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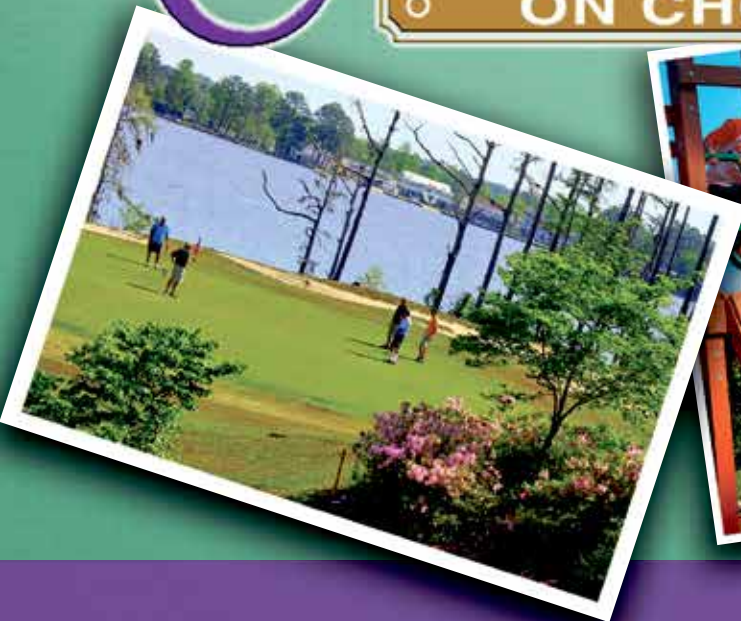


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With a beautiful and historic downtown, Washington is known for the stately homes and lovely gardens that make up its residential historic districts, as well as the ornate brickwork featured on the vintage commercial buildings of Main Street.

Located directly on the scenic waterfront, downtown Washington offers unique opportunities to visitors, from world-class restaurants and intriguing antique stores, to art galleries, performance venues and more.

Washington’s Downtown on the Waterfront is the perfect place for an overnight stay or a weekend getaway. Discover the charms of the Inner Banks by exploring Washington and its nearby neighbors.

WASHINGTON

AURORA

Just south of the Pamlico River is a quiet town called Aurora. The population is under 600, and the homes and businesses have a true southern charm. However, to fossil hunters around the world, the most interesting parts of Aurora are buried beneath the town. A large phosphate mine in the area gives both paleontologists and fossil enthusiasts a unique opportunity to collect and study fossils from prehistoric times. The Aurora Fossil Museum includes a wide variety of marine fossils from the Pleistocene, Pliocene and Miocene eras, as well as Native American artifacts from the area.

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BATH

Founded in 1705, Bath is North Carolina's first port and first town. The original town limits are the boundaries of a National Register Historic District.

The pirate Blackbeard figured prominently during the town's earliest days. The famous rogue lived on Plum Point, which came to also be known as "Teach's Point," after Blackbeard's presumed name, Edward Teach. Bath is also well known as the inspiration for the Broadway show and motion picture "Show Boat."

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Located on the south side of the Pamlico River, Chocowinity is a small community with a rich heritage of history, agriculture and industry. The name “Chocowinity” means “fish from many waters,” and fishermen visiting Chocowinity can look forward to shad, perch, red breast, black fish, pike pickerel, jack, rock, bass, trout and sturgeon.

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PANTEGO

With a population of less than 200 people, Pantego is Beaufort County's smallest incorporated town, but it's got plenty of charm. The town sits on Pantego Creek, a tributary of the Pungo River, and is home of the Pantego Academy Historical Museum, where the rural eastern North Carolina way of life has been preserved. In town, there's a community park; just out of town, there's Terra Ceia Farms, world-famous for its tulip and peony bulbs.

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FAQs

Where is Washington?

Washington is located in the heart of the Inner Banks: in Beaufort County, North Carolina, on the beautiful Pamlico River. U.S. Highway 264, also known as Pactolus Highway, and N.C. Highway 32 run roughly east-west through Washington, and U.S. Highway 17 runs roughly north-south.

How did it get the name Little Washington?

Founded in 1776, Washington was the first city in America to be named for Gen. George Washington. Because of this, and because of the growing importance of Washington, D.C., the city soon became known as Little Washington.

Are there antique shops in Washington?

You bet there are. Downtown Washington features numerous antique

shops where you can spend the day going treasure hunting.

How far away is the beach?

Washington's a great stopover on the way to the beach. Atlantic Beach is 70 miles away from Washington, about an hour and a half, and Nags Head is 107 miles, or about two hours.

Where can I get fresh seafood?

Many of the restaurants in Washington serve fresh seafood, and there are a number of seafood markets in the area.

What's Washington's Civil War history?

The scars of the Civil War are still visible in Washington. Crossing the Pamlico River on U.S. 17, look off to the west and you will see the remains of a Union Army ship, Pickett, jutting from the Tar River where it

grounded on Sept. 6, 1862. Driving down Main Street, you will see houses with dates of construction in the 1850s, 1860s and 1870s, testimony to the fact that the town was burned by Union troops during their evacuation after the fall of Plymouth, North Carolina. Even more surprising are the two houses on Water Street, built in 1780 and 1795. They stood through the fires and barrages of the war, having cannon balls imbedded in their walls, a result of the shelling of the town by the Rebel troops located on the southern shore of the Pamlico River.

Where are genealogy resources in the area?

The John A. Wilkinson Room at Brown Library is a great resource for all things related to Washington's history and the families who shaped it. This is a good starting point for genealogy research in Washington.

Are there any special events in Washington?

We have annual special events happening throughout the year: BoCO Traditional Music Festival and Marine Market, Washington Summer Festival, Smoke on the Water, Fourth of July celebration and Christmas holiday parade, to name just a few.

Where can I buy locally grown produce?

In the spring, summer and fall there is a farmers' market on the waterfront on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to noon. There are also several produce markets in town that are open year-round. Petals & Produce and Leggett Farm Organics both offer community-supported agriculture programs.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Plan a visit

Let Washington's rich history, natural beauty and southern charm set the stage for a relaxing overnight stay or magical weekend getaway. Washington is more than just a destination — it's also a perfect starting point for exploring everything eastern North Carolina has to offer, no matter what your interest is.

LittleWashingtonNC.com has all the resources you need to make your visit to Washington a success. You'll find guides to places you can eat, play, shop and stay while you're here, and if you want to see everything Washington has to offer, check out the "All Venues" page. And don't miss our interactive map, a really cool way to explore Washington.

Washington has so many attractions for visitors, it can be difficult to fit everything in during your stay.

We have special events of all kinds throughout the year. Check out our event calendar to see what's coming up. One of the best ways to experience our city is by planning a trip around a special event.

Once you're here in Washington, stop in at the Visitor Center at the Washington Civic Center's historic train depot (at the corner of Gladden and West Main streets), or the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center on Stewart Parkway and we'll help you get the most out of your stay.



Plan a wedding

Washington has become a wedding destination, as several spectacular venues are available for weddings, including Festival Park on the waterfront, the North Carolina Estuarium and the Washington Civic Center. To begin making plans for your special event, call the Washington Tourism Development Authority at 1-800-999-3857, ext. 2, to receive a wedding planning guide and learn about all the ways your day can be perfect in Washington.

Plan an event

Washington's beautiful downtown, just a block from the waterfront and loaded with shopping and dining opportunities, offers every size space to fit your event needs, from banquet halls and performance spaces to meeting rooms and classrooms.



Arts of the Pamlico

150 W. Main St., Washington
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This nonprofit has brought art and culture to Beaufort County for more than four decades. Owner of the historic Turnage Theatre in downtown Washington, a full line up of entertainment including local community theatre, musical acts and an annual fine arts show are scheduled throughout the year.

Beaufort County Community College

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Beaufort County Economic Development Commission

705 Page Road, Washington
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This department of Beaufort County government facilitates the creation of new and better jobs and investment in Beaufort County. The core mission is to recruit and expand businesses and market the community for new business.

BHM Regional Library

158 N. Market St., Washington
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Operating eight branches throughout Beaufort, Hyde and Martin counties, BHM Regional Library brings books, programs and events to residents across the county.

Headquarters are located in a circa-1786 courthouse, the second-oldest courthouse standing in North Carolina.

Brown Library

122 Van Norden St., Washington
252-946-4300
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City of Washington

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252-975-9300
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The City of Washington has operated under the council/manager form of government since the 1950s. The city council is comprised of five council members, with council members and the mayor elected to two-year terms. Headquarters for the City of Washington municipal government are located in what was originally a post office at the corner of Market and Second streets.

Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center

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A division of the City of Washington's Parks and Recreation Department, the senior center provides an ongoing schedule of programs and activities to enhance the quality of life and promote independent living for area adults, ages 55 and older.

Washington Civic Center

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Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce

102 Stewart Parkway
252-946-9168
wbcchamber.com

The Chamber of Commerce is the go-to place for Washington and Beaufort County business issues. Learn about the community, events and ongoing partnerships between business and the public.

Washington Harbor District Alliance

310 W. Main St., Washington
252-946-3969
washingtononthewater.com

This nonprofit's mission is to revitalize the downtown business district, promote and encourage tourism and preserve historic buildings, while working to create a dynamic waterfront that will bring visitors back again and again.



ANNUAL EVENTS



ArtWalk

Year Round

This free-to-the-public showcase of local visual art runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Main, Water and Gladden streets on the last Friday of the month. Featuring art, refreshments and live entertainment thrown in for good measure. Call 252-946-3969 for more information.

BoCO Traditional Music Festival

April

Arts of the Pamlico and Beaufort County Traditional Music Association present the annual BoCO Music Festival, a celebration of traditional, old time, bluegrass and more. Come join music lovers and musicians alike at the Turnage Theatre for this annual event.

Marine Market

April

Featuring all things nautical, from antique boats to brand new ones, from arts and crafts to homemade chowder. A big draw is the flea market, where boat lovers can find a wide array of marine offerings.

Washington Summer Festival

June

The Washington Summer

Festival is in its 34th year of fun and entertainment. This family centered event is held on the Washington waterfront and features rides, games, food, arts and crafts, commercial vendors, free concerts and a kids' zone with children's entertainment. For more information, call 252-946-9168.

Smoke on the Water

October

The Washington (noon) Rotary Club hosts the annual Smoke on the Water pig-cooking contest on Stewart Parkway. Some of the best pig cookers from across the state attend, and every penny raised is given back to local nonprofit groups.

In addition to the barbecue contest, the Chili Cook-off is hosted by The Blind Center of

North Carolina. Other events include dragon boat races, a Pig Parade, 5K race, skydivers, live music, a fire engine pull, classic car show, arts and crafts and more. For further information, visit the Smoke on the Water website at smokeonthewater.info.

PTRF Oyster Roast

November

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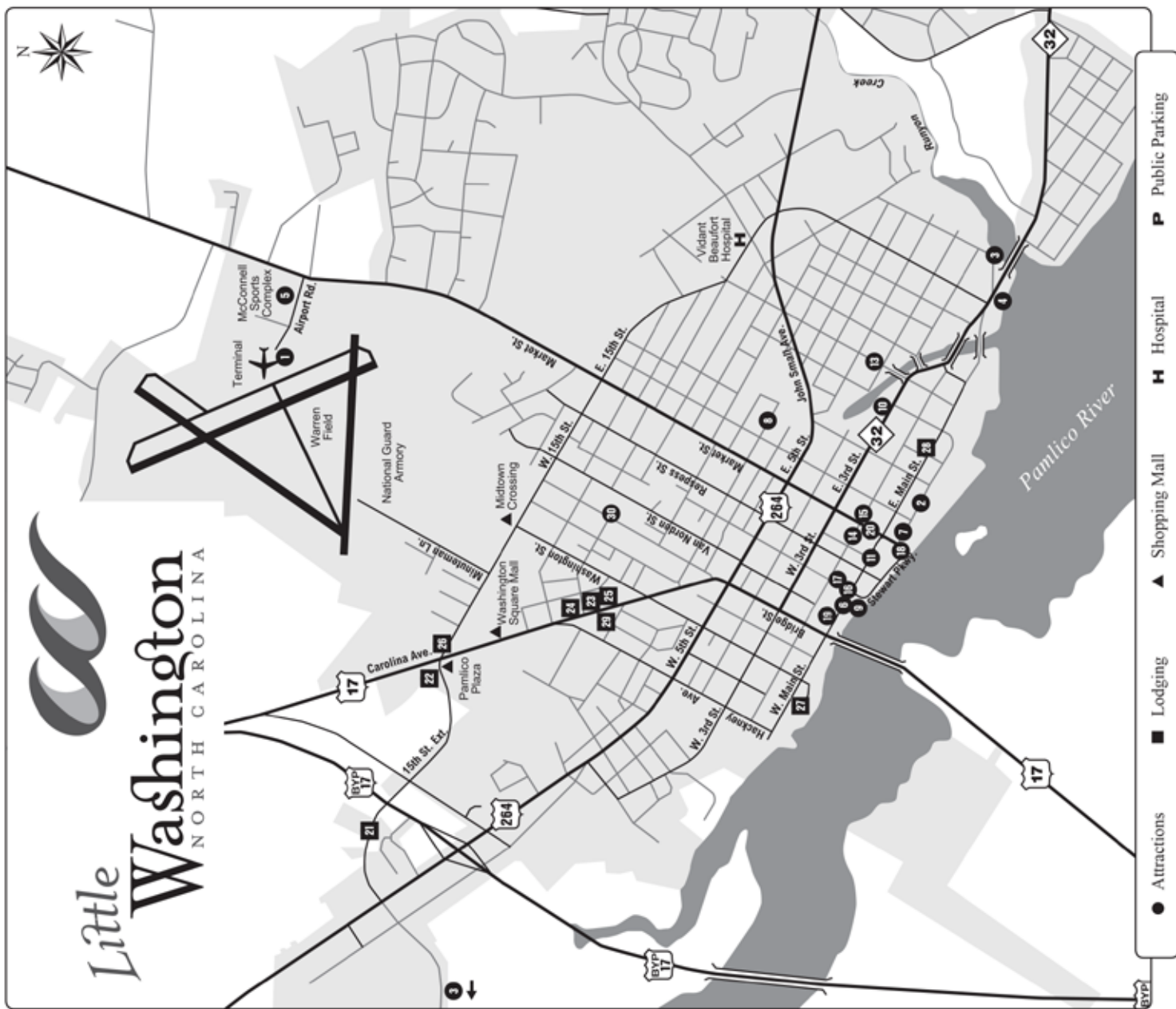
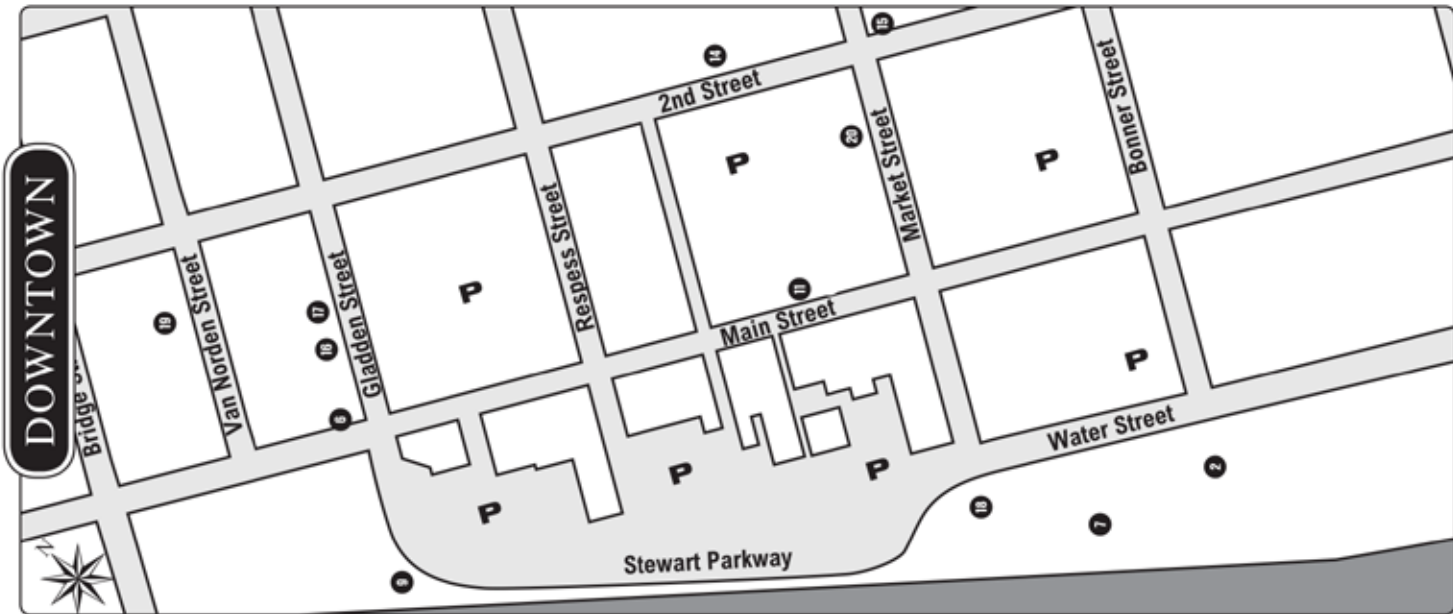
Downtown is also home to independent galleries like River Walk Gallery & Arts Center, Lone Leaf Gallery, Lemonade Art Gallery, Kay Woolard's Art on Market and the Art Tyndall studio, featuring the works of hundreds of artists. Arts of the Pamlico, one of the oldest arts councils in the state, is located in the historic Turnage Theatre and has ongoing exhibits, performances, special events and children's arts-oriented summer camps, in addition to a gallery featuring regional artists. The North Carolina Estuarium also presents nature-based art exhibits and classes throughout the year for art-lovers and artists of every kind.

ArtWalk, a roving celebration of the Washington arts scene, is held on the last Friday of every month. During ArtWalk, galleries keep their doors open late, serving up mini-receptions and launching new exhibits and artists.

But it's not just about the visual arts in Washington! Everyone knows the Inner Banks loves music, and you'll see it everywhere in the city. Many local restaurants feature live music on the weekends, and the Beaufort County Traditional Music Association shares tunes and entertainment with audiences at the Turnage Theatre gallery during Thursday night and Saturday morning jam sessions. Musicians and music lovers are invited.

Washington is also known for our music festivals, as well, such as BCTMA's BoCO Traditional Music Festival.





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MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

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Located in the town of Aurora, the Aurora Fossil Museum showcases 5- to 15-million-year-old marine fossils from the nearby PotashCorp-Aurora phosphate mine and Native American artifacts from across prehistoric North Carolina. The museum's mission to increase knowledge of the geology, paleontology and prehistory of coastal North Carolina is achieved through exhibits, interactive activities, outreach programs, events, field studies and the annual Fossil Festival. Children can dig for their own fossils, including sharks' teeth, at the fossil pit located across the street from the museum. Open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, from 12:30-4 p.m. (from March 1 through Labor Day).

Belhaven Memorial Museum

211 E. Main St., Belhaven

252-943-6817

This eclectic historic collection of Mrs. Eva Blount Way features many pieces of eastern North Carolina past — Civil War and World War I uniforms, records, 19th-century clothing, old farming equipment and more. Open from 1-5 p.m. daily, except for

Wednesdays.

BHM Regional Library

158 N. Market St., Washington

252-946-6401

bhmlib.org

Operating eight branches throughout Beaufort, Hyde and Martin counties, BHM Regional Library brings books, programs and events to residents across the county.

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Brown Library

122 Van Norden St., Washington

252-946-4300

washington-nc.libguides.com

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Goose Creek State Park environmental education and visitor center

2190 Camp Leach Road,

Washington

252-923-2191

ncparks.gov/goose-creek-state-

[park/education](#)

A wide array of ranger-led programs, ranging from beginning fishing to educational hikes through the park, are available to families and organized groups. The visitor center is an introduction to the natural world of wetlands through interactive exhibits, as well as the Discovery Room, where visitors can learn about the animals that live in the wetlands. Park office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Historic Bath State Historic Site

207 Carteret St., Bath

252-923-3971

nchistoricsites.org

North Carolina's first town, and first port, Bath was founded in 1705. Home to several historic properties and a visitors center with interactive displays, the Bath Historic Site allows visitors to take a walk through colonial history — including the town's pirate history. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

North Carolina Estuarium

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252-948-0000

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Pantego Academy Historical Museum

46 Academy St., Pantego
pantegoacademy.com
Built in 1874, the Male and

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PotashCorp ECO Lodge

419 Boy Scout Road, Blounts Creek
ecolodgenc.com
252-495-1513

The ECO Lodge is an environmental education center on the south side of the Pamlico River, located within the East Carolina Scout Reservation. Designed for school and scout classes, both youth and

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Washington Waterfront Underground Railroad Museum

Corner of Gladden and West Main streets, Washington
[Facebook.com/washingtonundergroundrailroad](https://www.facebook.com/washingtonundergroundrailroad)

A National Parks Service-designated "Underground Railroad Network to Freedom" site, this new museum shares a pictorial history of slavery and how Washington's waterfront was a road by river to freedom. Open Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2-5 p.m.



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quarterdeckmarina@gmail.com

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passengers

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\$800

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www.tarpamguide.com

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- Full day (eight-plus hours): \$600
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Slingshot Charters

Capt. David Mason
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- Half day, \$300
- Full day, \$500



PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS

Havens Gardens: 1053 E. Main St., Pamlico River, Washington
Dinah's Landing: 2190 Camp Leach Road, Goose Creek State Park, Washington
Blounts Creek: 350 Crisp Landing Road, Chocowinity
Pantego Creek: 135 W. Water St., Belhaven
Wrights Creek: 1922 Wilkins Road, Pungo River, Belhaven
Mason's Landing: 625 Clark's Neck Road, Tranter's Creek, Washington
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South Creek: 1 Main St., Aurora
Source: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

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Bayview Golf Club (public and accepts memberships)

*49 King Blount Drive, Bath
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Hours: Mondays-Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bayview Golf Club is a public, nine-hole course located in Bath. There are memberships available and golfers are welcome to pay per round and schedule tee times. Green fees (non-members): \$7 for nine holes; cart rental: \$4.50

Cypress Landing Golf Club (semi-private)

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Cypress Landing Golf Club is a semi-private golf course located in Chocowinity. The 18-hole course has six different tees available and earned a four-star rating from Golf Digest. Green fees (includes cart): \$60 before 2 p.m., \$40 after 2 p.m.

Terrapin Track Golf Course (public)

*628 Terrapin Track Road, Washington
252-927-3204*

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Terrapin Track is a public, 18-hole golf course in Washington. As long as the sun's up, the course is open for business for any golfer wanting to play a round. Green fees (with cart): \$14 for nine holes, \$20 for 18 holes. Green fees (walking): \$9 for nine holes, \$12 for 18 holes.

Washington Yacht & Country Club (private)

*7155 River Road, Washington
252-946-3245*

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Hours: Tuesdays-Sundays, 7:30 a.m.-dark

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TAKE A WALK

Beaufort County has a rich estuarine history, full of opportunities for recreation and environmental exploration. There are several locations, some offering scenic views, for people to walk, run and exercise. The boardwalk and Stewart Parkway along the Washington waterfront offers a scenic route overlooking the river and an ecosystem in which turtles, ducks, geese and fish thrive. The Beaufort County Community College Interactive Multipurpose Fitness and Internal Training Trail (IM FITT) is not your typical walking trail. The 1-mile trek on the BCCC campus includes outdoor exercise equipment, designed to offer you the option of a full-body workout, as well as enhancing mobility and flexibility. The trail is open to the public. Another opportunity to get out and walk or run is Oakdale Cemetery, located at 180 E. 15th St., which offers miles of paths through the historic cemetery.

Goose Creek State Park is one of 14 parks in eastern North Carolina and part of the North Carolina State Park System. It

offers a scenic environment on the shore of the Pamlico River and its tributaries and covers 1,327 acres of coastal wetland. Eight miles of hiking trails meander through the estuarine areas of the park. The diversity of wetlands ranges from freshwater and brackish-water marshes to black gum and cypress swamps. Large stands of pine and mixed forest provide cover for a variety of birds and land animals. Hikers have the option of walking the 0.3-mile Live Oak Trail, the 0.2-mile Huckleberry Trail, the mile-long Mallard Creek Trail, the 0.3-mile Flatty Creek Trail, the 2-mile Goose Creek Trail, the 1.8-mile Ivey Gut Trail, the half-mile Palmetto Boardwalk Trail and the 1.3-mile Tar Kiln Trail. The park hours are: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., November through February; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., March through May; and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., June through August. The park office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, contact Goose Creek State Park, located at 2190 Camp Leach Road, Washington, at 252-923-2191.



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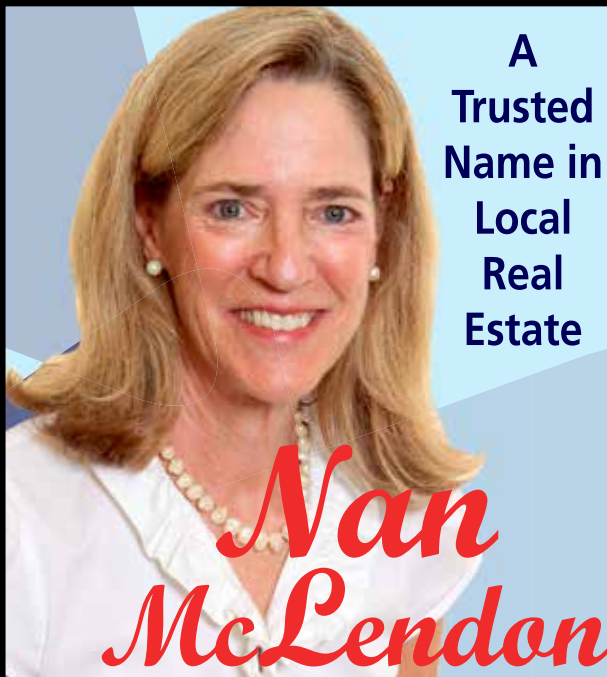
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Camp Boddie/Pamlico Sea Base

419 Boy Scout Road, Washington
eccbsa.org
252-522-1521

Camp Boddie is located along the picturesque banks of the Pamlico River as part of the East Carolina Scout Reservation and offers a variety of programming from week-long summer camps to weekend river adventure programs.

Goose Creek State Park

2190 Camp Leach Road,
Washington
ncparks.gov
252-923-2191

A primitive camping area, picnic sites, a swimming beach and miles of hiking and paddling trails offer a variety of ways to

savor the tranquil surroundings at Goose Creek State Park. Park hours: November through February, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March-May, September-October, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June - August, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Papa's Playground at Festival Park

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A part of Festival Park, this waterfront park is adjacent to the North Carolina Estuarium. Papa's Playground provides a nautical-themed play area for children.

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15 Things to do in... *Washington*

In today's economy, the expense of travel can make the very thought of a vacation intimidating, but in Washington and the surrounding towns, there are plenty of adventures that are far more fun than they are expensive. Here are 15 uniquely Beaufort County things to do that won't break the bank!

1 Get the Pamlico River breeze in your hair and see Washington the way locals do. Rent a bicycle, canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard at Inner Banks Outfitters. Tour Washington by bike for four hours for only \$15.

Take a river-roving boat tour of the Pamlico River. This educational tour given by the North Carolina Estuarium offers an on-the-river experience of the local ecosystem. Make sure to reserve a spot in advance. Free.

4 Schedule a private program for your group with a park ranger at Goose Creek State Park. Drawing on their vast experience, the rangers present programs and activities that suit the unique needs of each audience. All you have to do is contact the park at least two weeks in advance to schedule. Free.

5 Take a hike in Goose Creek State Park. Eight miles of hiking trails meander through estuarine areas with diverse flora and fauna. See who can spot a deer first.

6 Swim in the Pamlico River. Cool off in the river that defines this region! At Goose Creek State Park, a designated swimming area with a sandy beach offers access to the shallow waters of the Pamlico. Free.

2 Visit the North Carolina Estuarium. With over 200 exhibits, aquariums and works of art, the Estuarium is dedicated to the unique ecosystem of eastern North Carolina's estuaries and their effect on local culture. Fun, interactive and kid-friendly, check it out for only \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

7 Catch some air at PCM Skatepark, City of Washington's skatepark. Skaters must bring their own boards, helmets, knee and elbow pads. Free.

8

Hear local musicians jam to traditional tunes. The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association holds weekly jam sessions on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings at Arts of the Pamlico's Turnage Theatre gallery. An informal event, all are invited to play or listen. Free.

10

Visit the Belhaven Memorial Museum. Located on the second floor of the historic Belhaven Town Hall, the museum is built upon the eclectic collection of Mrs. Eva Blount Way and is a view into eastern North Carolina's rural past. Free.

12

Walk the history of Washington. Take a stroll in the downtown historic district to see many of Washington's historically significant homes and buildings. Free.

13

Cross the Pamlico River by ferry. This ferry ride at Bayview off N.C. Highway 92, just east of Bath, is a fun and free way to see the beautiful river and feel the breeze. See the sun reflect off the river at sunset for an unforgettable crossing. Free.

15

Visit downtown Washington's Washington Waterfront Underground Railroad Museum — a nationally designated stop on the Underground Railroad.

9

Dig for fossils at the Aurora Fossil Museum. Featuring an outdoor dig site, the museum showcases 5- to 15-million-year-old marine fossils from the nearby PotashCorp-Aurora phosphate mine, Native American artifacts from across prehistoric North Carolina and many interactive exhibits. Free.

11

Take a historic home tour in North Carolina's first town. Historic Bath, home of more "firsts" than any other North Carolina town, offers tours of the historic Palmer-Marsh and Bonner houses for \$2 adult admission and \$1 student admission.

14

Visit St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Located in Bath, St. Thomas, is the oldest church building in North Carolina and a must-see for lovers of historic buildings. You can even attend a church service if you like. Free.

Retirement living at its *finest*

The Washington-Beaufort County area's 2017 designation as a Retire NC-certified community only solidified what residents already knew: it's a great place to live.

Many people are attracted to the area by miles of sparkling waterfront, friendly and welcoming residents, a mild climate and a small-town feel away from the hustle and bustle. These attributes draw hundreds of visitors — not to mention lucky out-of-towners settling into their golden years.

“We felt it was important to become certified to make sure that people looking at our area knew that we have amenities and (a) lifestyle that are desirable during retirement,” said Catherine Glover, executive director of the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.

Historic homes and churches frequently dot the landscape, while the town of Bath offers a step into the colonial past. Outdoor adventures await at Goose Creek State Park, or perhaps a stroll along the Washington boardwalk and sailing down the Pamlico would be more suitable. Locally owned restaurants and shops offer a hometown feel and a personal connection to fellow residents.

With a hospital in Washington and a slew of health care providers from Belhaven to Greenville, retirees can also rest easy knowing there are medical resources available if needed.

Cost of living is relatively low, as well, so retirees from all walks of life can enjoy what the Washington-Beaufort County area has to offer.

This area's Retire NC committee created a bucket list theme for promotional purposes. Along with the attractions listed above, other “buckets” include golfing opportunities, the Aurora Fossil Museum, holiday celebrations, our famous blue crabs and proximity to the beach.

Visitors are invited to pick up their own promotional bucket at the Visitor Center on Stewart Parkway for important information about the area.

“The committee felt (Retire NC) was an investment to make for future growth in the area. An average person visits several times before they decide to move,” Glover said. “By becoming certified, we are on the North Carolina website as a great place to retire as people are looking.”

So, what's on your bucket list? It's time to reimagine.

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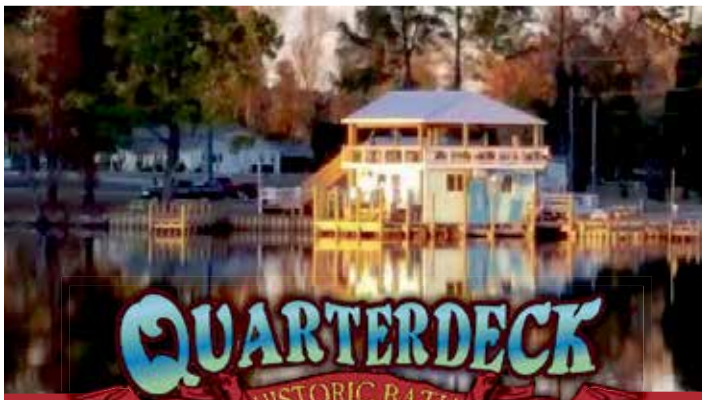
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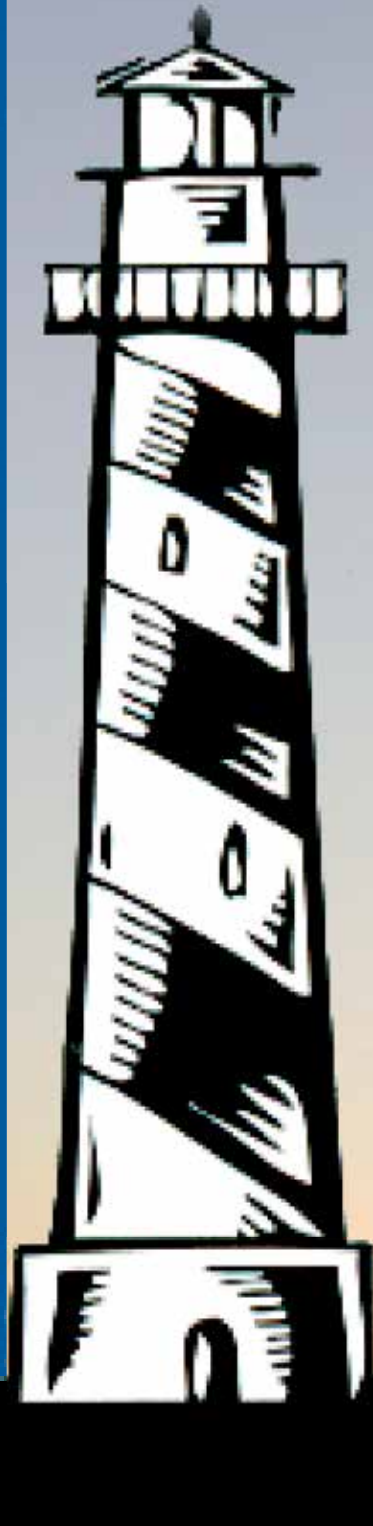
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