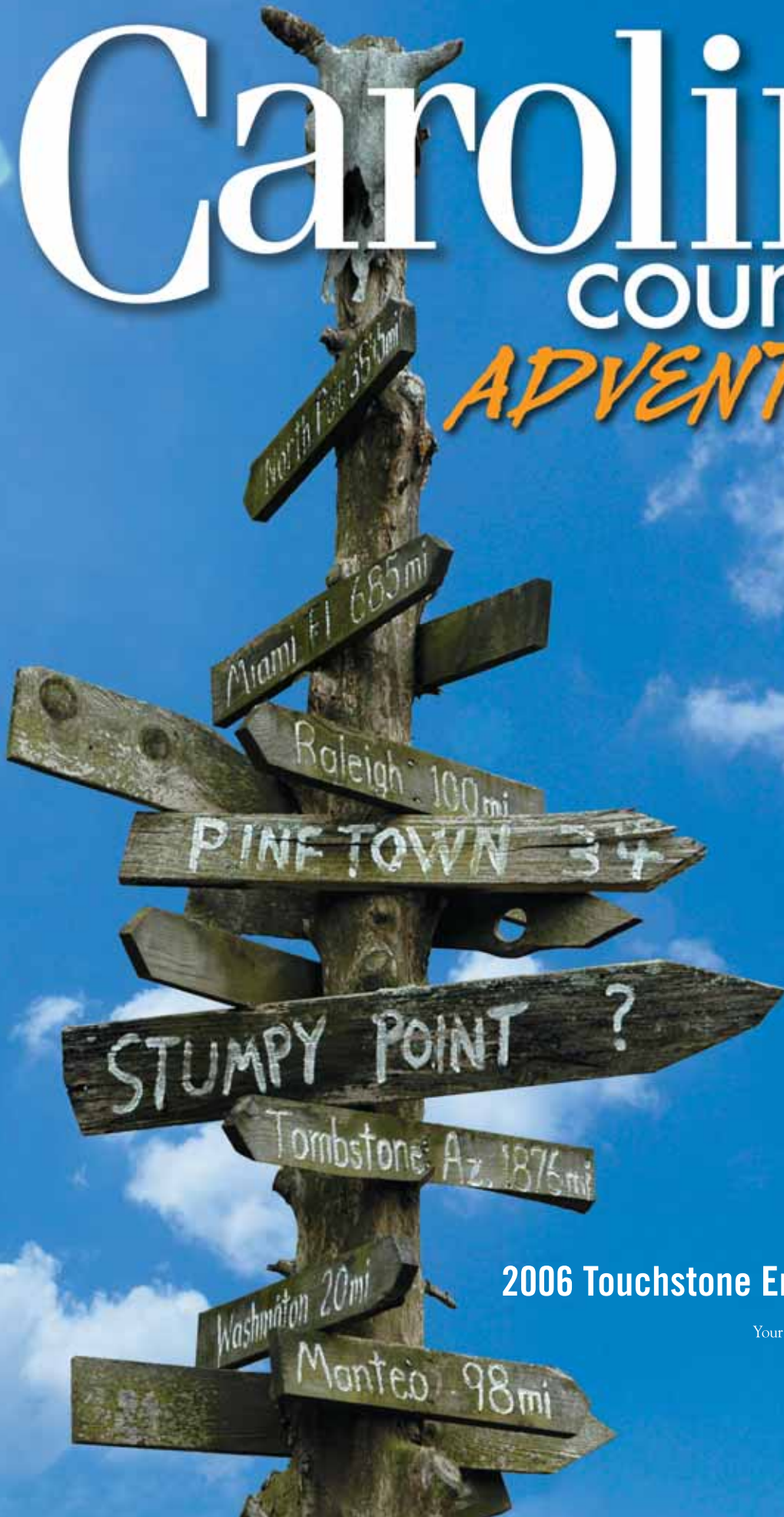


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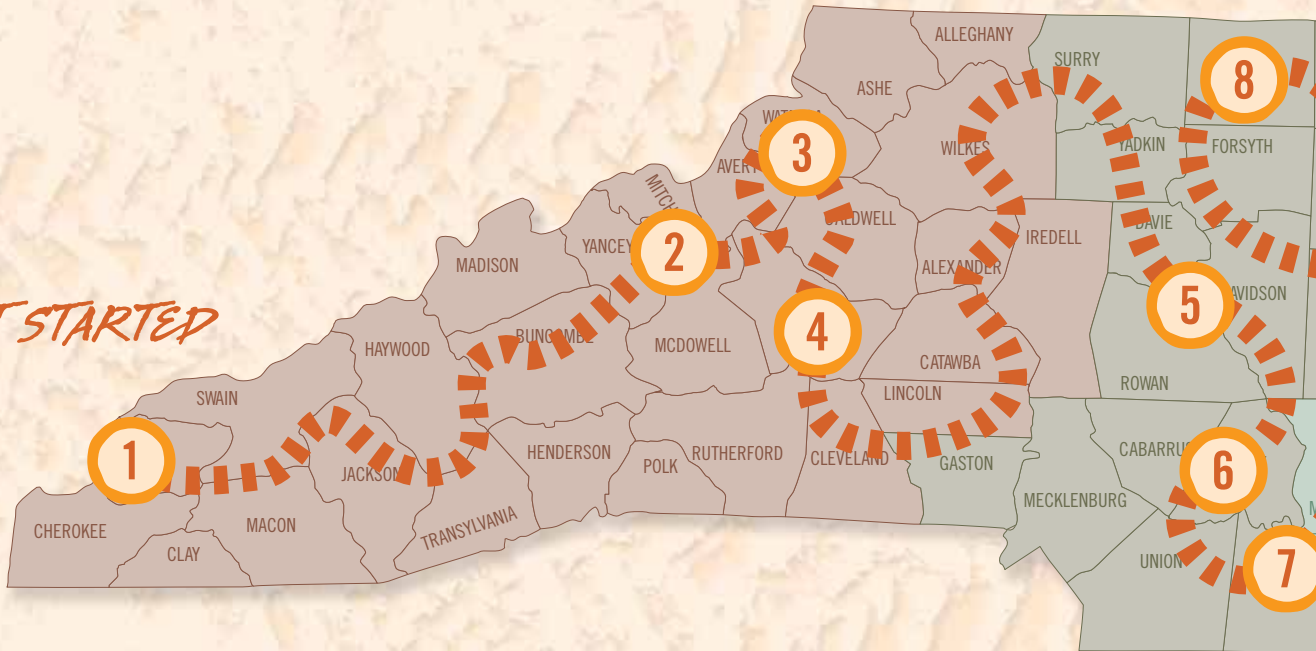


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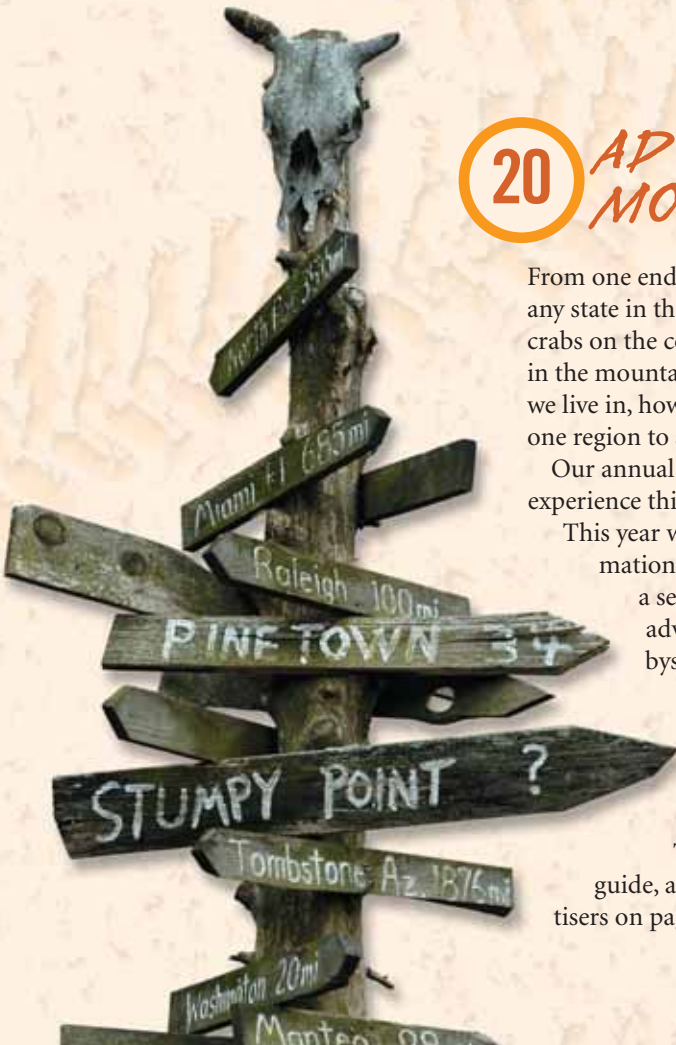
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat and how we talk varies from one region to another.

Our annual Touchstone Energy Travel Guide encourages you to experience this variety firsthand.

This year we've collected the primary sources of general information about each of five regions and accompany them with a set of Carolina Country Adventures. Among the four adventures for each region are some well-known standbys and some not so familiar, some historical, some recreational, some just plain fun.

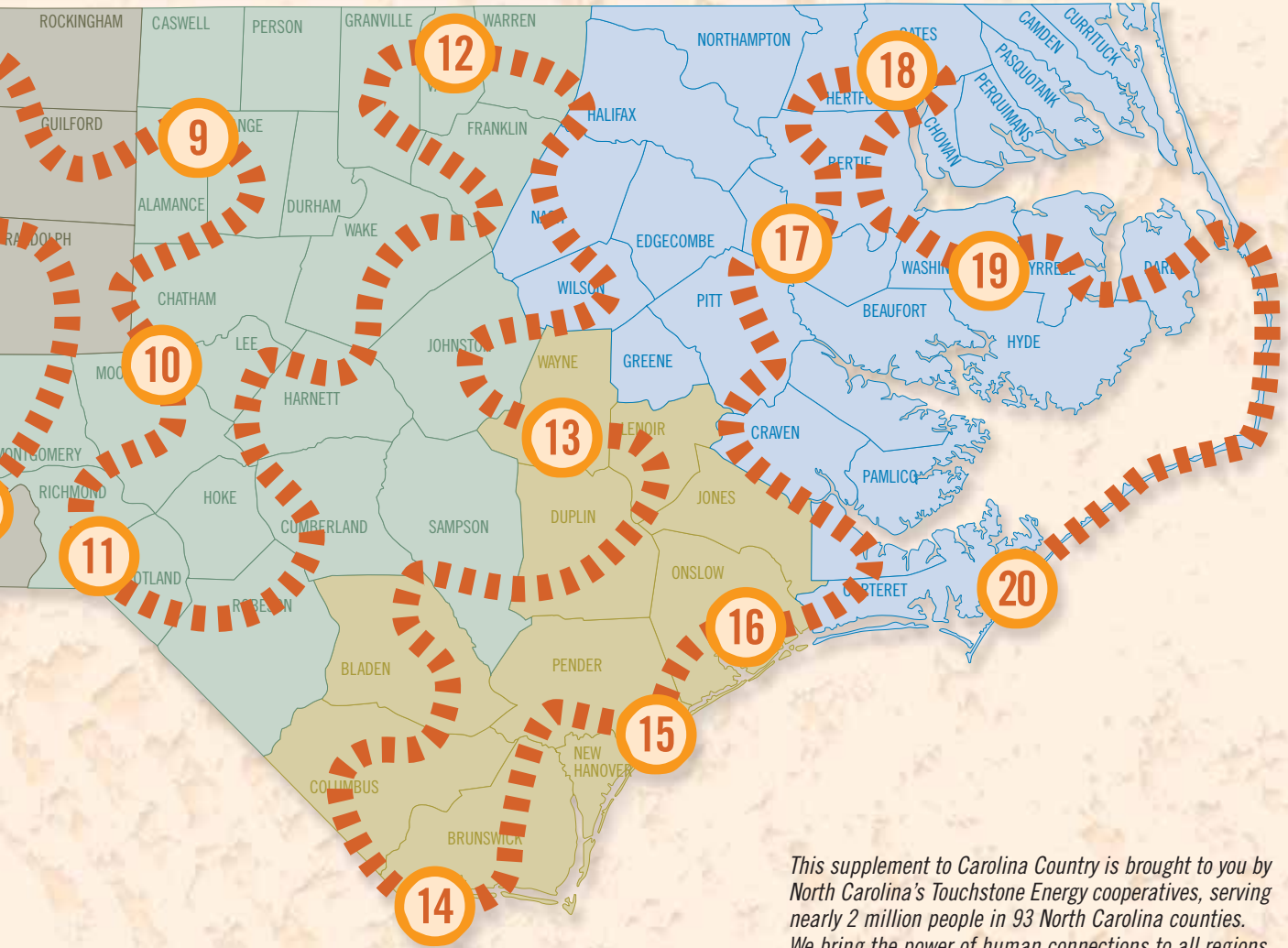
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NORTHERN COASTLAND ADVENTURES



This is North Carolina's cradle of civilization. Like the birds in the local Atlantic Flyway, here is where we learned to fly faithfully and gracefully. Now we teach others how to keep it that way. (For more information see our travel resources on page 79.)

By Tara Verna



DEADWOOD

What is it about this family-owned, western-themed park that draws folks to the outskirts of rural Bear Grass (pop. 53) in Martin County?



MERCHANTS MILLPOND

More than 3,250 acres of coastal pond and southern swamp forest habitats, one of North Carolina's rarest ecological communities. Camp, fish, canoe, hike and picnic—all around the mysterious millpond itself.



SOMERSET PLACE

This 37-acre state historic site affords a glimpse into 19th century plantation life. During its active years (1785-1865), more than 850 enslaved people lived and worked here.



CAPE LOOKOUT SEASHORE

Three undeveloped barrier islands—North Core Banks, South Core Banks and Shackleford Banks—make up this ½-mile wide seashore. Discover lost towns, a lighthouse, endangered species and unusual solitude.

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Martin County

Whether it began as something to do in the middle of nowhere, as a “get-rich-quick” scheme, or as a way for two ex-construction workers to keep busy, may be less important than the fact that Deadwood is growing in popularity and for good reason. This family-owned, western-themed park/restaurant/music and theater venue caters to seniors, families, music buffs, couples, tour groups—you name it. There are often lines to get in the three evenings per week that the park is open, and it’s not unusual for 500–1,000 people per night to walk through its doors for special events.

So what is it about Deadwood that draws folks to the outskirts of rural Bear Grass (pop. 53) in Martin County?

Part-owner Derrick “Mr. Deadwood” Price shakes his head in bewilderment at the park’s good fortune.

“Sometimes I think that people are originally brought out here as a joke or on a whim. I can see them sweating it and wondering ‘Where the heck are they taking me and why?!’”

HERE'S WHY:

Theater There’s the monthly dinner theater, “The Trial of Jack McCall,” which tells the story of the local miners’ court that found Jack McCall not guilty of the murder of Wild Bill Hickok in 1876.

Music Deadwood hosts a variety of musicians every Saturday night and some Fridays. The local bands “The Switch” out of Durham (high-energy, variety) and “Chairman of the Board” out of Charlotte (R&B, southern soul) appear there regularly.

Special events The park puts on periodic musical dinner shows in conjunction with the senior center in Williamston. Business seminars, dances, company family days, birthday parties for children—people rent Deadwood out for all sorts of reasons. Halloween lures guests to the park for its haunted train ride and spooky atmosphere—picture creepy, old west buildings, roaring bonfires and ghostly characters.

Smokehouse Grill Ninety-percent of Deadwood’s business comes from its restaurant, the “Smokehouse Grill.” As



A carved wooden bear welcomes patrons to the “Smokehouse Grill” restaurant where ribeye steaks and baby back ribs rule supreme.

expected from the name and theme, you’ll find entrees heavy on the meat with the ribeye steak and baby back ribs taking center stage. The restaurant and dance hall are both non-smoking after Derrick’s mother Gale, a non-smoker, had a scare due to spots found on her lungs two years ago. Rather than risk losing his best DJ (his mother) to the smoky environment, Derrick decided to go non-smoking, resulting in added appeal to families and an increase in business.

Miniature golf to train rides Miniature golf is actually how the park got its start. Back in 1989, Derrick and his father Ira Price put their backgrounds in construction to work by building a few putt-putt holes to entertain themselves. Bored friends began playing as well and eventually paid for the privilege. One thing led to another and the park opened officially in 1992, with additions made to its odd assortment of offerings each year thereafter. The park currently offers an arcade, a playground, a carousel, picnic area, ice cream and coffee shop, and restaurant and dance hall. The “Iron Horse Express” train and its half mile of track through the woods is one of the latest additions. “I don’t want to get in a rut doing one thing,” grins Derrick about the wide variety of offerings at Deadwood.

If you go, Williamston is the closest city to Deadwood, maybe 10 minutes away. The park is open Friday from 5:30–10 p.m., Saturday from 5 p.m.–2 a.m., and Sunday from 12–9 p.m.

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Deadwood takes its theme from the wild west. Old, dilapidated buildings, rickety wagons with spoked wheels, cow skulls and deteriorating wooden signs add to the atmosphere.

Dark waters coated with pea-green aquatic plants, tupelo gum and age old cypress thick with Spanish moss, ancient predatory fish swimming alongside water snakes—you almost expect to see dwarves and gnomes inhabiting the forest and swampland at Merchants Millpond State Park.

Located in Gates County not far from Gatesville, the state park encompasses more than 3,250 acres of coastal pond and southern swamp forest habitats, one of North Carolina's rarest ecological communities. Visitors to the park can camp, fish, canoe, hike and picnic—all activities that revolve around the park's four-star attraction, the mysterious millpond itself.

THE MILLPOND

The 760-acre millpond feels primeval; it is more than 190 years old. Originally called Norfleets Millpond when it was first built back in 1811, it soon attracted gristmills, a sawmill and other enterprises to become the center of trade in Gates County. As a result, the name changed to Merchants Millpond.

At first glance, the eerie quality of the millpond almost overshadows its beauty. Alien-looking cypress knees rise from its still, dark waters. Tupelo gums draped by Spanish moss and sprouting resurrection ferns shade the continually shifting layers of floating duckweeds and water fern that carpet the pond's surface.

To truly experience the magic of the millpond, consider traveling by canoe. In fact, this is the only way to access the extraordinary virgin tupelo-bald cypress swamp that lies five miles deep within the pond. Here you lose track of time, gazing with awe at the misshapen, gnarled limbs and trunks of tupelo gum, maimed by parasitic mistletoe. This part of Lassiter Swamp has undergone little change since the Algonquin paddled through in fire-hollowed canoes a thousand years ago.

Keep an ear out for any number of frogs—carpenter, leopard, bull or cricket—they all thrive in this wetland world. If the sun is shining, look for pond turtles like cooters or sliders, soaking up its rays. Water snakes, typically harmless, abound, but do watch out for the venomous cottonmouth. The long-nosed gar and the bowfin—two primitive species of fish—call the millpond home. These fish have remained relatively the same for millions of years. Look to the skies for examples of more than 200 species of birds that have been recorded in the park, including swamp warblers, egrets, turkeys, owls and parulas. Four-footed creatures such as mink, river otter, bobcat, deer and raccoons also bed down here.



A pea soup of floating duckweeds and water fern surround trunks of ancient tupelo gum and cypress in Merchants Millpond.

WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE PARK

To explore the millpond by canoe, bring your own or take advantage of rental facilities. You can enter the water via the boat ramp and pier in the parking area and follow the marked trail to canoe campsites. Fees start at \$5 for the first hour and \$3 for each additional hour.

In addition to canoeing, visitors may be interested in fishing or hiking. Lower a line into the water from shore or boat (trolling motors only) to net largemouth bass, bluegill, chain pickerel and black crappie. Take to the park's nine miles of trails to see the pond from a different vantage point.

The park offers both large and small groups various places to pitch a tent. There is a 20-site family campground accessible by car that offers restrooms, showers and drinking water. Or you can canoe to one of 10 more primitive sites. Five other sites can be reached via foot. Most are available on a first-come basis and prices range from \$9–\$15 per site, per day.

Early spring may be the best time of year to visit. The water is high and ticks and snakes are more likely to leave you alone.

TO LEARN MORE

Rangers deliver educational talks about the park on a regular basis. Here are a few upcoming events in May (find more on the park's Web site, listed below):

Feeling Froggy, hike and slide program, May 13, 8:15 p.m.

Spring Bird Hike, May 14, 8:30 a.m.

Reptiles and Amphibians, May 20, 3 p.m.; May 21, 2 p.m.

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Washington County

Long before you reach Somerset Place, you'll see evidence of slave labor on this former plantation—a 20-foot wide canal keeping pace alongside the Washington County back roads you're traveling. The slaves dug this 4-to-6-foot-deep transportation route by hand, using picks and shovels. It took them two years to dig six miles worth of canal to create productive farmland and provide a means of transportation.

Follow the canal to this 37-acre state historic site to get a glimpse of 19th century life on what was once one of North Carolina's three largest plantations. Originally, Somerset Place included more than 100,000 swampy acres, hundreds of which were cultivated to produce rice, corn, oats, wheat, beans, peas and flax over an 80-year period (1785–1865). During these active years, three generations of owners, approximately 50 white employees, two free black employees and more than 850 enslaved people lived and worked on the plantation.

In 1786 Josiah Collins brought about 100 enslaved Africans to the site to build the afore-mentioned canal. The waterway made it possible to turn surrounding swampland into productive farmland for growing rice and other crops. It also served as a transportation route to the Scuppernon River in order to sell these crops. As the business expanded, Collins established Somerset Place, named for his county of birth (Somersetshire) in England. Ownership of the former plantation would eventually pass to Josiah Jr. and then onto his son Josiah Collins III whose family actually lived there.

No doubt the enslaved community made up the backbone of Somerset Place. The original group of 167 skilled workers came from West Africa, Edenton and neighboring states. Most stayed on the plantation to avoid the consequences of running away—undergoing whippings, being put in stocks, or being sold. Other acts of defiance included trying to poison the overseer in 1853.

The prosperity of plantation life drew to a close after the Civil War with the departure of the emancipated slaves. Somerset Place fell into disrepair until it was restored in the 1950s and went on to become a state historic site in 1965.



Tara Venna

The 7,000-square-foot mansion at Somerset place.

THE GROUNDS AND VICINITY

Located within Pettigrew State Park, the main house, out-buildings within the compound (all original), and the slave quarters sit back from the road, a sweeping 12-acre vista of 400-year-old cypress and sycamore trees. On the grounds you'll find a formal garden, plantation hospital, smoke-house, 26 slave cabins and more. The 7,000-square-foot yellow mansion faces Lake Phelps. At five miles wide, it's the second largest natural lake in the state. Believed to be more than 38,000 years old, the origin of Lake Phelps remains a mystery to this day.

WHEN YOU GO

Admission to Somerset Place is free although donations are accepted. Allow enough time—approximately 90 minutes—for orientation and a guided tour of the buildings and grounds. You can also check out the book, "Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage," written by the manager of the site, Dorothy Redford, and Michael D'Orso.



Tara Venna

One of 14 rooms in the Greek Revival-style mansion at Somerset Place.

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No Bojangles. No Wings retail stores. No McDonald's. The lack of development may have you feeling a bit out of place on Cape Lookout National Seashore. But it won't take long to get used to the sand, water, windswept beauty and unusual solitude.

With untouched beaches on one side and marshlands on the other, this 56-mile long section of the Outer Banks runs from Ocracoke Inlet on the northeast to Beaufort Inlet on the southeast. Average width is a mere ½ mile. The three undeveloped barrier islands which make up the seashore—North Core Banks, South Core Banks and Shackleford Banks—may not be the easiest places to access, but once there, you're in for a visit filled with lost towns, a lighthouse, endangered species and the kind of wilderness you only find in books nowadays.

ATTRACTIONS

Portsmouth Village, North Core Banks: Over a century ago, it was a bustling sea village thanks to Ocracoke Inlet, a major trade route through the Outer Banks. However, once shipping routes shifted toward deeper inlets in 1846, the village's prosperity diminished and then disappeared during the Civil War when much of the population fled, never to return. Fishing then became the primary occupation for remaining islanders. But the population continued to decline until the last two residents left in 1971. Today many buildings are still standing in the 250-acre historic district. The visitor center and the church are open to the public.

Cape Lookout Lighthouse, South Core Banks: Completed in 1859, this 165-foot-tall lighthouse, one of tallest on the east coast, warns ships away from dangerous Cape Lookout Shoals. The original 1812 tower ran ships aground due to its inadequate height (104 feet tall) and smoking lamps which made it difficult for ships to see its dim lights.

Natural resources, including endangered species: The Cape Lookout National Seashore protects one of the few remaining natural coastal barrier island systems in the world. The



You won't find much beyond sun, sand and waves on the Cape Lookout National Seashore.

maritime forest on Shackleford Banks represents one of several left on the North Carolina coast. The seashore's native grasslands comprise the only remaining natural grasslands in the eastern United States.

The seashore is home to a number of birds, including the endangered piping plover, roseate tern, peregrine falcon and the bald eagle. On 2,500-acre Shackleford, you will find more than 100 wild ponies, abandoned by the island's last inhabitants who left in the 1890s due to a massive hurricane. The seashore is also the northernmost habitat for the Loggerhead Turtle, an endangered marine turtle that lays its eggs on the shores of the Outer Banks.

Sea Kayaking and Fishing: Paddle past dolphins, migrating humpback whales, and the lighthouse while great blue herons, brown pelicans and egrets fill the sky above you. Kayak launch sites include East Harkers Island, West Harkers Island, and Beaufort Waterfront.

Surf fishing on this stretch of coast yields all sorts of fish including Bluefish, Trout, Spot, Pompano, Sheephead and more. Shelling in early spring is another popular activity.

HOW TO GET THERE AND GET AROUND

There are three visitor's centers for the Cape Lookout National Seashore—one on Harkers Island that is open daily; one in the Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters and one in Portsmouth Village. These last two are open seasonally.

You must rent a public ferry or use your own personal boat to get to the islands. Ferry service is offered mid-March through November. Pricing depends on the season.

Although most prefer to walk, driving, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), on North Core Banks and South Core Banks is permitted. Rules exist to protect the park's natural resources and to keep visitors safe.

WHERE TO STAY

Camping is primitive. Be prepared for very little shade or shelter and no source for supplies. Campers must bring everything they need, including drinking water. Pack out what you pack in, including trash.

Primitive cabin rentals are also available from April to December.



On 2,500-acre Shackleford Banks, you'll find wild ponies.

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Dunn Area Tourism Authority
(910) 892-3282
www.dunntourism.org
www.visitDunn.com

Durham CVB
(919) 687-0288/(800) 446-8604
www.durham-nc.com

Erwin Area
(910) 897-7300
www.erwinchamber.com

Fayetteville Area CVB
(800) 255-8217/(910) 483-5311
www.visitfayettevillenc.com

Franklin County
(919) 496-3056
www.franklin-chamber.org

Fuquay-Varina Area
(919) 552-4947
www.fuquay-varina.com

Garner Chamber
(919) 772-6440
www.garnerchamber.org

Garner
(919) 772-4688
www.ci.garner.nc.us

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Angier
(919) 639-2500
www.angierchamber.org

Apex Chamber
(919) 362-6456/(800) 345-4504
www.apexchamber.com

Benson Chamber
(919) 894-3825
www.benson-chamber.com
www.bensonmuledays.com

Granville County Chamber
(919) 693-6125/(919) 528-4994
www.granville-chamber.com

Greater Durham Chamber
(919) 682-2133
www.durhamchamber.org

Greater Raleigh Chamber
(919) 664-7000
www.raleighchamber.org

Greater Raleigh CVB
(800) 849-8499/(919) 834-5900
www.visitraleigh.com

Hillsborough/Orange County
(919) 732-8156
www.hillsboroughchamber.com

Historic Hillsborough
(919) 732-7741
www.historichillsborough.org

Holly Springs Town Hall
(919) 552-6221
www.hollyspringsnc.us

Hope Mills
(910) 423-4314
www.hopemillschamber.com

Johnston County Visitors Bureau
(800) 441-7829
www.johnstoncountync.org

Knightdale Chamber
(919) 266-4603/(919) 217-2211
www.knightdalechamber.org
www.ci.knightdale.nc.us

Laurinburg/Scotland County Area
(910) 276-7420
www.laurinburgchamber.org

Lillington Area
(910) 893-3751
www.lillington.org

Lumberton Visitors Bureau
(800) 359-6971/(910) 739-9999
www.lumberton-nc.com

Montgomery County
(910) 572-4300
www.montgomery-county.com

Morrisville
(919) 380-9026
www.morrisvillenc.com

Pembroke
(910) 521-9758

Person County Tourism
(336) 597-2689
www.visitroxboronc.com

**Pinehurst, Southern Pines
and Aberdeen Area CVB**
(800) 346-5362/(910) 692-3330
www.homeofgolf.com

Pittsboro-Siler CVB
(800) 316-3829
www.visitpittsboro.com

Raeford-Hoke
(910) 875-5929
www.hoke-raeford.com

Red Springs
(910) 843-5441

**Richmond County Chamber,
Rockingham**
(800) 858-1688/(910) 895-9058
www.richmondcountychamber.com

Rolesville Town Hall
(919) 556-3506
www.ci.rolesville.nc.us

Roxboro Area Chamber
(336) 599-8333
www.roxboronc.com

Saint Pauls.
(910) 865-4179

Sandhills Area Chamber
(910) 692-3926
www.sandhillsonline.com

Sanford Area Chamber
(919) 775-7341
www.sanford-nc.com

Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber
(919) 934-9166
www.smithfieldselma.com

Greater Spring Lake Chamber
(910) 497-8821
www.springlakenc.org

**Vance County Tourism Department
(Henderson)**
(866) 438-4565/(252) 438-2222
www.kerrlake-nc.com

Wake Forest Area
(919) 556-1519
www.wakeforestchamber.org

Warren County EDC
(252) 257-2657
www.warren-chamber.org

Wendell
(919) 365-6318
www.wendellchamber.com

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project
(704) 422-3215
www.lakesproject.org

Zebulon
(919) 269-6320
www.zebulonchamber.org

SOUTHERN COAST

Bald Head Island Information Center
(800) 234-2441
www.baldheadisland.com

Beulaville
(910) 298-4647

Brunswick County, Shallotte
(800) 426-6644/(910) 754-6644
www.brunswickcountychamber.org

Brunswick Islands, Shallotte
(800) 795-7263
www.ncbrunswick.com

Cape Fear Coast CVB
(Wilmington, Carolina Beach,
Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach)
(866) 266-9690/(910) 341-4030
www.gocapefearcoast.com

Columbus County Tourism
(800) 845-8419/(910) 640-2818
www.discovercolumbus.org

Coast Host
Information on attractions and
accommodations
www.coasthost-nc.com

Duplin County Marketing
(800) 755-1755/(910) 296-2181
www.duplintourism.org

Elizabethtown-White Lake
(910) 862-4368
www.elizabethtownwhitelake.com
www.bladeninfo.org

Fair Bluff
(910) 649-7202

Faison
(910) 267-2721

Greater Chadbourn
(910) 654-3445

**Greater Goldsboro
Travel & Tourism**
(919) 734-2245/(866) 440-2245
www.greatergoldsboro.com

Greater Hampstead Chamber
(910) 270-9642/(800) 833-2483
www.hampsteadchamber.com

Greater Jacksonville-Onslow
(910) 347-3141
www.jacksonvilleonline.org
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Greater Topsail Area
(800) 626-2780
www.topsailcoc.com

Greater Whiteville
(800) 538-2449/(910) 642-3171

Kenansville Area
(910) 296-2180

Kenly Chamber
(919) 284-5510
www.kenlynorthcarolina.com

Kinston CVB
(800) 869-0032
www.visitkinston.com

Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber
(252) 527-1131
www.commercekinstonlc.com

LaGrange
(252) 527-1131

Mt. Olive Area Chamber
(919) 658-3113
www.moachamber.com
www.ncpicklefest.org

Nash County Visitors Bureau
(800) 849-6825
www.RockyMountTravel.com

NC Ferries
(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

Onslow County Tourism
(800) 932-2144
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Pender County

(Burgaw)
(910) 259-9817
www.visitpender.com

Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher)

(800) 222-4757/(910) 341-4030
www.gocapefearcoast.com
www.carolinabeachgetaway.com
www.explorekurebeach.com

Rose Hill

(910) 289-2721

Southeastern Welcome Center

(I-95 South, Rowland)
(910) 754-2505

Southport Visitor Center, Southport

(910) 457-7927
www.cityofsouthport.com

Southport-Oak Island

(800) 457-6964/(910) 457-6964
www.southport-oakisland.com

Tabor City

(910) 653-2031

Wallace

(910) 285-4044

Warsaw

(910) 293-7814

Wayne County Chamber

(919) 734-2241
www.waynecountychamber.com

Wilson Visitors Bureau

(252) 243-8440/(800) 497-7398
www.wilson-nc.com

Wrightsville Beach Visitors Center

(866) 266-9690/(910) 341-4030
www.visitwrightsville.com

NORTHERN COAST**Ahoskie Chamber**

(252) 332-2042

Aycock Brown Welcome Center,

Kitty Hawk
(252) 261-4644
www.outerbanks.org

Belhaven Community Chamber

(252) 943-3770
www.belhavenchamber.com

Chowan County Tourism, Edenton

(800) 775-0111/(252) 482-3400
www.www.visitedenton.com

Coast Host

Information on attractions and accommodation.
www.coasthost-nc.com

Corolla/Currituck Chamber

(252) 453-9497/(877) CURRITUCK
www.currituckchamber.org

Crystal Coast Tourism Authority

(800) 786-6962/(252) 726-8148
www.crystalcoastnc.org

Dare County

(252) 475-5000
www.darenc.com

Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center, Camden County

(252) 771-8333
www.DismalSwamp.com

Duck

(252) 255-1234
www.townofduck.com

Eastern NC Chamber

(919) 237-5151

Elizabeth City Area CVB

(252) 335-5330
www.discoverec.org

Farmville Chamber

(252) 753-4670

Gates County Manager

(252) 357-1240

Greater Tyrrell County Chamber

(252) 796-1996

Greenville/Pitt County CVB

(800) 537-5564
www.visitgreenvillenc.com

Havelock

(252) 447-1101
www.havelockchamber.net

Halifax County Tourism

(800) 522-4282
www.visithalifax.com

Historic Albemarle Tour

(800) 734-1117
www.historicncenc.com

Historic Bath Visitor Center

(252) 923-3971
www.bath.nchistoricsites.org

Hyde County Chamber

(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826
www.hydecounty.org

Kill Devil Hills

(252) 449-5300
www.kdhnc.com

Kitty Hawk

(252) 261-3552
www.townofkittyhawk.org

Lake Gaston Chamber and Visitors Center

(252) 586-5711/(866) 730-5711
www.lakegastonchamber.com

Manteo

(252) 473-2133
www.townofmanteo.com

Martin County Chamber

(252) 792-4131
www.martincountync.com

Martin County Travel & Tourism

(800) 776-8566
www.visitmartincounty.com

Murfreesboro Historical Association

(252) 398-5922

NC Ferries

(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

NC Welcome Center

(I-95 North).
(252) 537-9836

NC Welcome Center

(I-85 North).
(252) 456-3236

Nags Head

(252) 441-5508
www.townofnagshead.net

New Bern/Craven County Convention and Visitor Center

(800) 437-5767
www.visitnewbern.com

Ocracoke NPS Visitor Center

(252) 928-4531

Outer Banks Chamber

(252) 441-8144
www.outerbankschamber.com

Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island

(252) 473-2138/(877) OBX-4FUN
www.outerbanks.org

Pamlico County Visitor Center

(252) 745-3008
www.pamlicochamber.com
www.pamlicodirectory.com

Perquimans County Visitors Center

(252) 426-5657
www.perquimans.com

Roanoke Valley Chamber

(800) 522-4282
www.rvchamber.com

Rocky Mount

(252) 972-1151
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us

Scotland Neck

(252) 826-3152
www.townofscotlandneck.com

Southern Shores

(252) 261-2394
www.southernshores-nc.gov

Swansboro

(910) 326-1174
www.tourswansboro.com

Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber

(252) 823-7241
www.tarboro-nc.com

Tyrrell County Visitors Center

(252) 796-0723
www.visittyrrellcounty.com

Washington County Tourism

(252) 793-3248
www.washingtoncountync.com

Washington/Beaufort County Visitor Information

(800) 999-3857
www.originalwashington.com

Windsor/Bertie County Chamber

(252) 794-4277
www.windsor-bertie.com