

2027 Feature Story Ideas



NC's NEWEST Tourist Attraction: ASIA at the NC Zoo

The NC Zoo has the world's largest natural habitat, and we are adding a new continent. Asia is unfolding at the North Carolina Zoo. Opening March 1, 2027. Media previews for the new Asia expansion begin in February.

FEATURING:

- Tigers
- White-cheeked gibbons
- Komodo dragons
- New experiences, including a café overlooking the tiger habitat
- More info at [NCZoo.org](https://www.nczoo.org)



Hanging Rock State Park Opens Boutique Hotel

This spring, NC State Parks will open the Vade Mecum Historic Hotel, featuring overnight accommodations, a charming gift shop, and a restaurant featuring elevated Southern cuisine. This site will also be available for private events and meetings.

More information at [NCParks.gov](https://www.ncparks.gov)



The North Carolina Museum of History Turns 125

In 2027, MOH will celebrate 125 years of serving NC. The downtown museum is undergoing major renovations to serve the public for another 125 years, and the 9 regional museums across the state are open for business. Additionally, the MOH Airstream will be traveling across the state in 2027 with pop-up exhibits and experiences you don't want to miss.

More information at [NCMuseumofHistory.org](https://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org)



African Disembarkation Commemorated

The NC African American Heritage Commission's Africa to Carolina initiative art installation is on display at Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site as part of their charge from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture to identify, acknowledge, and physically memorialize African disembarkation.

For more information, visit AAHC.nc.gov



60 Years of Arts in All 100 Counties

In 2027, the NC Arts Council celebrates its 60th anniversary as one of the country's oldest statewide arts councils, boasting local partner agencies across all 100 counties. This extensive network of local agencies helps distribute funding to power the arts across the state through our Grassroots Arts Program, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

On June 18, the NC Arts Council presents the 2027 NC Heritage Awards in Raleigh, our state's highest honor for traditional artists.

More information at NCArts.org