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

Location: Off Oleander Drive two miles west of Wrightsville Beach.

Open: Regular hours: Monday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Winter hours: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Spring Bloom hours: April 1st - May 21st: Sunday - Wednesday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 910-798-7700

Web Site: www.airliegarden.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children.

First established in 1901, Airlie Gardens is a breathtaking combination of wildlife, formal gardens, historic structures, sculptures and a butterfly house as well as the home of a 468-year-old live oak. Visit year-round to enjoy a self-guided stroll through the garden or stop in to experience one of the gardens' fantastic seasonal displays or events.

Parking: Six marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Pervious concrete (concrete that allows water to pass directly through), asphalt and very few mulch paths. Paths are at least four feet wide with a few slight slopes and areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide and have an automatic door opener.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have a manual knob handle.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Public Telephone: Visitors can request use of the phone if needed.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** One wheelchair is available for check-out year-round. A tram service is available to visitors who need assistance traveling through the garden at no additional fee. The gardens have six tram stops with benches at each designated location. The gardens do not accept special reservations for trams, and visitors who want to take advantage of the tram service should plan to visit on a specified date and time noted on the Tram Schedule (see the web site for details). Trams do not operate in high winds or rain.

 **Vision Loss:** Visitors with vision loss can experience the scents of the flowers and the sounds of wildlife.

Tregembo Animal Park

5811 Carolina Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

Location: Along Carolina Beach Road across from Grand Champion Road.

Open: Late March - Labor Day: daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. weather permitting.

Phone: 910-392-3604

E-mail: tregembo@yahoo.com

Web Site: www.tregemboanimalpark.com

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for children ages 2-11.

Tregembo Animal Park, owned and operated by the Tregembo family for more than 50 years, is a 10-acre park containing more than 100 species of exotic animals, including giraffe, lion, tiger, zebra, bear, monkey, llama and more. The park has educational information signs for each exhibit and sells bags of corn and peanuts to feed the animals. The park also has a playground and a gift shop with seashells, nautical items, clothing, toys and more.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces. The gift shop has hard tile floors.

Types of Paths: Most paths are paved and at least four feet wide with no slopes.

There are some natural areas with dirt and grass, and there are areas of rest.

Entrance: The entrance is level. The doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: Two accessible restrooms for each gender. Sink faucets have a push up and down handle. The restrooms do not have mirrors.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The park is mostly accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities. The gift shop contains wide spaces in each aisle.

 **Vision Loss:** Some clothes racks and other items in the gift shop protrude more than four inches from the wall without a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Additional Information: The park does not allow outside food or drink, wagons or any car-shaped strollers or rideable jeeps in the park, or Silly Bandz. Adults are responsible for the actions of their children. Visitors should not climb over any fences and should not tease or throw objects at any animals.

Roanoke/Cashie River Center

112 West Water Street
Windsor, NC 27983

Location: Take U.S. 17 to U.S. 17 Business in Windsor.

Open: Late March - Labor Day: daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. weather permitting.

Phone: 252-794-2001

E-mail: roanoke_cashierc@embarqmail.com

Web Site: www.partnershipforthesounds.org

Cost: Admission fee. Reduced fee for students. Children ages 5 and under are free.

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center, operated by the Partnership for the Sounds, offers a unique ecosystem of wetland ponds, riverfront boardwalk and hands-on exhibits, including an active beehive. It has artifacts from the past and an ever-changing vegetable garden and provides a tranquil setting to observe nature. The center offers canoeing/kayaking rentals and free River Rambling Cashie River tours (reservations required).

Parking: One marked accessible parking space.

Types of Paths: Cement and wood paths at least four feet wide with no slopes on the boardwalk. There are areas of rest. Some programs/activities might occur on grass or sand. The interior has hardwood floors, and the gift shop has a carpeted floor.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp. The doors are at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. However, the bottom of the mirror is more than 40 inches above the floor. Sink faucets single levers.

Water Fountain: Yes, no more than three feet high.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** The center is mostly accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities, but some programs/activities might occur in some less accessible outdoor areas.

 **Vision Loss:** The Tuscarora Exhibit contains artifacts in glass display cases in a well lit room. However, the artifact labels are small with small black print on a white background. Some objects may protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

 **Autism/Mental Disabilities:** The tranquil setting may benefit visitors on the autism spectrum and visitors with mental disabilities who prefer quiet places to places with lots of external stimuli.

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site

8884 St. Philips Road SE
Winnabow, NC 28479

Location: South of Orton Plantation off of N.C. 133.

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Phone: 910-371-6613

E-mail: brunswick@ncdcr.gov

Web Site: www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/bruncwic/bruncwic.htm

Cost: Free. Donations are accepted.

The site includes the remains of the colonial port town of Brunswick and the great earth mounds of the Confederate States of America's Fort Anderson. St. Philip's Anglican Church is one feature of the site. The visitor center houses exhibits of artifacts from the site. The ACCESS North Carolina program funded an accessible pathway, a boardwalk and picnic benches that were completed in 2009.

Parking: Three marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: Cement with pea gravel and a boardwalk around Battery B of the fort. Grass surrounds St. Philip's Church.

Entrance: Level. The door is at least 32 inches wide.

Restrooms: One accessible restroom for each gender. Sink faucets have single levers.



The ACCESS North Carolina program provided a boardwalk around the fort.

Accessibility Rating

● **Physical Disabilities:** Two manual wheelchairs are available. The path through the exhibits in the visitor center has a ramp. The path to the fort has a bench along the way as well as a ramp with handrails, and the boardwalk has a 40-foot-long bench. Steel cable around the excavated foundations makes them visible at low heights.

◐ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The orientation video in the visitor center is not captioned, but a script is available.

◐ **Vision Loss:** The site director will give a private tour to a visitor with vision loss who requests one.

◐ **Other Disabilities:** If a visitor has a disability, staff will try to accommodate that person in any way possible.

Wrightsville Beach Museum of History

303 Salisbury Street
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

P.O. Box 584
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

Location: From I-40 East, take U.S. 74/76 to Wrightsville Beach. Cross the Intracoastal Waterway and bear left following U.S. 74. The museum is in the second driveway on the right.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday noon - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Phone: 910-256-2569

E-mail: wbmuseum@bizec.rr.com

Web Site: www.wbmuseum.com

Cost: Free. Donations accepted.

This is a small museum in a 1909 cottage typical of the time period that educates visitors on the history of Wrightsville Beach. It contains an enhanced kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and a 10-foot model of the beach as it appeared in 1910.

Parking: Two marked accessible parking spaces.

Types of Paths: The path is at least four feet wide.

Entrance: The entrance has a ramp to the museum's porch. The door is 31 inches wide and is easy to open.

Restrooms: The museum does not have restrooms, but restrooms are available 75 yards away.

Water Fountain: No, but bottled water is available for purchase.

Accessibility Rating

 **Physical Disabilities:** See the above notes. Accessibility is limited by the historic nature of the structure.

 **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The video on the history of the Lumina pavilion does not have captions, and a script is not available. A DVD of old postcards contains big band music but no words.

 **Vision Loss:** The video on the history of the Lumina pavilion includes oral histories from people who remember the Lumina and recall the fun times they had there. A DVD of old postcards contains big band music but no words. Some objects in the museum protrude more than four inches from the wall, but they have a leading edge within 27 inches of the floor.

Resources

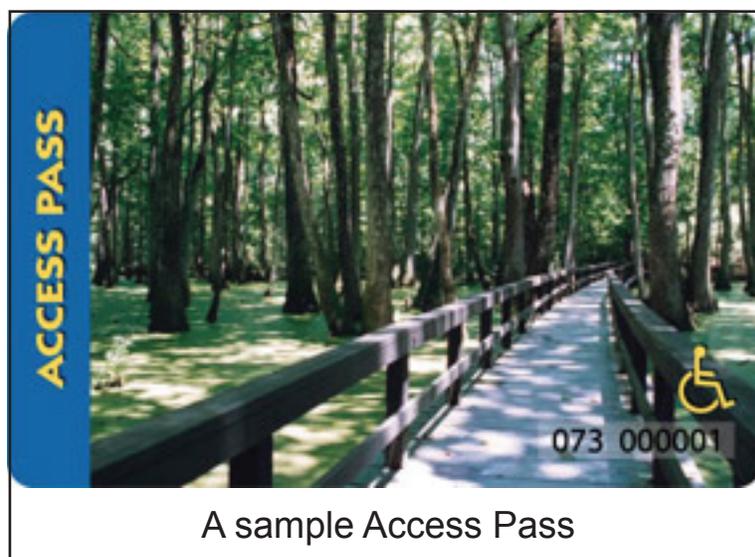


Annette Lauber demonstrates the hand controls installed in her car. This type of assistive technology can allow people with mobility disabilities to drive and travel independently.

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Access Pass

A lifetime pass is available for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Documentation is required to obtain the pass. Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician; document issued by a Federal agency such as the Veteran's Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income; or document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder and up to three other adults at per person fee areas (children under age 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Access Pass provides a 50-percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50 percent price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

For more information about National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes, visit www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm.





Agency Resources

Services for People with Disabilities Provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

If you're a resident of the state or plan to move here and you have a disability, you may find a program or service on this page that could be helpful. If you are simply visiting one of the sites in this book or others, there may be services you can use during your visit! You'll see them in bold type below.

Employment Services – The state's vocational rehabilitation program assists people with disabilities with finding jobs and staying on the job. Services include counseling, training, education, and job placement. With local offices serving every county, this program prepares citizens for the workplace and refers thousands of screened applicants to businesses and other organizations every year. Learn more at www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs.

Independent Living Program – Each year this program assists thousands of citizens with living more independently, providing an alternative to nursing homes and assisted-living facilities and improving functioning in participants' families, homes and communities. Services include rehabilitation engineering, home and vehicle modifications, personal assistance services, assistive technology and others. Learn more at www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs.

Assistive Technology Program – Assistive technology can make everyday living more independent in areas like computer use, mobility, communication, education and leisure activities. Short-term equipment loans are available for trying out devices. While visiting our tourist and recreational sites, state residents and visitors can contact a local office for short-term loans of devices. Learn more at www.ncatp.org/Centers.

Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing – The state provides services to individuals with hearing loss and the agencies and businesses that serve them. Seven regional centers have staff who specialize in community access, possibly the very access that a traveler who is Deaf or hard of hearing might need. Learn more at www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh.

Services for the Blind – Services are available for residents who are visually impaired to help maximize their independence in their homes, communities and workplace. Services include vocational and technology assessments, job development and placement, daily living skills instruction, leisure/recreational activities, support groups, low-vision services and instruction in the use of assistive technology and computer applications. Access these services by calling 1-866-222-1546 or visiting www.ncdhhs.nc.gov/dsb.

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Amtrak Train Service

Phone: 1-800-BYTRAIN

Web Site: www.bytrain.org

Location: Twelve train stations in cities along the route, including Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Kannapolis, Charlotte, Selma, Wilson and Rocky Mount.

Open: Trains run seven days a week, including holidays.

Cost: Fares vary with destination city, and a 10-ride ticket available. Reservations are required. For best fares, book early. Tickets can be purchased at ticket windows at selected stations, automated ticket kiosks at all stations or online at Amtrak.com.

North Carolina's Amtrak fleet of two trains, the Piedmont and Carolinian, provide service six times daily to Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Kannapolis and Charlotte and twice daily to Selma, Wilson and Rocky Mount. For complete train schedule, visit the web site.

All train stations are wheelchair-accessible and equipped with a wheelchair lift. All passenger cars on both trains are also wheelchair-accessible.

The newly-refurbished Piedmont train cars are equipped with snack and beverage vending machines, and a limited number of bike racks. The Carolinian café car offers sandwiches, salads, snacks and beverages. Passengers are welcome to carry on food.

Incident Management Assistance Patrol (IMAP)

Incident Management Assistance Patrols (IMAP), classified as part of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), help enable smooth traffic flow by aiding stranded motorists and assisting in incident clearance. The trained North Carolina Department of Transportation personnel that operate IMAP can detect and verify incidents, provide temporary traffic control, aid in roadway clearance and assist with disabled vehicles. When you see one of the IMAP trucks (yellow trucks with an IMAP logo on the side), please move over to the next lane if available or reduce speed. Many major urban areas currently have patrols and most medium-sized urban areas are following suit. The success of the IMAP program has resulted in frequent requests for service expansion.

Incident Management Assistance Patrols (IMAP) are often critical in dealing with traffic in urban areas and offer substantial congestion relief benefits. IMAP programs in North Carolina are located in the areas of greatest need, and the benefits far exceed the operating costs.

Now patrolling major freeways in and around:

Raleigh

Durham

Burlington

Greensboro

Winston-Salem

Charlotte

Asheville

Pigeon River Gorge near the Tennessee State Line

Motorists who are stranded in an area that IMAP serves can call *HP and ask for assistance from IMAP personnel.

Litter Prevention

Web Site: www.ncdot.gov/~beautification

The North Carolina Department of Transportation Office of Beautification Programs serves the state's citizens by improving the cleanliness and appearance of North Carolina's transportation venues. To accomplish this, the Office of Beautification Programs administers roadside litter prevention initiatives which include spring and fall Litter Sweep, the Adopt-A-Highway and Swat-A-Litterbug programs. For more information regarding these initiatives and more, please visit the program's web site.

Wildflower Program

Web Site: www.ncdot.gov/~beautification, click on Wildflower Program

The North Carolina Department of Transportation Wildflower Program began in 1985 as an integral part of highway beautification. Wildflower beds are installed and maintained across the state by Roadside Environmental personnel in each of the 14 highway divisions. For more information including a listing of flower beds, please visit the program's web site and select the Wildflower Program link.

North Carolina Rest Area System

Web Site: www.ncdot.org/travel/restareas

North Carolina's Highway Rest Areas offer opportunities for convenient, brief stops and provide easy roadside access to public restrooms, drinking water and telephones 24 hours every day. To view an updated list of rest areas, Welcome Centers and visitor centers in North Carolina, visit the web site.

Interstate Highway Rest Area Locations

Milepost

I-95 Northbound

- 47 1 mile south of Fayetteville
- 99 2 miles north of Selma
- 142 1.5 miles not of Dortches

I-95 Southbound

- 142 1.5 miles north of Dortches
- 99 2 miles north of Selma
- 47 1 miles south of Fayetteville

I-85 Northbound

- 59 1 mile north of Concord
- 99 1 mile southwest of Thomasville
- 139 3 miles west of Burlington
- 199 6 miles south of Oxford

I-85 Southbound

- 199 6 miles south of Oxford
- 139 3 miles west of Burlington
- 99 1 mile southwest of Thomasville
- 59 1 mile north of Concord

I-77 Northbound

- 39 4 miles north of Mooresville
- 72 1 mile south of U.S. 421

I-77 Southbound

- 63 1 mile south of N.C. 901
 - 39 4 miles north of Mooresville
- 428

Milepost

I-73/74 Northbound

- 44 Montgomery/Randolph County Line
(Visitor Center)

I-73/74 Southbound

- 44 1 mile south of N.C. 705
(Visitor Center)

I-40 Eastbound

- 82 1 mile west of Marion
- 136 10 miles east of Hickory
- 177 18 miles west of Winston-Salem
- 324 1 mile north of U.S. 301 near
Benson
- 364 At N.C. 24 near Warsaw

I-40 Westbound

- 364 At N.C. 24 near Warsaw
- 324 1 mile north of U.S. 301 near
Benson
- 177 18 miles west of Winston-Salem
- 136 10 miles east of Hickory
- 82 1 mile west of Marion
- 10 10.5 miles east of Tn.

I-26 Eastbound

- 10 12 miles east of Asheville

Milepost**I-26 Westbound**

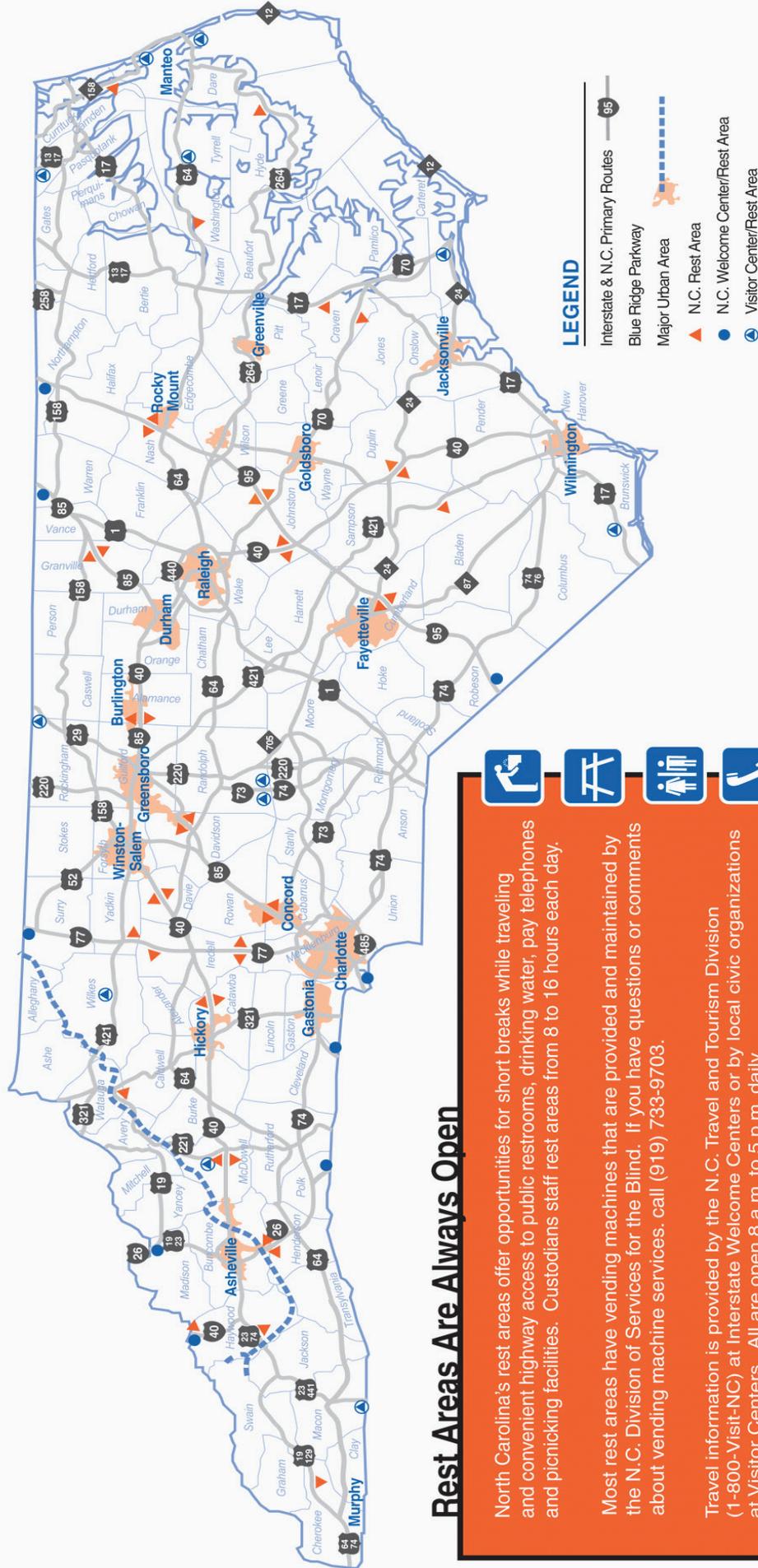
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Primary Highway Rest Area Locations**U.S. Routes**

17	1 mile south of Va. (Visitor Center)
17	11 miles north of New Bern
17	At Shalotte (Visitor Center)
19A/129	At S.R. 1388 near Andrews
23/74	1 mile north of Blue Ridge Parkway
29	2 miles south of Va. (Visitor Center)
64	At Plymouth
64	At Columbia (Visitor Center)
64	Roanoke Island (Visitor Center)
70	At S.R. 1225 near Clarks
70	At Morehead City (Visitor Center)
158	1.5 miles south of Coinjock
158	At Kitty Hawk (Visitor Center)
220	1 mile north of Ellerbe
221	2 miles west of Blowing Rock
221	At S.R. 1195 (Visitor Center)
264	At Englehard
421	10 miles south of Clinton
421	1 mile west of N.C. 115 (Visitor Center)
441/23	4 miles south of Franklin (Visitor Center)

Rest Area System

North Carolina Department of Transportation



Rest Areas Are Always Open

North Carolina's rest areas offer opportunities for short breaks while traveling and convenient highway access to public restrooms, drinking water, pay telephones and picnicking facilities. Custodians staff rest areas from 8 to 16 hours each day.

Most rest areas have vending machines that are provided and maintained by the N.C. Division of Services for the Blind. If you have questions or comments about vending machine services, call (919) 733-9703.

Travel information is provided by the N.C. Travel and Tourism Division (1-800-Visit-NC) at Interstate Welcome Centers or by local civic organizations at Visitor Centers. All are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



North Carolina Rest Areas, Welcome Centers and Visitor Centers provide equal access to all visitors

North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development

Phone: 1-800-VISITNC (1-800-847-4862)

Web Site: www.visitnc.com

The North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development develops and promotes North Carolina as a travel destination where visitors experience the state's scenic beauty, rich history and culture, vibrant cities and quaint towns, and epicurean pleasures that grow from agricultural traditions. The division works closely with partners across the state – including destination marketing organizations, tourism-related businesses and other state agencies – to accomplish this goal. With its nine Welcome Centers, the division also serves as a direct point of contact for travelers who need information, reservations and related services.

North Carolina Welcome Centers

North Carolina Welcome Centers are located at the state's borders. The nine Welcome Centers have a statewide focus, with an emphasis on information for visitors traveling in or around a particular interstate corridor. Professional, nationally-certified travel counselors are located at each Welcome Center. The Welcome Centers are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. The centers are closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

I-26 East: westbound on I-26 in Columbus

I-26 West: eastbound on I-26 in Mars Hill

I-40 West: eastbound on I-40 in Waynesville

I-77 South: northbound on I-77 in Charlotte

I-77 North: southbound on I-77 in Dobson

I-85 South: northbound on I-85 in Kings Mountain

I-85 North: southbound on I-85 in Norlina

I-95 South: northbound on I-95 in Rowland

I-95 North: southbound on I-95 in Pleasant Hill

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Accessible Fishing Areas

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission provides free public fishing opportunities at more than 100 public fishing areas and Community Fishing Program sites throughout the state. The Wildlife Commission enhances fishing opportunities at public fishing areas by clearing banks of underbrush and, in some cases, by constructing accessible fishing piers, creating gaveled or paved parking lots and installing fish attractors. Community Fishing Program sites are set primarily at city- or county-owned parks with site-specific operating hours. The Wildlife Commission enhances fishing at some CFP sites by stocking fish, feeding fish, installing fish attractors or building accessible piers.

The Commission's Tackle Loaner Program loans free fishing tackle to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anglers of all ages register at participating loaner sites to receive a tackle loaner ID card, which allows them to check out a rod and reel for the day. Some sites also have available special adaptive fishing gear, which accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

For more information on public fishing areas managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Mountain Region

Alexander County

Lake Hickory

Whittenburg

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-40 in Hickory, take Exit 125 and go north 7.5 miles on N.C. 127. Just after crossing Lake Hickory, turn left on S.R. 1208 for three-tenths mile. Turn left on S.R. 1141 for two-tenths mile to Whittenburg Boating Access Area. A separate parking area for the public fishing area is at the eastern end of the boating access area.

This site has two accessible piers. In times of severe drawdown, the slope of the walkway out to the piers may slightly exceed current ADA recommendations. The main walkway is paved and relatively flat. Accessible parking is provided.

Ashe County

Ashe Park Pond

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site
Directions: Off Old N.C. 16 on Ashe County Park Road just north of Jefferson.

This site has an accessible paved path to an accessible fishing pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Chinquapin Trout Lake

Designation: Public fishing area
Directions: From Jefferson, take N.C. 88 east approximately 10 miles. Across from the Upper Mountain Agricultural Research Station, take S.R. 1599 for four miles on the gravel portion of S.R. 1599 until the paved section is reached. Go approximately one-tenth mile past the beginning of the paved section; the entrance to the lake is on the right.

This site has two accessible parking spaces and an accessible fishing pier.

Buncombe County

Charles Owen Park Pond

Designation: Public fishing area
Directions: From I-40 West, take Exit 59 to Swannanoa. Turn right at end of exit ramp on Patton Cove Road for three-tenths a mile; left on U.S. 70/Black Mountain Highway for about four-tenths a mile. Turn right on Riverwood Road for about four-tenths of a mile; turn left on Bee Tree Road for 1.1 miles. Stay straight to go on Warren Wilson College Road for about one-half mile. Entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier, parking pad and sidewalk.

Lake Julian

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site
Directions: From Asheville, take I-26 East to Exit 37. Turn left on Long Shoals Road and go 1.2 miles to park entrance on right.

This site has accessible parking and a fishing pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Lake Powhatan

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-26 in Asheville, take the N.C. 191 South exit at Biltmore Square Mall. Go approximately three miles; right on S.R. 1129 at the sign for the N.C. Arboretum. Continue down S.R. 1129, staying to the left at all forks, to the entrance to Lake Powhatan Recreation Area. Further directions to the public fishing area can be obtained there.

This site has an accessible fishing pier located near the dam. An access road to the pier can be used by anglers with disabilities; others must walk to the pier. A day-use fee is required at the recreation area entrance.

Lake Tomahawk

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site.

Directions: From Asheville, take I-40 East to Exit 64. Turn left (north) on N.C. 9; turn left at the third light. Turn right at the second light and go approximately two miles. The area is on the left.

This site has an accessible path that follows the shoreline of the ten-acre pond. Two accessible fishing piers are along the path leading from the paved parking area. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Burke County Broughton Pond

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-40, take U.S. 64 south for eight-tenths of a mile; turn left on S.R. 1949 (Salem Road) for one mile; turn left on S.R. 1956 (Burkemont Road). Go one mile and turn left on S.R. 2002 for 1.1 miles to the end of the road. State prison facilities are on the left. Turn right on a gravel road, which is the entrance to the parking area for the pond.

This site has two small ponds that are accessible as well as a canoe launch and a barrier-free wooden fishing pier at the first pond.

Jacob Fork

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-40, take N.C. 18 south (Exit 105) for 9.5 miles; turn right on S.R. 1913 (Sugar Loaf Road). Go 4.3 miles to a stop sign. Turn left on S.R. 1924 (Old N.C. 18) for 2.6 miles to S.R. 1901 (Gap Road). Go 1.4 miles and turn right on S.R. 1904 (Mountain Park Avenue) after crossing a bridge. Follow this road approximately four miles to the State Park parking area. This site is in South Mountains State Park. Brown directional signs are erected along the route.

This site has three accessible fishing piers. Two piers are on the left end of the parking lot. The third pier is at the upper end of a fully accessible one-mile loop trail.

Lake James Tailrace **Bridgewater**

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-40 east of Morganton, take Exit 94 (Dysartsville); go north on S.R. 1129 for approximately one-half a mile to the stop sign. Turn left on U.S. 70 for approximately 1.5 miles; turn right on S.R. 1233. Go one-half mile to the parking area.

This site has an accessible pier that accesses the Catawba River tailrace of Lake James.

Caldwell County **Connelly Creek**

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-40, take Exit 113 and go north on Rutherford College Road (S.R. 1101) for approximately 4.7 miles. Turn right on Dry Pond Road (S.R. 1115) for 3.2 miles. Turn right on Waterworks Road for one mile. The access area is at the end of this road.

This site has an accessible path that starts in the parking lot and leads to a T-shaped fishing pier extending into Lake Rhodhiss.

Cherokee County **Cherokee Lake**

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Murphy, take U.S. 64 West for approximately eight miles. Turn right on N.C. 294 and go north 3.6 miles to the U.S. Forest Service Recreation Area on the right.

This site has a paved path that leads to an accessible fishing pier.

Clay County
Chatuge Reservoir
Ledford Chapel

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From intersection of U.S. 64 & Meyers Chapel Road at Hayesville, take U.S. 64 East for approximately three miles; turn right on Ledford Chapel Road (S.R.1151). Travel nine-tenths a mile to area at the end of the road.

This site has an accessible paved path that goes from the parking area to the pier; the pier is eight feet wide with a 32-foot t-section at the end.

Shooting Creek

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Hayesville take U.S. 64 east five miles to N.C. 75. Turn right and travel for one mile.

This site has an accessible floating fishing pier with an accessible trail and parking pad.

Forsyth County
Kernersville Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: From I-40 Business at Kernersville, take N.C. 66 North. Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Dobson Street. Go nine-tenths mile and turn left on Old Valley School Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn left into the park entrance.

This site has a cleared shoreline and accessible restrooms.

Winston Pond

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: In Winston-Salem, from I-40 Business Exit 6C, take U.S. 311 (Martin Luther King Drive). (As you exit I-40, make a left turn at the stop light, go one-tenth a mile to Martin Luther King Drive and turn right.) Go four-tenths mile and turn right on New Walkertown Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Waterworks Road. Go one-tenth mile,

and the first road to the left is the park entrance. Take this road around to the dam and pond area.

This site has a cleared shoreline and accessible picnic facilities and restrooms.

Gaston County

Crowders Lake at Crowders Mountain State Park

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Gastonia, take I-85 South and go to Exit 13. From Exit 13, follow the brown signs to the park. Take Exit 13 and go south approximately 1 mile. Turn right on SR 2974 and go 1.9 miles. Turn left on Sparrow Springs Road for approximately three miles to the park entrance, and follow the signs to the lake parking area.

This site has an accessible fishing dock.

Haywood County

Richland Creek, Vance Street Park

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Asheville, take I-40 West (about 25 miles) to Exit 27 (U.S. 19/74). Take U.S. 19/74 south for five miles to the Waynesville exit (U.S. 276 South). Turn left on Russ Avenue; go to the second traffic light; turn left on Howell Mill Road and go eight-tenths mile. Turn right on Vance Street. Vance Street Park is on the left along Richland Creek.

This site has a paved trail along the creek, four paved fishing pads and one fishing platform that are all accessible.

Jackson County

Balsam Lake

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Sylva, take N.C. 107 South; turn left on N.C. 281 at Tuckaseegee. Go approximately nine miles, turn left on S.R. 1756; continue about five miles. Follow the U.S. Forest Service sign beginning at the intersection of N.C. 107 and N.C. 281 to Balsam Lake.

This site has an accessible pier built near the dam. The pier has a canoe-loading site for persons with disabilities.

Cullowhee Creek

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Sylva, take N.C. 107 south for approximately six miles; right on S.R. 1001 at the four-way stop intersection (Cullowhee Elementary School is on the right). Go one-tenth a mile. Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department athletic complex is on the right. Park in the lot adjacent to the ball fields.

This site has two accessible fishing platforms adjacent to the creek.

Madison County French Broad River Murray Branch

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Asheville, take U.S. 19/23 north to U.S. 70 (Marshall Exit). Take U.S. 70 north (about 35 miles) to Hot Springs city limit. Turn right on S.R. 1304 (first state road on right before crossing the French Broad River). At the stop sign, turn right for six miles to the U.S. Forest Service's Murray Branch Recreation Area.

This site has three fishing pads along the French Broad River connected by an accessible trail. Two accessible parking spaces are provided as well.

Max Patch Pond

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Hot Springs, take N.C. 209 south about five miles and turn right on Meadow Fork Road. Turn right on Max Patch Road for approximately three miles. The parking area is on the right.

This site has a large, accessible fishing pier accessible from the parking area.

McDowell County Curtis Creek

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Asheville, take I-40 East (or from Morganton, take I-40 West) to the Old Fort exit. Go east on U.S. 70 approximately two miles, turn on S.R. 1227 (Curtis Creek Road); go approximately two miles.

This site has an accessible pier and parking area.

Polk County Laughter Pond

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner site

Directions: From Columbus, take N.C. 108 east for 3.5 miles. Park is located on left at Polk County Middle School's athletic complex.

This site has an accessible paved parking and trail that lead to a fishing pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Surry County Big Elkin Creek

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-77, take the Jonesville exit (N.C. 67) and go west toward Elkin for 1.9 miles to N.C. 21 across the Yadkin River. Turn left just past the bridge on N.C. 268 (Market Street). Go four-tenths mile and turn right on Memorial Park Drive. The creek is on the right.

This site has approximately one mile of stream bank along one or both sides of the creek that are accessible for bank fishing. An accessible fishing pier has been constructed at a downstream location near the park boundary and close to the playground and Elkin High School. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Tumbling Rock Reservoir

Designation: Community Fishing Program

Directions: Located at 1250 Galax Trail off of Westlake Drive in Mount Airy near intersection of Westlake Drive and U.S. 52.

This site has an accessible parking pad and an accessible trail that encircles a pond that leads to an accessible fishing pier.

Swain County Tuckaseegee River

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From U.S. 19 South/74 West, take the Bryson City exit (Exit 67) for 1.1 miles; cross the Tuckaseegee River and a railroad track to a four-way stop intersection. Turn left on S.R. 1321 for 1.75 miles; where the road forks, take the left fork onto “Old 288” (S.R. 1321) for three-fourths of a mile. The fishing pier and boat launching area are on the left.

This site has an accessible 12-foot by 36-foot fishing platform built on the Tuckaseegee River arm of the Fontana Reservoir.

Transylvania County

Davidson River

Coontree

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Brevard take U. S. 276 North. Go approximately four miles, and the U.S. Forest Service Coontree Recreation Area parking lot will be in the left.

This site has an accessible paved path that starts in the parking lot and leads to three accessible fishing piers along the Davidson River.

Wilkes County

East Prong Roaring River in Stone Mountain State Park

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From I-77, take U. S. 21 North toward Sparta. Go approximately seven miles and turn left on Traphill Road (S.R. 1002). Go five miles to S.R. 1784 (John P. Frank Highway) and take it into Stone Mountain State Park.

This site has two universally accessible fishing piers located on the East Prong Roaring River in Stone Mountain Park. One pier is on the left just below the confluence of Bullhead Creek and the East Prong Roaring River, and the other is approximately one mile further down the road just before the group camping area.

Piedmont Region

Alamance County

Cedarrock Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program

Directions: From Burlington go south on N.C. 49 for 5.9 miles; turn left on Friendship-

Patterson Mill Road (S.R. 1130). Go three-tenths mile and turn left on Cedarrock Park Road (S.R. 2409). Go 1.3 miles to the parking area on the left.

This area has a cleared shoreline. Accessible restrooms and parking facilities are located near the pond. Users with disabilities can drive to and park next to the pier.

Lake Cammack

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-85/40 near Burlington, take Exit 150 and go north on Jimmie Kerry Road. (S.R. 1928) for 2.2 miles. Turn right at the third traffic light on N.C. 49 North. Go 3.9 miles; turn left on McCrary Road (S.R. 1754). Go 5.2 miles; turn right at second stop sign on Union Ridge Road (S.R. 1001). Go four-tenths mile; the marina entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier and walkway. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Anson County Arrowhead Lake

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Ansonville on U.S. 52, go south for three-tenths mile to S.R. 1634 for Grassy Island Road. Turn left on Grassy Island Road and go 4.3 miles to Arrowhead Road located on the right in a sharp curve to the left. Turn right onto Arrowhead Road and go approximately 500 yards to the lake on the right. From N.C. 109, turn on S.R. 1634 Grassy Island Road on the south side of the Pee Dee River (note that there is a different Grassy Island Road further up on the northern side of the river) and go 2.2 miles to Arrowhead Road on the left in the curve.

This site has an accessible fishing pier. Arrowhead Lake is open to fishing from March 15 to November 24. Arrowhead Lake is closed to all public use from November 25 to March 14 each year because it is within a waterfowl sanctuary where migratory bird species spend their winters.

Blewett Falls Reservoir

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From the intersection of U.S. 220 and U.S. 74 in Rockingham, take U.S. 74 West 6.3 miles and turn right on S.R. 1748 (Power Plant Road). Go 2.5 miles, and

the parking lot is on the right just before the entrance to Carolina Power and Light Company's Blewett Hydroelectric Plant.

This site has an eight-foot accessible concrete fishing platform attached to the wall of the power house at Blewett Falls Lake Dam. It also has an accessible trail from the parking to the fishing area and two accessible parking slips for vans.

Sullivan's Pond

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Ansonville on N.C. 52, go south for 3.1 miles to the refuge office and entrance to the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge on Wildlife Drive. Turn left on Wildlife Drive for four-tenths mile to Sullivan Pond on the right. The office and restrooms are located at the refuge entrance. From N.C. 109, turn on S.R. 1634 Grassy Island Road, on the south side of the Pee Dee River (note that there is a different Grassy Island Road further up on the northern side of the river) Go 6.5 miles to U.S. 52 in Ansonville; left on U.S. 52 south for approximately 2.8 miles to the refuge entrance on the left at Wildlife Drive.

This site has an accessible fishing pier.

Cabarrus County Frank Liske Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From the intersection of U.S. 601 and N.C. 49 near Concord, take N.C. 49 south toward Charlotte. Go 3.9 miles and turn right on S.R. 1309 (Stough Road) for 1.3 miles; turn right into the park entrance. Go three-tenths mile, take the second paved road to the left, and follow it to the parking lot and lake.

This site has accessible trails surrounding the lake and accessible restrooms located near the parking lot. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

T.N. Spencer Camp Park/Bear Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: In Concord from the junction of N.C. 3 and N.C. 73, take N.C. 73 East towards Mount Pleasant for 1.1 miles; left on Gold Hill Road (S.R. 2408) for 4.7 miles to Rimer Road (S.R. 3150). Turn left on Rimer Road for three-tenths mile to Foxford Drive (S.R. 3200). The park entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible pier for paddleboats. It also has accessible parking and a trail next to the largest pond. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Caswell County

Rabbit Shuffle Pond

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From the intersection with N.C. 49 north of Burlington, take N.C. 62 North toward Yanceyville. Go 13.4 miles and turn left at the Public Fishing Area sign onto a gravel game land road. Go one-half mile on the gravel road to the pond (go left at all forks in the road). From Yanceyville the gravel game land road is the first road to the right past the Caswell Gameland depot and headquarters.

This site has an accessible fishing pier and a concrete accessible parking pad available near the dam.

Chatham County

B.E. Jordan Reservoir

Bell's Church

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From U.S. 64 east of Pittsboro, take S.R. 1008 North at Wilsonville. Go 1.2 miles. The area is on the right beside the church.

This site, which allows access 24/7, has a paved path from the parking lot that leads to an accessible fishing pier that has been equipped with LED nighttime fishing lights.

Edgecombe County

Indian Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Tarboro, take Exit 485 off U.S. 64-A. Go north on N.C. 111/122 (Western Boulevard) for 2.7 miles; park entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible parking area.

Newbold Pond

Designation: Robert E. Barnhill Sr. public fishing area

Directions: From U.S. 64, take Exit 488 and go south on Shiloh Farm Road. Go one-tenth mile and turn left into the entrance to the pond and access area.

This site has accessible bank fishing and a gravel parking lot with modifications for accessibility.

Granville County Lake Devin

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: Take I-85 to Oxford. Exit on 202 (U.S. 15) to Oxford. At the first stop light, turn left (Industry Drive). At next stop light, turn left (Providence Road). Go approximately one-fourth mile. Turn right on fork onto Lake Devin Road. Approximately one-half mile down, turn right into the park/boat ramp area (just prior to the dam).

This site has two accessible fishing piers. The lake is open to fishing from May 1 through November 30 from sunrise to sunset. Fishing permits are sold at City Hall in Oxford. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Guilford County Bur-Mil Park Ponds

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Greensboro, take U.S. 220 North and turn right (east) on Owl's Roost Road (S.R. 2337). Go four-tenths mile and turn left on Bur-Mil Club Road. The park office is straight ahead, and the two ponds are located toward the rear of the park.

This site has two piers; the accessible fishing pier is on Lake Brandt. Park staff will assist anglers with disabilities to the pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Lake Brandt

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-85/I-40 in Greensboro, Exit 127 to U.S. 220/29 north for 2.9 miles. Right on West Wendover Avenue. Go 2.4 miles and turn right on Battleground Avenue. Go six-tenths mile and bear right on Lawndale Drive. Go 5.4 miles (Lawndale Drive will turn into Lake Brandt Road/S.R. 2347); the marina entrance is on the left.

This site has two piers; one is off Bur-Mil Park property and the other pier, which is accessible, is near the marina. Lake staff will assist anglers with disabilities with fishing

access. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Lake Higgins

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-85/40 in Greensboro, take Exit 127 to U.S. 220/29 north for 2.9 miles. Right on West Wendover Avenue for 2.4 miles. Turn right on Battleground Avenue for 7.3 miles. Left on S.R. 2135 (Hamburg Mill Road). Go four-tenths mile; the marina entrance is on the left.

This site has a fishing pier and accessible bank fishing. Lake staff will assist anglers with disabilities with access. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Lake Mackintosh

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-85/40 near Burlington, take Exit 138; go south on N.C. 61 for seven-tenths mile. The marina entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier. The marina is closed on Tuesdays. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Lake Townsend

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-85/40 in Greensboro, take Exit 127 to U.S. 220/29 North towards Reidsville for ten miles; take the Summit Avenue (S.R. 2526) exit. Turn left at the exit ramp and go one-tenth mile back over U.S. 29; turn left at the next stop sign on Summit Avenue. Go eight-tenths mile; turn right on S.R. 2641 (Bryan Park Road). Go six-tenths mile; turn right on S.R. 2642 (Lake Townsend Road) for one-half mile. The marina entrance is on the left.

This site has accessible bank fishing and an accessible pier. Lake staff will assist anglers with disabilities with access. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Oka T. Hester Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: In Greensboro, take I-85 to Exit 121 and go north on Holden Road. Go 1.5

miles and turn left on West Vandalia Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn right on Tonkin Road. Go one-tenth mile; the park is on the right.

This site has four fishing piers, some of which are accessible. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

High Point City Lake

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program

Directions: From I-85, take I-85 Business South to the Jamestown exit, turn on Oakdale River Road and go north toward Jamestown. Go two miles; turn left on U.S. 29/70A. Go through town, across the Deep River; take the second road to the right into the park. The park is on the right; the marina is on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier and parking that is located within 30 feet of the pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Schoolhouse Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: From I-40 West in Greensboro, take exit for N.C. 68 towards Kernersville. Go approximately four miles to Pleasant Ridge Road and turn right. Turn left on Summerfield Road at the dead end. Turn left on Centerfield Road and travel for approximately one-fourth mile. The park is on the right.

This site has an accessible fishing pier.

Lee County

San Lee Park Ponds

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: From Sanford, take U.S. 421/N.C. 87 South; left on S.R. 1514 (Bragg Street) for three-tenths mile; right on S.R. 1559 (Nash St.) beside the Lee County High School. Go three-tenths mile; left on S.R. 1521 (Kelly Dr.) for 2.7 miles past Carolina Community College; right on Pumping Station Road for three-tenths mile, and the park entrance is on the right. The ponds are behind the Environmental Building/Office Complex.

This site has a large, accessible fishing pier on the larger pond. An accessible parking pad and trail to the two ponds are also available.

Mecklenburg County Freedom Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: In Charlotte west on Independence Boulevard to the intersection with Kings Drive; left for 1.3 miles; right on East Boulevard for one-tenth mile. The park entrance is on the left. Go to the end of the parking lot and the lake is across the foot bridge.

This site has an accessible concrete walkway that encircles the six-acre lake. Most of the bank is cleared of brush.

Hornet's Nest Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: In Charlotte take I-77 North from the intersection with I-85 and turn west on Sunset Road. Go eight-tenths mile to the intersection with Beatties Ford Road and turn right. Go one mile, and the park entrance is on the left. The lake is beside the parking lot.

This site has a parking lot with handicapped designated parking slots and an accessible sidewalk up to the lake. It also has an accessible pier along with access to bathroom facilities next to the pier.

McAlpine Creek Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: From I-77 in Charlotte, take Exit 5 (Tyvola Road) and turn right for nine miles (Tyvola Road changes to Fairview Road, which then changes to Sardis Road, which changes to Rama Road). Turn right on Monroe Road for two miles. The park entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible pier.

Reedy Creek Park

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Harrisburg take N.C. 49 West; go east on Harris Boulevard near UNC-Charlotte. Go to the Rocky River Road intersection; turn left for seven-tenths mile. The park entrance is on the right (2900 Rocky River Rd.). Posted signs near the entrance provide directions to the ponds.

This site has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities. It also has cleared bank areas on the two ponds.

Montgomery County

Badin Lake

Badin Pier

Designation: Public Fishing Area

Directions: From Troy go north for nine miles and turn left into the main entrance of the Uwharrie National Forest on S.R. 1153. Go four-tenths mile; right on F.S.R. 576 for six-tenths mile; right on F.S.R. 544 for 2.5 miles; right on F.S.R. 597 for two-tenths mile. Left on F.S.R. 597A, which is the road leading to the campground. From the intersection, go one-half a mile to a fork in the road. Take the right fork, pass the Group Camp, and go six-tenths mile to the parking area at the end of the road. The area is approximately 75 yards down the marked trail on the right.

This site has an accessible pier, but the access trail to the pier is undeveloped and somewhat rough.

Person County

Mayo Lake Park

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Roxboro take N.C. 49 North. Go approximately nine miles; turn left (west) on S.R. 1515. Go approximately one mile; the park office is on the left. (This is three-tenths mile from the Triple Springs Boating Access Area on Mayo Lake.)

This site has an accessible fishing pier and parking pad. It also has fishing tackle available for loan for free, including accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Richmond County

Hamlet City Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From the intersection of U.S. 1 and U.S. 74 in Rockingham, take U.S. 74 East for approximately six miles to Lakeside Drive in Hamlet. Turn left, and the lake is immediately on the right.

This site has an accessible pier. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Hinson Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: On U.S. 1 South approaching Rockingham, left on Wiregrass Road (named Ledbetter Road on right side); travel one-half mile and turn right on Washington Street for approximately three miles. Left on Hinson Lake Drive. Follow the gravel road to the lake.

This site has an accessible fishing pier, parking lot, boat ramp, and boat dock. The trail system is not accessible.

McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Hoffman, take McDonald Church Road off U.S. 1 southwest of Aberdeen and Southern Pines for approximately four miles; left into the entrance to the Fish Hatchery (McKinney Lake Road) for approximately one-half mile. The lake is on the left.

This site has two piers for bank fishing, and one is universally accessible with accessible parking and a concrete accessible trail to the pier.

Rowan County

Salisbury Community Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program site

Directions: From Salisbury, take U.S. 70 West (Statesville Boulevard) for approximately seven miles; left on Hurley School Rd. for seven-tenths mile. The park entrance is on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier.

Vance County

John H. Kerr Reservoir

Williamsboro Wayside

Designation: Public Fishing Area

Directions: From I-85 north of Durham, take Exit 214 to N.C. 39 North; go 5.4 miles. The area is on the right past the bridge.

This site has a gravel parking area with accessible parking spaces. Several shoreline

areas and trails to the areas have been cleared of brush.

Wake County Bass Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From N.C. 55 Business in Holly Springs, turn left (coming from Apex) on S.R. 1152 (Holly Springs Road). Go one-half a mile; right on Bass Lake Road (S.R. 1393) for 1.5 miles; the park entrance is on the right.

This site has an accessible fishing pier, access to the pier, parking and restrooms. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

Harris Lake County Park Pond

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Raleigh, take U.S. 1 South to Exit 89; left on New Hill-Hollemon Road for about 3.5 miles. Turn right on County Park Drive at the entrance to Harris Lake County Park.

This site features a fishing pond and a reservoir. The reservoir has an accessible pier, paved walkway and parking. The pond has shoreline fishing but is not accessible. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. The site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Lake Crabtree County Park

Designation: Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Raleigh, I-40 West to Exit 285 (Morrisville Aviation Parkway). Take S.R. 1002 south for three-tenths of a mile. The park is on the left.

This site has several accessible piers and parking areas. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. The site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Lake Raleigh

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: In Raleigh on I-40, take the Lake Wheeler Road exit (Exit 297). Go north for

approximately one-half mile; turn left on Centennial Parkway (at State Farmers Market) and go six-tenths mile. Take a left on Achievement Drive and go three-tenths mile. Turn right on Main Campus Drive Fishing area four-tenths mile on the left.

This site has two accessible wooden fishing piers, a boat ramp, dock, walkway and parking lot with accessible parking.

Lake Wheeler, Simpkins Pond

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From I-440 in Raleigh, take the Lake Wheeler Road exit; go south for six miles. Turn right into Lake Wheeler complex. Follow the park road for approximately one-half mile. Simpkins Pond is on the left. Lake Wheeler is at the end of the drive.

Simpkins Pond has accessible parking, but limited access to fishing areas. Lake Wheeler has a fishing pier, sidewalk and parking that are all accessible. Brush has been cleared from the shoreline. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. The site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities. Accessible restrooms are available at Lake Wheeler Marina. Fishing is by permit only.

Shelley Lake

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From Raleigh, I-440 to Exit 7B (Glenwood Avenue/U.S. 70 West) for four-tenths mile; right on Lead Mine Road at Crabtree Valley Mall for 1.3 miles; right on West Millbrook Road for two-tenths mile. Left into the Sertoma Park.

This site has accessible parking, but limited access to fishing areas. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. The site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Wilson County Lake Toisnot

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site

Directions: From the junction of U.S. 264 and N.C. 42 in Wilson, take N.C. 42 (Ward Boulevard) east for three miles; left on Corbett Ave. for three-tenths mile. The park and lake are on the right.

This site has an accessible fishing pier and parking spaces. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. The site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Coastal Region

Craven County Brice's Creek

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From the junction of U.S. 17 and U.S. 70 in New Bern, take U.S. 70 East approximately three miles; right on S.R. 1167 (Williams Road) for approximately 1.5 miles; left on S.R. 1004 (Madame Moore's Lane) for 1.5 mile. Left on S.R. 1143 (Perrytown Road) for 1.3 miles; left on F.S.R. 121A (at sign for boating access area) for 1.2 miles to the area on the left at the end of the road.

This site has an accessible pier, parking lot and concrete walkway from the parking lot to the pier.

Cumberland County Lake Rim Park

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From the intersection of U.S. 401 Business and U.S. 401 By-pass in Fayetteville (Raeford and Skibo roads), take U.S. 401 South for approximately five miles (to the fifth light); turn right on U.S. 401 business for approximately one mile. Lake Rim is on the right.

This site has two accessible fishing piers and a gravel lot with four accessible parking spaces. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. This site also has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Rhodes Mill Pond

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Raleigh, take I-40 East to I-95 south toward Fayetteville. Take Exit 65 for N.C. 82. Turn right off the exit ramp (N.C. 82 West) for 100 yards. The pond is located on U.S. 301/Dunn Road.

This site has an accessible, wooden fishing pier.

Dare County
Roanoke Sound
Manteo

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Manteo take U.S. 64 East to the Washington Baum Bridge; the fishing area is under the bridge on the west side of Roanoke Sound.

This site has an accessible, wooden pier and parking spaces.

Gates County
Chowan River
Shoups Landing

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Winton in Hertford County, take U.S. 13 North/U.S. 158 East. Cross the Chowan River and turn right on S.R. 1131. The area is at the end of the road adjacent to the boating access area.

This site has two accessible piers and a ten-vehicle, gravel parking area with four accessible parking spaces.

Hoke County
Upchurch Lake on Nicholson Creek Game Land

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: From Aberdeen in Moore County, take N.C. 211 East/15-501. Go three-tenths mile and turn left on N.C. 211 East for eight miles. Turn left on S.R. 1219 (Army/Plank Road). Go on to Fort Bragg Army Base. Go 6.1 miles on S.R. 1219; turn right on S.R. 1300 North Vass Road. Go 1.4 mile on North Vass Road.; left on S.R. 1301 (June Johnson Road). Go 1.3 miles; turn left onto the property.

This site has an accessible wooden pier and concrete accessible parking near the pier.

Jones County
Trent River
Pollacksville

Designation: Public fishing area

Directions: In Pollacksville immediately downstream of the U.S. 17 bridge across the

Trent River and adjacent to the Wildlife Resources Commission Boating Access Area. This site has an accessible fishing platform located immediately upstream from the boating access area. A paved walkway provides access from the parking lot.

Lenoir County Neuseway Nature Park

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site
Directions: From U.S. 70 Bypass south of Kinston, take N.C. 11 North/N.C. 55 East for six-tenths mile; left on S.R. 1364 (Earl Tyndall Road). Ponds are on the left.

This site has an accessible fishing pier on the largest pond. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free.

New Hanover County Sutton Lake

Designation: Public fishing area
Directions: From I-40, take Exit 398 and go west on N.C. 53 through Burgaw for 10.5 miles; turn left on U.S. 421 for 17.5 miles; turn right on a small paved road at the Sutton Lake and Wildlife Commission Boating Access Area signs. Go 1.5 miles to the end of the road (road will change to a gravel surface after one-half mile) and the Sutton Lake Boating Access Area. Facing the water from the ramp, the public fishing area is to the right. From Wilmington take U.S. 421 North three miles and turn left onto the small paved road described above. From this point, follow the above directions.

This site has an accessible, wooden fishing pier and accessible parking spaces.

Pitt County River Park North

Designation: Community Fishing Program and Tackle Loaner Program site
Directions: From N.C. 11/U.S. 13, north of the Tar River bridge near Greenville, take Airport Road east. Go three-tenths mile, and Airport Road becomes Mumford Road at the traffic light (intersection with Greene Street). Go seven-tenths mile on Mumford Road, and River Park North is on the right at 1000 Mumford Road.

This site has two piers on the large pond and a parking area between the two piers. The land is flat, so it is relatively easy to access either pier. Accessible bathrooms are available at the Nature Center. Fishing tackle is available for loan for free. This site also

has accessible fishing gear that accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities.

Accessible Boating Areas

To see a list, please visit the web site:

www.ncwildlife.org/Boating_Waterways/Boating_Maps_Locations.htm

Accessible Game Lands

To see a list, please visit the web site:

www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing/Fish_Access_Guide_Diabilities.htm#Programs

Because the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission continually works to provide accessible hunting, fishing and wildlife watching opportunities, information on the web site is dynamic but is updated on a regular basis. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Other Resources for Travelers with Disabilities

Arts Access

Phone: 919-833-9919

Web Site: www.artsaccessinc.org

The mission of Arts Access is to make the arts accessible for people with disabilities. Established in Raleigh in 1982, the organization has started offering services across the state and is seeking to grow in the ability to serve people outside the Triangle. Arts Access supports cultural arts organizations and their patrons by offering audio description, sign language resources, consultations regarding accessibility and ADA compliance concerns and staff trainings to enhance customer service practices. Additionally, a new web site serves as the informational resource for access and inclusion in the arts. Please contact Arts Access or visit the web site for more information, including a schedule of audio described performances in North Carolina, a list of statewide arts accessibility resources, workshop announcements and updates.

Captioned and Audio Described Movies

Web Site: www.captionfish.com or

www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/opencaptionedshowtimes.aspx#NC

Many movie theaters show movies with open captions or have installed captioning technology for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Some theaters also show movies with audio description for people with vision loss. To find a movie theater that offers this technology and to view showtimes for captioned and audio described movies in North Carolina, go to the above web sites.

Coastal Carolina Partnership for Accessible Recreation

Web Site: www.google.com; Search phrase: “Coastal Carolina Partnership for Accessible Recreation” or “Accessible Recreation Day UNC-Wilmington.”

The Coastal Carolina Partnership for Accessible Recreation is an organization that provides access to recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities along North Carolina’s coast. It hosts an annual Accessible Recreation Day every spring at UNC-Wilmington.

Life Rolls On

Phone: 310-807-5488

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Web Site: www.liferollson.org

Life Rolls On, a subsidiary of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for young people affected by spinal cord injury and utilizes action sports as a platform to inspire infinite possibilities despite paralysis.

They Will Surf Again, a no-cost program underwritten by Life Rolls On and generous underwriters, is the organization's flagship program. They Will Surf Again utilizes a surfing experience to push the boundary of possibility for those with spinal cord injury. Individuals with spinal cord injuries from around the country gather together for a day of surfing, inspiration and camaraderie. Some have not surfed since their injury, some have never surfed, and some surf all the time despite their varying mobility. They Will Surf Again pairs roughly seven volunteers with each surfer for a day of excitement, joy and surf. Safety precautions and experienced watermen and women along with lifeguards are always present. No prior surfing experience is necessary. Life Rolls On hosts They Will Surf Again annually at Wrightsville Beach. Visit the web site to see the schedule.

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