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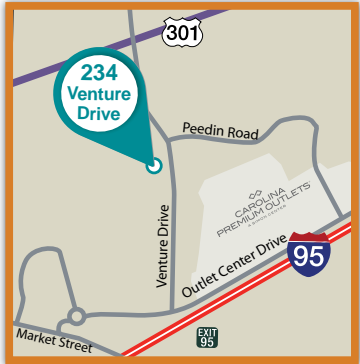
We invite you to discover and explore our destinations along the I-95 and I-40 corridors in Johnston County, North Carolina, which are often characterized with phrases as “small-town charm,” “friendly,” or “a taste of Americana.”

You will find all that and more!

**We're here to serve you...**

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 Bureau Visitor Center is located at 234 Venture Drive, Smithfield, NC and is open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. Additionally, visitor information may be found at several Chamber of Commerce Offices in the county or at the Carolina Premium Outlets office next to Nike, 1025 Outlet Center Drive in Smithfield.



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# Plan Your Visit



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.



Stay in touch via our social media sites, website, and calendar for the latest news and happenings! Or call upon our staff at the Johnston County Visitors Bureau for additional information, help with group itineraries, or planning a destination wedding or special event.



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[instagram.com/visitjoco](https://instagram.com/visitjoco)



# Places to Stay



## Benson

### Days Inn

Located along the crossroads of major interstates 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**  
[daysinn.com/hotel/06776](http://daysinn.com/hotel/06776)



### 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](http://woodallhouse.com)



## Clayton

### Comfort Suites

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

761 Enterprise Dr., Clayton 27520  
**919-553-1234**  
[comfortsuites.com/nc302](http://comfortsuites.com/nc302)



AAA Rating  
 ★★★

### Morning Glory Inn

This 5-guest room bed and breakfast is located in a historic home and is warm and inviting for guests.

507 E. Second St., Clayton 27520  
**919-550-8547**  
[morning-glory-inn.com](http://morning-glory-inn.com)



### Hotel Symbols Key



pet friendly



non-smoking rooms



outdoor pool



indoor pool



wifi available



indoor corridors



exercise facility



meeting facility



continental breakfast



ADA accessible



# 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](http://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



## The Dwelling Place Bed & Breakfast

This two room bed & breakfast is all non-smoking and located just south of Four Oaks on US 301.

6734 NC Hwy 301 S., Four Oaks 27524  
919-963-4088



# Garner (I-40, Exit 312)

## Comfort Inn

This 63-room hotel is conveniently located to Clayton and Downtown Raleigh on I-40, Exit 312.

126 Cleveland Crossing Dr., Garner 27529  
919-773-1110

[comfort.com/nc366](http://comfort.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

[sleepinn.com/nc321](http://sleepinn.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/hi/raleigh-clayton](http://hampton.com/hi/raleigh-clayton)



## 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](http://super8garner.com)



## Holiday Inn Express

This 67-room hotel is conveniently located along I-440 just minutes from Clayton and Downtown Raleigh.

105 Leone Ct., Garner 27529  
919-719-3415

[hiexpress.com/claytonnc](http://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](http://woodspring.com/wsraleighgarner)



## Budget Inn

This motel is conveniently located off of I-95 with 17 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](http://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**  
[qualityinn.com/nc229](http://qualityinn.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  
**919-284-3400**  
[redroof.com/property/RR1869/](http://redroof.com/property/RR1869/)



*The number one reason people visit our area is outlet shopping at Carolina Premium Outlets in Smithfield and JR Cigar in Selma – by far we are the #1 outlet shopping destination in eastern North Carolina.*

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! Relax, Shop, and Repeat! Come visit us often for deals and more deals!

[johnstoncountync.org/girlfriends-getaway](http://johnstoncountync.org/girlfriends-getaway)

## Days Inn

This 60 room hotel is conveniently located near JR Cigar Outlet, along I-95, Exit 97.

115 US Hwy 70-A, Selma 27576

919-965-4000

[daysinn.com/hotel/26253](http://daysinn.com/hotel/26253)



## Luxury Inn

A 48-room exterior corridor property located on I-95, Exit 97 and close to JR Cigar.

100 Graham St., Selma 27576

919-202-0000



## 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

[econolodge.com/nc760](http://econolodge.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.com/smithfield.shtml](http://mastersinn.com/smithfield.shtml)



## Hampton Inn

This 76 room property is located adjacent to Carolina Premium Outlets and across from JR Cigar Outlet, along I-95, Exit 97.

1695 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576

919-965-6151

[hampton.com/hi/selma-i95](http://hampton.com/hi/selma-i95)



## 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

[qualityinn.com/nc145](http://qualityinn.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's.

1780 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576

919-965-3718

[suburbanhotels.com/nc767](http://suburbanhotels.com/nc767)



## 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](http://americasbestvalueinn.com)



## Baymont Inn & Suites

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

[baymontinns.com/hotel/46941](http://baymontinns.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

[beckyslogcabin.com](http://beckyslogcabin.com)



## Best Western

This non-smoking, 57 room hotel is located just minutes away from a variety of key area attractions.

145 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577

919-989-4047

[bestwesternnorthcarolina.com/hotels/best-western-smithfield-inn](http://bestwesternnorthcarolina.com/hotels/best-western-smithfield-inn)



## 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

[comfortinn.com/nc510](http://comfortinn.com/nc510)



## Country Inn and 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](http://countryinns.com/smithfieldnc)



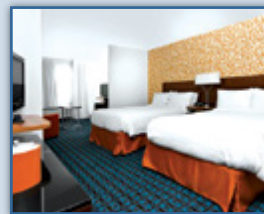
## Fairfield Inn and Suites

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

[fairfieldinn.com/rdusf](http://fairfieldinn.com/rdusf)



## Holiday Inn Express and 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](http://hiexpress.com/smithfieldnc)



## Sleep Inn and 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

[sleepinn.com/nc466](http://sleepinn.com/nc466)



## 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

[super8.com/smithfield](http://super8.com/smithfield)



## Village Motor Lodge

This motel 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



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://rvacation.us)



## Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

Campsites and two cabins that sleep eight each are available. 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](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)



## Day Spas

We all need to relax more from the daily grind of work, so... take the time to rejuvenate your mind and body at one of the following spas – even if just for the day! They offer a variety of services, facials, botanicals, and special events for you and your friends! For some extra fun these venues are great for a girl's day out, bachelorette, or pre-wedding party event."



### Botanicals Salon & Spa

12450 Cleveland School Rd., Suite 102, Garner  
919-553-1293  
[botanicals2.com](http://botanicals2.com)

### Evolve Medical Spa

101 E Market St. Suite 3C, Smithfield  
919-205-1376  
[Evolve-medspa.com](http://Evolve-medspa.com)

### Julie Anne's Salon & Spa

129 N. Second St., Smithfield  
919-938-9131

### My Girlfriends Place

121 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-585-1221  
[mygirlfriendsplace-glamourstudio.com](http://mygirlfriendsplace-glamourstudio.com)

### Radiance Salon & Spa

41-A Glen Road, Garner  
919-772-0000  
[radiancespaonline.com](http://radiancespaonline.com)

### Spa Neo Clayton

501 Gateway Dr., Clayton  
919-550-9355  
[spaneo Clayton.com](http://spaneo Clayton.com)

### The Dupree House Salon & Day Spa

709 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-934-8805  
[thedupreehouse.com](http://thedupreehouse.com)

# day Trips

***If you are the adventurous type and enjoy exploring new destinations, but don't know where to start, we have some suggestions.***

## ***Stepping Back in Time***

Enjoy this "hands on" history lesson for all ages from the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site to the Benson Museum of Local History...and history is always best served with a little taste of local Eastern-style barbecue and sweet tea found along the way!

## ***Sweet Sounds of Christmas***

Music is such a significant part of Christmas and nothing will put you in the Christmas spirit as easily as the American Music Jubilee Christmas Show every November and December. Add in some shopping at DeWayne's, Carolina Premium Outlets and more!

## ***Country Crossroads Trail***

Johnston County is a community of rural X-roads, farms and churches where locals often meet at country stores for supplies and gossip. Enjoy these "off-the-beaten" path tours featuring Atkinson's Mill, Smith's Family Farm and a picnic at Howell Woods.

## ***Grapes...Grains and Gardner!***

Book the Sip & Stay Package and receive a gift bag on check-in with a host of offers like a taste of glamour at the Ava Gardner Museum, great food, and shopping deals! Tour local wineries, breweries, or our distillery along the Beer, Wine and Shine Trail.

If you are the adventurous type and enjoy exploring new destinations, but don't know where to start, we have some suggestions. For day trip ideas we recommend you experience an area farm to pick fresh produce, shop for antiquities in Selma, visit an historic site or museum, drive along the Carolina Campaign Civil War Trail, or take a winery, distillery or brewery tour along the new Beer, Wine, and Shine Trail.

For some more ideas, why not stroll along the Clayton River Walk and the charming downtown for shopping and sweet treats on the Sweet Day in Clayton itinerary. If you are a history buff, traverse the county on the Stepping Back in Time itinerary. You might also try the Grapes, Gardner and Great Deals day trip that combines a stop at Hinnant's Winery, the Ava Gardner Museum, and Carolina Premium Outlets.

*Detail itineraries have been put together on our website for your convenience, [johnstoncountync.org/day-trips](http://johnstoncountync.org/day-trips).*

*If you have a group of 15 or more, our sales office will gladly create a custom itinerary.*

***Just give us a call,***

**919-989-TOUR**





# Agri Tourism

THINGS TO DO

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

***If you grew up on a farm and want to reminisce, or you want to introduce your children to where local foods are produced, you will enjoy getting out and around Johnston County.***

Several working farms and ag-businesses have educational options or tours: Atkinson’s Mill, Banks Miniature Horses, Smithfield Ham Shop, Smith’s Nursery and Boyette Family Farm’s Fear Farm and Lights on the Neuse events are very popular.

Johnston County now has two wineries; Gregory Vineyards and Hinnant Family Vineyards, two breweries; Deep River and Double Barley Breweries and Broadslab Distillery which offer visitors deals on the new Beer, Wine and Shine Trail. From tours, tastings, and special events held on site, stops along the trail will bring you back again and again!

Tobacco Farm Life Museum has been offering agri-tourism educational programs and special events for over 25 years and continues to enhance the site with a restored homestead, farm life exhibits, one-room schoolhouse and more.

### **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](http://atkinsonmilling.com)

### **Banks Miniature Horse Farm**

Home of many fine miniature horses from outstanding bloodlines.

145 Peele Rd., Clayton **919-412-1684**

[banksminiaturehorsefarm.com](http://banksminiaturehorsefarm.com)

### **Boyette Family Farms**

Home of the Clayton Fear Farm, Lights on the Neuse and Boyette Vineyards. Several agritourism activities for family fun, corporate outings, birthday parties, weddings, and family reunions.

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

[boyettefamilyfarms.com](http://boyettefamilyfarms.com)

### **Creekside Farm, LLC**

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

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

[creeksidefarmberries.com](http://creeksidefarmberries.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.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield **919-934-1132**

### **Smithfield Ham Shop/ Johnston County Hams**

Country hams, bacon, spiral sliced honey hams and other Johnston County and Goodness Grows in NC products.

204 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-934-8054**

[countrycuredhams.com](http://countrycuredhams.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](http://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](http://tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org)

## *Beer, Wine & Shine*

### **Broadslab Distillery**

During tours visitors will learn about the all natural, handcrafted, premium products and how they are made. Tour cost is \$12 and includes tasting and shot glass.

4834 NC Hwy 50 S., Benson 919-207-1366

[broadslabdistillery.com](http://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

[deepriverbrewing.com](http://deepriverbrewing.com)

### **Double Barley Brewing**

Taste a vast variety of craft beers in the lounge area where you will find the patron bar, founders table, high top tables and the outdoor beer garden.

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

[doublebarleybrewing.com](http://doublebarleybrewing.com)

### **Gregory Vineyards**

A great place to relax, taste some wine, or hold a wedding. Take a tour of the picturesque vineyards on this 120-acre working farm. Restaurant on site.

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

[gregoryvineyards.com](http://gregoryvineyards.com)

### **Hinnant Vineyards**

Take a tour of the vineyards or enjoy a wine tasting at the largest muscadine vineyard in the state with 75 sprawling acres. This family winery sits atop picturesque vineyards and offers 19 different award-winning wines for sale.

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

[hinnantvineyards.com](http://hinnantvineyards.com)



Journey along the new Beer, Wine and Shine Trail at your leisure for a taste and tour at one of five 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](http://beerwineshinetrail.com)







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

See what local, regional or national acts may be in town at either the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium or Neuse Little Theatre in Smithfield, The Clayton Center in historic downtown Clayton or the W. J. Barefoot Auditorium in Benson.

For a touch of glamour and Hollywood film heritage, visit the Ava Gardner Museum in downtown Smithfield, which pays tribute to native daughter and screen legend, Ava Gardner. The museum is home to an incredible collection including scripts, photos, costumes, and personal effects of the screen legend, who was born seven miles east of Smithfield. The Tom Banks Library holds a collection of portraits painted by Dutch artist, Bert Pfeiffer, colorful and quirky, they are a favorite of visitors to the museum.

Several local art studios and the Frank Creech Art Gallery at the Johnston Community College campus in Smithfield and Clayton Visual Arts shows held in the lobby of The Clayton Center showcase local artists and their talents all year round.

For a touch of Branson and Myrtle Beach musical theatre, the Town of Selma is home to the American Music Jubilee Theatre which performs weekly with a ten-member cast. Visitors enjoy country, rock classics, and gospel...all wrapped up with a touch of comedy!

***“You will discover local art is accessible, affordable, and very entertaining.”***



## *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**

### **Boon Hill Gallery**

Woodcarving designs uniquely created by chainsaws. Custom work is available.

1195 W. Edward St., Princeton **919-344-2819**

[boonhillgallery.com](http://boonhillgallery.com)

### **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](http://johnstoncc.edu/frank-creech-art-gallery)

### **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](http://janetsartshop.com)

## *Performing Arts*

### **American Music Jubilee/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**

[amjubilee.com](http://amjubilee.com)

### **The Ice House**

A family friendly venue located in the renovated, 100 year old Ice House. Traditional country music every Friday night.

112 N. Webb St., Selma **919-631-3797**

[icehouseselma.com](http://icehouseselma.com)

### **Neuse Little Theatre**

Neuse Little Theatre 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 performance schedule.

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

[neuselittletheatre.org](http://neuselittletheatre.org)

### **Paul A. Johnston Auditorium**

Located less than 1 mile off I95 at exit 95, the facility includes a 1,007 seat performing arts auditorium. Enjoy the annual Performing Arts Concert Series, CMS 'Where Stars Get Their Start', and special presentation performances throughout the year.

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

[jccperformingarts.com](http://jccperformingarts.com)

### **The Clayton Center**

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

111 E. Second St., Clayton **919-553-3152**

[theclaytoncenter.com](http://theclaytoncenter.com)

### **The FlipSide**

Live music on weekends, dining, outdoor seating, and open mic Karaoke.

408 E. Second St., Clayton **919-553-0123**

[theflipsideclaytonnc.com](http://theflipsideclaytonnc.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](http://townofbenson.com/2186/WJ-Barefoot-Auditorium)

## *Comedy*

### **The Comedy Zone**

The premier comedy club in Clayton providing huge laughs every Friday-Saturday night.

8928 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton **919-879-8349**

[comedyzoneclayton.com](http://comedyzoneclayton.com)

## *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](http://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.

120 Flowers Pkw, Ste. 102, Clayton **919-359-1619**

[wineanddesign.com/clayton](http://wineanddesign.com/clayton)

## *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 **919-934-8202**

[howellmovies.com](http://howellmovies.com)

### **Smithfield Cinemas**

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

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

[smithfieldcinemas.net](http://smithfieldcinemas.net)





# History & Heritage

THINGS TO DO

***Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site near Four Oaks was the largest land battle fought in North Carolina and the last major Confederate offensive of the war.***

In addition to this site, visitors interested in Civil War heritage should consider taking a drive along the Carolina Campaign Driving Tour which includes stops at the Historic Hastings House and Johnston County Courthouse in Smithfield featuring several military statues and monuments. From Smithfield the drive heads to Selma's Historic Train Station and to downtown Clayton, where markers note negotiations saving the state capital from destruction.

The county offers several heritage museums including the Johnston County Heritage Center noted for its genealogy room, the Benson Museum of Local History which chronicles the life of area farmers and merchants, and the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, which pays tribute to the heritage of the Eastern North Carolina farm family. All are showcasing the history of rural Johnston County and its people with exhibits, educational programs and special events.

***“Throughout the year each museum hosts special events and programs you will find educational 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.

325 E. Market St., Smithfield **919-934-5830**  
[avagardner.org](http://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**  
[townofbenon.com/2209/museum](http://townofbenon.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/](http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/)

### **Blue Gray Scenic Byway**

Follow the path of General Sherman as he marched from Bentonville to Goldsboro after the battle of March 1865. Begin the winding byway at I-95, Exit 90 on US 701 South, take left turn on Devils Racetrack Road. See page 120 in the linked PDF below.

Four Oaks NC, I-95 Exit 90  
[ncdot.gov/download/travel/scenic\\_byways.pdf](http://ncdot.gov/download/travel/scenic_byways.pdf)

### **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** (for directions)

### **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](http://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 Crech Selma Historical Museum**

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

104 W. Anderson St., Selma **919-634-9202**

### **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/destinations/stations.html?id=selma](http://ncbytrain.org/destinations/stations.html?id=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**

### **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](http://tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org)



## **North Carolina Civil War**

### **The Carolinas Campaign**



After making his famous "March to the Sea" to Savannah, Ga., in late 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman cast his eyes northward toward the Carolinas and a possible link-up with Gen. U.S. Grant, who then was tightening his noose around Gen. Robert E. Lee at Petersburg, Va. Travel Johnston County through a series of trail markers depicting the history of the last days of the war.

Brochures available by calling **800-441-7829**,  
or follow along via the website,  
[http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EAST/NC/  
CarolinasCampaign.html](http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EAST/NC/CarolinasCampaign.html)

#### **Battle of Bentonville (March 19–21, 1865)**

5466 Harper House Road, Four Oaks, site offers additional driving pull-offs.

#### **"Merging of the Armies"**

Trails sign 1 mile north of the state battlefield visitor center at Harper House and Bass roads.

#### **Village of Bentonville**

Trails sign 3 miles north of the state battlefield visitor center on Devil's Racetrack Road.

#### **Hannah's Creek Bridge**

Trails sign 4 miles north of the state battlefield visitor center on Devil's Racetrack Road at the Howell Learning Center.

#### **Confederate Line of March**

Trails sign 7 miles north of the state battlefield visitor center on Devil's Racetrack Road.

#### **Union Line of March**

Trails sign at the North Carolina Highway Patrol station on Route 301, 0.5 mile north of I-95.

#### **Hastings House**

Trails sign at the corner of Front and East Johnston streets in Smithfield.

#### **Occupation of Smithfield**

Trails sign at the Johnston County Courthouse, Second and Market streets.

#### **Mitchener Station**

Trails sign at the corner of Buffalo and Old Beulah roads, 1.5 miles north from the Route 70 bypass, near Selma.

#### **"Flag of Truce"**

Trails sign in Town Park at the corner of O'Neil and Main Streets, Downtown Clayton.



# Recreation

THINGS TO DO



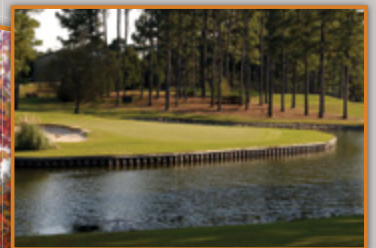
***If your ambitions while on vacation include getting close to the land and enjoying the great outdoors, Johnston County has many options to consider.***

If you love to golf, the county has six public and semi-private courses to play. Three are located in the Clayton and the 40/42 area: Pine Hollow, Riverwood and The Neuse Golf Club offer championship quality courses. In the central part of the county, select from Reedy Creek Golf Course, Johnston County Country Club or Cardinal Golf Course – all convenient to the I-95 corridor.

A variety of hiking, biking, bird watching, and nature activities may be enjoyed at Howell Woods Environmental Center, Neuse River Walk/Buffalo Creek Greenway, Clayton River Walk, and Clemmons Educational State Park. You may want to take a two hour leisurely canoe ride along the river or you can get active with your friends at McCoy Paintball near Princeton!

For indoor/outdoor facilities your family can enjoy a visit to the Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center, Smithfield Community Park or Clayton Community Center...all offer day passes for visitors.

***“The weather is mild most all year long, so load up your bike or pack a picnic for a hike along the Neuse River!”***



## *Boating, Fishing, Kayaking*

### **Gar-Gut Canoe Landing**

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

6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks 919-938-0115  
[johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods](http://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., Cleveland Township 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](http://neuseadventures.com)

### **Smithfield Boat Ramp**

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

N. Front St., Smithfield 919-934-2148  
[smithfield-nc.com](http://smithfield-nc.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](http://ncpaws.org/wrcmapbook/baa.aspx)

## *Golf*

### **Cardinal Country Club**

A semi-private facility featuring tall pines, canals, ponds and bunkers to create a challenging course. The signature hole is #18, a 580-yard, par 5, with a dogleg left fairway.

363 Parrish Memorial Rd., Selma 919-284-3647  
[playcardinalcc.com](http://playcardinalcc.com)

### **Country Club of Johnston County**

Enjoy the fantastic views of Holt Lake while playing golf at this 18-hole, 6800 yard course designed by Ellis Maples. The clubhouse is available for event rentals.

694 Country Club Rd., Smithfield 919-934-4166  
[ccjohnstoncounty.com](http://ccjohnstoncounty.com)

### **Pine Hollow Golf Club**

18-hole, par-71 golf course measures 6,333 yards from the back tees with Bermuda fairways. Designed by Maurice Brackett/Bob Moore enjoy the driving range, practice green and pro shop.

3300 E. Garner Rd., Clayton 919-553-4554  
[pinehollowgolf.com](http://pinehollowgolf.com)

### **Reedy Creek Golf Course**

Designed by Gene Hamm, this 18-hole, par 72 course is built upon rolling farmland. It has been consistently rated as one of Eastern North Carolina's top public courses. Driving range, snack bar, and grill.

585 Reedy Creek Rd., Four Oaks 919-934-7502  
[reedycreekgolf.com](http://reedycreekgolf.com)

### **Riverwood Golf & Athletic Club**

Championship 7,200 yard layout set in the beautiful rolling terrain along the Neuse River. Golf Course Designer, David Postlethwait, created 27 holes of dramatic golf to play.

400 Riverwood Dr., Clayton 919-550-1919  
[rgac.com/rw-golf.cfm](http://rgac.com/rw-golf.cfm)

### **The Neuse Golf Club**

John LaFoy designed this 7,000-yard course which is consistently ranked in the top 5 in the state for conditions and a Golf Digest 4.5 star layout. With 6 sets of tees to choose from this course accommodates any skill level.

918 Birkdale Dr., Clayton 919-550-0550  
[neusegolf.com](http://neusegolf.com)

## *Gardens & Forests*

### **Arboretum at JCC**

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

1240 E. Market St., Smithfield 919-209-2211  
[johnstoncc.edu/arboretum](http://johnstoncc.edu/arboretum)

### **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 Mid-March to Mid-November. Closed on Mondays.

2411 Old US 70 W., Clayton 919-553-5651  
[ncesf.org/clemmons.html](http://ncesf.org/clemmons.html)

### **Flower Hill**

10-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.

8954 Flower Hill Rd., Middlesex 919-833-3662  
[triangleland.org/what-we-do/nature-preserves/flower-hill-nature-preserve](http://triangleland.org/what-we-do/nature-preserves/flower-hill-nature-preserve)

### **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](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)

## *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](http://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](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)



# Town Parks and Recreation Facilities



## Benson Parks & Recreation

1204 N. Johnston St., Benson

919-894-5117

[townofbenson.com/2172/Facilities-Locations](http://townofbenson.com/2172/Facilities-Locations)

**Benson Municipal Park**  
1204 N. Johnston St.

Facilities include baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, and picnic shelter for 32-40 people.

**Benson Singing Grove**  
406 E. Main St.

Home to the annual Benson Mule Days and the Benson State Singing Convention the park offers a stage, picnic shelter for 80-100 people with grills and a playground for children ages 2-12.

**Mitchell Nance Athletic Complex & Picnic Shelter**  
300 N. Lee St.

Complex includes soccer fields, softball field, and playground for children ages 2-12.

**P.K. Vyas Community Park**  
312 S. Lee St.

Facility includes adult baseball field, little league field, t-ball field, football/peewee soccer field, outdoor basketball court and playground.

## Clayton Parks & Recreation/Community Center

715 Amelia Church Rd., Clayton

919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.org/Residents/Recreation.aspx](http://townofclaytonnc.org/Residents/Recreation.aspx)

**All-Star Park**  
Clayton, 400 Front St.

Playground equipment, basketball court, pavilion/restroom.

**Clayton Community Center**  
715 Amelia Church Rd.

Center includes a gymnasium, elevated walking track, multi-purpose room, pottery room, and fine arts room.

**Clayton Community Park**  
1075 Amelia Church Rd.

42-acre park facilities include playgrounds, picnic shelters, tennis courts, athletic fields, bocce courts, sand volleyball courts, 1/2-mile walking trail, and an amphitheater.

**Clayton Municipal Park**  
325 McCullers Dr.

Ballfield, outdoor basketball court, tennis court, fenced in playground.

**Clayton River Walk**  
2686 Covered Bridge Rd.

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

**East Clayton Community Park**  
1774 Glen Laurel Rd.

66-acre park with picnic pavilion, soccer, baseball and multipurpose field, and a 1-mile partially paved walking trail.

**East Clayton Dog Park**  
2027 Glen Laurel Rd.

The park has two separate enclosures, one for small dogs under 20 pounds and the one-acre large dog area which include rocks, a tunnel and benches. Water, wash station, trash containers, and picnic tables.

**Legend Park Mountain Bike Trail**  
550 City Rd.

From beginner to advanced riders, this eight-mile bike trail offers rock gardens, boulders, jumps, and bridges. Trails are multi-directional.

**Sam's Branch Greenway Trail**  
1358 O'Neil St.

Trail head entrance to the Clayton Greenway, a 1.25 mile section that links up to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail/ Clayton River Walk. Great for hiking, biking, and viewing nature along the Neuse River.

## Kenly Parks & Recreation

406 S. College Ave. Kenly 919-284-2116 [townofkenly.com/town-government/kenly-parks-recreation](http://townofkenly.com/town-government/kenly-parks-recreation)

**KAPARK Kenly Area Parks & Recreation Center**  
406 S. College Ave.

KAPARC facility includes ballfields, gymnasium, soccer complex, batting cages, and a half-mile paved walking trail.



## ***Pine Level Parks & Recreation***

**306 E. Brown St. Pine Level 919-965-2284 [pinelevel.org/departments/parks-rec/](http://pinelevel.org/departments/parks-rec/)**

**Sam Godwin Recreation Park**  
US Hwy 70-A, Pine Level

Facility includes baseball/softball fields, basketball court, soccer field, community park, and picnic tables.

## ***Town of Princeton***

**503 Dr. Donnie H. Jones, Jr. Blvd. W. Princeton 919-936-8171 [myprincetonnc.com](http://myprincetonnc.com)**

**Princeton Community Park**  
Park, 116 Holts Pond Rd.

Family friendly park with playground and swings, picnic tables with shelter, and 1 mile lighted walking trail.

## ***Selma Parks & Recreation***

**305 N. Pollock St. Selma 919-965-9841 [selma-nc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://selma-nc.com/parks-and-recreation)**

**Brack Wilson Park**  
1118 W. Oak St.

Park includes a baseball field, playground area, covered picnic shelter, and outdoor basketball courts.

**Richard B. Harrison Gymnasium  
& Blackley Athletic Park**  
601 W. Noble St.

Facilities include outdoor basketball court, gymnasium, and baseball field.

## ***Smithfield Parks & Recreation***

**600 Booker Dairy Rd. Smithfield 919-934-2148 [smithfield-nc.com/page/parks\\_home](http://smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_home)**

**Buffalo Creek Greenway**  
600 Booker Dairy Rd.

3-mile greenway travels along the Spring Branch to the Neuse River Walk at Smithfield Commons. Part of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail through Johnston County, the ten foot wide path accommodates hikers, runners and bikers.

**Smithfield Recreation  
and Aquatics Center**  
600 Booker Dairy Rd.  
919-934-1408

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. [sraonline.com](http://sraonline.com)

**Smithfield Community Park**  
600 Booker Dairy Rd.

Park offers tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, baseball/softball, soccer/football/multipurpose fields, picnic shelters, two playground areas, one-mile walking trail, Buffalo Creek Greenway, horseshoe courts, disc golf and double batting cage facility.

**Smithfield Town Commons**  
200 S. Front St.

Take a stroll along the Neuse River Walk in historic Smithfield's Town Commons. Watch nature, go fishing, picnic, or launch your boat. Amphitheater is available to rent.



## *Indoor & 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](http://flycarolinahigh.com)

### **Go Play Outside Now, LLC**

Laser tag, beach volleyball, playground, campfires, outdoor fun activities for children, groups and team-building exercises.

44 Cornwallis Rd., Garner **919-796-5601**

[goplayoutsidenow.com](http://goplayoutsidenow.com)

### **Lil' Black Creek Farm**

This 150-acre farm has trails for horseback riding, hiking, golf driving range, and paintball field.

3444 Plain View Church Rd., Angier **919-306-0167**

[thefarmonlilblackcreek.com](http://thefarmonlilblackcreek.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](http://mccoypaintball.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](http://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., Lucama **919-614-0293**

[pelicanssnoballs.com](http://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](http://rainbowlanesclayton.com)

### **Springhill Outfitters**

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

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

[springhilloutfitters.com](http://springhilloutfitters.com)

## *Motor Sports*

### **GALOT Motorsports Park**

New state of the art racing facility features temperature controlled racing surface, onsite restaurant, 9,000-seat stands for a variety of racing events, truck shows/pulls and concerts.

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

[galotmotorsportspark.com](http://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](http://snmpark.com)



# Transportation Services

## 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](http://jnx-airport.com)

### Raleigh Durham International Airport

Over 450 flights daily located 35 miles from Smithfield, I-40, Exits 284 & 285. 1000 Trade Dr., RDU Airport **919-840-2123**  
[rdu.com](http://rdu.com)

## Bus Transportation

### Greyhound and Trailways

Bus stop only. Tickets available online.

600 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **800-231-2222**  
[greyhound.com](http://greyhound.com)

## Car Rental

### Enterprise Rent-A-Car

831 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-938-2562**  
[enterprise.com](http://enterprise.com)

## Travel Agents

### A Travel Odyssey

Full service travel agency for corporate, cruise and family leisure travel.

315 S. Third St., Smithfield **919-934-1862**

### Small World Travel & Tours, LLC

Family owned and operated cruise and land vacations agency. 101 E. Hill St., Benson **866-894-1537**  
[gotsaltlife.com](http://gotsaltlife.com)

## Auto Repair

### AAA Carolinas

**1-800-222-4357**  
[carolinas.aaa.com](http://carolinas.aaa.com)

### Performance Tire and Auto Center

1140 W. Market St., Smithfield **919-934-2694**  
[performancetirenc.com](http://performancetirenc.com)

## Specialty

### Eddie Bee's Executive Coach

Professional chauffeur specializing in Johnston County Airport transportation, corporate and personal transport and door to door service.

[eddiebees.com](http://eddiebees.com) **919-553-1791**

### J & L Carriage

Horse and carriage available for weddings, military funerals and special events.

[jllcarriage.com](http://jllcarriage.com) **919-936-2586**

### JoCo Limo

Specializes in delivering luxury limosine service at affordable prices .

[joco-limo.com](http://joco-limo.com) **919-587-6069**

### Starship Charter & Travel

Full service transportation and charter travel service.

[starshipcharterandtravel.com](http://starshipcharterandtravel.com) **919-279-7837**

## 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 Railroad St., Selma **1-800-USA-RAIL**

[ncbytrain.org/destinations/stations.html?id=selma](http://ncbytrain.org/destinations/stations.html?id=selma)

## RV & Truck Services

### Big Boys Truck Auto Plaza

595 Bagley Rd., Kenly **919-284-4046**

[natsn.com/tsdirectory/view/29/big-boys-truck-stop](http://natsn.com/tsdirectory/view/29/big-boys-truck-stop)

### Blue Beacon Truck Washing

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly **919-284-6670**

[bluebeacon.com/details/Kenly](http://bluebeacon.com/details/Kenly)

### Cummins Atlantic, Inc.

Services and amenities include complete bumper to bumper repair for recreational vehicles, motorcoaches and trucks.

Open Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm, Sat 8am-12n.

350 Cummins Dr., Kenly **919-284-9111**

[cumminsatlantic.com/locations/northcarolina/kenly](http://cumminsatlantic.com/locations/northcarolina/kenly)

### Flying J Travel Plaza

Facility offers 145 parking spaces, 9 showers, game room, J scales, LP filling, RV dump with convenience store, laundry and drivers lounge.

1800 Princeton Kenly Rd., Kenly **919-284-4548**

[pilotflyingj.com/stores/683](http://pilotflyingj.com/stores/683)

### Kenly 95 Petro

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours with diesel fuel, oil changes and minor repairs, 15 showers, laundry facilities, movie theatre, seven restaurants, CAT scale, dump station, ATM machine and travel store with apparel, gifts and truck accessories.

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly **919-284-5121**

[kenly95.com](http://kenly95.com)



# Shopping Old & New



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

While visiting the area, shop for bargains at Carolina Premium Outlets where national name brand retail stores offer 25-65% in savings every day. Also discover all that JR Cigar offers, being the world largest cigar retail store.

But that's not all...shoppers to the area have also discovered DeWayne's, a home & garden store with Pandora, Brighton, Vera Bradley, and a boutique clothing store. Selma Antiques Shops and Malls offers over 14 antique dealers for the serious or casual hunter of antiquities.

We know you will love to shop local and find that unique art or hand-crafted jewelry, food products like Johnston County Ham, or area farms selling wonderful produce for family dinners. We invite you to discover our charming downtowns, heritage farms, food products, and take home a memory of Johnston County!

## *Antiques, Flea Markets, & Thrift Stores*

### **A Matter of Record**

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

### **AntiqueWish**

110 W. Anderson St., Selma **919-202-4900**

### **Benson Flea Market & Antiques**

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

### **Brightleaf Flea Market**

2320 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-934-4111**  
[brightleaffleamarket.com](http://brightleaffleamarket.com)

### **Country Boy Antiques & Bottle Shop**

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

### **Four Oaks Auction Gallery**

102 S. Main St., Four Oaks **919-963-3482**  
[4oaksauction.com](http://4oaksauction.com)

### **G & L Auctions**

800-A Braswell Rd., Smithfield **919-631-0803**

### **Harper's Flea Market Mall**

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

### **Keepsake Corner**

110 N. Raiford St., Selma **919-975-0407**  
[keepsake-corner.com](http://keepsake-corner.com)

### **Korner Flea Market**

301 S. Wall St., Benson **919-701-1065**

### **Morgan's On Main**

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

### **Peddlers Thrift Mall**

5533 Hwy 42 W., Ste. D80, Garner **919-661-6848**

### **Pink Flamingo Thrift & Gift**

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

### **Rebecca's Vintage Mart**

103 W. Main St., Benson **910-849-6302**

### **Reid's Country Sampler**

109 N. Raiford St., Selma **919-965-7299**  
[reidsantiqueselma.blogspot.com](http://reidsantiqueselma.blogspot.com)

### **Selma Cotton Mill Antique Flea Market**

1105 W. Anderson St., Selma **919-631-7138**

### **Seven Sisters Thrift Shop**

208 E. Main St., Benson **919-894-6060**

### **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**  
[twmsantiquemall.com](http://twmsantiquemall.com)

## *Farms, Markets & Produce*

### **Beasley's Berries**

Pre-picked and pick your own strawberries April - June.  
428 Peele Rd., Clayton **919-553-6928**

### **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](http://bluedragonflyflowers.com)

### **Boyette Vineyards**

Pick your own NC grapes.  
1620 Loop Rd., Clayton **919-553-0016**  
[boyettevineyards.com](http://boyettevineyards.com)

### **Calamity Jane's General Store**

5368 Wilson's Mills Rd., Clayton **919-209-4443**

### **Clayton Farm and Community Market**

348 E. Main St., Clayton  
[cfcmnc.org](http://cfcmnc.org)

### **Crooked Row Produce**

Offers fresh produce along with other seasonal needs such as hanging baskets, pumpkins, gourds, mums, Christmas trees, and more.  
110 Roxy Dr., Selma **919-369-5674**

### **J. Roland Wood Farms**

A family, hands-on business serving individual customers with a variety of sweet potatoes.  
2500 Beasley Rd., Benson **919-894-2318**

### **Jacar Produce**

Produce and organic egg farm.  
1718 Powhatan Rd., Clayton **919-901-3323**

### **L & G Farm Stand**

Local produce and nursery center opening seasonally.  
10236 Cleveland Rd., Clayton **919-553-3525**

### **Lee Farms**

Specializing in growing, packing and shipping quality hand-brushed sweet potatoes.  
2775 Hockaday Rd., Four Oaks **919-963-6071**

### **Lee's Produce and and Garden Center**

Open 7 days from Mid March - December offering fresh local produce, seasonal plants, and Christmas trees, wreaths and bows.  
401 W. Main St., Clayton **919-550-8425**  
[leesgardenctr.com](http://leesgardenctr.com)

### **Melrose's Farm**

Cut flower farm selling to local florists, farmers markets, and direct from farm: sunflowers, tuberose, glads, zinnias, hydrangea.  
3299 Brogden Rd., Smithfield **919-632-0212**  
[localharvest.org/melroses-farm-M40643](http://localharvest.org/melroses-farm-M40643)

### **Mountain Branch Farm**

Specializing in Red Cedar, Virginia Pine and White Pine. Christmas Trees Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Eve 8am till dark.  
1660 Cornwallis Rd., Garner **919-553-2672**

### **Northlake Christmas Trees & Nursery**

Open Thanksgiving-Christmas with trees including: Pines, Spruces, Firs, and Cypresses. Customized wreath orders and ball/burlapped live trees available upon request.  
7326 Meadowbrook Rd., Benson **919-894-3524**  
[northlakechristmastreenursery.com](http://northlakechristmastreenursery.com)

### **Smith's Nursery and Strawberry Farm**

Open year-round with pick-your-own seasons. Strawberries: April-June, blueberries: June-July, pumpkins & mums: September-October.  
443 Sanders Rd., Benson **919-934-1700**  
[smithsnurseryinc.com](http://smithsnurseryinc.com)

### **Thompson Orchard**

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](http://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](http://toadsongfarm.com)

## *Locally Produced Products*

### **Arrowhead Farm Dairy**

Old fashioned, cold process lye soap containing fresh or fresh frozen goat milk.  
Online Shopping **919-965-9306**  
[arrowheadfarmdairygoats.com](http://arrowheadfarmdairygoats.com)

### **Atkinson's Old Grist Mill**

Products include: hush puppy mix, biscuit mix, funnel cake mix, seafood bread, and chicken breading.  
95 Atkinson Mill Rd., Selma **800-948-5707**  
[atkinsonmilling.com](http://atkinsonmilling.com)

### **Carolina Packers, Inc.**

Home of the Brightleaf Hotdog, a Johnston County tradition since 1941!  
2999 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-934-2181**  
[carolinapackers.com](http://carolinapackers.com)





# CAROLINA PREMIUM OUTLETS\*

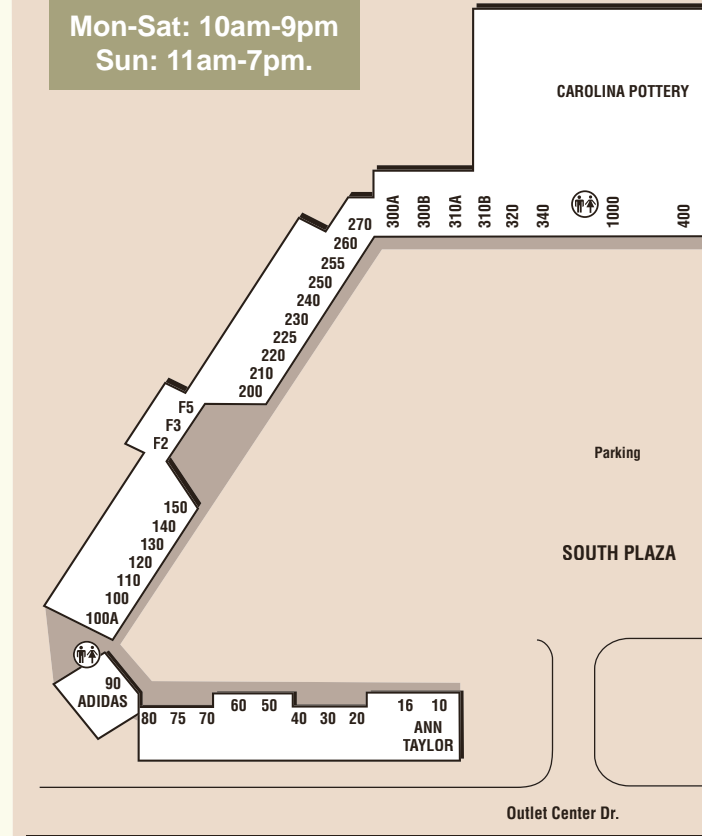
A SIMON CENTER

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, Calvin Klein and many others with savings of 25% to 65% every day.

Carolina Premium Outlets has a VIP Shopper Club with exclusive deals and groups of fifteen or more will receive a special coupon package. 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, the Fall Music Series and the biggest of all – Midnight Madness on Thanksgiving night to kick off the Christmas season deals!

The outlet center is open  
**Mon-Sat: 10am-9pm**  
**Sun: 11am-7pm.**



- Suite 90 **Adidas**  
919-209-9763
- Suite 550 **Aeropostale**  
919-989-0154
- Suite 1247 **Aerosoles**  
919-209-0126
- Suite 810 **American Eagle Outfitters**  
919-938-3013
- Suite 10 **Ann Taylor Factory Store**  
919-989-7270
- Suite F2 **Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels**  
919-209-0096
- Suite 610 **Banana Republic Factory Store**  
919-938-1558
- Suite 50 **Bass Factory Outlet**  
919-934-7158
- Suite 300A **Bath & Body Works**  
919-934-1946
- Suite 1237 **Beef Jerky Outlet**  
Coming Soon
- Suite 340 **Bon Worth**  
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 16 **The Children's Place Outlet**  
919-938-0078
- Suite 1223B **Christopher & Banks**  
919-938-3003
- Suite 510 **Claire's**  
919-989-6966
- Suite 1215 **Clarks Bostonian**  
919-934-0615

- Suite 1250 **Coach**  
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**  
919-989-8181
- Suite 210 **Easy Spirit Outlet**  
919-934-3756
- Suite 1239 **Eddie Bauer Outlet**  
919-989-8570
- Suite 1259 **Fossil**  
919-938-6134

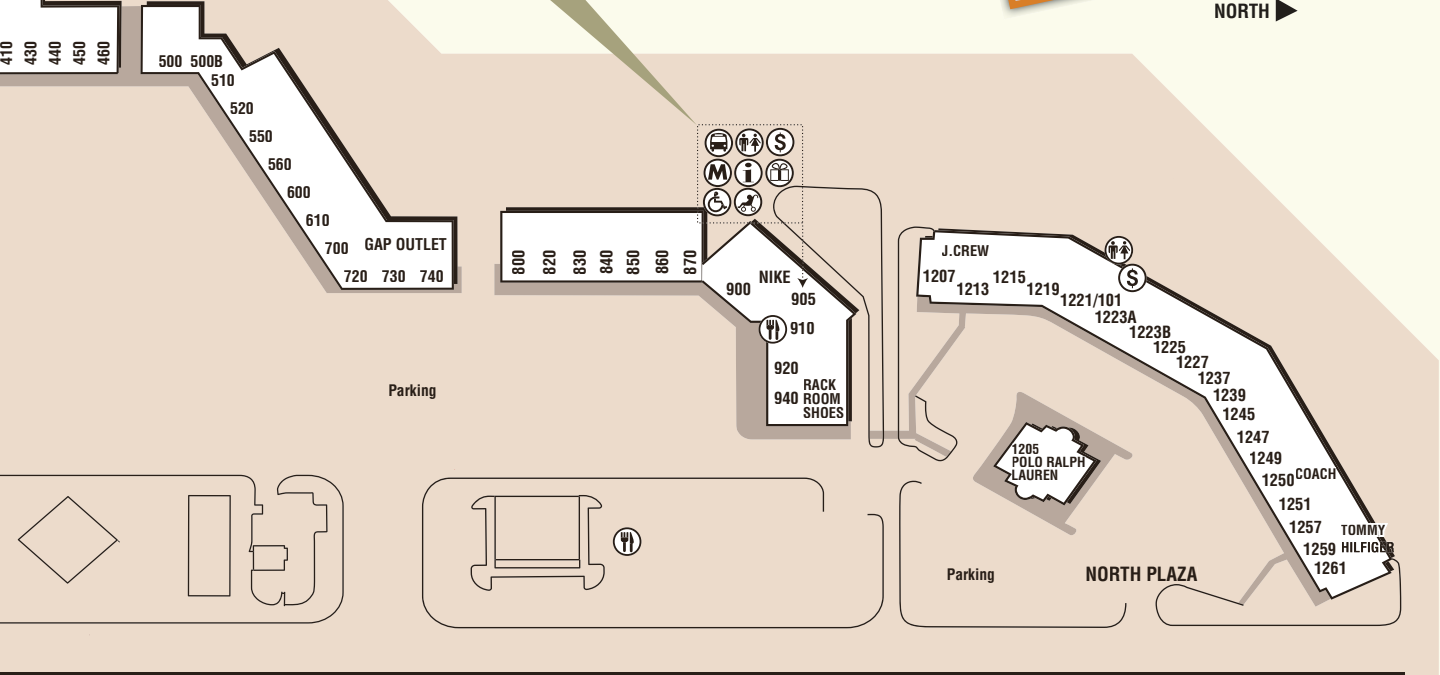
- Suite 720 **Gap Factory Store**  
919-989-7158
- Suite 310B **Gymboree Outlet**  
919-934-2373
- Suite 80 **Haggar Clothing Co.**  
919-989-6244
- Suite 230 **Hanes Bali Playtex**  
919-934-0548
- Suite 440 **Hot Topic**  
919-209-0032
- Suite 1207 **J. Crew**  
919-209-0035
- Suite 320 **Jockey**  
919-989-7676
- Suite 260 **Journeys**  
919-934-5040
- Suite 410 **Justice**  
919-209-0840
- Suite 430 **Kay Jewelers Outlet**  
919-938-2444
- Suite 150 **Kitchen Collection**  
919-938-0726

**Carolina Premium Outlet  
Office/Visitor Center**

1025 Outlet Center Dr.  
919-989-8757  
premiumoutlets.com/carolina



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- Suite 500B Lane Bryant Outlet  
919-300-4249
- Suite 500 Levi's Outlet Store  
919-934-7203
- Suite 850 Loft Outlet  
919-209-0230
- Suite 730 Merrell  
919-934-7305
- Suite 460 Naturalizer  
919-934-6170
- Suite 140 Nautica  
919-934-5070
- Suite F3 Nestle Toll House Café  
Coming Soon
- Suite 700 New York & Company Outlets  
919-209-0478
- Suite 900 Nike Factory Store  
919-989-6100
- Suite 830 Nine West Outlet  
919-209-0762
- 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 940 Rack Room Shoes  
919-934-4222
- Suite 1227 Reebok  
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 240 Stride Rite  
Keds Sperry  
919-934-4810
- Suite 1223A Sunglass Hut  
919-989-8080
- Suite 560 Talbots  
919-209-0190
- Suite 920 Timberland  
919-934-4300
- Suite 1261 Tommy Hilfinger  
919-989-1940
- Suite 270 Toys "R" Us Express  
919-938-0030
- Suite 870 Under Armour  
919-209-0466
- Suite 75 Uniform Destination  
919-989-4084
- Suite 220 Van Heusen  
919-934-6354
- Suite F5 Vitamin World  
919-989-8995
- Suite 840 Wilsons Leather  
919-989-9599

- Suite 100A Yankee Candle  
919-938-1188
- Suite 1221B Zales Outlet  
919-209-0000





### House-Autry Mills

Cornmeal products including seafood breader, chicken breader, hush puppies and biscuit mix.

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

[house-autry.com](http://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 **919-464-1502**

[specialtyapples.com](http://specialtyapples.com)

### Mule City Specialty Feeds

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

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

[mulecity.com](http://mulecity.com)

### Popcorn Haven

Corn is grown and popped fresh in Johnston County. Stop in to try one of over 250 flavors.

1025 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 60, Smithfield **919-989-8033**

[popcornhaven.com](http://popcornhaven.com)

### Shamrock's Buzzy Bee

Locally produced honey and bee products

115 W. South Railroad St., Four Oaks **919-247-6852**

[shamrocksbuzzybee.com](http://shamrocksbuzzybee.com)

### Smithfield Ham Shop/ Johnston County Hams

Country hams, bacon, spiral sliced hams and more.

204 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield **919-934-8054**

[countrycuredhams.com](http://countrycuredhams.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](http://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](http://carolinaapparel.com)

### Carolina Premium Outlets

Visitor information located in suite 905

1025 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 905, Smithfield **919-989-8757**

[premiumoutlets.com/carolina](http://premiumoutlets.com/carolina)



### Heavner Furniture Market

Wide selection of one-of-a-kind home and office furniture.

1701 W. Market St., Smithfield **919-934-0551**

[nc-furniture-market.com](http://nc-furniture-market.com)

### JR Cigar

World's largest cigar store!

67 JR Rd., Selma **919-965-5055**

[jrselma.com](http://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**

[redriverwesternwear.com](http://redriverwesternwear.com)

### Soffe - Factory Outlet Store

Find an endless assortment of stylish, high-quality active-wear and collegiate apparel in sizes from kids to adults.

49-F JR Rd., Selma **919-965-0062**

[soffe.com/outlets](http://soffe.com/outlets)

## Specialty Shops

### All Out Bikes

Bikes. New and used, full service.

106 S. Main St., Four Oaks **919-628-1089**

[alloutbikesshop.com](http://alloutbikesshop.com)

### Casey's Floral & Catering Service

Floral and catering services for all occasions.

201 S. Center St., Princeton **919-936-8801**

[caseysfloristprinceton.com](http://caseysfloristprinceton.com)

### DeWayne's

Garden center, gift shop, jewelry & clothing boutiques.

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

### Pine Level Hardware & Furniture

Family owned hardware and furniture store offering name brand furniture and accessories."

219 N. Peedin Ave., Pine Level **919-965-8961**

[pinelevelfurniture.com](http://pinelevelfurniture.com)

### Southern Roots Boutique

Contemporary clothing and accessories for women of all ages.

206 N. Main St. Four Oaks **919-963-6300**

[southernrootsboutiquenc.com](http://southernrootsboutiquenc.com)

### Stanfield's General Store

Traditional general store that has household necessities along with antiques, gift items, and classic candies.

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



# Dining

***Dining out can be fast if you need it to be, home-cooking Southern style, or national chains offering steaks, seafood, and American cuisine giving even your “picky” eater something to choose from.***

For true Eastern style bar-be-cue, visitors to the area will find several well known BBQ restaurants are serving up chopped pork with a vinegar based sauce. Folks around here have their favorites, but we will let you decide...we suggest you try White Swan, Holt Lake, Smithfield Chicken N' BBQ, Stephenson's, McCall's or Stormin' Norman's for your taste test. For a sweeter style BBQ sauce, Charlie's BBQ & Grille is a very good choice too!

**If you are interested in learning how to cook some of our favorite recipes, visit [johnstoncountync.org/southern-style-recipes](http://johnstoncountync.org/southern-style-recipes)**

## BBQ & Southern

### **Biscuitville**

771 Enterprise Dr., Clayton  
**919-550-7444**  
[biscuitville.com](http://biscuitville.com)

### **Bojangles**

11900 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
**919-550-4175**  
12355 NC Hwy 210, Benson  
**919-209-0322**  
5497 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
**919-773-9116**  
502 N. Pearl St., Princeton  
**919-936-0385**  
275 US Hwy 70 E., Selma  
**919-965-6890**  
[bojanglesrdu.com](http://bojanglesrdu.com)

### **Charlie's BBQ & Grille**

8948 Cleveland Rd., Ste. 104, Clayton  
**919-934-0093**  
[charliesbbqandgrille.org](http://charliesbbqandgrille.org)

### **Cracker Barrel**

5199 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
**919-661-4044**  
1109 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield  
**919-989-2140**  
[crackerbarrel.com](http://crackerbarrel.com)

### **Four Oaks Restaurant & Grill**

203 W. Wellons St., Four Oaks  
**919-963-2289**

### **Golden Corral Buffet & Grill**

100 Towne Centre Place, Smithfield  
**919-989-1125**  
[goldencorral.com](http://goldencorral.com)

### **Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood**

3506 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield  
**919-934-0148**

### **Hula Girl Cafe & Catering**

103 S. Raiford St., Selma  
**919-631-5862**

### **Lowell Mill Restaurant**

595 Bagley Rd., Kenly  
**919-284-5141**  
[lowellmillrestaurant.com](http://lowellmillrestaurant.com)

### **McCall's Bar-B-Que & Seafood**

10365 US Hwy 70 Bus., Clayton  
**919-550-3877**  
[mccallsbbq.com](http://mccallsbbq.com)

### **Meadow Village Restaurant**

7400 NC Hwy 50 S., Benson  
**919-894-5430**  
[meadowrestaurant.biz](http://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**  
[robbsnestrestaurant.com](http://robbsnestrestaurant.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**  
5180 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
**919-773-0774**  
[scnbc.com](http://scnbc.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](http://storminnormansbbq.com)

**The Chicken Barn**

703-B E. Market St., Smithfield  
919-934-6866  
[thechickenbarn.net](http://thechickenbarn.net)

**The Diner**

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

**White Swan Bar-B-Q**

105 N. Honeycutt St., Benson  
919-894-4446  
11960 NC Hwy 210, McGee's Xds  
919-989-9299

3103 US Hwy 70 E., Princeton  
919-202-5932

3198 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield  
919-934-8913

3655 Wilson's Mills Rd., Wilson's Mills  
919-989-6500  
[whiteswanbarbeque.com](http://whiteswanbarbeque.com)

*Coffee Shops***Grapes & Grounds**

135 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-934-3688  
[grapesandgrounds1.com](http://grapesandgrounds1.com)

**Starbucks Coffee Co.**

13024 US Hwy 70 W. #103, Clayton  
919-359-0690  
1105 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield  
919-621-4996  
[starbucks.com](http://starbucks.com)

*Delis/Bakeries***Big Steve's Bagels and Deli**

12330 NC Hwy 210, Benson  
919-989-8006  
[bigstevesbagels.com](http://bigstevesbagels.com)

**Clayton Bakery & Café**

8970 US Hwy 70 E., Clayton  
919-550-5300  
[claytonbakery.com](http://claytonbakery.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts/  
Baskin Robbins**

770 Enterprise Dr., Clayton  
919-359-8464

1006 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-323-3303

446 US Hwy 70 E., Selma  
919-965-2354  
[dunkindonuts.com](http://dunkindonuts.com)

**Gotham's Deli**

224 E. Market St., Smithfield  
919-934-9100  
[gothamsdeli.com](http://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](http://jpspastry.com)

**Sherry's Signature  
Cheesecakes**

120 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-270-0513  
[signaturecheesecakes.com](http://signaturecheesecakes.com)

*Ice Cream***Cold Stone Creamery**

150 S. Equity Dr., Ste. A, Smithfield  
919-938-1300  
[coldstonecreamery.com](http://coldstonecreamery.com)

**Country Folks Creamery**

4648 NC Hwy 42 E., Clayton  
919-915-0701  
618 E. Market St., Smithfield  
919-634-0429

**Creech Drug Company**

126 N. Raiford St., Selma  
919-965-2316

**Dairy Queen**

11697 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-553-2529  
5596 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
919-662-9292

1025 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 910  
Smithfield

919-934-0066  
[dairyqueen.com](http://dairyqueen.com)

**Froyo 101**

11801 US 70 Bus. Hwy W., Clayton  
919-550-2188

**Hills of Snow Snowballs**

110 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-795-7461

**Mimmzi's Ice Cream and More**

431 Athletic Club Blvd., Clayton  
919-550-7483  
[mimmziscecreamandmore.com](http://mimmziscecreamandmore.com)

**Pelican's SnoBalls**

9180 Cleveland Rd., Clayton  
919-614-0293  
[pelicanssnoballs.com](http://pelicanssnoballs.com)

**Sweet Frog Ice Cream**

1261 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-3764  
[sweetfrog.com](http://sweetfrog.com)

**Warren Drug Company/  
Soda Fountain**

209 E. Main St., Benson  
919-894-4651

*Local Red  
Hot Dogs***Char-Grill**

105 S. Walton Dr., Benson  
919-894-4499  
11581 US Hwy 70 W, Clayton  
919-553-2427  
[chargrillusa.com](http://chargrillusa.com)

**Corner Kitch'N**

11453 US Hwy. 70 W., Clayton  
919-243-0147  
[cornerkitchn.com](http://cornerkitchn.com)

**Cricket's Hot Dogs**

506 E. Market St., Smithfield  
919-934-0938

**Darlene's Cone Cave**

108 N. Main St., Four Oaks  
919-963-6008

**Glenda's Sweet  
Shop and Grille**

300 S. Wall St., Benson  
919-894-1391  
[glendasgrille.com](http://glendasgrille.com)

**Jones Cafe**

415 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-553-7528

**Millie's Hot Dogs**

109 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-989-7863

**Ole Time Grill**

101 W. Wellons St., Four Oaks  
919-963-2611

**The Grocery Bag**

4879 NC Hwy 42 E., Clayton  
919-553-4088

**Zack's Char-Grill**

618-B E. Market St., Smithfield  
919-989-9227

*Other***Chick-fil-A**

1300 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-0058  
[chick-fil-a.com](http://chick-fil-a.com)

**Chipotle Mexican Grill**

120 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield  
919-934-1002  
[chipotle.com](http://chipotle.com)

**Kenly 95 Petro**

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly  
Caribou Coffee  
919-502-7015

Dairy Queen  
919-502-7044

Iron Skillet  
919-502-7008

Pizza Hut/Taco Bell  
919-502-7054

Subway  
919-502-7026

Wendy's  
919-502-7069

[kenly95.com](http://kenly95.com)

**McDonald's**

27 Crape Myrtle Dr., Benson  
919-934-3027

600 E. Main St, Benson  
919-894-8503

11351 US Hwy. 70 W., Clayton  
919-553-5480

6163 US Hwy. 301, Four Oaks  
919-963-2739

50 Glen Rd, Garner  
919-662-7934

400 S. Church St., Kenly  
919-284-1015

355 Us Hwy 70 W., Selma  
919-965-8379

884 W. Market St., Smithfield  
919-934-9306

1209 N. Brightleaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-934-3588

[mcdonalds.com](http://mcdonalds.com)

### Two Cousins Pizza & Pasta

12330 NC Hwy 210, Ste. 109, Benson  
919-934-2322

[twocousins.us/crossroads](http://twocousins.us/crossroads)

### Pizza Xpress

201 S. Pollock St., Selma  
919-975-0075

[pizzaxpressselma.com](http://pizzaxpressselma.com)

## ABC Permits

### Anthony's Italian Pizza & Pasta

12989 US 70 Bus. Hwy., Clayton  
919-550-3205

[anthonysclaytonnc.com](http://anthonysclaytonnc.com)

### Applebee's

1260 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-989-8885

5158 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
919-662-7281

[applebees.com](http://applebees.com)

### Becky's Log Cabin

2491 US Hwy 70 Bus. E., Smithfield  
919-934-3323

[beckyslogcabin.com](http://beckyslogcabin.com)

### Bella Bistro & Circa 1908

709 S. 3rd St., Smithfield  
919-727-7666

[bellabaristaandbistro.com](http://bellabaristaandbistro.com)

### Bonsai Restaurant

11629 US Hwy 70, Clayton  
919-550-6030

### Buffalo Wild Wings

130 S. Equity Dr. Smithfield  
919-938-1250

[buffalowildwings.com](http://buffalowildwings.com)

### Clayton Steakhouse

307 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-553-2299

[claytonsteakhouse.com](http://claytonsteakhouse.com)

### Cleveland Draft House

6101 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
919-771-2337

461 Shotwell Rd., Clayton  
919-771-3723

[clevelanddrafthouse.com](http://clevelanddrafthouse.com)

### Clubhouse at Cleveland Square

51-A Technology Dr., Garner  
919-662-2207

[clubhouse4042.com](http://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](http://donbetostacos.com)

### El Barzon Mexican Restaurant & Bar

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

[elbarzonrestaurantandbar1.com](http://elbarzonrestaurantandbar1.com)

### El Charro Mexican Restaurant

709 S. Wall St., Benson  
919-207-2806

[elcharromexican.net](http://elcharromexican.net)

### Festejos-Mexican Bar and Grill

905 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-359-2755

[festejosbarandgrill.com](http://festejosbarandgrill.com)

### Fiesta Mexicana

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

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

[fiestamexicananc.com](http://fiestamexicananc.com)

### The FlipSide

408 E. Second St., Clayton  
919-553-0123

[theflipsideclaytonnc.com](http://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 Gulley Dr., Clayton  
919-359-9060

[kobenc.com](http://kobenc.com)

### La Cocina Mexican Restaurant

11617 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-550-7323

1285 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-7002

[lacocinanc.com](http://lacocinanc.com)

### La Piazza

7727 NC Hwy 42 W., Raleigh  
919-662-5007

[twocousinspizza.us/lapiazza](http://twocousinspizza.us/lapiazza)

### Lane's Seafood & Steak House

275 Bowling Spring Dr., Angier  
919-894-7700

[gregoryvineyards.com](http://gregoryvineyards.com)

### Lone Star Steakhouse Restaurant

13049 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-359-6201

[lonestarsteakhouse.com](http://lonestarsteakhouse.com)

### Lucky Chicken Peruvian Cuisine

312 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-553-5770

[luckychickennc.net](http://luckychickennc.net)

### Mannings Restaurant

406 E Main St., Clayton  
919-585-7005

[manningsonmain.com](http://manningsonmain.com)

### McKinley's Restaurant and Pub

11751 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-553-5534

[mckpubctown.com](http://mckpubctown.com)

### Mucho Mexico

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

[muchomexicoinc.com](http://muchomexicoinc.com)

### Outback Steakhouse

911 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield  
919-989-3056

[outback.com](http://outback.com)

### Ruby Tuesday

65 Son Lan Pkwy., Garner  
919-772-3838

160 Smithfield Crossing Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-3640

[rubytuesday.com](http://rubytuesday.com)

### San Marcos Mexican Restaurant

275 N. Equity Dr., Smithfield  
919-934-2424

[sanmarcosrestaurant.com](http://sanmarcosrestaurant.com)

### Simple Twist

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

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

[simpletwistnc.com](http://simpletwistnc.com)

### Skylines Café

8878 US Hwy 70 Bus. W., Clayton  
919-550-7619

[skylinescafe.com](http://skylinescafe.com)

### SoDoSoPa

146 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-205-1076

### Texas Steakhouse & Saloon

235 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-3221

[texassteakhouse.com](http://texassteakhouse.com)

### Twisted Owl Sports Bar & Grill

150 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield  
919-205-1483

### Venero's Pizzeria

9973 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-553-0761

[venerospizzeria.com](http://venerospizzeria.com)







***Your wedding or special event in Johnston County  
can be rustic, elegant, outside, or all three at once!***

Getting married in rural destinations on farms, wineries, and horse venues is very popular with today's brides. Johnston County has all these and more for your wedding, social event, or family reunion, including Bed & Breakfast Inns, historic homes and several area farms. The Farm is available for rustic weddings, reunions or other social events, and most all venues are located just 30 minutes east of Raleigh.

The Visitors Bureau staff offers a wide variety of complimentary services to help you find the venue that suits your special event, just call 1-800-441-7829 for assistance!

- Suggestions for ceremony and reception sites.
- Provides room block assistance with overnight accommodations.
- Provides visitor information for your out-of-town guests.
- Free gift bags for event attendees.



*Benson*

**Benson Civic Center**

1204 N. Johnson St., Benson  
919-894-5117

[townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations](http://townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations)

**Benson Conference Center**

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

[townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations](http://townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations)

**Benson Singing Grove**

406 E. Main St., Benson  
919-894-5117

[townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations](http://townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations)

**Enoch Vineyards**

3735 NC Hwy. 50 S., Benson  
919-427-5740

**Gregory Vineyards.**

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

[gregoryvineyards.com](http://gregoryvineyards.com)

**Preston Woodall House  
Bed & Breakfast**

201 E. Hill St., Benson  
919-894-7025

[woodallhouse.com](http://woodallhouse.com)

**W. J. Barefoot Auditorium**

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

[townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations](http://townofbenson.com/2172/facilities-loations)

## Clayton

### Brick & Mortar Events and Catering

217 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-616-8995

[brickandmortarevents.com](http://brickandmortarevents.com)

### Monti Hall

9963 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-553-0761

[venerospizzeria.com/monti-hall-catering](http://venerospizzeria.com/monti-hall-catering)

### Portofino

25 Paraggi Ct., Clayton  
919-270-0089

[portofinonc.com/the-amenities/schedule-an-event/](http://portofinonc.com/the-amenities/schedule-an-event/)

### The Clayton Center

111 E. Second St., Clayton  
919-553-3152

[theclaytoncenter.com](http://theclaytoncenter.com)

### The Wagner House

121 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-550-0065

[wagnerhouseclayton.com](http://wagnerhouseclayton.com)

### The Woman's Club of Clayton

109 Church St., Clayton  
919-413-2533

[twccnc.org](http://twccnc.org)

## Four Oaks

### Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

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

[johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)

## Garner

### The Hall and Gardens at Landmark

12450 Cleveland Rd., Garner  
919-329-7674

[thehallatlandmark.com](http://thehallatlandmark.com)

## Pine Level

### Hinnant Vineyards

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

[hinnantvineyards.com](http://hinnantvineyards.com)

## Princeton

### Gurley House and Titia's Garden

207 W. 3rd St. Princeton  
919-936-4141

[gurleyhouse.com](http://gurleyhouse.com)

## Selma

### Camp Mary Atkinson

8591 NC 42 E., Selma  
919-782-3021

[nccoastalpines.org/en/camp/explore-the-camps/mary-atkinson.html](http://nccoastalpines.org/en/camp/explore-the-camps/mary-atkinson.html)

### The Farm

215 Batten Rd., Selma  
919-750-5464

[thefarmnc.com](http://thefarmnc.com)



## Smithfield

### Atkinson-Smith House

8514 Brogden Rd., Smithfield  
919-934-5115

[southerncharmwedding.com](http://southerncharmwedding.com)

### Country Club of Johnston County

694 Country Club Rd., Smithfield  
919-934-4166

[ccjohnstoncounty.com](http://ccjohnstoncounty.com)

### Double Barley Brewing

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

[doublebarleybrewing.com](http://doublebarleybrewing.com)

### The Dupree House

709 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-934-8805

[thedupreehouse.com](http://thedupreehouse.com)

### Johnston County Agricultural Center

2736 NC Hwy 210, Smithfield  
919-989-5380

[johnston.ces.ncsu.edu/site-johnston-ag-center-auditorium](http://johnston.ces.ncsu.edu/site-johnston-ag-center-auditorium)

### Johnston Medical Mall

514 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-7736  
[johnstonhealth.org/visitor/Rental.html](http://johnstonhealth.org/visitor/Rental.html)

### Lazy O Farm

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield  
919-934-1132

### Paul A. Johnston Auditorium

245 College Rd., Smithfield  
919-209-2112

[johnstoncc.edu/performingarts/facilities-rental](http://johnstoncc.edu/performingarts/facilities-rental)

### Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center

600 Booker Dairy Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1408  
[sraonline.com](http://sraonline.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.***

Mid March recalls a more somber period in our history, with the anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville, remembered each year with educational, living history programs. Spring in Johnston County is harvest time and events like the Cleveland Strawberry Festival and Smith's Farm Mother's Day Festival coincide with strawberry pickin' season.

Our rural heritage continues to be celebrated with several festivals in the county like the Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival, Clayton Harvest & Music Festival and the largest festival in the county, Benson Mule Days. Throughout the year, area farms, vineyards and heritage sites play tribute to our farming heritage...so we invite you to explore where our country's food is produced in an educational and fun environment. Pick pumpkins in the fall and tour our farms on hayrides enjoying holiday lights in December...so much fun for the entire family.

## February

### **Black History Month - Gospel Fest**

In celebration of Black History Month, this entertaining annual event offers performances by community groups including choirs, dance troupes, mimes and solo performers. Free.

Paul A. Johnston Auditorium and Lobby, 245 College Dr., Smithfield  
**919-209-2539** [jccperformingarts.com](http://jccperformingarts.com)

## March

### **Bentonville Battlefield's Anniversary Event**

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/](http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/)

### **Johnston County Art and Food Festival**

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](http://jcartscouncil.org)

### **GALOT's PDRA**

Join the racing excitement at this year's Professional Drag Racing Association event at the new GALOT Motorsports Park.

555 Dragstrip Rd., Benson  
**919-894-1662** [galotmotorsportspark.com](http://galotmotorsportspark.com)

## April

### **Beach Fest at The Farm**

Come enjoy this show featuring some of the best beach music bands in the business.

215 Batten Rd., Selma  
**919-750-5464** [thefarmnc.com](http://thefarmnc.com)

### **Classic Antique Power Heritage Festival**

Large display of antique tractors, equipment and engines, tractor games, parades and field demonstrations.

355 J Lee Rd., Benson  
**919-894-3825** [benson-chamber.com](http://benson-chamber.com)

### **Howell Woodstock**

Celebrate environmental education, live music, hayrides, and recreational activities, as well as local vendors. This event ends with a campfire, s'mores, and astrology activities.

6601 Devil's Racetrack Rd., Four Oaks  
**919-938-0115** [johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)

### **Lazy O Farm Easter Egg Dayz**

Explore the barnyard, hatch out of hula hoop, hop on a hayride, enjoy a unique egg hunt, farm animals and picnic area. By appointment.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield  
**919-934-1132**

## NC Beer Month

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](http://deepriverbrewing.com)

### Double Barley Brewing

919-934-3433 [doublebarleybrewing.com](http://doublebarleybrewing.com)

## Strawberry Festival

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

919-773-8448 [greaterclevelandchamber.com](http://greaterclevelandchamber.com)

## May

### East Coast Truckers Jamboree

Three day truck and car show with live music and games.

923 Johnston Pkwy, Kenly

919-502-707 [kenly95.com](http://kenly95.com)

### Flower Hill Rhodo Ramble

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](http://triangleland.org)

### Lazy O Farm Summer Dayz

Learn how seeds and cows provide lots of your favorite foods. Make ice cream, butter, and get seeds to take home for planting. Also enjoy hayrides, farm animals and picnic area. By appointment.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1132

### Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival

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](http://hamandyam.com)

### Smith's Farm Mother's Day Festival

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

Smith's Nursery 443 Sanders Rd., Benson

919-934-1700 [smithsnurseryinc.com](http://smithsnurseryinc.com)

## June

### Summer Living History Series

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](http://nchistoricsites.org)

### 301 Endless Yard Sale

Johnston County and its towns along US 301 announce the "Endless Yard Sale" to take place the third weekend of June. The communities will join together with deals, antiques, collectibles and more along a 100-mile stretch of highway between Roanoke Rapids and Dunn, NC.

US Hwy 301 Kenly to Benson 919-989-8687

[301endlessyardsale.com](http://301endlessyardsale.com)

### Lazy O Farm Summer Dayz

Learn how seeds and cows provide lots of your favorite foods. Make ice cream and butter and get seeds to take home for planting. Also enjoy hayrides, farm animals and picnic area. By appointment.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1132

### Mondo Roots Cultural Arts & Music Festival

Festival-goers will enjoy a day filled with entertainment featuring national touring musical acts, fine arts vendors and handmade crafts.

Downtown Clayton

585-729-6663 [mondoroots.com](http://mondoroots.com)

### State Annual Singing Convention

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](http://gospelsingingconvention.org)

## July

### Lazy O Farm Summer Dayz

Learn how seeds and cows provide lots of your favorite foods. Make ice cream and butter and get seeds to take home for planting. Also enjoy hayrides, farm animals and picnic area. By appointment.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1132

## September

### Benson Mule Days

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](http://bensonmuledays.com)

### Camp Flintlock Colonial Faire

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](http://campflintlock.com)

### Clayton Harvest and Music Festival

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 [claytonchamber.com](http://claytonchamber.com)

### GALOT's Monster Truck Throwdown

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](http://galotmotorsportspark.com)

### Farm Fest

Annual country music concert featuring today's top acts presented by Springhill Outfitters.

215 Batten Rd., Selma  
919-750-5464 [thefarmnc.com](http://thefarmnc.com)

### Four Oaks Acorn Festival

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](http://fouroakschamber.com)

### St. Ann's Annual International Food Festival

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 [st-annschurch.org](http://st-annschurch.org)

### GALOT's PDRA

Join the racing excitement at this year's Professional Drag Racing Association event at the new GALOT Motorsports Park.

555 Dragstrip Rd., Benson  
919-894-1662 [galotmotorsportspark.com](http://galotmotorsportspark.com)

## October

### Bentonville's Fall Festival and Living History

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/](http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/)

### Smith's Farm Annual Fall Festival

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](http://smithsnurseryinc.com)

### Archer Lodge Country Auction

The annual event begins with BBQ plates and homemade desserts, followed by a country auction of crafts and food products.

Archer Lodge Community Building  
919-550-1738 [archerlodge.org](http://archerlodge.org)

### Car Cruise In and Tractor Show

Enjoy fun and fellowship while viewing cars and trucks built in 1975 or before along with games and live bluegrass music.

The Grocery Bag, 4879-A NC Hwy 42 E., Clayton  
919-553-4088

### Clayton Fear Farm & Daytime Activities

Hayrides, pumpkins in the field on the vine, jumping pillow, corn maze and several other activities.

Boyette Family Farms, 1620 Loop Rd., Clayton  
919-553-0016 [claytonfearfarm.com](http://claytonfearfarm.com)

### Clayton Piano Festival

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.

121 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-606-9703 [claytonpianofestival.org](http://claytonpianofestival.org)

### Historical Ghost Walk

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

### Johnston County Heritage Quilt Show

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

### Lazy O Farm Maze Dayz

Fun Farm Education, millet maze with 30 plus activity stations, hayrides, pumpkin patch, farm animals and picnic area.

October 1- 31. By appointment.  
3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield  
919-934-1132

### N.C Grape Stomp Festival

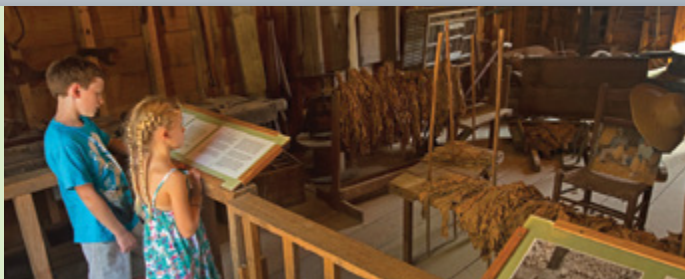
You're invited to "squish, sip and stomp" at this family-friendly festival celebrating the grape tastings, games, barbecue sauce contest and even a Lucille Ball look-alike contest.

275 Bowling Springs Dr., Angier  
919-894-7700 [gregoryvineyards.com](http://gregoryvineyards.com)

### Railroad Days Festival

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](http://selma-nc.com/railroad-days-festival)



Each Saturday from 10am-3pm the Museum is featuring a traditional trade, craft or art on-site. Vendors demonstrate traditional skills and often have items for sale. All activities are included with regular admission to the Museum and annual passes are available.

### Tobacco Farm Life Museum

709 N. Church St. | Kenly, NC 27542

919-284-3431

[tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org](http://tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org)



## The Shindig

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](http://theshindig.net)

## Spirits & Spirits Costume Ball

Halloween costume ball and party with dance music all night, food, and prizes for best costumes.

826 Pine Level-Micro Rd., Pine Level

919-965-3350 [hinnantvineyards.com](http://hinnantvineyards.com)

## Wilson's Mills Pumpkin Festival

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](http://wilsonsmillsnc.org)

## November

### American Music Jubilee Christmas Show

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 [amjubilee.com](http://amjubilee.com)

### Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk

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

119 N. Third St., Smithfield

949-934-0887 [downtownsmithfield.com](http://downtownsmithfield.com)

### Lazy O Farm Turkey Dayz

Bring your Thanksgiving feast to the farm with picnic areas, hayrides, fun farm education and farm animals. By appointment.

3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield

919-934-1132

### Meadow Lights

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](http://meadowlights.com)

### Princeton Veterans Day Celebration

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

919-965-5661 [myprincetonnc.com](http://myprincetonnc.com)



## December

### Bentonville's "A Civil War Christmas" Holiday Open House

Come celebrate a Civil War Christmas with costumed interpreters 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/](http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/)

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### Lights on the Neuse

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](http://lightsontheneuse.com)

### New Year's Eve at The Farm

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](http://thefarmnc.com)

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around the county, check our events calendar  
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