

LUMBERTON

North Carolina



STOP, STAY, LINGER LONGER.
HALF WAY BETWEEN NEW YORK AND FLORIDA ON I-95

At the crossroads of I-95 and I-74 in southeastern North Carolina, Lumberton is the road trip stop that turns into a stay. Paddle a dark, wild and scenic river, wander a revitalized downtown lined with murals and galleries, catch a show at a restored historic theater and taste your way through more than 100 restaurants in the heart of Robeson County, home of the Lumbee Tribe.

WHAT'S New

- **A historic moment for the Lumbee:** The Lumbee Tribe's full federal recognition puts Robeson County's Native heritage, powwows and Lumbee Homecoming in a new spotlight.
- **Award-winning downtown:** Elm Street Pocket Park was named Best Design by NC Main Street, a division of the NC Department of Commerce. (pictured above)
- **The Legacy Mural:** Artist Max Dowdle and 80 volunteers painted a lit 24/7 tribute to hometown trailblazers Malcolm McLean, Thomas Owendine, and flight instructor Ida Van Smith. Dowdle is available for interviews. (pictured right)



THE LUMBER RIVER

A Wild & Scenic Wonder

A National Wild and Scenic River runs right through town, ten minutes off I-95. Launch a kayak at Lumber River State Park's Princess Ann Access, then stroll the 1.5-mile Riverwalk under cypress and wisteria. Its tea-colored water comes from natural tannins in the trees, not pollution.

ECOTOURISM | PADDLING | OUTDOOR RECREATION | ROAD TRIP STOPS

EXIT 19: *Downtown Discoveries*

Minutes from the interstate, historic downtown packs a full day. Explore the Robeson County History Museum, let kids loose at Exploration Station, visit the African American Cultural Center and catch a show at the restored Carolina Civic Center Historic Theater. Art lovers can stroll the self-guided art walk through Luther Britt Park, browse the Robeson County Arts Council, Robeson Art Guild and Inner Peace Center for the Arts, then take a short drive to Red Springs Artspace.

HERITAGE TOURISM | ARTS AND CULTURE | MAIN STREET | FAMILY TRAVEL

EAT YOUR WAY *Down I-95*

More than 100 restaurants make Lumberton the best meal break on the East Coast's busiest road trip. Lunch at the new Ladder Company Cafe, serving deli sandwiches inside the beautifully restored 1917 fire station downtown. Dinner at Adelio's for Italian, grab a hometown classic at Arnold's, or make an evening of it at Happenings on Elm, where local art lines the walls.

CULINARY TOURISM | ROAD FOOD | SOUTHERN COOKING



SHOP, SIP *and Explore*

Ten antique, thrift and consignment shops make Lumberton a treasure hunt, from 150+ vendors at Carolina Peddler's to Old Timer's Antiques, Second Chance Treasures and Gigi's Vintage. Toast the haul at Locklear Vineyard & Winery in nearby Maxton, NC's first Native American-owned estate winery.

THRIFTING | ANTIQUES | WINE | GIRLS' GETAWAYS

GAME ON *in Lumberton*

The 140-acre Pennington Park has hosted Dixie Youth Baseball and state tournaments on its six baseball and softball fields. Add two soccer fields, new pickleball courts and three nearby golf courses, and Lumberton is built for tournament weekends.

SPORTS TOURISM | TOURNAMENTS | GOLF | PICKLEBALL

MAKE A NIGHT *of It*

Two dozen hotels cluster at Exits 17, 19, 20 and 22, many pet-friendly, with pet break areas and a dog park at Meadow Road.

ROAD TRIPS | PET TRAVEL | SNOWBIRDS

LUMBEE *Country*

Robeson County is the heart of the Lumbee Tribe, and Lumberton is the easy base for exploring it. Time a visit to Lumbee Homecoming or a powwow, or visit nearby UNC Pembroke, founded to educate American Indian students.

HERITAGE TOURISM | NATIVE CULTURE | EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

QUICK FACTS

\$ Faves

- Halfway point on I-95 between New York and Florida
- Lumber River: National Wild and Scenic River
- Heart of Lumbee country in Robeson County
- 100+ restaurants
- Three golf courses nearby: Fairmont, Pinecrest and Scothurst
- New pickleball courts at Meadow Road Park

CALENDAR OF *Events*

SPRING

- Alive After Five
- Dance of the Spring Moon Powwow (May)
- Rumba on the Lumber

SUMMER

- Juneteenth Weekend (June)
- Lumbee Homecoming (late June to early July)
- Fourth of July Fireworks

FALL

- Robeson Agricultural Fair
- Hogtoberfest
- Main Street Art Stroll
- Dance of the Harvest Moon Powwow

WINTER

- Robeson County Christmas Show
- Lumberton Christmas Parade (Saturday before Thanksgiving)



Plan your story

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