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The Johnston County Visitors Bureau Visitor Center is located at 235 E. Market Street, 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



NORTH CAROLINA

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



# 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  
[rdi.com](http://rdi.com)

## Bus Transportation

### Greyhound and Trailways

600 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield 919-934-8272  
[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)

## Specialty

### Eddie Bee's Executive Coach

Professional chauffeur specializing in Johnston County Airport transportation, corporate and personal transport and door to door service. 200 Daffodil Ln., Clayton 919-553-1791  
[eddiebees.com](http://eddiebees.com)

### J & L Carriage

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

5475 Massey-Holt Rd., Princeton 919-936-2586  
[jcarriage.com](http://jcarriage.com)

### JoCo Limo

Specializes in delivering luxury limosine service at affordable prices. 109 Linda St., Princeton 919-587-6069  
[joco-limo.com](http://joco-limo.com)

### Starship Charter & Travel

Full service transportation and charter travel service. PO Box 804, Clayton 919-279-7837  
[starshipcharterandtravel.com](http://starshipcharterandtravel.com)

## Taxi Service

### Benson Cab Co.

100 W. Church St., Benson 919-701-5120

### 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/tstops/kenly\\_nc.htm](http://natsn.com/tstops/kenly_nc.htm)

### Blue Beacon Truck Washing

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly 919-284-6670

### 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/northcarolina.htm](http://cumminsatlantic.com/northcarolina.htm)

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

### Kenly 95 Petro

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours with diesel fuel, oil changes and minor repairs, 15 showers, laundry facilities, movie theatre, five 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)

# 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/hotels/06776](http://daysinn.com/hotels/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

[choicehotels.com/nc302](http://choicehotels.com/nc302)



### Morning Glory Inn

This 5-guest room historic home is warm and inviting for guests.

507 E. Second St., Clayton 27520  
919-550-8547

[morning-glory-inn.com](http://morning-glory-inn.com)



### Dr. Watson Inn

Enjoy your stay in the restored, historic home located on Flowers Plantation and consider the location for your next special event or wedding.

500 Flowers Pkwy., Clayton 27520  
919-585-6173

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



### Snuggle Inn Bed and Breakfast

For getting off the beaten path and to escape the city life, enjoy this A-frame cabin.

2121 Powell Dr., Clayton 27520  
919-553-4676

[snuggle-innnc.com](http://snuggle-innnc.com)



# Four Oaks

## Four Oaks Lodging

This motel is conveniently located off I95 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. Truck parking, 8-HBO, 3-ESPN, Micro-Fridge.

97 NC Hwy 96 S., Four Oaks 27524

919-934-4194



## The Dwelling Place Bed & Breakfast

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

6374 NC Hwy 301 S., Four Oaks 27524

919-934-4194



# Garner (I-40, Exit 312)

## Comfort Inn

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

[choicehotels.com/nc366](http://choicehotels.com/nc366)



## Sleep Inn

87-room hotel is conveniently located on I-40, Exit 312 only minutes from Clayton and Downtown Raleigh.

105 Commerce Pkwy., Garner 27529

919-772-7771

[choicehotels.com/nc321](http://choicehotels.com/nc321)



## Hampton Inn

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

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



## Super 8

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

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



## Holiday Inn Express

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)



## Value Place

This extended stay hotel offers weekly rates only for those staying in the area for relocation, corporate training, or construction companies.

142 Cleveland Crossing Dr., Garner 27529

919-779-5800

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



## 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 80 room motel off Exit 106.

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



## Days Inn

This 74 room property is located along I-95, Exit 106 adjacent to the Kenly 95 Truckstop.

1139 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly 27542  
919-284-3400  
daysinn.com/hotel/06939



## Quality Inn

This 60 room hotel has a convenient location for an overnight stay in Kenly

405 S. Church St., Kenly 27542  
919-284-1000  
choicehotels.com/nc229



## Deluxe Inn

This 25 room motel is conveniently located off I-95, Exit 107 near the Downtown Kenly.

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



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



## Days Inn

This 52 room hotel is conveniently located near JR Discount 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)



## Masters Inn

Conveniently located for travelers on I-95, this motel has exterior corridors and courtyard pool.  
**318 US Hwy 70 E., Selma 27576**  
**919-965-3771**  
[mastersinn.com/smithfield/htm](http://mastersinn.com/smithfield/htm)



## Econo Lodge

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



## Quality Inn

Conveniently located along I-95, this 80 room hotel is a 2014 Gold Award Winner. I95 Exit 97.  
**1705 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576**  
**919-965-5200**  
[choicehotels.com/nc145](http://choicehotels.com/nc145)



## Hampton Inn

This 77 room property is located adjacent to Carolina Premium Outlets and across from JR Discount Outlet, along I-95, Exit 97.  
**1695 Outlet Center Dr., Selma 27576**  
**919-965-6151**  
[hamptoninn.com](http://hamptoninn.com)



## 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**  
[choicehotels.com/nc767](http://choicehotels.com/nc767)



## Luxury Inn

A 48-room exterior corridor property located on I-95, Exit 97 and close to JR Outlets.  
**100 Graham St., Selma 27576**  
**919-202-0000**  
[luxuryinn-nc.com](http://luxuryinn-nc.com)



### Hotel Symbols Key



## America's 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)



## Fairfield Inn and Suites

The newest and largest hotel in Smithfield/Selma. 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)



AAA Rating  
★★★

## 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)



AAA Rating  
★★★

## 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)



AAA Rating  
★★★

## 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

[bestwestern.com/smithfieldinnnorthcarolina](http://bestwestern.com/smithfieldinnnorthcarolina)



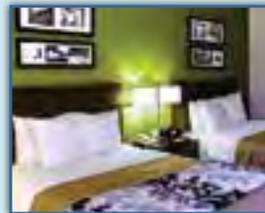
AAA Rating  
★★★

## 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

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



AAA Rating  
★★★

## Comfort Inn

This 72 room hotel is ideally located near on I-95, Exit 95, offering easy access to many local attractions and points of interest.

170 S. Equity Dr., Smithfield 27577  
919-938-4444

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



AAA Rating  
★★★

## Super 8

Sample Southern hospitality at our conveniently located hotel offering handy ammenities, including a microwave and refrigerator. Kitchenette suites are available for added comfort.

735 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield 27577  
919-989-8988

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



AAA Rating  
★★★

## Country Inn and Suites

Equity Dr. Smithfield  
800-830-5222

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



## 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



# 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

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



## 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)



## 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  
919-796-1208



## 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

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



## 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 Trips

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 antiques 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, [www.johnstoncountync.org/day-trips](http://www.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

***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: Lazy O Farm, Atkinson's Mill, Banks Miniature Horses, Smithfield Ham Shop, Triple S Ranch, Smith's Nursery and Boyette Family Farm's Fear Farm and Lights on the Neuse events are very popular.

Johnston County now has three wineries; Enoch Vineyards, 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.

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



### **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 NC 27527 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)

### **Triple S Ranch**

Gain knowledge through farm fun, gardens, hay maze, train ride. Enjoy the play and cookout area, animal viewing, trails, fishing and more for reunions, birthday parties, and corporate outings.

533 Barnes Lake Rd., Middlesex 919-202-4991  
[sssranch.com](http://sssranch.com)



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

## *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.

4870 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  
[depriverbrewing.com](http://depriverbrewing.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., Wilson's Mills 919-934-3433  
[doublebarleybrewing.com](http://doublebarleybrewing.com)

### **Enoch Winery & Vineyard / Enoch's Bistro**

Fruit wine tasting including muscadine, bramble, apple, and peach. Small fruits available including seasonal muscadine grapes, blackberries and blueberries. Bistro open for fine dining.

3735 NC Hwy., 50 S. Benson 919-207-0100  
[enochwinery.com](http://enochwinery.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)

***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 **919-936-5601**

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

### Eye of the Eagle Art

Art center and gallery featuring original art and fine crafts created by local artists.

131 E. First St., Clayton **919-585-2461**

[eyeoftheeagleart.com](http://eyeoftheeagleart.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 **919-209-2032**

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

### G.O. Design

Bright, colorful still life and unique abstracts characterize the oils, acrylics and mixed media work of Gail O'Neil. Studio tours available.

322 Medlin Rd., Clayton **919-553-6188**

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

### 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., Ste. 105, Clayton **919-553-2486**

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

### Thistlebird Art Studio

Original fine art, commissions, private lessons and workshops.

234 E Main Street, Clayton **919-818-6699**

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

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

A 600-seat performing arts center has superb acoustic quality and provides an intimate environment for nationally touring artists. 12,480 square feet of meeting and reception space for groups of 20 to 450. Call for event schedule, ticket availability or to rent the space.

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**

[flipsidecoffeemill.com](http://flipsidecoffeemill.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 **919-894-5117**

[townofbenison.com/Parks-Recreation.html](http://townofbenison.com/Parks-Recreation.html)

## Comedy

### The Comedy Zone

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

8928 US Hwy 70 W., Bus. Clayton **919-819-8349**

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



Ava Gardner was born and raised in Johnston County, just seven miles east of Smithfield in the Brogden Community. Ava signed a contract with MGM at age 17 and went on to become an internationally acclaimed star appearing in 59 films. The museum in Smithfield showcases her life and career with memorabilia and personal belongings and is open seven days a week.

Find our more on our Hollywood connection at  
[avagardner.org](http://avagardner.org)

# Family Fun

THINGS TO DO



***Whether you've been traveling all day and just want to unwind a little or you are looking for some activities for the kids while visiting the area, there are several great outings around the county.***

Be adventurous with outside laser tag at Go Play Outside Now! or see what's playing at the Historic Howell Theatre where movies are a bargain. Or you can be a spectator for motorsports events at Southern National Motorsports Park or Galots Motorsports Park on Saturday nights.

For a chance to relax, rejuvenate, and restore your mind and body you may choose one of Johnston County's spas - even if just for the day! Area day spas offer a variety of services, facials, botanicals, and special events for you and your friends!



## Amusements

### **Camp Flintlock**

School groups, scouts and other organizations choose from a variety of Colonial American Programs offered throughout the year. Summer Residential Camp offered with separate sessions for boys and girls.

1580 King Mill Rd., Four Oaks 919-938-1776

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

### **Carolina High Hot Air Balloon Company**

Enjoy the tranquil and picturesque scenery of beautiful Johnston County, floating gently above the countryside in "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)

### **Howell Theatre**

Step back in time at this nostalgic four screen theatre built in the 1930's. \$4 for everyone, \$3.00 matinee.

141 S. Third St., Smithfield 919-934-8202  
[howellmovies.com](http://howellmovies.com)

### **Jumpin' Jax**

8,000 sq. ft. climate controlled indoor playground and party center featuring a play structure, slides, inflatables and toddler area.

74 Son Lan Pkwy., Garner 919-772-5546  
[jumpinjkids.com](http://jumpinjkids.com)

### **Lil' Black Creek Farm/Country Fun Park**

Lil' Black Creek Farm is a 150-acre farm with pasture and trails for horseback riding and hiking, a golf driving range and paintball field.

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

### **Monster Indoor Batting Cages**

Indoor batting facility with top of the line cage netting, machines and four - 55ft tunnels, two - 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**

Enjoy a real New Orleans style snoball and take a few swings in our batting cage! Fenced playground area for children.

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

### **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)

### **Rainbow Lanes Family Fun Center**

More than a bowling alley, Rainbow Lanes is 45,000 sq.ft. of family-friendly fun. In addition to 32 bowling lanes, enjoy the huge arcade, billiards room, snack bar, and party rooms!

850 NC Hwy 42 W., Clayton 919-553-4386  
[rainbowlanesclayton.com](http://rainbowlanesclayton.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)

### **Wine and Design**

Painting classes taught by local artist who will lead you step-by-step in creating your masterpiece.

120 Flowers Parkway Suite B-102, Clayton 919-208-6402

### **You Define Art**

Aspiring artist or just wanting to explore your creative side, you are sure to go home with a piece of artwork that is uniquely yours, offering canvas art and wood cut outs including laser cut monograms!

3241-104 US Hwy 70 East, Smithfield 919-795-4558

## *Day Spas*

### **Botanicals Salon & Spa**

We Pamper You, You Deserve It!! Spa offers hair services, nails, massage, facials, waxing, day packages and spa parties!

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

### **Evolve Medical Spa**

Premier destination for health, rejuvenation, and beauty with a variety of services to positively improve your overall appearance and well-being.

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

### **Julie Anne's Salon & Spa**

With a vintage flair you will be relaxed, pampered, and welcomed by our friendly staff.

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

### **My Girlfriends Place**

Full service spa including all hair, nail, skin and massage services. Available for girlfriend parties.

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

### **Shear Serenity Salon & Spa**

Come let us focus total attention on you by providing quality, professional services at reasonable cost, in a tranquil, caring private atmosphere.

106 S. Ellington St., Clayton 919-757-7100  
[shearserenityhairstalon.com](http://shearserenityhairstalon.com)

### **Spa Neo Clayton**

Offering massage and skin care, GloMinerals and Rx Systems.

501 Gateway Dr., Suite 104, Clayton 919-550-9355  
[spaneoclayton.com](http://spaneoclayton.com)

### **The Dupree House Salon & Day Spa**

Offers manicures, pedicures, facials, body wraps, hair and wax services, mineral cosmetics, and eminence organic skin care products.

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

## *Motor Sports*

### **Galot's Motorsports Park**

The track first opened in 1957 to bring a new type of entertainment to central NC, this one-eighth mile asphalt/concrete pad dragstrip is located four miles from Benson, I-95 exit 79, NC Hwy 242 S.

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. Admission.

8071 Newsome Mill Rd., Lucama 919-284-1114  
[snmpark.com](http://snmpark.com)

# 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 & Fri 1-5pm, Thur 9-1pm, Sat 9-3pm. Free.

102 W. Main St., Benson 919-894-1266

[townofbenison.com/museum.html](http://townofbenison.com/museum.html)



### **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. Free.

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, trail ends at the Harper House at Bentonville Battlefield.

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

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

NC Hwy 222, Glendale Rd., Kenly **919-284-3431** (for directions)

## Coats Museum, Bell Tower and House

Preserves the collection of textiles, books, farm equipment, and artifacts of the Coats Homestead. Of particular interest is a bell tower of over 60 bells of various sizes. Special tours available, open by appointment only.

3317 Old Fairground Rd., Angier **919-894-4443**

## 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**

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

[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>

### 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!”***



## Fishing

### 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**

### Richardson's Bridge

Launch your boat into the Neuse River located off SR 1201 off of Brogden Road, 5 miles southeast of Smithfield. Turn right on Richardson's Bridge Rd., boat ramp is 3 miles on the right.

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's Lake while playing golf, swimming or playing tennis at this 18-hole, 6800 yard course designed by Ellis Maples. Golf packages available and open for daily fee play. 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 NC 27520 **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 accommodates any skill level.

918 Birkdale Dr., Clayton **919-550-0550**

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

## Nature Sites

### Arboretum at JCC

The Arboretum at Johnston Community College is a collection of educational gardens which hold many opportunities for the public.

1240 E. Market St., Smithfield **919-209-2517**

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

### Clemmons Educational State Forest

This mix of pine and hardwood vegetation with a pleasant rolling terrain highlighted by streams and rock out-croppings. Enjoy a series of well marked trails, exhibits and displays about the ecology of a managed forest. Open Mid-March to Mid November. Closed on Mondays.

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

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

### Flower Hill

A 10-acre nature preserve owned and managed by Triangle Land Conservancy to protect rare populations of rhododendron, galax, and other montane plants. Early May is typically when the magnificent pink Catawba rhododendron blooms.

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 acres 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)

## Outdoor Recreation

### Buffalo Creek Greenway

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.

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

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

### Clayton River Walk

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

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

[townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation)

### Hexagon Wake Park at Tucker Lake

Fun and supportive environment for beginners to advanced riders ages with daily lessons for both wake boarding and wake skating. Facility has one full size cable and a 2.0 cable.

3025 Allens Crossroads Rd., Benson **877-WAKEPARK**

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

### **Legend Park - Mountain Bike Trail**

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

550 City Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

### **McCoy Paintball**

Fast action paintball fun on three fields. Equipment and Rentals, store on site. Parties welcome.

1947-H Progressive Church Rd., Princeton 919-936-2025

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

### **Sam's Branch Greenway Trail**

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.

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

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

## *Parks*

### **Benson Singing Grove**

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.

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

[townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html](http://townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html)

### **East Clayton Community Park**

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

1774 Glen Laurel Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

### **East Clayton Dog Park**

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.

2027 Glen Laurel Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation)

### **Princeton Community Park**

Family park with separate toddler playground and swings, older children playground, picnic tables with shelter, and 1 mile lighted walking trail.

116 Holts Pond Rd., Princeton 919-936-8171

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

### **Smithfield Town Commons**

Take a stroll along the Neuse River Walk in historic Smithfield's Town Commons. Watch nature, go fishing, or picnic along the river. Boat ramp located at end of Front Street. Available for rental for special events and family reunions.

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

[smithfield-nc.com](http://smithfield-nc.com)

## *Sports Venues*

### **All-Star Park**

Playground equipment, basketball court, pavilion/restroom.

400 Front St., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

### **Benson Municipal Park**

Facilities include one youth baseball field, one youth/adult softball field, batting cages, volleyball court, eight sets of horseshoe pits, two tennis courts and four shuffleboard courts, and picnic shelter for 32-40 ppl.

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

[townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html](http://townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html)

### **Brack Wilson Park**

Park includes a 300 foot baseball field, playground area, covered shaded picnic shelter, outdoor basketball court, and rest rooms.

1118 W. Oak St., Selma 919-975-1411

### **Clayton Community Center**

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

715 Amelia Church Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.org/parks-and-recreation)

### **Clayton Community Park**

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

1075 Amelia Church Rd., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

### **Clayton Municipal Park**

Ballfield, basketball court, tennis court, picnic shelter, fenced in playground.

325 McCullers Dr., Clayton 919-553-1550

[townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation](http://townofclaytonnc.com/parks-and-recreation)

### **P.K. Vyas Community Park**

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

312 S. Lee St., Benson 919-894-5177

[townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html](http://townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html)

### **Kenly Area Parks & Recreation Center (KAPARC)**

KAPARC facility includes four ballfields, gymnasium, a soccer complex, two tennis courts, two batting cages, and a half mile paved walking trail.

406 S. College Ave., Kenly 919-284-0210

### **Mitchell Nance Athletic Complex/Picnic Shelter**

Fields include two soccer fields and one softball field, with concession stand, picnic shelter and playground for children ages 2-12.

300 N. Lee St., Benson 919-894-5177

[townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html](http://townofbenenson.com/Parks-Recreation.html)

### **Richard B. Harrison Gymnasium & Blackley Athletic**

Outdoor basketball court, gymnasium, little league baseball field.

601 W. Noble St., Selma 919-975-1411

### **Sam Godwin Recreation Park**

Park includes four lighted baseball/softball fields, basketball court, soccer field, community park, concession, picnic tables.

US Hwy 70-A, Pine Level 919-965-2284

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



## Selma Parks & Recreation Department

Sports Facilities available for tournaments: Two adult baseball fields, two little league fields. One football/soccer, one youth soccer. Two tennis courts. One gym and two school gyms.

305 N. Pollock St., Selma 919-975-1411

[selma-nc.com](http://selma-nc.com)

## Smithfield Community Park

Facilities: 4 tennis courts, 2 outdoor basketball courts, softball field, 2 youth soccer fields, 1 adult baseball field, 1 youth football/multipurpose field, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playground areas, one-mile walking trail, Buffalo Creek Greenway, 2 horseshoe courts, disc golf and double batting cage facility.

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

[smithfield-nc.com](http://smithfield-nc.com)

## Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center

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

600 Booker Dairy Rd., Smithfield 919-934-1408

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

## Swimming & Boating

### Neuse Adventures Canoe & Kayak Rentals

2-hour canoe trips along the scenic Neuse River begin 9am and 1pm weekends or 6-8pm weekdays during the summer. Groups up to 16-20 people welcome. Trips are self-guided unless a guide is reserved.

2975 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton 919-553-3295

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

### Tucker Lake

Enjoy swimming, water slide, picnic area. Admission charged. Open from Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day weekend.

3025 Allen's Crossroads Rd., Benson 919-894-6090

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

## Hunting

### Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

A popular hunting spot for wild pig, whitetail deer, wild turkey, and other game. Fishing also available.

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

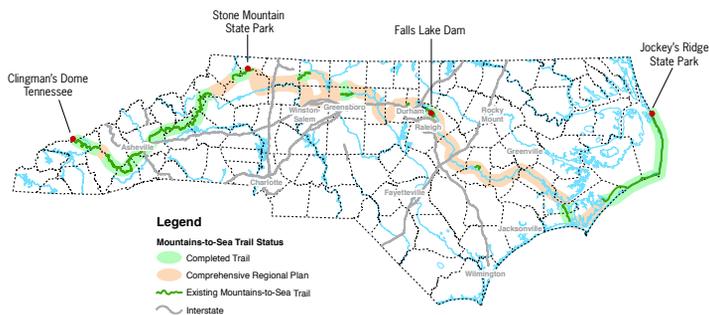
[johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods](http://johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods)

### Springhill Outfitters

The archery shooting range is conveniently located beside the archery pro-shop where on staff technicians and instructors offer lessons for beginners, advanced shooters, and everyone in between.

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

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



## Mountains-to-Sea Trail

The Mountains-to-Sea Trail, an effort to link Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Jockey's Ridge State Park on the outer banks, is the flagship project of the North Carolina State Trails Program. Today, over 450 miles of the 1,000 mile route are open for use. Partners across North Carolina are helping to plan and build the trail to link communities together and to serve as the backbone of a growing system of land and water trails.

When completed, the route will pass through 37 counties containing about 40 percent of the state's population. The trail is used by people out for an afternoon stroll as well as those planning to hike the trail from one end of the state to the other. MST has the distinction of being the highest elevation, long-distance trail in the eastern United States, where it crosses Mount Mitchell at 6,684 feet (2,037 m).

The trail concept was first proposed in 1977 by Howard Lee, then secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

For more information on the  
Mountains to Sea Trail, visit

[ncparks.gov/About/trails\\_mst.php](http://ncparks.gov/About/trails_mst.php)



### Johnston County MST Sections

In Johnston County begin the trail in Clayton along the Neuse River at either Sam's Branch Greenway Trail on O'Neil Street or the newly opened Clayton River Walk on Covered Bridge Road, for hiking, walking or biking on this 5.25 mile stretch which connects to Wake County. From Clayton to Smithfield the MST is by road or waterway on the Neuse River.

In Smithfield, the Buffalo Creek Greenway begins at the Smithfield Community Park on Booker Dairy Road, and traverses 3 miles to the Smithfield Town Commons and Neuse River Boat Ramp on Front Street.

For more suggestions on biking and  
hiking in the county, visit

[johnstoncountync.org/recreation](http://johnstoncountync.org/recreation)

# 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 Outlet offers, besides being the world largest cigar retail store, they have housewares, books, garden supplies, cosmetics and fragrances.

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**  
[antiquewish-online.com](http://antiquewish-online.com)

### **105 - Annex of Keepsake Corner**

105 N. Raiford St., Selma **919-965-6788**  
[keepsake-corner.com](http://keepsake-corner.com)

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

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

### **Bishop's Emporium**

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

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

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

### **Brightleaf Flea Market**

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

### **Four Oaks Auction Gallery**

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

### **G & L Auctions**

1525 Fire Tower Rd., Selma **919-202-8115**  
[glauction.com](http://glauction.com)

### **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**

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

### **Ole' Barn Finds**

107 E. Main St., Benson **919-902-3449**

### **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**

### **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**

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

### **Seven Sisters Thrift Shop**

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

### **The Frugal Peacock**

103 W. Main St., Benson **919-894-6901**

### **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**

## *Farms, Markets & Produce*

### **Arrowhead Farm Dairy**

2765 Little Divine Rd., Selma **919-965-9306**

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

### **B & B Produce, Inc.**

2778 NC Hwy 50 S., Benson **919-894-1803**

### **Beasley's Berries**

Pre-picked and pick your own strawberries. April 15 - June 5.

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 **919-553-5221**

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

### **Boyette Vineyards**

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

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

### **Brook Hill Farms - Langdon GM Farms**

Grower, retailer and shipper of quality #1 sweetpotatoes.

5098 Zack's Mill Rd., Angier **919-894-4796**

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

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

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

349 E. Main St., Clayton

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

### **Crooked Row Produce**

110 Roxy Dr., Selma **919-369-5674**

### **Heelside Farms**

Part of the nineteenth century living history and other featured events. They showcase their wool, yarn, honey and other farm products.

508 Sedgewood Rd., Four Oaks **919-934-2427**

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

### **Jacar Produce**

Produce and organic egg farm.

1718 Powhatan Rd., Clayton **919-901-5453**

### **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**

### **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**

Produce, Seasonal Plants, Christmas Trees and Snow Cones. Open 7 days a week from Mid March thru December 24.

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**

[ncfarmfresh.com/FarmMarketDisplay.asp?FarmID=2213](http://ncfarmfresh.com/FarmMarketDisplay.asp?FarmID=2213)

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

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 301 S., Four Oaks **919-934-8434**

### **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)



# CAROLINA PREMIUM OUTLETS\*

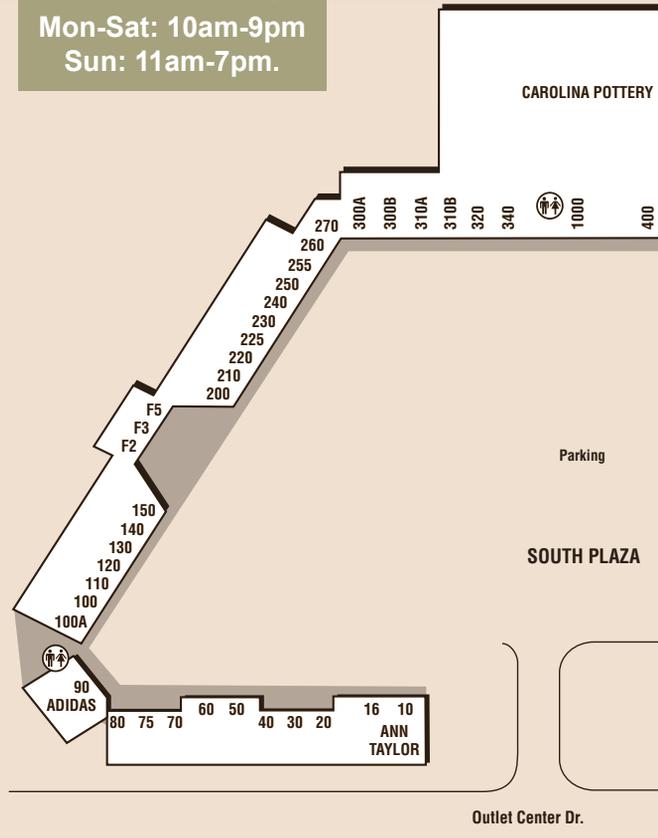
A SIMON CENTER

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 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**  
919-209-9762
- Suite 550 **Aeropostale**  
919-989-0154
- Suite 1247 **Aerosoles**  
919-209-0126
- Suite 810 **American Eagle**  
919-938-3013
- Suite 10 **Ann Taylor Factory Store**  
919-989-7270
- Suite 60 **The Apparel Group**  
919-320-7850
- Suite 200 **As Seen on TV**  
919-934-3770
- Suite F2 **Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels**  
919-209-0096
- Suite 610 **Banana Republic Factory Store**  
919-938-1558
- Suite 300A **Bath & Body Works Outlet**  
919-934-1946
- 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 510 **Claire's Accessories**  
919-989-6966
- Suite 1215 **Clarks Bostonian**  
919-934-0615
- Suite 1223-B **Christopher & Banks**  
Summer 2015

- Suite 1250 **Coach**  
919-934-9089
- Suite 30 **Crocs**  
919-934-0073
- Suite 910 **Dairy Queen Grill & Chill**  
919-934-0066
- Suite 250 **Destination Maternity Outlet**  
919-989-8886
- 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 50 **G.H. Bass & Co.**  
919-934-7158

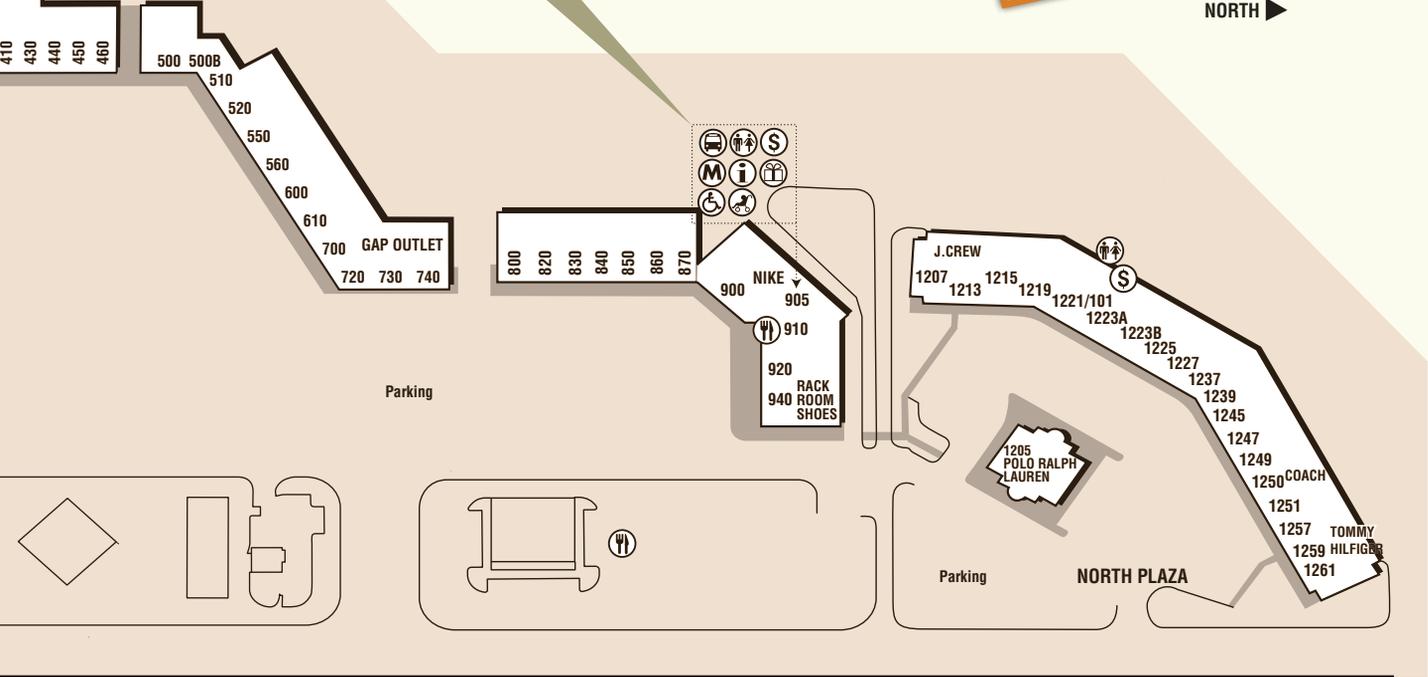
- Suite 310B **Gymboree Outlet**  
919-934-2373
- Suite 80 **Haggar Clothing Co.**  
919-989-6244
- Suite 230 **Hanes Bali Playtex**  
919-934-0548
- Suite 70 **Harry & David**  
919-989-1168
- Suite 440 **Hot Topic**  
919-209-0032
- Suite 600 **Izod**  
919-989-6601
- Suite 1207 **J. Crew**  
919-209-0035
- Suite 320 **Jockey**  
919-989-7676
- Suite 100 **Jones New York**  
919-989-1813
- Suite 260 **Journeys**  
919-934-5040
- Suite 410 **Justice**  
919-209-0840

**Carolina Premium Outlet  
Office/Visitor Center**

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



NORTH ►



- Suite 40 **Kasper**  
919-938-6184
- Suite 430 **Kay Jewelers Outlet**  
919-938-2444
- Suite 150 **Kitchen Collection**  
919-938-0726
- Suite 500-B **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 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 225 **Pepperidge Farm**  
919-989-9970
- 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 940 **Rack Room Shoes**  
919-934-4222
- Suite 1227 **Reebok**  
919-989-7736
- Suite 1227 **Rockport**  
919-989-7146
- Suite 130 **Rue21**  
919-209-0767

- Suite 1259 **Samsonite**  
919-989-9506
- Suite 740 **Skechers**  
919-989-2133
- Suite 240 **Stride Rite Keds Sperry**  
919-934-4810
- Suite 1223-A **Sunglass Hut**  
919-989-8080
- Suite 560 **Talbots**  
919-209-0190
- Suite 920 **Timberland**  
919-934-4300
- Suite 1261 **Tommy Hilfiger**  
919-989-1940
- Suite 270 **Toys "R" US**  
919-938-0030
- Suite F3 **Triangle Treasures**  
919-763-2988
- 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 **Wilson's Leather**  
919-989-9599
- Suite 100-A **Yankee Candle**  
919-938-1188
- Suite 1221-B **Zales Outlet**  
919-209-0000



## Locally Produced Products

### 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)

### House-Autry Mills

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

7000 US Hwy 301 S., Four Oaks 800-849-0802  
[house-autry.com](http://house-autry.com)

### 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)

### McLamb's Abattoir

Purchase fresh ground sausage, pork and beef products.

623 Benson-Hardee Rd., Benson 919-894-2587

### Miss Debbie's Specialty Apples

166 Josie Dr., Benson 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)

### Shamrock's Buzzy Bee (Local Honey & Bee Products)

Purchase online or at local farmer's markets.

115 W. South Railroad St., Four Oaks 919-247-6852  
[shamrocksbuzzybee.com](http://shamrocksbuzzybee.com)

### Stevens Sausage Company

Country hams, spiral sliced hams, hotdogs and sausage are available for retail and mail order.

3411 Stevens Sausage Rd., Smithfield 800-338-0561  
[stevens-sausage.com](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 - See Page 24

Visitor information located in suite 905 919-989-8757  
[premiumoutlets.com/carolina](http://premiumoutlets.com/carolina)

### Heavner Furniture Market

1701 W. Market St., Smithfield 919-934-0551  
[nc-furniture-market.com](http://nc-furniture-market.com)

### JR Discount Outlets

World's largest cigar store! Our mega stores feature the best in cigar shopping as well as a massive selection of name-brand products at low, low prices! Open Daily 8:00am-9:00pm

67 JR Rd., Selma 919-965-5055  
[jrselma.com](http://jrselma.com)

### Red River Western Wear

49-C JR Rd., Selma 919-965-3337  
[redriverwestern.com](http://redriverwestern.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](http://soffe.com)

## Specialty Shops

### All Out Bikes

Bikes - new and used, full service.

106 S Main St., Four Oaks 919-628-1089  
[alloutbikeshop.com](http://alloutbikeshop.com)

### DeWayne's

Garden center, gift shop, jewelry & clothing boutiques. Open daily.

1575 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield 919-202-8471

### Dylan's Unique Gifts & Weddings

Specializing in unique gifts for all occasions. Online shopping.

919-550-3333  
[dylansuniquegifts.com](http://dylansuniquegifts.com)

### Pine Level Hardware & Furniture

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



# 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)

### Bob Evans

907 Venture Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-1267  
[bobevans.com](http://bobevans.com)

### Bojangles

11900 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-550-4175  
12355 NC Hwy 210, McGee’s Xds  
919-209-0322

502 N. Pearl St., Princeton  
919-936-2491

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)

### Denny’s

1800 Princeton-Kenly Rd., Kenly  
919-284-0372  
55 JR Rd., Selma  
919-965-3275  
[dennys.com](http://dennys.com)

### Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

60 Son-Lan Pkwy., Garner  
919-661-1111  
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 Ice Cream & Grill

106 W. Railroad St., Selma  
919-965-6000

### Iron Skillet Restaurant

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly  
919-284-5121  
[kenly95truckstop.com](http://kenly95truckstop.com)

### Lowell Mill Restaurant

595 Bagley Rd., Kenly  
919-284-5141

### McCall’s Bar-B-Que & Seafood

10365 US Hwy 70 Bus. W., 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)

### Miss Maude’s Café

206 E. Main St., Benson  
919-207-9000

**Parkside Café**

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

**Robbins Nest**

121 US Hwy 70-A, Selma  
 919-965-5522  
[robbinsnestrestaurant.com](http://robbinsnestrestaurant.com)

**Rockin' Comet Diner**

11637 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
 919-550-6060

**Shirley's Country Cooking**

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

**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)

**Stormin' Norman's Barbecue**

404 S. Church St., Kenly  
 919-284-0061

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

**Stephenson's Bar-B-Q**

11964 NC Hwy 50 N., McGee's Xds  
 919-894-4530

**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***Caribou Coffee**

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly  
 919-284-5121  
[www.cariboucoffee.com](http://www.cariboucoffee.com)

**Starbucks Coffee Co.**

13024 US Hwy 70 W. #103, Clayton  
 919-359-0690  
[starbucks.com](http://starbucks.com)

**The Coffee Mill**

105 S. Lombard St., Clayton  
 919-553-0123  
[flipsidecoffemill.com](http://flipsidecoffemill.com)

*Delis/Bakeries***Anna's Gourmet Banana Nut Bread Inc.**

938 N Brightleaf Blvd., Smithfield  
[annasgourmetbnb.com](http://annasgourmetbnb.com)  
 919-300-1223

**Big Steve's Bagels and Deli**

12330 NC Hwy 210, McGee's Xds.  
 919-989-8006  
[bigstevesbagels.com](http://bigstevesbagels.com)

**Clayton Bakery & Café**

8928 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

919-938-4200

446 US Hwy 70 E., Selma  
 919-975-2117

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

**Dulce Dessert Boutique**

3241 US Hwy 70 E., Ste. 106, Smithfield  
 919-938-2253

**Gandolfo's NY Deli**

224 E. Market St., Smithfield  
 919-934-9100

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

**Jenny's Sweet Creations**

221 E. Main St., Benson  
 919-207-0381

**Nancy Jo's  
Homemade Bakery**

200 East Main St., Suite 102, Clayton  
 919-550-7437  
[nancyjoshomemade.com](http://nancyjoshomemade.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)

**Crech Drug Company**

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

**Country Folks Creamery**

408 E. Main St., Clayton  
 919-915-0701

**Dairy Queen**

11697 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
 919-553-2529

5596 NC Hwy 42 W., Garner  
 919-662-9292

923 Johnston Pkwy., Kenly  
 919-502-7027

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

**Warren Drug Company/  
Soda Fountain**

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

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

105 S. Walton Ave., Benson  
 919-894-4499

11581 US Hwy 70 W, Clayton  
 919-934-0093

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

**Dupree's Dogs**

1071 N. Fourth St., Smithfield  
 919-262-4062

**Glenda's Grille**

300 S. Wall St., Benson  
 919-894-1391

**Granny's Hot Dogs**

11924 US Hwy 70 Bus. W., Clayton  
 919-550-2009

**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-A 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)

### Eden's Vegetarian Dining The Dupree House

709 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-938-3880  
[edensvegetarian.com](http://edensvegetarian.com)

## table service with ABC Permits

### 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  
919-934-1534  
[beckyslogcabin.com](http://beckyslogcabin.com)

### Bistro on Third

146 S. Third St., Smithfield  
919-989-4931  
[bistroonthird.net](http://bistroonthird.net)

### Bonsai Restaurant

11629 US Hwy 70, Clayton  
919-550-6030

### 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 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

### El Barzon Mexican Restaurant & Bar

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

### El Charro

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

### 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  
[flipsidecoffemill.com](http://flipsidecoffemill.com)

### Heidi's Two-Wheel Café

1475 W. Market St., Smithfield  
919-989-8389

### Kobe Japanese Steakhouse

101 Venture Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-3200  
820 Gully Dr., Clayton  
919-359-9060

### La Cocina Mexican Restaurant

11617 US Hwy 70 W., Clayton  
919-550-7323  
1285-25 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-7002  
[www.lacocinanc.com](http://www.lacocinanc.com)



### Lane's Seafood & Steak House

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

### La Piazza

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

### 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  
[luckychicken-nc.com](http://luckychicken-nc.com)

### 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

### Mucho Mexico

1285-25 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-7002  
[muchomexicoinc.com](http://muchomexicoinc.com)

### Outback Steakhouse

401 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield  
919-989-3056  
[outback.com](http://outback.com)

### Riff's Burgers and Blues

12849 Hwy 70 Bus., Clayton  
919-359-9098  
[riffsburgersblues.com](http://riffsburgersblues.com)

### Ruby Tuesday

65 Son Lan Pkwy., Garner  
919-772-3838  
160 Smithfield Crossing Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-3640  
[rubytuesday.com](http://rubytuesday.com)

### Rushing Buckets Pub

119 Oleander Dr., Clayton, NC 27527  
919-553-8888

### 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)

### Texas Steakhouse & Saloon

235 Outlet Center Dr., Smithfield  
919-938-3221  
[texassteakhouse.com](http://texassteakhouse.com)

### 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, the county's newest venue 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 Civic Center**  
1204 N. Johnson St., Benson  
**919-894-5117**  
[townofbenson.com](http://townofbenson.com)

**Benson Conference Center**  
303 E. Church St., Benson  
**919-894-3553**  
[townofbenson.com](http://townofbenson.com)

**Benson Singing Grove**  
406 E. Main St., Benson  
**919-894-5117**  
[townofbenson.com](http://townofbenson.com)

**Enoch Winery & Vineyard  
/ Enoch's Bistro**  
3735 NC Hwy. 50 S., Benson  
**919-207-0100**  
[enochwinery.com](http://enochwinery.com)

**Gregory Vineyards.**  
275 Bowling Springs Dr., Benson  
**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](http://townofbenson.com)

## Clayton

### Monti Hall

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

### Brick & Mortar Events and Catering

217 E. Main St., Clayton  
919-616-8995  
[brickandmortarevents.com](http://brickandmortarevents.com)

### Portofino

25 Paraggi Ct., Clayton  
919-740-8009  
[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  
[historicwagnerhouse.com](http://historicwagnerhouse.com)

### The Woman's Club of Clayton

109 Church St., Clayton  
919-553-6813  
[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., Ste. 300,  
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 Street Princeton  
919-936-4141  
[gurleyhouse.com](http://gurleyhouse.com)

## Selma

### Camp Mary Atkinson

8591 NC 42 E., Selma NC  
919-787-3021  
[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 NC  
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)

### Johnston County Agricultural Center

2736 NC Hwy 210, Smithfield  
919-989-5380  
[johnstonnc.ces.ncsu.edu/site-johnston-ag-center-auditorium](http://johnstonnc.ces.ncsu.edu/site-johnston-ag-center-auditorium)

### Johnston Medical Mall

514 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield  
919-938-7736  
[johnstonhealth.org/locations/johnston-health/johnston-medical-mall](http://johnstonhealth.org/locations/johnston-health/johnston-medical-mall)

### Paul A. Johnston Auditorium

245 College Rd., Smithfield  
919-209-2099  
[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 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 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/)

## April

### **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

### **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!! Free.

Technology Dr., Hwy 40 & 42

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

## May

### **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. Free.

NC Hwy 231 N. & Flwoer 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. Free.

Throughout Downtown Smithfield  
919-934-0887 [hamandyam.com](http://hamandyam.com)

### Mother's Day Festival

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

Smith's Nursery 443 Sanders Rd., Benson  
919-934-1700 [smithsnurseryinc.com](http://smithsnurseryinc.com)

## June

### 301 Endless Yard Sale

Johnston County and its towns along US 301 announce the third annual "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)

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

### Millstock Music & Arts Faire

Local artists, hand crafted arts and crafts, children's art creation station, "Chalk It Up" contest, live music on the square and at The Flipside.

Horne Square, Downtown Clayton  
919-359-3649 [claytonvisualartsn.org](http://claytonvisualartsn.org)

### 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. Free.

Benson Singing Grove, Benson  
919-894-4389 [gospelsingingconvention.org](http://gospelsingingconvention.org)

### 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. Free.

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks  
910-594-0789 [nchistoricsites.org](http://nchistoricsites.org)



Celebrate Cleveland Event	919-934-6187
Town of Archer Lodge	919-359-9727
Town of Benson	919-894-5117
Town of Pine Level	919-965-2284
Town of Selma	919-965-9841
Town of Smithfield	919-934-0887
Town of Clayton	919-553-1550
Town of Kenly	919-284-2116

## July

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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. Admission for rodeos.

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 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)

### 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. Free.

St. Ann Catholic Church, 4057 US 70 Hwy Business W, Clayton  
919 934-2084 [st-annschurch.org](http://st-annschurch.org)

## October

### 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)

### Ava Gardner Festival

Celebrate all things Ava with heritage tours, free showings of Ava Gardner films, and special exhibits. Admission.

**Ava Gardner Museum**, 325 E. Market St., Smithfield

**919-934-5830** [avagardner.org](http://avagardner.org)

### 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. Free.

**Uptown Selma**

**919-975-1411** [selma-nc.com/railroad-days-festival](http://selma-nc.com/railroad-days-festival)

### 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**

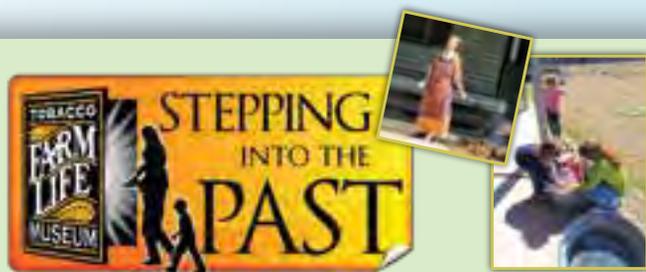
**919-550-1738** [archerlodge.org](http://archerlodge.org)

### Clayton Fear Farm & Daytime Activities

Hayrides, pumpkins in the field on the vine, jumping pillow, corn maze and several other activities. Admission. Free parking and group rates available.

**Boyette Family Farms**, 1620 Loop Rd., Clayton

**919-553-0016** [claytonfearfarm.com](http://claytonfearfarm.com)



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)

### Farm Fest

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

**215 Batten Rd., Selma**

**919-351-0764** [thefarmnc.com](http://thefarmnc.com)

### Historical Ghost Walk

Small groups will be guided through the cemetery where costumed reenactors will tell stories about famous (and perhaps infamous) persons buried there. Admission

**Riverside Cemetery**, corner of South Second and Church Streets, Smithfield

**919-934-2836**

### 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. Admission.

**3583 Packing Plant Rd., Smithfield**

**919-934-1132**

### Fall Festival and Living History

Enjoy period games, wagon rides and more! Costumed interpreters will demonstrate domestic skills from the 19th Century. Free.

**Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site**, Four Oaks

**910-594-0789** [nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/](http://nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/)

### 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. Free.

**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. Admission.

**Rudy Theatre**, 300 Raiford St., Selma

**919-202-9927** [amjubilee.com](http://amjubilee.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. Admission.

**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

### **“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.

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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. Admission.

**Boyette Family Farms, 1620 Loop Rd., Clayton**

**919-553-0016** [lightsontheneuse.com](http://lightsontheneuse.com)

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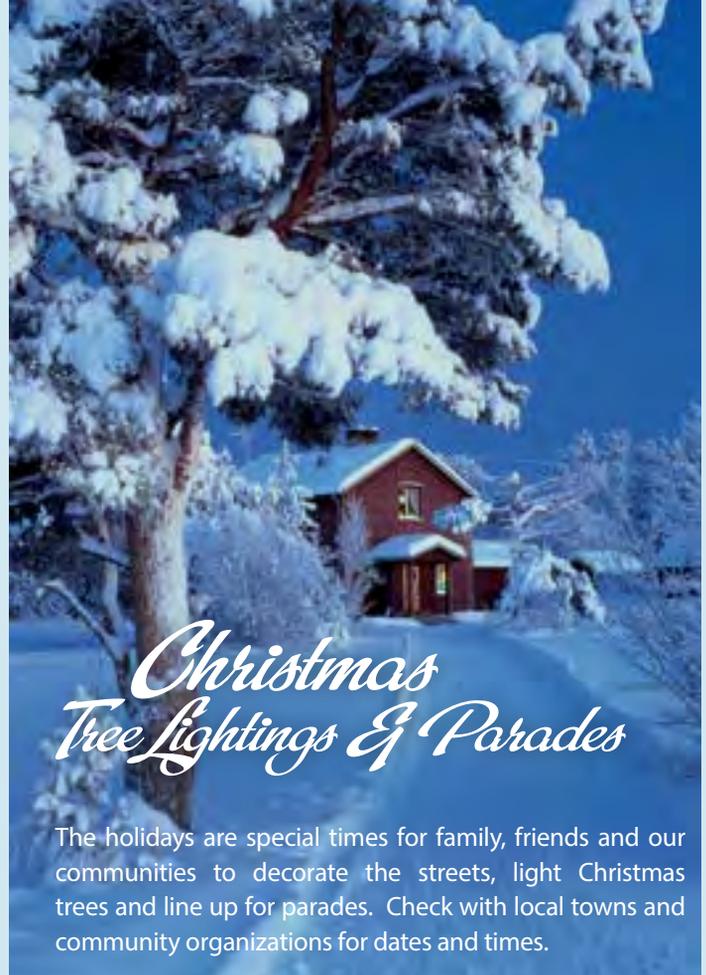
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**[johnstoncountyevents.com](http://johnstoncountyevents.com)**

**We hope you visit us often!**



The holidays are special times for family, friends and our communities to decorate the streets, light Christmas trees and line up for parades. Check with local towns and community organizations for dates and times.

<b>Town of Archer Lodge</b>	<b>919-359-9727</b>
<b>Town of Benson</b>	<b>919-894-5117</b>
<b>Town of Clayton</b>	<b>919-553-6352</b>
<b>Town of Four Oaks</b>	<b>919-963-2581</b>
<b>Town of Kenly</b>	<b>919-284-5510</b>
<b>Town of Micro</b>	<b>919-284-2572</b>
<b>Town of Pine Level</b>	<b>919-965-2284</b>
<b>Town of Princeton</b>	<b>919-936-8581</b>
<b>Town of Selma</b>	<b>919-965-9841</b>
<b>Town of Smithfield</b>	<b>919-934-0887</b>
<b>Township of Cleveland</b>	<b>919-773-8448</b>

