

History Lesson in a Day!

Definitely a "hands on" history lesson in Johnston County! Experience history through our museums, special exhibits and programs, beginning with Bentonville Battlefield.

9:00am Bentonville Battlefield

As a National Historic Landmark, Bentonville Battlefield was the site of the largest Civil War Battlefield in the state, fought on March 19-21, 1865. Tour the Harper House (c.1850's) which functioned as a Union Field Hospital during the battle. Motorcoach buses may drive throughout the rural area and stop at several Civil War Trail driving pull-offs, and walk the confederate cemetery and union earthworks trails. The museum and visitor center offers displays and interprets many artifacts from the three-day battle. Gift shop on site featuring various items. Admission: free. Hours: Tues-Sat 9am-5pm, Closed Sun and Mon. Time: 2 hours
5466 Harper House Rd., Four Oaks, NC | 910-594-0789
www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi

11:30pm

Benson Museum of Local History

This museum offers visitors a look at the local history of Benson, farming, and railroad history of the area and a vast collection of memorabilia of days gone by. Admission: free. Hours: Wed-Thurs 11am-3pm, Fri-Sat 10am-3:30pm, Closed Sun-Tues. Time: 45 min.
102 W. Main St., Benson, NC
919-894-1266
www.townofbenison.com/museum.html



12:30pm Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood

Your group will enjoy this local eatery famous for their Sweet Betsy hush-puppies and sweet tea. Meals may be served family style, perfect to satisfy a hungry bunch!
3506 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield, NC | 919-934-0148

1:45pm Historic Hastings House

Built in 1854 for William Hastings, it is one of the two oldest homes located in Smithfield. The Hastings House served as the pre-battle command office for General Joseph E. Johnston, Commander of the Confederate troops that marched to stop General Sherman at the Battle of Bentonville, March 19-21, 1865. It was also occupied after the battle. Admission: free. Time: 30 minutes
200 S. Front St., Smithfield, NC | 919-934-0887



2:30pm Johnston County Heritage Center

The center is located in the completely renovated former home office of First Citizens Bank in the heart of Downtown Smithfield. The Heritage Center preserves the history and material culture of Johnston County for the educational benefit of its citizens and visitors; and it promotes the understanding of and appreciation for its past through interpretive exhibits, programs, and publications. Admission: free. Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. Time: 30 minutes
241 E. Market St., Smithfield, NC | 919-934-2836
www.jcheritagecenter.org

3:15pm Tobacco Farm Life Museum

Tour the 6,000 square foot museum that chronicles the everyday life of Eastern North Carolina farm families and see the depression-era homestead including the kitchen, pack-house, one-room schoolhouse and tobacco barn. Optional group activities include heritage games, churning butter and craft demonstrations. Admission: Adults \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Student \$6.00. Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30am-5pm. Time: 1 hour
709 N. Church St., Kenly, NC | 919-284-3431
www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org



Enjoying your visit? Why not stay overnight with options to go Outlet shopping in the morning before heading home. Escort notes and tips for planning your visit to Johnston County are located on the back.

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