

From the Silver Screen to the Civil War: Family Fun in and around Smithfield

The Smithfield-Goldsboro area is home to bargain shoppers, Civil War history, and one of Hollywood's classic leading ladies. So take this three-day trip and explore this area just southeast of Raleigh!

3-Day Itinerary

Day 1

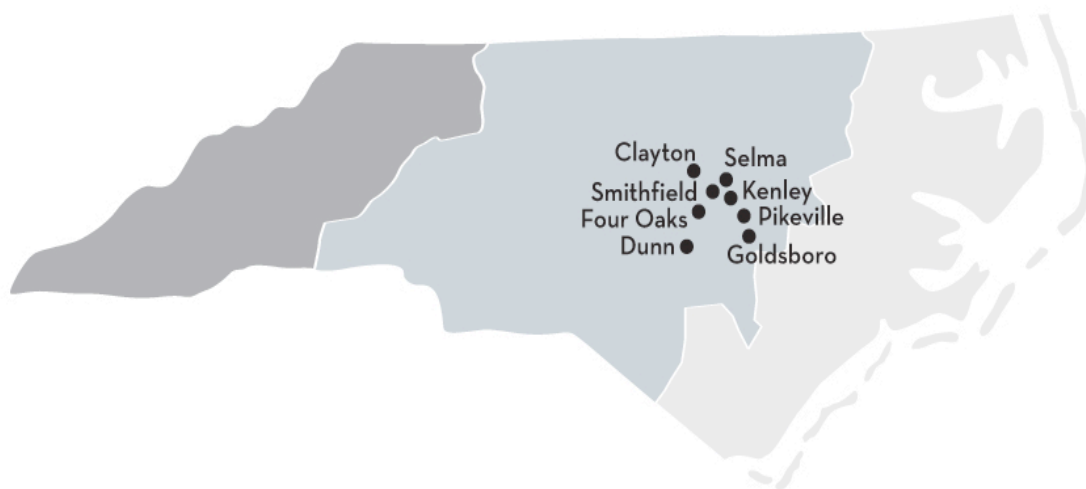
Meet a Hollywood legend, discover some talking trees, and take in an old-fashioned live variety show.

Day 2

Explore the area's agricultural and historical heritage, then shop 'til you drop at an outlet shopper's paradise.

Day 3

Hike a few trails in a pristine wilderness, then re-live some of the area's Civil War battles.



With so much to see and do in the area, we recommend the following 3-day itinerary. Enjoy your visit by mixing and matching events to your particular interest. Be sure to check days and hours of operation for each venue.

Day One

One of Hollywood's most glamorous leading ladies was born and raised in **Smithfield**, so start your day here at the **Ava Gardner Museum**. Learn more about the history of the area at the **Johnston County Heritage Center**, then head for the town of **Clayton** for a lunch of down-home barbeque at **McCall's BBQ & Seafood**. Just outside Clayton you'll find the **Clemmons Educational State Forest**, where you can follow the trails to "talking" trees and rocks as you learn about forestry and conservation.

In nearby **Selma**, visit the **Atkinson Milling Company**, a real working grist mill that's been in continuous operation for over 250 years, then stop by the fully restored 1924 **Union Train Station** and watch the afternoon "*Carolinian*" come through on her way from New York to Charlotte. Browse the antiques shops and have a bite to eat in **Uptown Selma** before enjoying a great evening of music and comedy at **The Rudy Theatre**.

Day Two

On day two, you'll learn about North Carolina's tobacco heritage and farm family life at the **Tobacco Farm Life Museum**, an authentic early 20th-century tobacco farm. Then travel back in time one more century to the birthplace and boyhood home of North Carolina's "Educational Governor," Charles Aycock, which includes a one-room schoolhouse.

Wayne County is known as the "Barbeque Capital of the World," so try some Eastern North Carolina barbeque for lunch at **Wilber's Barbeque** before exploring area history in **Goldsboro**. **Waynesboro Historical Village** offers a collection of fully restored period buildings and the **Wayne County Museum** features military displays and a diorama of the 1862 Battle of Goldsborough Bridge. Finish your day with shopping at **Carolina Premium Outlets**. With over 80 stores, including Polo Ralph Lauren, Eddie Bauer, Harry and David and Carolina Pottery, you're sure to find lots of outlet shopping bargains. Relax with dinner at one of the many nearby casual restaurants.

Day Three

Start day three hiking and exploring the outdoors at **Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center**, a 2,856-acre outdoor classroom of hardwood forests, swamps and wildlife, with nearly 25-miles of

unpaved trails. Then visit **Bentonville Battlefield**, the site of the last major Confederate offensive of the Civil War.

With all that hiking and history, you'll be ready for lunch in **Dunn** at the **Broad Street Deli & Market** before learning about the battle that took place the week before Bentonville at Averagesboro. Finish the day at the former home of General William C. Lee, the "Father of the American Airborne" and first commander of the 101st Airborne Division. Enjoy great steaks and seafood for dinner at the **Brass Lantern Steakhouse**.

Where to Stay

Smithfield KOA (Smithfield) – one and two room cabins, pull-through RV sites with 20, 30 and 50 amp service, tent camping, pool, playground, nature trail and bark park.

RVacation Campground (Selma) – pull-through RV sites with 30 and 50 amp service, catch and release fishing pond, free WiFi throughout the park.

The area also offers numerous chain and locally owned motels and hotels.

Where to Eat

McCall's BBQ & Seafood – lunch, dinner

Wilber's Barbeque (Goldsboro) – breakfast, lunch, dinner

White Swan Bar-B-Q (Benson) – lunch, dinner

Brass Lantern Steakhouse (Dunn) - dinner

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