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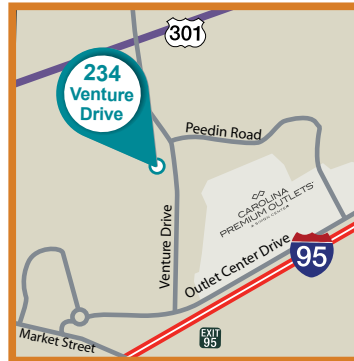
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For the latest travel information, stop by our visitor information center located in Smithfield. Our staff will assist you with promotional materials, coupons, deals around town, and information on a variety of events to enjoy while visiting the county.

The Johnston County Visitors Center is located at 234 Venture Drive, Smithfield, NC and is open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. Additionally, visitor information may be found at area attractions, hotels and chambers of commerce.



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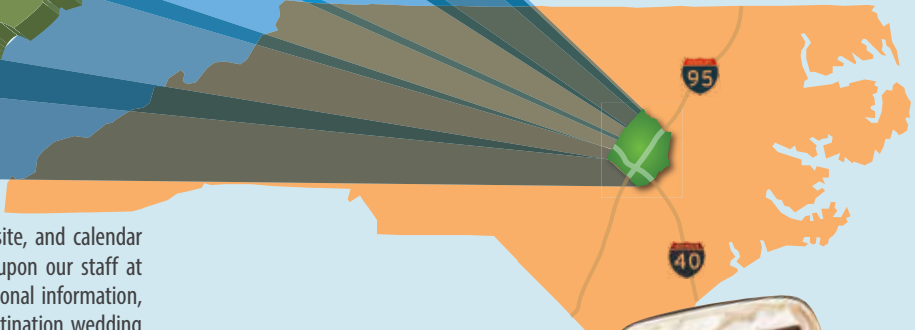


Plan Your Visit



**Johnston
County**
NORTH CAROLINA

Our official destination guide for planning a visit to the Smithfield Johnston County area provides you with listings of accommodations, attractions, shopping, dining, but now even more. Whether you are traveling through the state to your final vacation destination or seeking a weekend get-a-way from colder climates, we have put together suggestions for day trips, culinary trails, and girlfriend getaways to help in your planning process.



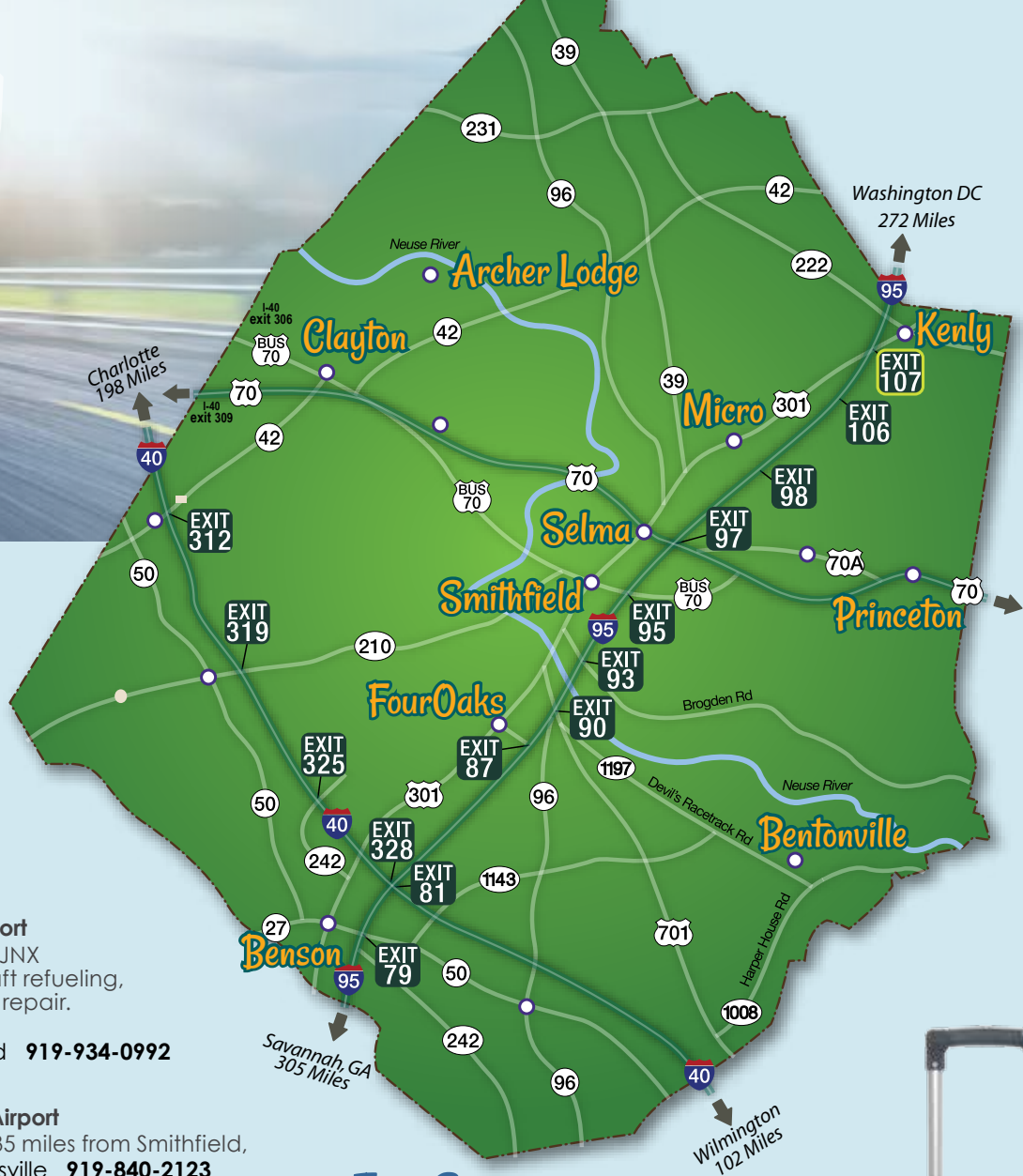
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youtube.com/user/VisitJohnstonCounty/videos
pinterest.com/smithfieldnc | johnstoncountync.org/blog
instagram.com/visitjoco



Getting Here



Airports

Johnston County Regional Airport

ILS equipped 5,500 ft. runway. JNX on-field services include aircraft refueling, engine, airframe and avionics repair. After hours call 919-796-3688.

3149 Swift Creek Rd., Smithfield **919-934-0992**
jnx-airport.com

Raleigh Durham International Airport

Over 450 flights daily located 35 miles from Smithfield, 2400 John Brantley Blvd., Morrisville **919-840-2123**
rdu.com

Bus Transportation

Greyhound and Trailways

Bus stop only. Tickets available online.

600 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **800-231-2222**
greyhound.com

Car Rental

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

831 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-938-2562**
enterprise.com

Taxi Service

Tele Taxi

1006 S. Pollock St., Selma **919-202-4511**

Yellow & Checker Cab Co.

504 E. Market St., Smithfield **919-934-2552**

Train

Selma Historic Union Station/ NC AMTRAK

500 E. Railroad St., Selma **1-800-BY-TRAIN**
www.ncbytrain.org/stations/selma



Places To Stay



Benson

Days Inn

Located along the crossroads of I-95 and I-40, this 103-room hotel is accessible directly from Exit 79 on I-95, with very affordable rates.

202 N. Honeycutt St., Benson 27504

919-894-2031

wyndamhotels.com/hotels/06776



Hampton Inn

This 89-room hotel is located at Exit 79 on I-95, next to the 3-acre Dog Park in Benson, convenient to GALOT Motorsports Park, and Broadslab Distillery.

100 Water Place Landing, Benson 27504

919-701-8000

hampton.com



Preston Woodall House

A historic experience, a romantic special event, or your most important day ever- your wedding, this bed & breakfast offers a beautiful and charming venue.

201 E. Hill St., Benson 27504

919-894-7025

woodallhouse.com



Clayton

Comfort Suites

This all suite property is in the heart of Clayton and very convenient for corporate travelers to the area and events at The Clayton Center.

761 Enterprise Dr., Clayton 27520

919-553-1234

choicehotels.com/nc302



AAA Rating
★★★

Morning Glory Inn

This 5 guest room bed & breakfast inn is located in a historic home in Downtown Clayton, providing a warm and inviting experience for guests.

507 E. Second St., Clayton 27520

919-550-8547

morning-glory-inn.com



Four Oaks

Four Oaks Lodging

This motel is conveniently located off I-95 with 12 guest rooms and is pet friendly. 4606 US Hwy 301 S., Four Oaks 27524
919-963-3596
fouroakslodging.com



Travelers Inn

This 53 ground floor room motel is located off I-95, Exit-90 in close proximity to Bentonville Battlefield and Howell Woods. 97 NC Hwy 96 S., Four Oaks 27524
919-934-4194



Garner (I-40, Exit 312)

Comfort Inn

This 63-room hotel is conveniently located on I-40, Exit 312 is within 15 minutes to Clayton and Downtown Raleigh. 126 Cleveland Crossing Dr., Garner 27529
919-773-1110
choicehotels.com/nc366



Sleep Inn

This 87-room hotel is conveniently located on I-40, Exit 312 only minutes from Clayton and Downtown Raleigh. 105 Commerce Pkwy., Garner 27529
919-772-7771
choicehotels.com/nc321



Hampton Inn

This 72-room hotel is conveniently located on I-40, Exit 312 only 7 miles from Clayton and 12 miles to Downtown Raleigh. 100 Hampton Dr., Garner 27529
919-773-1977
hampton.com



Super 8

This 40-room hotel is conveniently located on I-40, Exit 312 only minutes from Clayton and Downtown Raleigh. 101 Leone Ct., Garner 27529
919-661-1991
super8garner.com



Holiday Inn Express

This 67-room hotel is conveniently located along I-40 just minutes from Clayton and Downtown Raleigh. 105 Leone Ct., Garner 27529
919-719-3415
hiexpress.com/claytonnc



WoodSpring Suites

This extended stay is a great choice for tourists looking for a hotel that offers the comforts of home while away. 142 Cleveland Crossing Dr., Garner 27529
919-779-5800
woodspring.com/wsraleighgarner



Hotel Symbols Key



pet friendly



100% smoke free



outdoor pool



indoor pool



wifi available



indoor corridors



exercise facility



meeting facility



continental breakfast



ADA accessible

Budget Inn

This motel is conveniently located off of I-95 with 20 guest rooms and is pet friendly.

212 S. Church St., Kenly 27542
919-284-5588



Motel 6

For the mid-way overnight stop along I-95 in NC, choose this 77-room motel off Exit 106.

843 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly 27542
919-284-3800
motel6.com



Deluxe Inn

This 24-room motel is conveniently located off I-95, Exit 107 near Downtown Kenly.

403 US Hwy 301 S., Kenly 27542
919-284-3655



Quality Inn

This 60-room hotel has a convenient location for an overnight stay in Kenly 405 S. Church St., Kenly 27542

919-284-1000
choicehotels.com/nc229



Red Roof Inn

This 64-room property is located along I-95, Exit 106 adjacent to the Kenly 95 Truckstop.

1139 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly 27542
919-284-1050
redroof.com/property/nc/RR1869



The number one reason people visit our area is outlet shopping at Carolina Premium Outlets in Smithfield – by far we are the #1 outlet shopping destination in eastern North Carolina. Stop by DeWayne's in Selma for a unique shopping experience!

For the Girlfriends Getaway Weekend Package, we have pulled together hotel discounts, museum admission coupons to the Ava Gardner Museum, chocolate treats, discounts on massages and all will be waiting for you in a gift bag when you check in! Shop, Relax, and Repeat! Come visit us often for deals and more deals!

johnstoncountync.org/girlfriends

Selma

Days Inn

This 60-room hotel is conveniently located near JR Cigar, along I-95, Exit 97. 115 US Hwy 70-A, Selma 27576
919-965-4000
wyndamhotels.com/hotel/26253



Knights Inn

A 40-room exterior corridor property located on I-95, Exit 97 and close to JR Cigar. 100 Graham St., Selma 27576
919-202-0000
knightsinn.com/selma-nc



Econo Lodge

This 71-room property is located near Carolina Premium Outlets and JR Cigar on I-95 at Exit 97. 1780 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576
919-965-3716
choicehotels.com/nc760



Masters Inn

Conveniently located for travelers on I-95, this motel has exterior corridors and a courtyard pool. 318 US Hwy 70 E., Selma 27576
919-965-3771
mastersinn.net



Hampton Inn

This 76-room property is located adjacent to Carolina Premium Outlets and across from JR Cigar, along I-95, Exit 97. 1695 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576
919-965-6151
hampton.com



Quality Inn

Conveniently located along I-95, this 80-room hotel is a 2014 Gold Award Winner. I-95, Exit 97. 1705 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576
919-965-5200
choicehotels.com/nc145



Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

Offering everything you need to make you feel at home-kitchens, laundry, and more; this 42-room hotel is located near Carolina Premium Outlets and JR Cigar. 1780 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576
919-965-3718
choicehotels.com/nc767



Smithfield

Americas Best Value Inn

This 60-room motel along I-95, Exit 95 offers ideal accommodations, affordable rates, and a friendly 24-hour staff to help make your stay enjoyable. 197 Mallard Rd., Smithfield 27577
919-934-7176
americasbestvalueinn.com



Baymont by Wyndham

Enjoy a home away from home at this 40-room hotel located on I-95, Exit 95 with prime access to area attractions and restaurants. 125 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-989-5901
wyndamhotels.com/hotel/46941



Becky's Log Cabin Motel & Restuarant

Becky's Log Cabin in Smithfield, NC serves up the best that Johnston County has to offer with unique dining and restful lodging. 2491 US Hwy 70 Bus E., Smithfield 27577
919-934-1534
beckys-logcabin.com



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

This hotel provides affordable, comfortable & friendly accommodations for both leisure & corporate travelers while exploring the area. 190 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-934-3350
hiexpress.com/smithfieldnc



Best Western Smithfield Inn

This 100% smoke-free, 57-room hotel is located just minutes away from a variety of key area attractions and outlet shopping. 145 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-989-4047
bestwesternnorthcarolina.com/hotels/best-western-smithfield-inn



Sleep Inn & Suites

Experience simply stylish décor of Designed to Dream at our Platinum Awarded Sleep Inn. You're invited to see why we're ranked "Top of the Brand!!" 270 N. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-209-2360
choicehotels/nc466



Comfort Inn

This 72-room hotel is ideally located on I-95, Exit 95, offering easy access to many local attractions and points of interest. 170 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-938-4444
choicehotels.com/nc510



Super 8

Sample Southern hospitality at our conveniently located hotel offering handy amenities, including a microwave and refrigerator. Kitchenette suites are available for added comfort. 735 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-989-8988
wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/10444



Country Inn & Suites

Take an overnight break at this brand new 77-room hotel with many attractions and restaurants close by. 250 N. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-934-3411
countryinns.com/smithfieldnc



Village Motor Lodge

This hotel has 101 guest rooms on an expansive lawn facing I-95, on Exit 95 and has welcomed travelers for over 60 years. 198 Mallard Rd., Smithfield 27577
919-934-7126



Fairfield Inn & Suites

This hotel is located next door to Carolina Premium Outlets, Outback Steakhouse, and Bob Evans. Complimentary hot breakfast is included. 809 Venture Dr., Smithfield 27577
919-938-0050
marriott.com/rdusf



Hotel Symbols Key



Camping & RV

Four Oaks RV Resort

This RV Park is conveniently located off of I-95, Exit 90 with 18 RV hook ups.
4596 US HWY 301 S., Four Oaks 27524
919-963-3596
fouroaksrvresort.com



Raleigh Oaks RV Resort & Cottages

For families seeking a convenient "staycation" or for contractors working nearby, the resort is the perfect resolution for short term, long term and weekend stays.
527 US HWY 701 S., Four Oaks 27524
919-934-3181
raleighoaksrvresort.com



Happy Trails Campground

This RV Park is conveniently located off of I-95, Exit 90 with 21 RV hook ups.
406 US HWY 701 S., Four Oaks 27524
919-410-4124



RVacation RV Park

This campground has large, level, pull-thru sites so no need to worry if you will fit. The facilities are very clean.
428 Campground Rd., Selma 27576
919-965-5923
rvacation.us



Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

Campsites and three cabins are available for rent. This "outdoor" classroom offers hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing and educational resources for the public's use.
6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks 27524
919-938-0115
johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods



Sip & Stay Package

This hotel package features all the stops along the Beer, Wine, and Shine Trail – discount coupons for attractions, shopping, and dining! What a wonderful weekend itinerary for couples, girlfriends, craft beer & wine enthusiasts that enjoy spirits and local foods. The Sip and Stay package is best enjoyed over a weekend stay, and the suggested itinerary will help you navigate and reach many exciting stops along the way. Just call one of the participating hotels and mention the package...your coupons and offers will be waiting for you on arrival -- in the Sip & Stay Gift Bag! For booking details, visit johnstoncountync.org/SIP



SIP & STAY
johnston county, nc



Things To Do

Agriculture is our heritage and we would love to share it with you!



Agritourism

Atkinson's Old Grist Mill

Built in 1757, Atkinson's Milling Co. is the only water powered grist mill operating in a four county area. The cornmeal is stone ground and is noted for its quality. 95 Atkinson Mill Rd., Selma **800-948-5707**
atkinsonmilling.com

Banks Miniature Horse Farm

Home of many fine miniature horses from outstanding bloodlines. Park and view the horses from the driveway. 145 Peele Rd., Clayton **919-412-1684**
banksminiaturehorsefarm.com

Creekside Farm

Growing top-quality blueberries and blackberries providing a safe and fun experience for families to pick-your-own. 300 Pine Tree Rd., Selma **919-965-9969**
creeksidefarmberries.com

Smith's Nursery and Strawberry Farm

The nursery is open year-round and the pick-your-own seasons bring families and visitors to Smith's for fresh produce and fruits, also enjoy hayrides, a millet maze, bounce houses, special events and fishing. 443 Sanders Rd., Benson **919-934-1700**
smithsnurseryinc.com

Tobacco Farm Life Museum

A 6,000 sq. foot exhibit gallery displays artifacts from all aspects of farm life, including a hands-on children's exhibit. A restored farmstead depicts rural life circa the Great Depression. 709 N. Church St., Kenly **919-284-3431**
tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org

Farm Fun & Corn Mazes

Boyette Family Farms

Home of the Clayton Fear Farm, Lights on the Neuse and Boyette Vineyards. Enjoy agritourism activities for family fun, corporate outings, and birthday parties. 1620 Loop Rd., Clayton **919-553-0016**
boyettefamilyfarms.com

Lazy O Farm

Enjoy farm animals, hayrides, picnic areas and seasonal activities that include a maze; pumpkin patch, egg hunts, ice cream and butter making, Mining Madness, and Paintin' Popsicles. Group reservations required. Farm is available for rent. 3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield **919-934-1132**

Sonlight Farms

Enjoy a corn maze, hayride, giant slide, bounce house, playground, games, animal barn, special events, and more. Great for school groups. Open seasonally. 293 Bunn Rd., Kenly **252-205-5280**
sonlightfarmsnc.com



Beer, Wine & Shine Trail

Broadslab Distillery

During tours and tastings visitors will learn about the all natural, handcrafted, premium products and how they are made. The Barn at Broadslab available for rentals and weddings.

4682 NC Hwy 50 S., Benson 919-207-1366
broadslabdistillery.com

Deep River Brewing Co.

Johnston County's first legal brewery opened in 2013 utilizing locally grown raw materials for their craft beer.

700 W. Main St., Clayton 919-585-2296
depriverbrewing.com

Double Barley Brewing

Taste a vast variety of craft beers in the lounge area or the outdoor beer garden. Space available to rent for special events.

3174 Hwy 70 W., Smithfield 919-934-3433
doublebarleybrewing.com

Fainting Goat Brewing Co.

Opening in March 2019 in Historic Downtown Benson.

102 W. Parrish Dr., Benson
faintinggoatbeer.com

Gregory Vineyards

A great place to relax, taste some wine, or hold a wedding. Take a tour of the picturesque vineyards on this 135-acre working farm. Restaurant and wedding venue on site.

275 Bowling Springs Dr., Angier 919-894-7700
gregoryvineyards.com

Hinnant Vineyards

Take a tour of the vineyards or enjoy a wine tasting at the largest muscadine vineyard in the state with over 100 sprawling acres. This family winery sits atop picturesque vineyards and offers many different award-winning wines for sale.

826 Pine Level-Micro Rd., Pine Level 919-965-3350
hinnantvineyards.com

Instill Distillery

Opening soon in Downtown Clayton.

710 W. Main St., Clayton 904-233-3887



Beer Wine Shine Trail

Journey along the Beer, Wine and Shine Trail at your leisure for a taste and tour at one of seven locations around the county. Meet the operators, learn their history, enjoy a sip or flight, and tour the facilities where available. Each location is offering special deals, which may be found on the trail brochure, download it on beerwineshinetrail.com



Find us on Google Play and the iTunes App Store by searching "beer,wine,shine".

The Arts

For enjoying the performing arts in Johnston County we encourage you to frequently check our calendar of events.

Art Galleries

Barbara A. Keen Studio

Visit the fine arts studio of artist Barbara Keen, specializing in stained glass and original paintings.

105 W. South Railroad St., Four Oaks **919-963-3190**

Frank Creech Art Gallery

Dedicated to local artist Frank Creech, this gallery at Johnston Community College rotates local artist exhibits and is open to the public.

245 College Rd., Smithfield **919-209-2112**

johnstoncc.edu/frank-creech-art-gallery

Frank Grubbs Pottery

Local potter specializing in the use of unique glazes and materials like horse hair in firing pottery pieces.

101 Coblestone Ct., Smithfield **919-631-9705**

Right Angles Framing & Art

Art in the gallery changes frequently and includes custom framing, original art, pottery and jewelry by local artisans.

215 E. Main St., Clayton **919-553-2486**

janetsartshop.com

Cinemas

Howell Theatre

Step back in time at this nostalgic four screen theatre built in the 1930's. \$4 for everyone.

141 S. Third St., Smithfield **919-938-1201**

howellmovies.com

Smithfield Cinemas

Ten screen cinema featuring Real D 3D, stadium seating, digital sound and projection with wall-to-wall screens.

175 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield **919-934-5300**

smithfieldcinemas.net

Create Your Own Art

Pottery Camp

With our pottery, our paint and your imagination, you're sure to have a masterpiece! Available for birthdays, group outings, ladies or family night, and other special events.

12981 US Hwy 70, Clayton **919-550-3861**

potterycamp.com

Wine and Design Clayton

Painting classes taught by local artist who will lead you step-by-step in creating your masterpiece as you sip on your favorite wine.

14 Flowers Crossroads Way, Clayton **919-359-1619**

wineanddesign.com/clayton





Performing Arts

Live @ The Rudy Theatre

This Branson-style production entertains visitors and groups with musical delights from '50's rock 'n' roll to classic and contemporary country, gospel, and a stirring patriotic tribute. The popular Christmas show starts early November and runs through the week of Christmas.

300 N. Raiford St., Selma **877-843-7839**

rudytheatre.com

Neuse Little Theatre

The theater has been a vital part of the cultural heritage in Smithfield since 1974, performing five diverse productions a year. Visit the website for the new season's schedule.

104 S. Front St., Smithfield **919-934-1873**

neuselittletheatre.org

Paul A. Johnston Auditorium

The facility includes a 1,007 seat performing arts auditorium. Auditorium is being renovated in 2019.

245 College Rd., Smithfield **919-209-2099**

jccperformingarts.com

The Clayton Center

This 600-seat performing arts center has superb acoustic quality and provides an intimate environment for nationally touring artists. Available for meeting rentals.

111 E. Second St., Clayton **919-553-1737**

theclaytoncenter.com

W. J. Barefoot Auditorium

Home to the Benson Little Theatre, the venue offers a 330-seat performing arts auditorium perfect for concerts, assemblies, pageants, and theatrical productions. Available for public and private rental.

303 E. Church St., Benson **919-894-3553**

townofbenson.com/2186/WJ-Barefoot-Auditorium

Ava Gardner...

was born just seven miles east of Smithfield – and remains today one of Hollywood's most beloved stars. Experience her rise to fame from a local country girl to one of Hollywood's film goddesses. She starred in more than 59 movies with several film icons, such as Clark Gable, Grace Kelly, and Gregory Peck.

Upon arriving at the museum located in Historic Downtown Smithfield, visitors will be greeted with a 15-minute introductory video on Ava's life which just begins to tell her story. There are sixteen permanent exhibits that chronicle her early childhood through her attending Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College in Wilson)...and each display moves you along through her discovery by MGM, movie career, marriages, and life in London and Spain.

Admission: \$10 adults; \$9 seniors, military, groups of 15 or more, teens; \$6 children ages 6-12. Merchandise is available for purchase at the museum and online.

History & Heritage

Throughout the year our museums host special events and programs you will find educational and fun for the entire family.

Museums

Ava Gardner Museum

Home to an amazing collection of costumes, photos, and personal effects of screen legend Ava Gardner.

Experience her rise from a local country girl to one of Hollywood's most famous film goddesses. Ava Gardner's grave site is located nearby in Sunset Memorial Park. Hours Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 2-5pm. Check for winter hours.

325 E. Market St., Smithfield 919-934-5830
avagardner.org

Benson Museum of Local History

Visitors will see exhibits on a variety of subjects including farming, home life, local artists, merchants, State Singing Convention, Benson Mule Days, country doctors plus much more. Hours: Wed-Thurs 11am-3pm, Fri-Sat 10am -3:30pm.

102 W. Main St., Benson 919-894-1266
townofbenison.com/2209/museum

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site

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. Tour the nearby Harper House, which served as a makeshift hospital, driving pull-offs, Confederate cemetery and union earthworks trails. All year hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9-5, Closed Sunday - Monday.

5466 Harper House Rd., Four Oaks 910-594-0789
nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi



Boyette Slave and Schoolhouse

This one-room log house of hand-hewn planks is held together by full dove-tail notches and pegs and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

NC Hwy 222, Glendale Rd., Kenly 919-284-3431

Hastings House c. 1854

Built in 1854 for William Hastings, the house served as the pre-battle command office for Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston as he engaged General Sherman at the Battle of Bentonville in March 1865.

200 S. Front St., Smithfield 919-934-0887

Johnston County Heritage Center

An extensive collection of public records and genealogy materials to research the history and culture of Johnston County and its people. Rotating exhibits are located in the museum on the first floor.

241 E. Market St., Smithfield 919-934-2836
jcheritagecenter.org



Kenly Area Historical Society

Museum on Kenly's history, its people, buildings and homes. 105 W. Second St., Kenly 919-284-3591

Max G Creech Selma Historical Museum

This museum collects, preserves, catalogs, and displays articles of local significance to Selma, NC.

104 W. Anderson St., Selma 919-631-3767

Selma Historic Union Station/ NC AMTRAK

This 1924 train station was completely restored in the fall of 2002. Enjoy exhibits and memorabilia on rail history and the Town of Selma.

500 E. Railroad St., Selma 919-965-6971
ncbytrain.org/stations/selma



Smithfield High School History Room

This school building c. 1913, showcases school memorabilia from 1903-1969. Open Mon-Fri 8am-4pm.
 501 S. Second St., Smithfield **919-934-4361**
shs1903-1969.org/museum.html

Mark Your Calendar for...



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Tobacco Farm Life Museum

6,000 sq. gallery displays artifacts from all aspects of farm life, with hands-on children's exhibit and a restored farmstead, main house, detached kitchen, smoke house, tobacco barn, 1890s one-room school house and reproduction pack house.
 Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30am-5pm.
 709 N. Church St., Kenly **919-284-3431**
tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org



Bentonville Battlefield is the largest Civil War State Historic Site in North Carolina and they host the largest reenactment event in the state every five years. Don't miss the 155th Anniversary Reenactment because you didn't mark your calendar. The scope of this event is on a grand scale with over 3,500 reenactors and 65,000 spectators descending to the village of Bentonville, and includes battle reenactments on Saturday and Sunday, civilian activities, and speakers. Bentonville Battlefield is an agency of the Historic Sites Section, Department of Cultural Resources and is located 17 miles south of Four Oaks, off of US 701 and then three miles east on Harper House Road.

The site is supported by the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, www.fobb.net.

Recreation

If your ambitions while on vacation include getting close to the land and enjoying the great outdoors, Johnston County has many options to consider.

Boating, Fishing, Kayaking

Gar-Gut Canoe Landing

Located at Howell Woods this landing offers an egret spot for canoes and kayaks, no-trace camping, and a fishing platform.

6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks **919-938-0115**
johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods

Langdon's Fishing

Two ponds available for fishing. \$2.00 per day per person, children under 10 years-old, free with adult.

664 Cornwallis Rd., Garner **919-779-0207**

Neuse Adventures Canoe & Kayak Rentals

2-hour and 5-hour canoe trips along the scenic Neuse River. Groups welcome. Trips are self-guided unless a guide is reserved.

2975 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton **919-553-3295**
neuseadventures.com

Richardson's Bridge River Access

Launch boats into the Neuse River or fish from the bank.

1592 Richardson Bridge Rd., Princeton **919-707-0010**
ncpaws.org/wrcmapbook/baa.aspx

Smithfield Boat Ramp

Fish from the banks of the Neuse River, and put in motorized boats, kayaks or canoes for trips on the river.

200 N. Front St., Smithfield **919-934-2148**
ncpaws.org/wrcmapbook/baa.aspx

Gardens

Arboretum at JCC

Enjoy walking trails and Southern Gardens with year round blooms and greenery.

1240 E. Market St., Smithfield **919-938-0115**
johnstoncc.edu/arboretum

Flower Hill

25-acre nature preserve managed by Triangle Land Conservancy protects rare populations of rhododendron, galax, and other montane plants. Pink Catawba rhododendron blooms in early May.

9038 Flower Hill Rd., Middlesex **919-833-3662**
triangleland.org/what-we-do/nature-preserves/flower-hill-nature-preserve

Golf

Cardinal Country Club

A semi-private facility featuring tall pines, canals, ponds and bunkers to create a challenging course.

363 Parrish Memorial Rd., Selma **919-284-3647**
playcardinalcc.com

Country Club of Johnston County

Enjoy the fantastic views of Holt Lake while playing golf at this 18-hole, 6800 yard course.

694 Country Club Rd., Smithfield **919-934-4166**
ccjohnstoncounty.com

Pine Hollow Golf Club

18-hole, par-71 golf course measures 6,333 yards from the back tees with Bermuda fairways.

3300 E. Garner Rd., Clayton **919-553-4554**
pinehollowgolf.com



Reedy Creek Golf Course

This 18-hole, par 72 course is built upon rolling farmland. It has been rated as one of Eastern NC's top public courses.

585 Reedy Creek Rd., Four Oaks 919-934-7502

reedycreekgolf.com

Riverwood Golf & Athletic Club

Championship 7,200 yard layout set in the beautiful rolling terrain along the Neuse River.

400 Riverwood Dr., Clayton 919-550-1919

rgac.com/rw-golf.html

The Neuse Golf Club

This 7,000-yard course is consistently ranked in the top 5 in the state for conditions and a Golf Digest 4.5 star layout.

918 Birkdale Dr., Clayton 919-550-0550

neusegolf.com

Hiking & Biking Trails

Buffalo Creek Greenway

3-mile greenway travels along the Spring Branch to the Neuse River Walk at Smithfield Commons, as part of the Mountains to Sea Trail with ten-foot wide path for hikers, runners, and bikers.

600 Booker Dairy Rd., Smithfield 919-934-2148

smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_neuse_riverwalk

Clayton River Walk

4-mile trail in Clayton is part of the Mountains to Sea Trail and also connects to Clayton's Sam's Branch Greenway Trail.

2686 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

townofclaytonnc.org/Parks-and-Recreation

Clemmons Educational State Forest

Enjoy trails, exhibits, and "talking trees" among a mix of pine and hardwood vegetation. This managed forest offers a pleasant rolling terrain highlighted by streams and rock out-croppings where visitors may hike and picnic. Open March to November. Closed on Mondays.

2411 Old US 70 W., Clayton 919-553-5651

ncesf.org/clemmons.html

Legend Park Mountain Bike Trail

From beginner to advanced rides, this 8-mile multi-directional bike trail offers rock gardens, boulders, jumps, and bridges.

550 City Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

townofclaytonnc.org/Parks-and-Recreation

Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

This 2,800 acre outdoor classroom has 25 miles of unpaved roads and trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, bird watching, long-distance hiking, no-trace camping and fishing. Reservations are required for horseback riding, camping and fishing.

6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks 919-938-0115

johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods

Sam's Branch Greenway Trail

Trail head entrance to the Clayton Greenway located along the Neuse River is great for hiking and biking.

1358 N. O'Neil St., Clayton 919-553-1550

townofclaytonnc.org/Parks-and-Recreation

Smithfield Town Commons

Take a stroll along the Neuse River Walk in historic Smithfield's Town Commons, watch nature, go fishing, picnic or launch your boat.

150 S. Front St., Smithfield 919-934-2148

smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_home

Hunting

Carolina Razorback Outfitters

Located along the Neuse river, clients experience some of the finest hunting lands that eastern North Carolina has to offer.

4230 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks

carolinarazorbackoutfitters.com

Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

A popular hunting spot for wild pig, whitetail deer, and wild turkey. Reservations required.

6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks

919-938-0115

johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods





Indoor Activities

Bungalow Bounce

Variety of inflatable structures for children to play, exercise and develop their gross motor skills.

101 Best Wood Dr., Clayton **919-359-1133**

bungalowbounce.com

Conundrum Escapes

Take on a unique, interactive, intense escape room adventure.

41-A Technology Dr., Garner **919-728-1401**

conundrumescapes.com

Monster Indoor Batting Cages

Indoor batting facility 55ft and 70ft tunnels and two soft toss areas.

320 W. Main St., Clayton **919-585-4990**

monsterbattingcages.com

Pelican's SnoBalls & Batting Cages

Take a few swings in our batting cage followed by a tasty snoball. Fenced playground area for children.

9180 Cleveland Rd., Clayton **919-614-0293**

pelicanssnoballs.com

Rainbow Lanes Family Fun Center

45,000 sq.ft. of family-friendly fun with 32 bowling lanes, huge arcade, billiards room, snack bar, and party rooms!

850 NC Hwy 42 W., Clayton **919-553-4386**

rainbowlanesclayton.com

Ready-Set-Escape

Great for special occasions and team building, pick from three unique experiences.

1304 D W. Market St., Smithfield **919-222-7840**

ready-set-escape.com

Springhill Outfitters

Archery shooting range with lessons available for beginners to advanced shooters.

773 Seafood House Rd., Selma **919-351-0764**

springhilloutfitters.com

Motor Sports

GALOT Motorsports Park

This state of the art racing facility features a temperature controlled racing surface, onsite restaurant, 9,000-seat stands for a variety of racing events, truck shows/pulls and concerts. GALOT has many events throughout the year, check their website for dates and times.

555 Dragstrip Rd., Benson **919-894-1662**

galotmotorsportspark.com

Southern National Motorsports Park

This NASCAR sanctioned venue is a quarter-mile oval asphalt track with 17 degree turns featuring Saturday races March to October.

8071 Newsome Mill Rd., Lucama **919-284-1114**

snmpark.com

Outdoor Activities

Carolina High Hot Air Balloon Company

Enjoy the picturesque countryside in the hot air balloon "Spellbound Spirit II."

I-95/ I-40 Interchange, Benson **919-894-5893**

flycarolinahigh.com

McCoy Paintball

Fast action paintball fun on three fields. Equipment and rentals on site. Parties welcome.

1947 Progressive Church Rd., Princeton

919-936-2025

mccoypaintball.com

Swimming

Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center

Enjoy the 8-lane competition sized swimming pool with adjacent kiddie splash pool, double gymnasium, elevated walking track, racquetball courts, fitness room, and banquet room. Day passes for visitors available. Available for rentals. 600 Booker Dairy Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1408

sraonline.com

Tucker Lake

30-acre lake to enjoy swimming, water slide, picnic area. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend. Admission charged. 30 RV hook-up campground spaces available.

3025 Allen's Crossroads Rd., Benson

919-820-9173

tuckerslake.com

JoCo Map Trails

A new feature is now available on the Visitors Bureau website with day trips, custom itineraries, and culinary themed maps for visitors to enjoy. Visitors can use the map on their phones to drive from hotels to attractions, restaurants, and more using Google Maps.

Here's a sample of fun Maps to follow in Johnston County:

Day Trips

There are six custom day trips for an excursion in the county for enjoying history, art, sweets, and recreation in Clayton, shopping and fashion inspiration by Hollywood legend, Ava Gardner, the Beer, Wine, Shine Trail, and exploring what our Country Stores have to offer. Find out more on johnstoncountync.org/daytrips

Trail Maps

There are several themed trails to navigate you around the county, maybe make it a weekend trip for the Bentonville Battlefield Driving Tour, Ava Gardner Heritage Trail, JoCo Golf Trail, Antiques Shopping Trail, Farmer's Markets and Produce Stands, or the JoCo BBQ Trail. For the full details, visit johnstoncountync.org/trails

301 Endless Yard Sale

For the largest Yard Sale event held in North Carolina, the third weekend of June each year, we have created a suggested weekend itinerary, check out these great planning tips on johnstoncountync.org/301



Shopping Old & New

Visitors from far and wide have heard JoCo is home to eastern North Carolina's largest selection of outlet shopping.

Antiques, Flea Markets, & Thrift Stores

A Matter of Record

126 S. Raiford St., Selma 919-965-2640

Benson Flea Market & Antiques

10 J. Lee Rd., Benson 919-207-2222

Brightleaf Flea Market

2320 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-934-4111

brightleafleamarket.com

Country Boy Antiques & Bottle Shop

104 E. Anderson St., Selma 919-345-6658

Cousin's Antiques

14119 Buffalo Rd., Archer Lodge 919-669-9743

Farmhouse Vintage Treasures

208 E. Main St., Benson 919-864-6068

Harper's Flea Market Mall

1410 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield 919-989-7280

Keepsake Corner

110 N. Raiford St., Selma 919-975-0407

Morgan's On Main

119 E. Main St., Benson 919-701-1240

Pink Flamingo Thrift & Gift

415 E. Second St., Clayton 919-550-0166

Reid's Country Sampler

109 N. Raiford St., Selma 919-965-7299

Salvaged Heirlooms

103 W. Main St., Benson 919-915-5400
salvagedheirloomsnc.com



Selma Cotton Mill Antique Flea Market

1105 W. Anderson St., Selma 919-202-0794

Stanfield's General Store

105 N. Main St., Four Oaks 919-963-9607
stanfieldsgeneralstore.com

Trackside Antiques & Collectibles

107 E. Railroad St., Selma 919-202-4878

Treasury Antiques

100 S. Raiford St., Selma 919-965-5335

TWM Antique Mall

112 S. Pollock St., Selma 919-965-6699

Christmas Trees

Mountain Branch Farm

Specializing in Red Cedar, Virginia Pine and White Pine.
1660 Cornwallis Rd., Garner 919-268-3112

Northlake Christmas Trees & Nursery

Open Thanksgiving-Christmas with trees including: Pines, Spruces, Firs, and Cypresses.
7326 Meadowbrook Rd., Benson 919-894-3524
northlakechristmastreenursery.com





Country Stores

C.E. Barnes Store

13726 Buffalo Rd., Clayton **919-553-6551**

Clayton General Store

10522 Hwy 70 Bus., Clayton **919-585-2288**

Ronnie's Country Store

280 US Hwy 701 S., Four Oaks **919-989-3045**

Sandhu's Cleveland Emporium

9005 Cleveland Rd., Clayton **919-934-4898**

Stanfield's General Store

105 N. Main St., Four Oaks **919-963-9607**

stanfieldsgeneralstore.com



Farms, Markets & Produce

Blue Dragonfly Cut Flower Farm

Locally grown fresh cut flowers available from April to October. 6018 Little Creek Church Rd., Clayton **919-389-9057**

bluedragonflyflowers.com



Boyette Vineyards

Pick your own NC grapes.

1620 Loop Rd., Clayton **919-553-0016**

boyettevineyards.com

Clayton Farm and Community Market

Year-round Saturday market dedicated to locally grown foods.

348 E. Main St., Clayton

cfcmmc.org

Creekside Farm, LLC

Growing top-quality blueberries and blackberries providing a safe and fun experience for families to pick-your-own.

300 Pine Tree Rd., Selma **919-965-9969**

creeksidefarmberries.com

Crooked Row Produce

Offers fresh produce along with other seasonal needs such as hanging baskets, pumpkins, gourds, mums, Christmas trees, and more.

1600 S. Pollock St., Selma **919-369-5674**

Jacar Produce

Local produce stand and fresh eggs.

1698 Powhatan Rd., Clayton **919-901-3323**

L & G Farms

Local produce and nursery center open March-December.

10236 Cleveland Rd., Clayton **919-553-3525**

Lee's Produce and and Garden Center

Offering fresh local produce, seasonal plants, and Christmas trees, wreath and bows from April-December.

401 W. Main St., Clayton **919-550-8425**

Pace Family Farms

Pre-picked and pick-your-own strawberries and other produce.

12701 Buffalo Rd, Clayton **919-398-2698**

pacefamilyfarms.com

Smith's Nursery and Strawberry Farm

Open year-round with a produce stand and pick-your-own seasons.

Strawberries: April-June, blueberries: June-July, pumpkins & mums: September-October.

443 Sanders Rd., Benson **919-934-1700**

smithsnurseryinc.com

Thompson Orchards

Visit us each summer for homegrown peaches, produce, veggies, and many other goodies.

4301 US Hwy 701 S., Four Oaks **919-934-8434**

thompsonorchards.com

Toad Song Farm

Herb plants, bedding plants, lavender crafts, nature walks, lavender labyrinth, workshops and much more.

14765-D Buffalo Rd., Clayton **919-553-2992**

toadsongfarm.com

WDW Strawberry Farm

Pre-picked and pick-your-own strawberries and other produce.

3510 Progressive Church Rd., Princeton **919-921-0104**

Wild Onion Farms

Organically-grown produce, heirloom tomatoes, fresh eggs, and cut flowers. Buy direct from the farm.

9999 NC Hwy 222 W., Middlesex **919-284-3113**

wildonionfarms.com

Locally Produced Products

Atkinson's Old Grist Mill

Products include: hush puppy mix, biscuit mix, funnel cake mix, seafood breader, chicken breader and more. Buy online or at the mill office.

95 Atkinson Mill Rd., Selma **800-948-5707**

atkinsonmilling.com





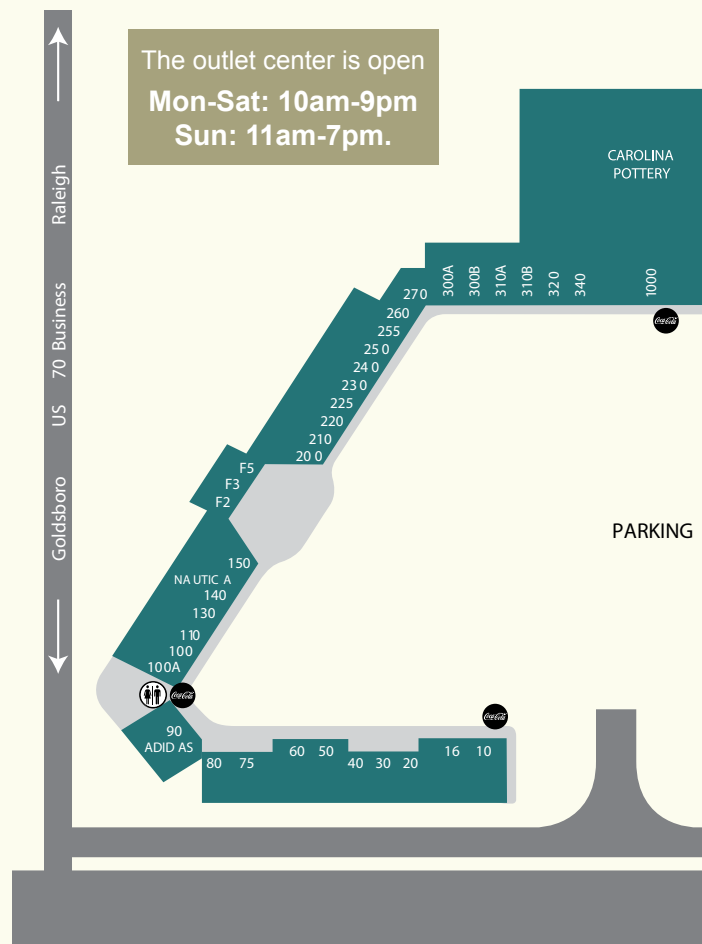
CAROLINA PREMIUM OUTLETS[®]

A SIMON CENTER

Carolina Premium Outlets, located off I-95, Exit 95 is the largest outlet center in Eastern North Carolina and is only 30 minutes east of Raleigh. The outlet center features national brands like Coach, Brooks Brothers, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, The Gap, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, and many others with savings of 25% to 65% every day.

Carolina Premium Outlets has a VIP Shopper Club with exclusive deals. Area hotels offer a Girlfriend's Getaway Package which includes coupon books, spa discounts, hotel deals, and BOGO admission at the Ava Gardner Museum — along with free goodies.

Special events and activities to bring you back time and again include holiday sidewalk sales, the Deer Widow, and the biggest of all – Black Friday Shopping on Thanksgiving night to kick off the Christmas season deals!



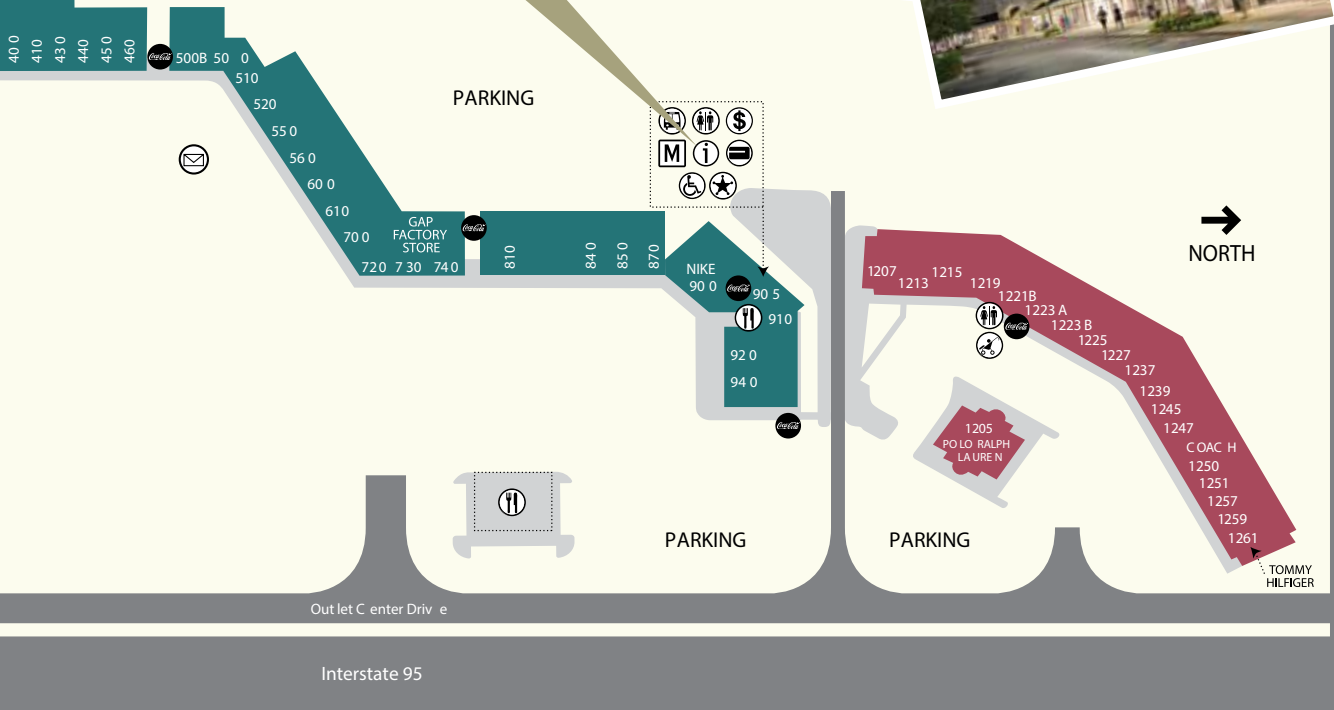
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919-209-9763
- SUITE 550** AEROPOSTALE
919-989-0154
- SUITE 810** AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS
919-938-3013
- SUITE 10** ANN TAYLOR FACTORY STORE
919-989-7270
- SUITE F2** AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZELS
919-209-0096
- SUITE 610** BANANA REPUBLIC FACTORY STORE
919-938-1558
- SUITE F5** BARBECUE PROVISION COMPANY
919-205-1337
- SUITE 50** BASS FACTORY OUTLET
919-934-7158
- SUITE 300A** BATH & BODY WORKS
919-934-1946
- SUITE 1237** BEEF JERKY OUTLET
919-989-1893
- SUITE 340** BONWORTH
919-934-7759

- SUITE 1213** BOSE
919-989-6830
- SUITE 1225** BROOKS BROTHERS FACTORY STORE
919-989-6328
- SUITE 1000** CAROLINA POTTERY
919-934-1157
- SUITE 310A** CARTER'S
919-989-7778
- SUITE 450** CASUAL MALE XL
919-989-7751
- SUITE 400** CHAMPION
919-989-0199
- SUITE 20** CHICO'S
919-209-0408
- SUITE 1223B** CHRISTOPHER & BANKS
919-938-3003
- SUITE 510** CLAIRE'S
919-989-6966
- SUITE 1215** CLARKS
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- SUITE 1250** COACH OUTLET
919-934-9089

- SUITE 225** CRICKET WIRELESS
919-934-2202
- SUITE 30** CROCS
919-934-0073
- SUITE 910** DAIRY QUEEN GRILL & CHILL
919-934-0066
- SUITE 250** DESTINATION MATERNITY OUTLET
919-989-8886
- SUITE 100** DIRECT TOOLS FACTORY OUTLET
919-934-7780
- SUITE 520** DRESSBARN
919-934-0334
- SUITE 110** DRESSBARN WOMAN
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- SUITE 1239** EDDIE BAUER OUTLET
919-989-8570
- SUITE 1259** FOSSIL
919-938-6134
- SUITE 720** GAP FACTORY
919-989-7158
- SUITE 310B** GYMBOREE OUTLET
919-934-2373

- SUITE 80** HAGGAR CLOTHING CO.
919-989-6244
- SUITE 230** HANESBRANDS
919-934-0548
- SUITE 440** HOT TOPIC
919-209-0032
- SUITE 1207** J. CREW FACTORY
919-209-0035
- SUITE 320** JOCKEY
919-989-7676
- SUITE 260** JOURNEYS
919-934-5040
- SUITE 410** JUSTICE FACTORY STORE
919-209-0840
- SUITE 430** KAY JEWELERS OUTLET
919-938-2444
- SUITE 150** KITCHEN COLLECTION
919-938-0726
- SUITE 500B** LANE BRYANT OUTLET
919-300-4249
- SUITE 500** LEVI'S OUTLET STORE
919-934-7203

**Carolina Premium
Outlet Office**
1025 Outlet Center Dr.
919-989-8757
premiumoutlets.com/carolina



- SUITE 850** LOFT OUTLET
919-209-0230
- SUITE 905** MALL MANAGEMENT OFFICE
919-989-8757
- SUITE 460** NATURALIZER
919-934-6170
- SUITE 140** NAUTICA
919-934-5070
- SUITE 700** NEW YORK & COMPANY OUTLET
919-209-0478
- SUITE 900** NIKE FACTORY STORE
919-989-6100
- SUITE 1245** OSHKOSH B'GOSH
919-938-1199
- SUITE 255** PACSUN
919-934-6660
- SUITE 300B** PERFUMANIA
919-934-5619
- SUITE 1251** POLO RALPH LAUREN CHILDREN'S FACTORY STORE
919-934-6999

- SUITE 1205** POLO RALPH LAUREN FACTORY STORE
919-938-6140
- SUITE 60** POPCORN HAVEN
919-989-8033
- SUITE 240** PRO IMAGE SPORTS
919-205-1405
- SUITE 940** RACK ROOM SHOES
919-934-4222
- SUITE 1227** REEBOK OUTLET
919-989-7736
- SUITE 130** RUE21
919-209-0767
- SUITE 1257** SAMSONITE
919-989-9506
- SUITE 740** SKECHERS
919-989-2133
- SUITE 600** SOUTHERN ATTITUDE
919-763-2988
- SUITE 1223A** SUNGLASS HUT
919-989-8080
- SUITE 560** TALBOTS OUTLET
919-209-0190

- SUITE 16** THE CHILDREN'S PLACE OUTLET
919-938-0078
- SUITE 920** TIMBERLAND
919-934-4300
- SUITE 1261** TOMMY HILFINGER
919-989-1940
- SUITE 870** UNDER ARMOUR
919-209-0466
- SUITE 75** UNIFORM DESTINATION
919-989-4084
- SUITE 220** VAN HEUSEN-IZOD GOLF
919-934-6354
- SUITE 840** WILSONS LEATHER
919-989-9599
- SUITE 100A** YANKEE CANDLE
919-938-1188
- SUITE 1221-B** ZALES OUTLET
919-209-0000



Carolina Packers, Inc.

Home of the Brightleaf Hotdog, a tradition since 1941.
2999 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-934-2181**
carolinapackers.com

House-Autry Mills

Cornmeal products including seafood breader, chicken breader, hush puppies, biscuit mix and more. Available in area grocery stores and online.

7000 US Hwy 301 S., Four Oaks **800-849-0802**
house-autry.com

McLamb's Abattoir

Purchase fresh ground sausage, pork and beef products.
623 Benson-Hardee Rd., Benson **919-894-2587**

Miss Debbie's Specialty Apples

Specialty gourmet caramel apples for any occasion. Online shopping only. **919-464-1502**
specialtyapples.com

Mule City Specialty Feeds

Custom livestock feed and over 100 kinds of feed to keep pets and stock animals healthy and strong.

1202 N. Wall St., Benson **919-894-3626**
mulecity.com

Ogi Designs

Custom designed and built furniture and decor.
204 N. Main St., Four Oaks **919-963-3090**

ogifurniture.com

Popcorn Haven

Corn is grown and popped fresh in Johnston County.
1025 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 60, Smithfield **919-989-8033**
popcornhavennc.com

Shamrock's Buzzy Bee

Locally produced honey and bee products including baked goods.
115 W. South Railroad St., Four Oaks **919-247-6852**
shamrocksbuzzybee.com

Stevens Sausage Company

Country hams, spiral sliced hams, hotdogs and sausage are available for retail and mail order.
3411 Stevens Sausage Rd., Smithfield **800-338-0561**
stevens-sausage.com

Outlets

Carolina Apparel & Sport

Home to Carhartt, Browning, Guy Harvey, Ducks Unlimited, Salt Life and big-man apparel, sizes up to 52.
49 JR Rd., Selma **919-202-0777**
carolinaapparel.com

Carolina Premium Outlets

See page 22 for listing details and mall map.
1025 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 905, Smithfield **919-989-8757**
premiumoutlets.com/carolina

JR Cigar

The world's largest cigar store!
67 JR Rd., Selma **919-965-5055**
jrselma.com

Red River Western Wear

Western wear and work boots, hard to find sizes and odd items.
49-C JR Rd., Selma **919-965-3337**

Soffe - Factory Outlet Store

High-quality active-wear and collegiate apparel for kids and adults.
49-F JR Rd., Selma **919-965-0062**
soffe.com/outlets/smithfield-nc



A Specialty Shopping Stop

DeWayne's is family owned and operated in Selma, providing customers a unique shopping experience in over 40,000 sq. ft. of specialty retailing. It is a destination for shoppers to experience the gift shop, garden center, ladies clothing boutique, menswear, Pandora Jewelry, and Christmas Land. The Boutique features ladies clothing, footwear, jewelry, handbags and accessories.

DeWayne's

1575 Outlet Center Dr., Selma **919-202-8471**
dewaynes.com



Dining



BBQ -Southern

Charlie's BBQ & Grille
8948 Cleveland Rd., Ste. 104,
Clayton
919-934-0093
charliesbbqandgrille.org

Cracker Barrel
5199 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner
919-661-4044
1109 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield
919-989-2140
crackerbarrel.com

Four Oaks Restaurant & Grill
203 W. Wellons St., Four Oaks
919-963-2289

Fred Chason's Grandson's
1273 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-934-4336

Golden Corral
100 Towne Centre Pl., Smithfield
919-989-1125
goldencorral.com

Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood
3506 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield
919-934-0148

Lowell Mill Restaurant
595 Bagley Rd., Kenly
919-284-5141
lowellmillrestaurant.com

Meadow Village Restaurant
7400 NC Hwy 50 S., Benson
919-894-5430
meadowrestaurant.biz

Parkside Café
2176-A US Hwy 70-A, Pine Level
919-965-4100

Robbins Nest
121 US Hwy 70-A, Selma
919-965-5522
robbinsnestrestaurant.com

Rockin' Comet Diner
11637 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-550-6060

Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q
924 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-934-8721
10414 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-553-4553

Stephenson's Bar-B-Q
5180 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner
919-773-0774
scnbnc.com

Stephenson's Bar-B-Q
11964 NC Hwy 50 N., Willow Springs
919-894-4530

Stormin' Norman's Barbecue
404 S. Church St., Kenly
919-284-0061
storminnormansbbq.com

The Chicken Barn
703-B E. Market St., Smithfield
919-934-6866
thechickenbarn.com

The Diner
314 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-934-6644

Meet Jerry Stephenson, BBQ Competitor

Jerry Stephenson Jr. knows all about intense competition, he enters about 17 to 24 Kansas City Barbeque Society competitions a year. Jerry and his sister (and partner) grew up on a farm in eastern NC and Jerry says he learned his 'que skills from watching others cook whole hogs. He loves the simplicity of the whole hog approach to barbeque, "Low and slow cooking over coals that are burned down from logs. The coals are shoveled into precise places to cook the hog perfectly."

In 2017, Jerry opened Redneck BBQ Lab in the Benson area know as McGee's Crossroads, I-40, Exit 319 as his first dine-in venture – stop by and see what he's cooking! Get some "sawce" to take home...you'll be glad you did!

The Redneck BBQ Lab
12101-B NC Hwy 210, Benson **919-938-8334**
redneckbbqlab.com

White Swan Bar-B-Q
105 N. Honeycutt St., Benson
919-894-4446
3198 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield
919-934-8913
3655 Wilson's Mills Rd., Wilson's
Mills
919-989-6500
whiteswanbarbeque.com

Coffee Shops

Boulevard West
104 W. Main St., Clayton
919-243-1384
boulevardcoffeelounge.com

Milltown Java
116 S. Center St., Princeton
919-617-8006
milltownjava.com

Starbucks Coffee Co.
13024 US Hwy 70 W. #103, Clayton
919-359-0690
110 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield
919-621-4996
starbucks.com

Ugly Mug Bean & Brew
51-E Technology Dr., Garner
919-916-5277
umcoffee.com

Delis / Bakeries

Big Steve's Bagels and Deli
12330 NC Hwy 210, Benson
919-989-8006

Burney's Sweets & More
517 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield
919-300-1691

Clayton Bakery & Café
8970 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-550-5300
claytonbakery.com

Cornerstone Café & Coffee
101 W. Main St., Benson
919-701-1600
cornerstonecafeandcoffee.com

Cyber Café
514 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-938-7741

jcindustries.com/retail-operations/cyber-cafe

Famous Philly's Cheesesteaks
8928 US 70 Bus. Hwy W., Clayton
919-446-5022
famousphillyscheesteak.com



Firehouse Subs
476 Shotwell Rd., Clayton
919-550-7000
515 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield
919-938-8593
firehousesubs.com

Gotham's Deli
224 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-934-9100
gothamsdeli.com

Jenny's Sweet Creations
221 E. Main St., Benson
919-207-0381

JP's Pastry
111 S. Railroad St., Benson
919-894-5000
jpspastry.com

Nancy Jo's Homemade
200 E. Main St. #103, Clayton
919-333-7895
nancyjoshomemade.com

New York Bagel Cafe & Deli
388-B Venture Dr., Smithfield,
919-912-5714
nybagelcafe.com/cafe-deli-smithfield-nc.html

Panera Bread
1716 E. Market St., Smithfield
984-201-8005
panerabread.com

Saks Neighborhood Deli
876 Gully Dr., Clayton
919-550-8100
saksdeli.com

Sherry's Signature Cheesecakes
120 E. Main St., Clayton
919-270-0513
signaturescheesecakes.com

Other

Chick-fil-A
1300 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-938-0058
cfarestaurant.com/smithfield

Chipotle Mexican Grill
120 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield
919-934-1002
chipotle.com

Kenly 95 Petro Food Court
923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly
Caribou Coffee
Dairy Queen
Iron Skillet
Taco Bell/Pizza Hut Express
Subway
Wendy's
919-284-5121
kenly95.com



Table Service

Applebee's
5158 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner
919-662-7281
applebees.com

Anthony's Italian Pizza & Pasta
12989 US 70 Bus. Hwy., Clayton
919-550-3204
anthonypizzaclaytonnc.com

Becky's Log Cabin
2491 US Hwy 70 Bus. E., Smithfield
919-934-3323
beckys-logcabin.com

Buffalo Wild Wings
130 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield
919-938-1250
buffalowildwings.com

Clayton Steakhouse
307 E. Main St., Clayton
919-553-2299
theclaytonsteakhouse.com

Cleveland Draff House
6101 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner
919-771-2337
461 Shotwell Rd., Clayton
919-550-3723
clevelanddraffhouse.com

Clubhouse at Cleveland Square
51-A Technology Dr., Garner
919-662-2207
clubhouse4042.com

Don Beto's Tacos
10376 US 70 Bus Hwy W., Clayton
919-359-0095
720 Ricks Rd., Selma
919-202-4566
donbetostacos.com

El Barzon Mexican
1691 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-205-1661

El Charro Mexican
709 S. Wall St., Benson
919-207-2806

Festejos-Mexican
905 E. Main St., Clayton
919-359-2755
festejosmexicanfood.com

Fiesta Mexicana
957 Town Center Blvd., Clayton
919-550-8888

5131 NC Hwy 42 W., Ste. 270, Garner
919-772-5498
fiestamexicananc.com

The FlipSide Restaurant & Taproom
408 E. Second St., Clayton
919-553-0123
theflipsideclaytonnc.com

Heidi's Two-Wheel Café
1475 W. Market St., Smithfield
919-989-8389

Kobe Japanese Steakhouse
101 Venture Dr., Smithfield
919-938-3200
820 Gully Dr., Clayton
919-359-9060
kobenc.com

La Cocina Mexican
11617 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-550-7323
1285 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield
919-938-7002
lacocinanc.com





La Piazza
 2777 NC Hwy 42 W., Raleigh
919-662-5007
lapiazza4042.com

Lane's Seafood & Steak House
 275 Bowling Spring Dr., Angier
919-894-7700
gregoryvineyards.com

Manning's
 406 E Main St., Clayton
919-585-7005
manningsonmain.com

McKinley's Restaurant & Pub
 11751 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-553-5534

Mucho Mexico
 712 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-989-6889

Outback Steakhouse
 911 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield
919-989-3056
outback.com

Ruby Tuesday
 65 Son Lan Pkwy., Garner
919-772-3838
 160 Smithfield Crossing Dr.,
 Smithfield
919-938-3640
rubytuesday.com

San Marcos Mexican
 275 N. Equity Dr., Smithfield
919-934-2424
sanmarcosrestaurant.com

Skylines Café
 8878 US Hwy 70 Bus. W., Clayton
919-550-7619
skylinescafe.com

SoDoSoPa
 146 S. Third St., Smithfield
919-205-1076
sodosopa.biz

Tavern 42
 119 Oleander Dr., Clayton
919-553-8888
t42nc.com

Texas Steakhouse & Saloon
 235 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield
919-938-3221
texassteakhouse.com

Triple Barrel Tavern
 25 Old Drug Store Rd., Garner
919-779-6500

Venero's Pizzeria
 9973 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton
919-553-0761
venerospizza.com

Vinson's Pub & Eatery
 800 E. Main St., Clayton
919-585-7181
vinsonspub.com

Meet Nate and Colleen

"Brought on by a simple twist of fate" (Bob Dylan's words you'll find on the wall), describes a restaurant known for its creative farm to table food. It was a twist of fate when owners Nate and Colleen Roby opened their second location in Downtown Smithfield in 2015. Nate and Colleen have now opened another location in Clayton, a Taproom and Bottle Shop in Smithfield, have plans to expand their first restaurant in Garner, and offer catering services.

If you haven't been to Simple Twist to try lunch, dinner, or the weekend brunch at their Garner, Smithfield, or Clayton locations, we recommend literally any of the burgers or the shrimp and grits. If beer, pizza, and trivia is more your style then visit the Simple Twist Taproom.

Simple Twist Locations

5638 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner
919-661-5566

272 Pritchard Rd., Clayton
919-550-4909

227 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-938-0377

228 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-934-1033
simpletwistnc.com



Annual Events

When planning your visit to the county you might want to consider timing it with one of the many annual events and festivals held throughout the year.

Spring

Bentonville Battlefield's Anniversary Event - March

The Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville features artillery and infantry demonstrations. Call for program details. Free. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks
910-594-0789 nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi

Johnston County Art and Food Festival - March

Attendees will be treated to delicious sample dishes from some of Johnston County's finest restaurants along with a juried art exhibit. Johnston Community College, 245 College Rd., Smithfield
919-938-0306 jcartscouncil.org

Beach Fest at The Farm - April

Come enjoy this show featuring some of the best beach music bands in the business. 215 Batten Rd., Selma
919-750-5464 thefarmnc.com

Classic Antique Power Heritage Festival - April

Large display of antique tractors, equipment and engines, tractor games, parades and field demonstrations. 355 J Lee Rd., Benson
919-894-3825 classicantiquepower.com

NC Beer Month - April

This annual month-long celebration of NC Craft Beer production offers visitors a host of tastings, tap takeovers, beer dinners and more.

Deep River Brewing

919-585-2296 deepriverbrewing.com

Double Barley Brewing

919-934-3433 doublebarleybrewing.com

Strawberry Festival - April

All day celebration for the community focused on family fun and entertainment including classic car show, face painting and activities for kids, lots of food and of course, strawberries!

Technology Dr., Hwy 40 & 42 Garner

919-773-8448 greaterclevelandchamber.com

Ava Gardner Festival - May

Enjoy new exhibits during an Opening Gala event, Free movies, heritage tours, and more in Downtown Smithfield. 325 E. Market St., Smithfield
919-934-5830 avagardner.org

East Coast Truckers Jamboree - May

Three day truck and car show with live music and games. 923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly
919-502-7071 kenly95.com

Flower Hill Rhodo Ramble - May

A traditional early May nature walk at this Johnston County jewel for the magnificent blooms of Catawba rhododendron and other wildflowers. NC Hwy 231 N. & Flower Hill Rd., Middlesex
919-833-3662 x102 triangleland.org

Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival - May

The Annual Ham & Yam Festival is teaming with ham biscuits, barbecue pork, and sweet potatoes. There will be arts, crafts, kid's activities, live entertainment, pig cooking contest, "What's That Yam Thing?", and piglet races.

Throughout Downtown Smithfield

919-934-0887 hamandyam.com

Smith's Farm Mother's Day Festival - May

Enjoy strawberry picking, fresh produce, flowering plants, fishing, and farm animals.

Smith's Nursery 443 Sanders Rd., Benson

919-934-1700 smithsnurseryinc.com



Summer

Summer Living History Series - June

Discover how Civil War soldiers lived in camp and what role the enlisted man played in battle. Call for program details.
Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks
910-594-0789 nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi

301 Endless Yard Sale - June

Johnston County and its towns along US 301 will host the "Endless Yard Sale" the third weekend of June. The communities will join together with deals, antiques, collectibles and more along a 100-mile stretch of highway.
US Hwy 301 Kenly to Benson
919-989-8687 301endlessyardsale.com

Mondo Roots Cultural Arts & Music Festival - June

Festival-goers will enjoy a day filled with entertainment featuring national musical acts, fine arts vendors and handmade crafts.
Downtown Clayton
919-438-8555 mondoroots.com

State Annual Singing Convention - June

The oldest Southern gospel convention in the nation includes three days of gospel music competition including amateur duets, trios, quartets, choirs, and family groups.
Benson Singing Grove, Benson
919-894-4389 gospelsingingconvention.org

Camp Flintlock Colonial Faire - August

Learn to write with quill and ink, throw a tomahawk, listen to period music, view black powder firearms demonstrations, sample early American cuisine, shop in a Colonial store, and much more!
1580 King Mill Road, Four Oaks
919-938-1776 campflintlock.com



Fall

Benson Mule Days - September

A Southern tradition for over 60 years, this four day family-fun festival is packed with mule competition events, rodeos, carnival rides, arts and crafts, street dances and concerts.
Downtown Benson and Chamber Park
919-894-3825 bensonmuledays.com

Clayton Harvest Festival - September

Come and enjoy five days of exciting events! Concerts, Clayton Idol Competition, Karaoke Contest, Dance Party and more. Food for all taste buds, 200 craft vendors and Classic Car Show.
Downtown Clayton
919-553-6352 claytonharvestfestival.com

Farm Fest - September

Annual country music concert featuring today's top acts presented by Springhill Outfitters.
215 Batten Rd., Selma
919-750-5464 thefarmnc.com

Four Oaks Acorn Festival - September

The festival begins with a parade and continues with a variety of food, arts and crafts, jewelry and clothing, information vendors, and a host of children's activities.
Baker St., Four Oaks
919-963-4004 fouroakschamber.com

St. Ann's Annual International Food Festival - September

Come be a part of this wonderful festival with foods representing nineteen countries from around the world, music and games for children.
St. Ann Catholic Church, 4057 US 70 Hwy Business W, Clayton
919-934-2084 internationalfoodfestival.net

GALOT's PDRA - September

Join the racing excitement at this year's Professional Drag Racing Association event at GALOT Motorsports Park.
555 Dragstrip Rd., Benson
919-894-1662 galotmotorsportspark.com

Bentonville's Fall Festival and Living History - October

Enjoy period games, wagon rides and more! Costumed interpreters will demonstrate domestic skills from the 19th Century.
Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks
910-594-0789 nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi

GALOT's Monster Truck Throwdown - October

Join thousands of Monster Truck fans for this exciting event at the new GALOT Motorsports Park just south of Benson.
555 Dragstrip Rd., Benson
919-894-1662 galotmotorsportspark.com

Smith's Farm Annual Fall Festival - October

Enjoy hayrides, pumpkins, millet maze, fishing, farm animals with produce and plants available. Admission.
Smith's Nursery 443 Sanders Rd., Benson
919-934-1700 smithsnurseryinc.com

Clayton Piano Festival - October

Enjoy a host of fun, family-oriented outreach shows, innovative classes for local music students and accessible, festive concert performances by world renowned guest artists.
Various Locations - Clayton
919-606-9703 claytonpianofestival.org

Historical Ghost Walk - October

Small groups will be guided through the cemetery where costumed re-enactors will tell stories about famous (and perhaps infamous) persons buried there.
Riverside Cemetery, corner of South Second and Church Streets, Smithfield
919-934-2836 johnstonnc.com/heritage

Johnston County Heritage Quilt Show - October

The event will feature quilts made for service projects by the Jo Co Quilters and quilts on show.
2736 NC 210 Hwy, Smithfield
919-989-5380

N.C Grape Stomp Festival - October

You're invited to "squish, sip and stomp" at this family-friendly festival celebrating the grape tastings, games, barbecue sauce contest and even a Lucille Ball look-alike contest.
275 Bowling Springs Dr., Angier
919-894-7700 gregoryvineyards.com

Railroad Days Festival - October

Come join us in Uptown Selma as we celebrate our rail heritage with our Annual Railroad Days Festival with a 5K run, parade, crafts, food, children's area, and a variety of entertainment.
Uptown Selma
919-975-1411
selma-nc.com/railroad-days-festival

Wilson's Mills Pumpkin Festival - October

Come out the 2nd weekend in October for a family friendly event with vendors, children's activities and costume contest, dunking booth, music, food, antique farm equipment display, 5k run/walk.
Downtown, Wilson's Mills.
919-938-3885 wilsonsmillsnc.org



Winter

Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk - November

Walkers visit businesses in the downtown district to sample wines at many locations.

119 N. Third St., Smithfield

949-934-0887 downtownsmithfield.com

Princeton Veterans Day Celebration - November

Join the celebration and support those in service to our country past and present with a parade, contests, entertainment, guest speakers and more!

Center & Edwards Sts., Princeton

919-936-8171 myprincetonnc.com

The Shindig - November

Enjoy some of the best craft brewers around with a stellar line up of music featuring some of the best Americana and Bluegrass music from national acts to local favorites.

110 W. Main St., Clayton

919-816-6969 or 919-438-8555

theshindig.net



Christmas Jubilee Live @ The Rudy - November - December

Take a nostalgic trip back to an innocent age when anticipation of Santa's visit made the holidays magical. Enjoy gospel favorites and the contemporary beat of hits like "Christmas in Dixie". Matinees and evening shows.

Rudy Theatre, 300 Raiford St., Selma

919-202-9927 rudytheatre.com

Lights on the Neuse - November-December

Come for family Christmas fun to view Christmas lights by hayride. Visit with Santa and see the 3D Christmas Barn. Stand by the fire to warm up and roast marshmallows to make s'mores.

Boyette Family Farms, 1620 Loop Rd., Clayton

919-553-0016 lightsontheneuse.com

Meadow Lights - November-December

The largest and oldest Christmas light display in eastern NC. Also features the largest candy store with over 300 varieties of candy.

4546 Godwin Lake Rd., Benson

919-669-5969 meadowlights.com



**Bentonville's
"A Civil War Christmas" Holiday Open House - December**
Come celebrate a Civil War Christmas with costumed interpreters who will decorate the kitchen in festive themes using natural materials such as holly, magnolia, cotton stalks, fruit, cranberry & popcorn strands. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks.
910-594-0789 nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi

New Year's Eve at The Farm - December
Ring in the new year at The Farm with wonderful music and dancing. Featuring new bands each year.
215 Batten Rd., Selma
919-750-5464 thefarmnc.com



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Kids just want to have fun

Are you looking for something fun for the whole family, every day of the year? Holidays and events are included for activities at the other connect sites.



For events throughout the year around the county, check our events calendar for dates and times.

johnstoncountync.org/events

We hope you visit us often!



Special Heritage Events

Held several times a year, on Saturdays from 10am-3pm the Tobacco Farm Life Museum features a traditional trade, craft or art demonstration on-site. Vendors showcase traditional skills and often have items for sale. All activities are included with regular admission to the Museum.

Present this coupon for \$1.00 off admission to the museum, offer does not expire.



Tobacco Farm Life Museum
709 N. Church St., Kenly **919-284-3431**
tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org