

# We're 300 Years Old...

... and still making history!

History lives here. So does charm. And outdoor activities. Arts and antiques, festivals and celebrations. Dining, shopping, good conversation and gracious hospitality. A rich heritage of living well, dating back to Colonial times. History lives here... in Edenton and Chowan County.

We invite you to start at our Welcome Center, the 1782 Penelope Barker House. You'll receive a warm welcome and an introduction to the town's history and heritage—including the 1767 Courthouse and the 250-year-old Cupola House—as well as public and private homes, inns, churches, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, a Maritime Underground Railroad site... even an historic ballpark!

You may also want to take advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor fun, including kayaking, fishing and other water sports, hiking and golf.

We invite you to visit us here in northeast North Carolina. You may fall in love with our town and decide to stay, as folks have done since the 17th century.

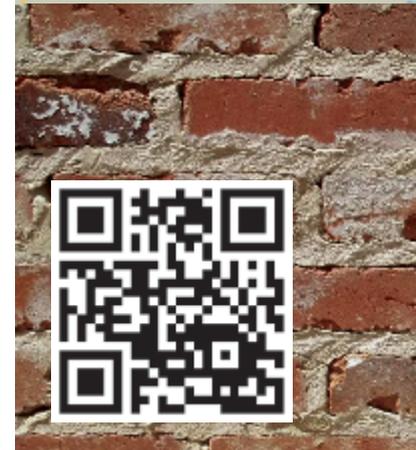
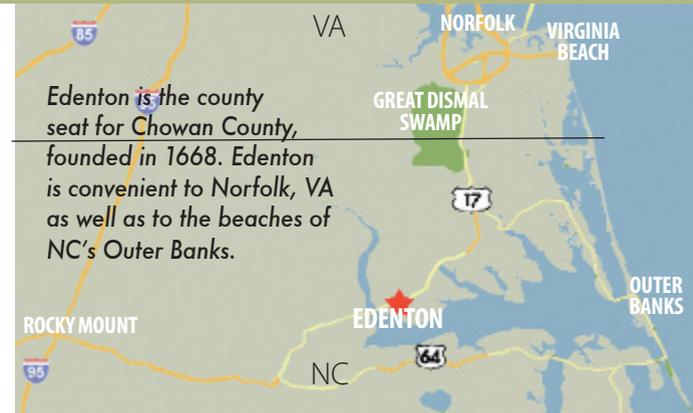
So come sit by our waterfront and savor the day. Explore and enjoy. Yes, *history lives here in Edenton and Chowan County.*



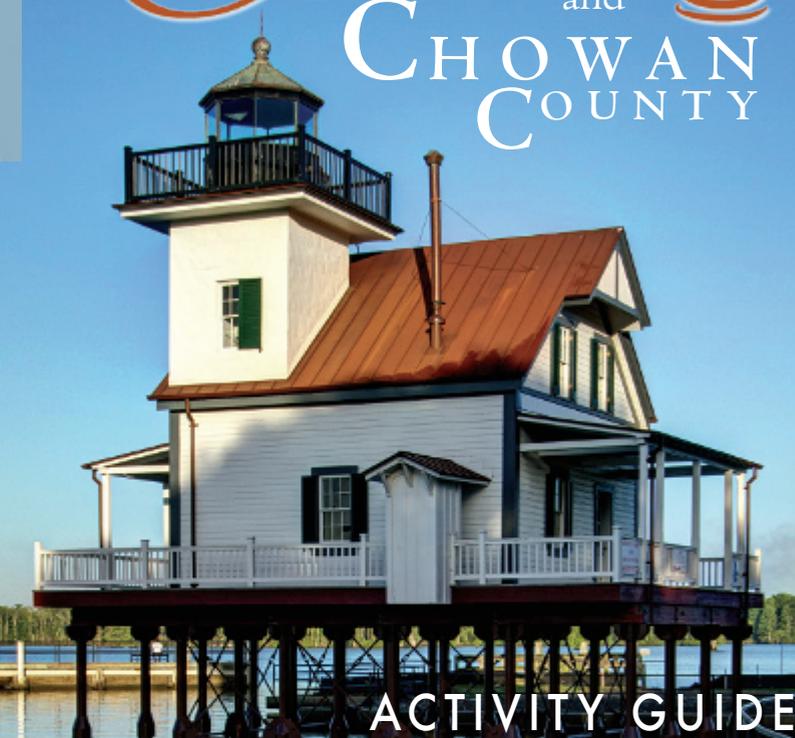
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1767 Courthouse  
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courthouse cannon  
below:  
Cupola House &  
commemorative icon  
of 1774 Edenton  
Tea Party



front:  
Roanoke River  
Lighthouse



## Historic *Edenton* and CHOWAN COUNTY



### ACTIVITY GUIDE

*history*  
*architecture*  
*shopping*  
*nature*  
*dining*

# Chowan County

**1 American Legion Post 40 & Chowan County Fairgrounds**

Home for more than 60 years to the region's only fair, as well as outdoor concerts and annual Hog Fest.

1317 West Queen Street Extension • 252.482.4057

**2 Bennett's Millpond**

NC Birding Trail, plus canoeing and kayaking, primitive camping, boardwalk and pavilion.

2100 Rocky Hock Road

**3 Cannon's Ferry Heritage River Walk & J. Robert Hendrix Park**

The Civil War trail marker 'War on the Chowan River: Buffalo Country' describes how the Chowan River became the boundary between the Federalists to the east and the Confederates to the west. Also, picnicking, paddling and fisheries exhibit.

315 Cannon's Ferry Road • 252.482.8595

**4 Chowan Golf & Country Club**

18-hole golf course, clubhouse and pro shop.

1101 West Soundshore Drive  
252.482.3606

**5 Dillard Creek Paddle Trail**

408 Dillard's Mill Road • 252.482.8595

**6 Edenton Marina**

Limited service marina facility with boat ramp.

621 West Queen Street  
252.482.7421

**7 Edenton National Fish Hatchery & Boardwalk Birding Trail**

This Charles Kuralt Trail site is home to an aquarium, fishery exhibits and ponds, as well as an accessible boardwalk, which is a North Carolina Birding Trail.

1104 West Queen Street  
252.482.4118



**8 Holladay's Island Camping Platforms**

Holladay's Island is in the middle of the Chowan River. First observed by non-native visitors on a 1586 expedition, the island was later acquired by Thomas Holladay in 1730. Virtually unchanged for more than 400 years, it is on the Albemarle Regional Canoe/Kayak Paddling Trail and home to five camping platforms.

315 Cannon's Ferry Road • 252.482.8595

**9 Northeastern Regional Airport**

Former WWII marine air station; 6000-foot runway, terminal and fuel.

113 Airport Road • 252.482.4664

**10 Northern Chowan Community Center**

Gym, weight and aerobics rooms; kitchen and meeting room. Tennis and basketball courts, track and athletic field; open to the public at a small fee.

2869 Virginia Road • 252.221.4901

**11 Pembroke Creek Park & Bayside Marina**

Fishing, boat ramp, canoe launch, restaurant, fishing supplies and tournaments.

802 West Queen Street • 252.482.5343

**12 Rocky Hock Campground**

Full RV hookups with water, sewer, electricity and telephone.

1008 David's Red Barn Lane  
252.221.4695

**13 Wharf Landing Marina**

Self-service marina with boat ramp and fuel.

Wharf Landing Road • 800.783.8289

**14 Wildlife Access Area**

600-foot fishing pier, double boat ramp and rest rooms.

248 Wharf Landing Road • 252.482.8595

*Information Please...*

**FRESH PRODUCE**

Chowan County Cooperative Extension Office  
730 North Granville Street  
or 252.482.6585

**LOCAL GENEALOGY**

Chowan County Cemetery Survey  
www.chowancounty-nc.gov  
or 252.482.8431



## Accommodations—

CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS INN • 252.482.8945

COACH HOUSE MOTEL • 252.482.2107

GRANVILLE QUEEN INN • 252.482.5296

HAMPTON INN • 252.482.3500

MULBERRY HILL PLANTATION • 919.986.2231

PACK HOUSE INN • 252.482.3641

PARSONAGE INN • 252.482.8355

SUPER 8 • 252.482.2017

UPPER BROAD EXTENDED STAY • 252.482.8696

## And within a short drive from Edenton...

**Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center**

South Mills • 252.771.8333

**Dismal Swamp State Park & Natural Area**

South Mills • 252.771.6593

**Hope Plantation** • Windsor • 252.794.3140

**Livermon Park & Mini Zoo** • Windsor • 252.794.5553

**Merchants Millpond State Park**

Canoe rentals, hiking and biking trails

Gatesville • 252.357.1191

**Museum of the Albemarle** • Elizabeth City • 252.335.1453

**Newbold-White House** • Hertford • 252.426.7567

**Pettigrew State Park** • Creswell • 252.797.4475

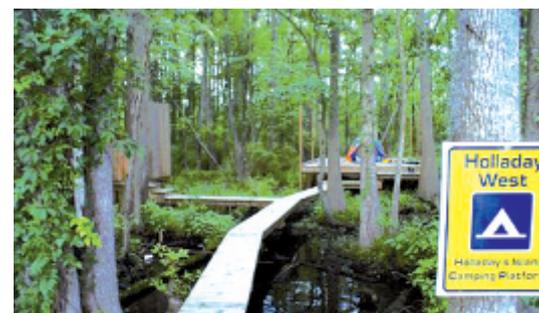
**Roanoke/Cashie River Center**

Canoe Rentals • Windsor • 252.794.2001

**Scuppernong River Walk**

Visitor Center • Columbia • 252.796.0723

**Somerset Place** • Creswell • 252.797.4560



Holladay's Island camping platforms

*founded in 1668*

## Start here—

### 1 The Penelope Barker House Welcome Center

Waterfront historic house offering information and maps, trolley tours of historic sites, exhibits, restrooms and a book and gift shop. Known as 'Edenton's Living Room', a nice place to relax and enjoy the views of Edenton Bay. Open daily 10AM-4PM

**ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
505 South Broad Street  
252.482.7800  
ehnc.com



## Sites to Visit...

### 2 1767 Chowan County Courthouse\*

The most intact Colonial courthouse in America, the structure has been restored and is now open for guided tours and community events. Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was one of the commissioners appointed to raise money for its construction. Judges James Iredell and Samuel Johnston, prominent Revolutionary patriots, heard cases here. The Courthouse Green runs from the Courthouse to the Revolutionary War cannon fronting Edenton Bay, and is lined with historic private homes. Open Tues-Sat, 9AM - 3PM.

**A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**  
117 East King Street • 252.482.2637



### 3 Chowan Arts Council Gallery

Gallery and shop with fine arts and crafts by regional artists, and changing exhibits.

504 South Broad Street  
252.482.8005

### 4 Chowan County Courthouse

The office of the Register of Deeds holds genealogy records and a complete cemetery survey of more than 5,000 graves, ranging from the early 1700s to the present.

101 South Broad Street • 252.482.2619  
chowancounty-nc.gov

### 5 Cupola House\*

Built in 1758 for Francis Corbin, an agent for Lord Granville, one of the eight Lords Proprietors of the Province (colony) of Carolina. Enjoy the Cupola House gardens, restored from plans dated 1769.

**A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**  
408 South Broad Street • 252.482.2637



## Colonial Waterfront Park

### History Signage

Learn about Edenton's place in the history of the Maritime Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trail, and the Civil War Battle of the Albemarle Sound.

### 6 Edenton Harbor

Offers protected dockage with nine transient boat slips, rest rooms with showers, a playground, picnic tables and grills, and kayak rentals and launch.

### 7 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse

Relocated to the park in 2007; will be open to the public as a State Historic Site in the future.



South Broad at  
West Water Streets

harbor & park  
information:  
252.482.2832  
252.337.4488

lighthouse  
information:  
252.482.2637



Barker House porch

# Edenton



### 8 Edenton Cotton Mill Village & Museum of History

Donated to Preservation North Carolina in 1995, this intact mill complex has been preserved and is now a thriving residential neighborhood. Stroll the streets of historic cottages and the boardwalk located behind the mill, and explore the Edenton Cotton Mill Museum of History.

420 Elliott Street  
**ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
Preservation North Carolina Northeast  
Regional Office  
117 East King Street • 252.482.7455

### 9 Historic Edenton State Historic Site

Guided walking tours of town and historic sites, film presentation, exhibits, information and gift shop. Handicap accessible; two wheelchairs available. Group tours and step-on bus guides available with advance notice. Open Tues-Sat, 9AM-5PM.

108 North Broad Street • 252.482.2637



### 13 St. Paul's Episcopal Church\*

The second-oldest surviving church building in North Carolina, 1736-1760. This active parish, organized under the first Vestry Act of 1701, holds the oldest charter in the state. Three colonial governors are buried in the historic churchyard cemetery.

**ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
101 West Gale Street  
252-482-2637

### 14 Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library

Public access computers, a courtyard garden and a North Carolina collection.

106 West Water Street • 252.482.4112

### 15 Taylor Twin Theater

1925 movie theater offers first-run matinee and evening shows.

208 South Broad Street • 252.482.2676

#### \*PLEASE NOTE:

Guided tours of the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, Cupola House, Iredell House and St. Paul's Episcopal Church depart from the Historic Edenton State Historic Site multiple times daily. The sites are open for special events and programs.

## Shopping & Dining

Explore the streets of Edenton to find unique shops with art, antiques, books, home decor, clothing and more. Local restaurants offer a wide variety of delicious dining choices as well as entertainment.

### 10 Historic Hicks Field

Hicks Field was built as a WPA project in 1939. Its wooden grandstand is the only one of its kind remaining in North Carolina today. During the summer season, Hicks Field is the home of the Coastal Plain League baseball team, the Edenton Steamers.

**ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
500 Woodard Street • 252.482.4080

### 11 Iredell House Homesite\*

1800/1827 home of James Iredell, Associate Justice on the first US Supreme Court, and NC Superior Court Judge and Attorney General during the American Revolution. Birthplace of James Iredell, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, 1827-1828.

**ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
107 East Church Street • 252.482.2637

### 12 Queen Anne Park

Waterfront park with picnic tables, fishing and kayak launch.

210 East Water Street  
252.482.7352

## The Active Life

### Albemarle Regional Paddle Trail System

Five designated canoe/kayak trails through scenic creeks and streams.

252.482.7437

### John's Island Camping Platforms

Two single platforms and a cluster of three for groups, close to Edenton's waterfront and downtown.

252.482.8595

### ECO-TOURISM

For information on outdoor activities in Edenton and Chowan County, call 252.482.0300 or 800.775.0111 and request a 'Close to Nature' brochure.



## The Edenton Tea Party

was the earliest organized women's political action in American history. On October 25, 1774, fifty-one women in Edenton formed an alliance wholeheartedly supporting the American cause against "taxation without representation." Learn more about this important event at the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.

## Harriet Jacobs



Edenton native, escaped slave, abolitionist and writer—hid here for seven years as a fugitive.

Her memoir, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, was one of the first narratives about the struggle for freedom by female slaves.

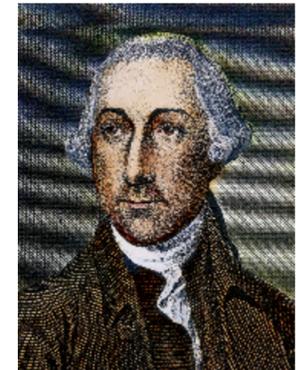
### AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

'African-American Life in Edenton, 1700s to the Present'—a self-guided walking tour brochure—is available at the Historic Edenton State Historic Site. You may also request a guided Jacobs-themed tour there.

## Joseph Hewes

The first colonial Secretary of the Navy, Hewes also signed the Declaration of Independence. Edenton's beautiful waterfront

was Joseph Hewes' inspiration to create a colonial navy and break the British blockade of Boston.



## Edenton's 300th

Founded on November 6, 1712, Edenton recently celebrated its 300th anniversary. Edenton served as North Carolina's first Colonial capital until 1743. Its citizens then helped in our fight for freedom, and became instrumental in establishing the principles and values upon which our nation was founded.

### 16 Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce

Offices of the Chamber, Economic Development & Tourism Development. 101 West Water Street • 252.482.0300

### Emergency Information—

17 Chowan County Sheriff's Office • 305 West  
Freemason Street • 252.482.8484

18 Vidant Chowan Hospital • 211 Virginia Road  
252.482.8451

17 Edenton Police Department • 305 West Freemason  
Street • 252.482.5144

