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Adventure Guide

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NORTH CAROLINA

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With our mild climate and abundant sunshine, Stanly County offers something for everyone from vigorous exercise to idling away the hours on a grassy slope beside a gentle stream. Come and enjoy our great outdoors. Take a deep breath of fresh air, feel your cares and worries slip away, and let the adventure begin.

VISITOR SERVICES

Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau
1000 N. 1st St., Suite 11, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.2583 | 800.650.1476 | www.visitstanly.com

Stanly County Chamber of Commerce
116 E. North St., Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.8116 | www.stanlychamber.org

Stanly County Economic Development Commission
1000 N. 1st St., Suite 11, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3682 | www.stanlyedc.com

Stanly County Museum
245 E. Main St., Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3777 | www.stanlycountymuseum.com

Stanly County Arts Council
Suite G 26032 Newt Rd., Albemarle, NC
704.982.8118 | www.stanlycountyartscouncil.org

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
26032-B Newt Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3666 | www.stanlyciviccenter.com

Stanly County Government
1000 N. 1st St., Suite 10, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3600 | www.stanlycountync.gov

Albemarle Downtown Development Corp.
144 North Second St., Albemarle, NC 28001
704.984.9415 | www.albemarledowntown.com

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SMALL TOWNS

big Charm



CITY OF ALBEMARLE
www.albemarlenc.gov | 704.984.9400



TOWN OF BADIN
www.badin.org | 704.422.3470



CITY OF LOCUST
www.locustnc.com | 704.888.5260



VILLAGE OF MISENHEIMER
www.villageofmisenheimer.com | 704.463.1234



TOWN OF NEW LONDON
www.newlondonnc.org | 704.463.5423



TOWN OF NORWOOD
www.norwoodgov.com | 704.474.3416



TOWN OF OAKBORO
www.oakboro.com | 704.485.3351



TOWN OF RED CROSS
www.townofredcross.com | 704.485.2002



TOWN OF RICHFIELD
www.richfieldnc.com | 704.463.1308



TOWN OF STANFIELD
www.stanfieldnc.com | 704.888.2386

The Fork Lodge Bed & Breakfast
3200 Fork Road, Norwood

PULL UP A CHAIR
and stay awhile

HOTELS

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites
200 Henson Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.3939
www.americasbestvalueinn.com

Quality Inn
735 NC 24-27 Bypass East, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.983.6990
www.qualityinn.com

Best Western
2300 US Hwy 52, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.985.1111
www.bestwestern.com

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
500 Leonard Avenue, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.2100
www.hiexpress.com

Sleep Inn & Suites
621 North 24-27 Bypass, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.983.2770
www.sleepinn.com

MOTELS

Garden Inn
310 West Church Street, Richfield, NC 28137
704.463.7514

Lion Inn
2312 North US 52, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.8194

BED & BREAKFAST

1913 Badin Inn
107 Spruce Street, Badin, NC 28009
704.985.2151

The 1891 Inn Bed & Breakfast
427 Pee Dee Avenue, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.804.1108
www.the1891inn.com

The Fork Lodge Bed & Breakfast
3200 Fork Road, Norwood, NC 28128
704.474.4052
www.forkstables.com

CAMPGROUNDS

Cotton Patch Gold Mine (RV Friendly)
41697 Gurley Road, New London, NC 28127
704.463.5797
www.cottonpatchgoldmine.com

Morrow Mountain State Park (RV Friendly)
49107 Morrow Mountain Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.4402

Norwood Camping Resort (RV Friendly)
1216 Berry Hill Drive, Norwood, NC 28128
704.474.3800

Looking for a place to slip away and enjoy a pace of life with a rhythm of your own choosing? Look no further. Within easy driving distance of Charlotte and in close proximity to the state's metropolitan areas, Stanly County is an oasis of calm.



Morrow Mountain State Park
49104 Morrow Mountain Road
Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.4402
morrow.mountain@ncparks.gov

Latitude: 35.373724
Longitude: -80.073470

Park Hours
December, January & February: 7am - 7pm
March, April & October: 7am - 9pm
May - September: 7am - 10pm
November: 7am - 8pm
Closed Christmas Day.

Museum
10am - 5pm daily

Swimming Pool
10am - 5:30pm daily
Memorial Day - Labor Day
Open only on weekends before June and after mid-August.

Boathouse
10am - 5:30pm daily
May - October
Open only on weekends before June and after mid-August.

Park Office
8am - 4:30pm Daily
Office hours may deviate on state holidays and weekends.

EXPLORE *Morrow Mountain*

Morrow Mountain State Park, the jewel in Stanly County's crown, offers endless possibilities for the outdoor adventurer. Not strictly a mountain at a height of 936 feet, the peak offers stunning views of the Piedmont. Close to half a million visitors from all over the southeastern United States visit the park on an annual basis and its 4,742 acres accommodate them with ease. Campers find plenty of choices among the 106 campsites and the 6 rustic cabins set in woodland

privacy. Hikers find miles of well-maintained trails from easy to strenuous. For history buffs a visit to the Dr. Francis Kron homestead is a must. One of the first medical doctors to settle in the Piedmont, his office, infirmary and greenhouse appear much as they did in the 1870's. The park's museum provides an overview of the area's history and geology. The boat landing has a slip for boat owners and a boathouse offering canoe or rowboat rentals.

ADVENTURE *Awaits*

Camping
Tent, trailer, RV, backpack, groups, and vacation cabins

Hiking
Scenic trails ranging from 0.6 miles to 4.1 miles

Other Activities
Boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking, kayaking, scheduled learning opportunities, explore the museum Exhibit Hall and the historic Kron homestead

Get back to the simple things in life and enjoy the many outdoor activities available at our beautiful lakes!

Swimming | Boating | Water sports | Picnics | Fishing | Hiking | Cycling | Wildlife observation

LIFE IS BETTER *at the Lake*

BADIN LAKE

Tucked among tall pines and stately oaks in the heart of the Uwharrie Mountains in northeastern Stanly County, the picturesque town of Badin serves as a unique gateway for North Carolina's central park. Settled by French employees of the L' Aluminum Françias in the early twentieth century, Badin continues to exude the charm of a French Provincial village, reminiscent of its founders homeland.

The town, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is accessible by several main routes, but may be pleasantly approached by the Pee Dee Valley Scenic Byway that snakes around Morrow Mountain State Park and through rolling hills of rural farmland.

Badin's tree lined lanes lead to a variety of recreational activities and interesting sites, including boating, golfing, swimming, fine dining, and museums. Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the wide array and abundance of wildlife, as well as pristine forests and winding hiking trails.

LAKE TILLERY

Enjoy a day in a friendly environment. The Gateway to Lake Tillery is located in Norwood, NC. The town is a reminder of how the American culture used to be, friendly people, quaint shops, and the small town charm that everyone needs to experience at least once.

Let your mind wonder while enjoying a relaxing cruise up and down Lake Tillery. Be sure to stop at one of the marinas and enjoy socializing with everyone who is out and about. You'll notice that everyone is friendly as you sail by resident's homes that blend into the beautiful landscape that was here waiting on us. Sail down to the mouth of the Uwharrie River and enjoy hanging out on the sandbar which is in front of Morrow Mountain State Park. Drop your line and try for that illusive "big one." Enjoy the abundance of water sports happening all over the lake. You can find all of this and more at Lake Tillery.

-  Boating Accesses
-  Lake Tillery
-  Falls Lake
-  Badin Lake
-  Lake Tuckertown



RUN, WALK, *Play*

ALBEMARLE PARKS

Albemarle Parks & Recreation Department

Niven Center
1816 E. Main St., Albemarle
704.984.9560

Chuck Morehead Memorial Park & Pool

#8 disc golf course in the state, swimming, park, tennis, volleyball, hiking trails, athletic field, basketball court, picnic shelters, dog park, and corn hole boards
1910 Northwoods Lane, Albemarle
704.984.9560

City Lake Park

Fishing, amphitheater, trails, children's playgrounds, picnic shelter, disc golf, kayaking, canoeing
815 Concord Rd., Albemarle
704.984.9560



Don Montgomery Memorial Park

Athletic field, children's playground, picnic shelter, trails, basketball court
500 US 52 North, Albemarle
704.984.9560

EE Waddell Center

Gym, function rooms
621 Wall Street, Albemarle
704.984.9568

Rock Creek Park

Swimming, hiking, tennis, ball fields, park amenities, picnic shelter, trails, various obstacles, aerial challenge course
110 Rock Creek Park Dr., Albemarle
704.984.9560

Albemarle Soccer Complex

Soccer athletic fields
100 College Dr., Albemarle
704.984.9560

BADIN PARKS

Badin Community Recreation Park

Baseball field, Soccer field
126 NC Hwy. 740, Badin
704.422.3470

Badin Memorial Park

Falls Road, Badin
704.422.6900

Pine Street Park

Pine St., Badin
704.422.3470

West Badin Park

Playground, basketball court, picnic tables, permanent grill
Sherman Street, Badin
704.422.3470

LOCUST PARKS

Locust City Park (encompassing) Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Park

Four baseball/softball fields, football field, tennis court, two soccer fields, playground, basketball court, walking trail, state of the art playground and facilities
Park Drive, Locust
704.888.5260

NEW LONDON PARKS

New London Town Park, New London

704.463.5243



NORWOOD PARKS

Darrell Almond Community Park

Walking trails, children's playgrounds, picnic shelters, gazebo
Norwood
704.474.3416

Norwood Memorial Park

Softball fields, children's playground, sand volleyball courts, basketball court
Turner Street, Norwood
704.474.3416

OAKBORO PARKS

Long St. Park

Community building, nutrition center, soccer field, children's playground, baseball field
519 N. Long St., Oakboro
704.485.5307

Oakboro District Park

Children's playground, two picnic shelters, Pond with walking gazebo on the bridge, walking trail, amphitheater, two baseball fields, two soccer fields
423 South Main Street, Oakboro
704.485.5307

Oakboro Main St. Park

Fountain, concrete benches, walkway
309 North Main Street, Oakboro, NC 28129
704.485.5307

RICHFIELD PARKS

Richfield Community Park

Soccer fields, baseball fields, picnic shelter, walking trail, children's playground, fishing pond
245 N. Hwy 49, Richfield
704.463.1308

STANFIELD PARKS

Pete Henkel Park

Basketball court, tennis court, children's playground, two baseball fields, soccer field
Park Drive, Stanfield
704.888.2386

Stanfield Barn Park

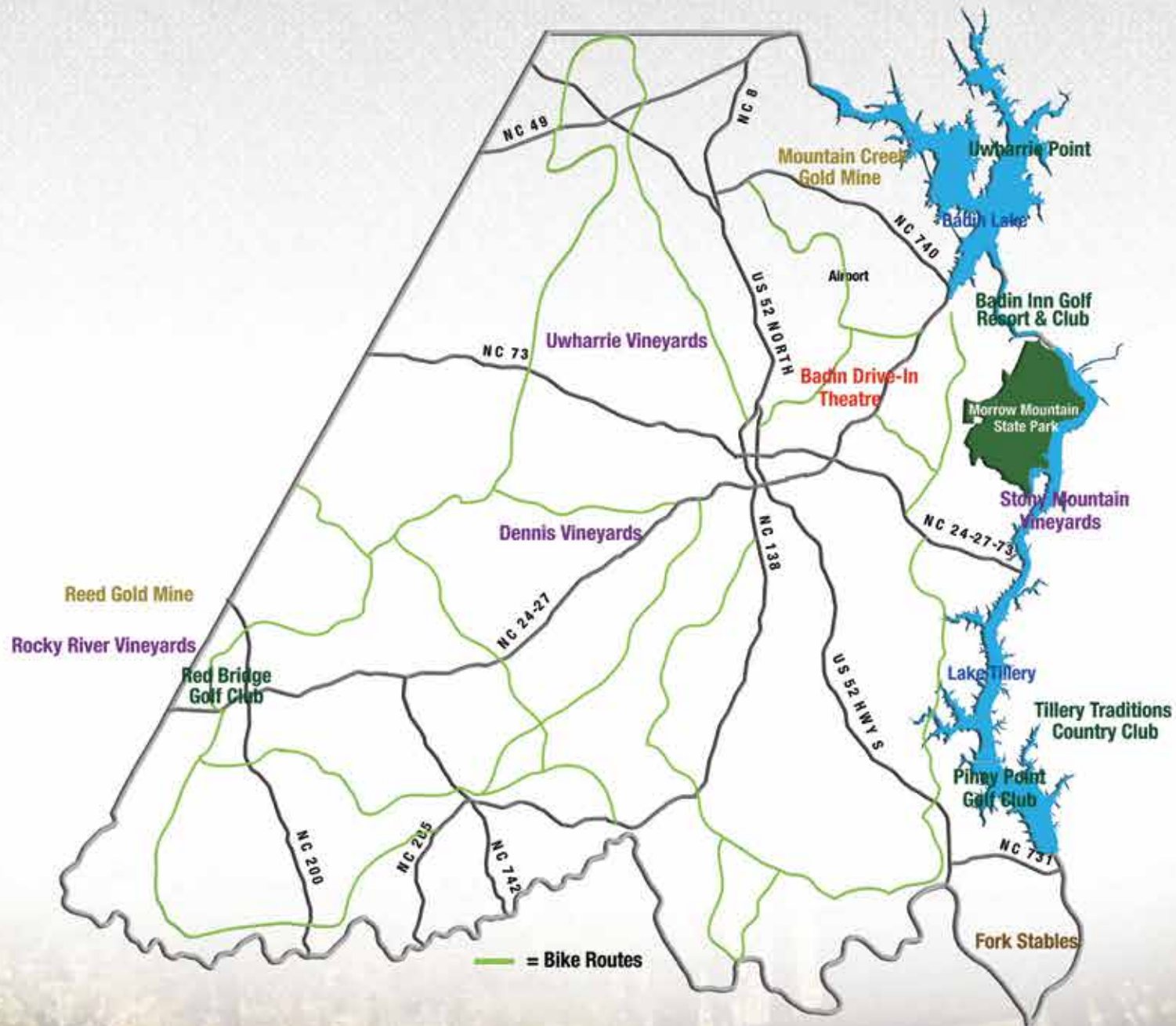
(Donated by Pike family)
Barn, rest area, facilities to come
Hwy. 200, Stanfield
704.888.2386



Few counties this size boast as many parks as Stanly County. There are 23 listed here (count 'em), ranging from Morrow Mountain State Park to Stanfield Barn Park. They offer disc golf courses, soccer fields, tennis courts, bocce courts, fishing ponds, canoe rentals, and 5 area golf courses.



BIKE ROUTES



DISC GOLF

Richfield Community Park
 245 N. Hwy 49, Richfield
 704.463.1308

Chuck Morehead Memorial Park & Pool
 1910 Northwoods Lane, Albemarle
 704.984.9560

City Lake Park
 815 Concord Road, Albemarle
 704.984.9560

Oakboro District Park
 423 South Main Street, Oakboro
 704.485.5307

OUTDOOR FUN

Carolina Treetop Challenge
 114 Rock Creek Park Drive, Albemarle
 980.271.7972



Red Bridge Golf Club
1700 Main Street W, Locust

Tee TIME
TIME

Home to golf legend, Johnny Palmer, the area boasts varied courses from the historic, newly renovated par 71 course in Badin, to the newer par-72 courses at Uwharrie Point, Piney Point and Tillery Tradition. Red Bridge recently opened in Locust, adding to the selection of local links. Be sure to call ahead and make tee-times or find out about special events and tournament schedules.

GOLF COURSES

Piney Point Golf Club
48688 Piney Point Road, Norwood
704.474.3985
www.pineypointgolfclub.com

Red Bridge Golf Club
6801 Gatehouse Road, Locust
704.781.5231
www.redbridgegolfclub.com

The Tillery Tradition Country Club
214 Tradition Drive, Mt. Gilead
910.439.5146
www.tillerytradition.com

**Uwharrie Point
Home of the Old North State Club (Private)**
1520 Uwharrie Point Parkway, Badin Lake
336.461.2610
www.oldnorthstateclub.com

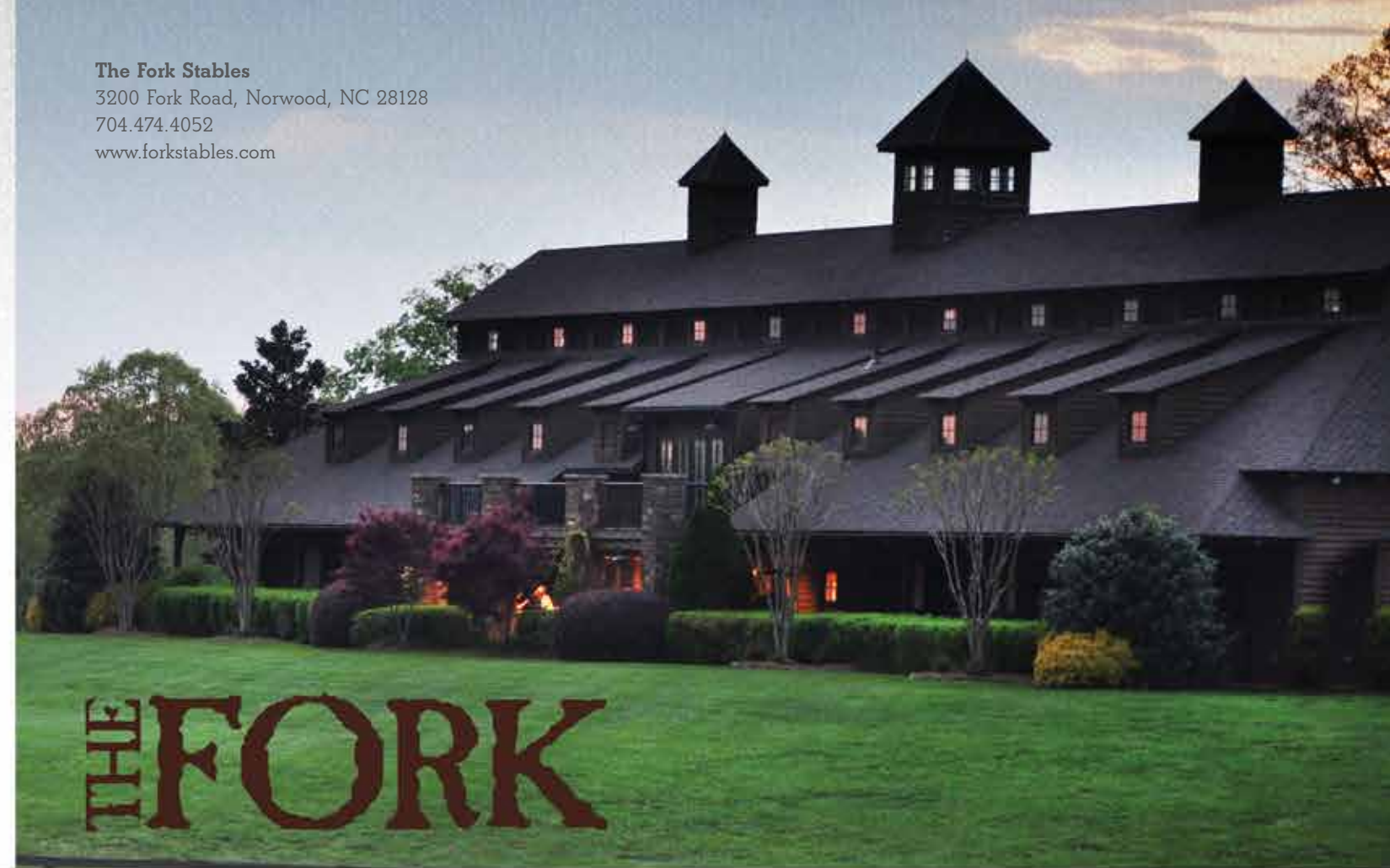
World Class EVENTS & RECREATION

When past Clays Shooting Champion Judy Carpenter purchased the land for **Lucky Clays Farm**, she had a vision to conserve and preserve the land's abundant natural resources. Today, that vision has grown into a sustainable farm and renewable energy model, as well as a unique venue for meetings, conferences, events and clays shooting enthusiasts. The property includes:

- 400+ acres of trails for hiking, cycling and mountain biking
- Conference Center with kitchen and state-of-the-art media capabilities
- Pet-friendly cottages with large porches and beautiful views
- Clays target shooting including trap, FITASC and 5-Stand
- Greenhouse with farm-raised tilapia and organic produce
- Covered outdoor facility with patio, outdoor kitchen, entertainment/sound system
- Fishing ponds stocked with bream, bass, crappie and catfish



The Fork Stables
 3200 Fork Road, Norwood, NC 28128
 704.474.4052
 www.forkstables.com



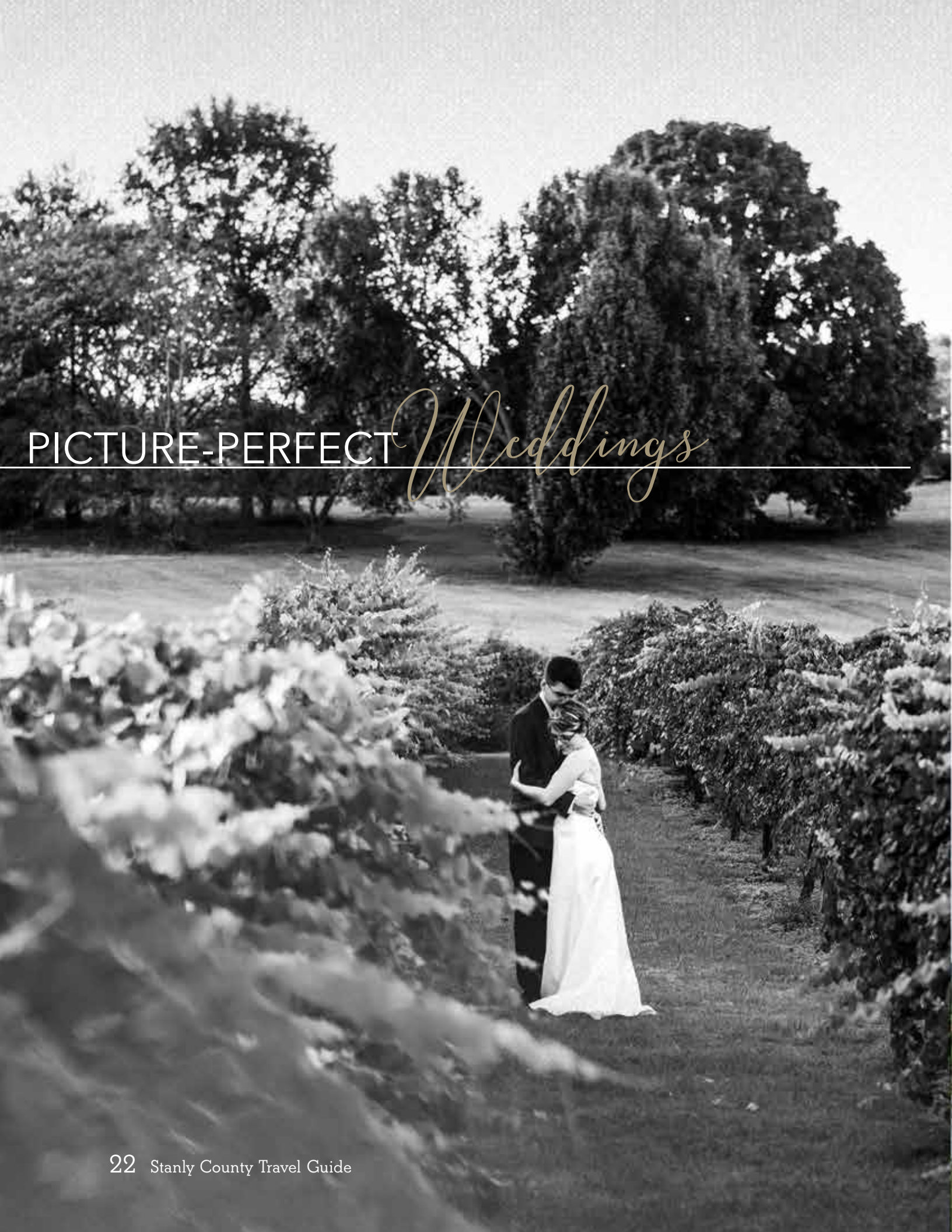
The Fork offers endless activities and adventures to suit a wide range of interests. Not only does The Fork boast world-class equestrian and sportsman facilities but it also provides opportunities for bike riding, fishing, hiking, and much more; all while surrounded by the pristine beauty of The Fork. Be as active as your heart desires and end the day relaxing in the comforts of the Lodge Bed and Breakfast.

The Fork Farm hosts the annual Fork Horse Trials and Outdoor Heritage Days, events visitors surely won't want to miss.

- Meeting and retreat facilities including full kitchen and bar amenities and media capabilities
- Duck and quail hunting
- Sporting clay courses, 5-stand, and tower/flurry
- World class equestrian facilities
- Lodge Bed & Breakfast



Lucky Clays Farm
 40120 Old Cottonville Rd,
 Norwood, NC 28128
 1.855.858.LUCK
 www.luckyclaysfarm.com



PICTURE-PERFECT *Weddings*

WEDDING VENUES

1913 Badin Inn
107 Spruce Street, Badin
704.985.2151

Dennis Vineyards
24043 Endy Road, Albemarle
704.982.6090
www.dennisvineyards.com

Il Bella Gardens
24767 Snickers Lane, Albemarle
980.581.0850
www.ilbellagardens.com

Lucky Clays Farm
40120 Old Cottonville Road, Norwood
1.855.858.LUCK
www.luckyclaysfarm.com

Morrow Mountain
49104 Morrow Mountain Road, Albemarle
704.982.4402
<http://ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/momo/main.php>

Rocky River Vineyards
11685 Reed Mine Road, Midland
704.781.5035
www.rockrivervineyards.com

Stony Mountain Vineyards & Winery
26370 Mountain Ridge Road, Albemarle
704.982.0922
www.stonymountainvineyards.com

The Barn at Oakboro
16457 Silver Road, Oakboro
704.507.9036
www.facebook.com/rusticallyrefinedevents/

The Fork Stables
3200 Fork Road, Norwood
704.474.0342
www.forkstables.com

Tuscan Ridge Wedding/Event Center
21480 E 8th Street, Oakboro
704.609.1758
www.tuscanridgevenue.com

Uwharrie Vineyards & Winery
28014 Austin Road, Albemarle
704.982.9463
www.uwharrievineyards.com



STANLY COUNTY *Wine Trail*

STANLY COUNTY *Vineyards*

Dennis Vineyards Winery

24043 Endy Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.6090
www.dennisvineyards.com

Rocky River Vineyards

11685 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107
704.860.4997
www.rockyrivervineyards.com

Stony Mountain Vineyards & Winery

26370 Mountain Ridge Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.0922
www.stonymountainvineyards.com

Uwharrie Vineyards & Winery

28030 Austin Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.9463
www.uwharrievineyards.com

NEARBY

Vineyards

Morgan Ridge Vineyards

486 John Morgan Road, Gold Hill, NC 28071
704.639.0911
www.morganridgevineyard.com

Little River Vineyard and Winery

1907 NC 73, West Mount Gilead, NC 27306
704.201.6343
www.littleriverwines.com

To discover Stanly County's world of wine, grab a glass and a corkscrew and take a drive along Stanly County's scenic byways. Before long you're sure to come upon a thriving winery. The first clue will be rows of vines draping the hillsides and a cluster of buildings nestled nearby.



Stanly County has discovered that its fertile soil, stony ridges and verdant creek sides are all suited to the art of viticulture. Grapes from the vinifera vines that originated in Europe to the native Muscadine vines of the Piedmont all thrive here.

Dennis Vineyards
24043 Endy Road, Albemarle, NC 28001



During the summer months there is an historic gem in the county seat of Albemarle that draws visitors from miles around: Badin Road Drive-in Theater. It is one of the last remaining drive-in theaters in the state. It now offers two screens for one ticket so you'd better arrive early. The crowds grow nightly. Shows start at sundown with newly released films, triple features, intermissions and games.

North Carolina was once one of the top 10 drive-in venues in the country with more than 200 outdoor cinemas operating. Since the peak years of the late 1950's the number of functioning drive-ins has declined 96%. Presently 9 remain in operation. Originally built in 1948,

Badin Road Drive-in Theater's venerable solo screen had gone dark, but then was repaired, revived and re-opened in 1994 with a capacity for nearly 700 cars. Today the site features Wi-Fi access, FM stereo audio, and a playground for children. With tickets at \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 11, and children under 5 free, this is one of the most affordable and unique family nights out you'll find anywhere.

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Badin Road Drive-In is one of only nine remaining drive-in theaters in North Carolina.



Movie Theater

Badin Road Drive-In Theater
2411 Badin Rd
Albemarle, NC 28001
704.983.2900
www.badinroaddrivein.com

DRIVE-IN TO *Family Fun*

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RICH *Heritage & Culture*

The people of Stanly County have helped mold and define the cultural landscape of the county, the state, and the nation for more than 10,000 years. Our citizens value their history and have diligently worked together to establish repositories to safeguard the artifacts of their heritage. With so many different cultures and catalysts creating history in this "land between the rivers," each of Stanly County's museums is unique - from examples of Native American art and pottery in Morrow Mountain State Park to the town of Badin, where French workers modeled their new community after their own provincial villages in France. So, make sure to pause in this crossroads of history and discover the rich heritage that is Stanly County, North Carolina.

MUSEUMS

Stanly County History Center

157 North Second Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3777

Historic Marks House-Dating from the early 19th century

112 North Third Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3777

Historic Snuggs House-1852

112 North Third Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.986.3777

Badin Museum

60 Falls Road, Badin, NC 28009
704.422.6900
badinmuseum.stevelee.name

Badin Quadraplex Museum

64 Falls Road, Badin, NC 28009
704.422.6900
badinmuseum.stevelee.name/quad.html

Badin Firehouse Museum

60 Falls Road, Badin, NC 28009
704.422.6900
badinmuseum.stevelee.name/firehouse.html

Locust Museum

211 Town Centre Drive, Locust, NC 28097
704.888.5260

Oakboro Museum of History

231 North Main Street, Oakboro, NC 28129
704.485.4222
www.oakboro.com

Oakboro Railroad Museum

128 Aquadale Road, Oakboro, NC 28129
704.485.3612

Norwood Museum

205-B Pee Dee Avenue, Norwood, NC 28128
704.474.3416

Morrow Mountain

Natural History Museum
49107 Morrow Mountain Rd
Albemarle, NC 28001
704.982.4402



STRIKE IT
Rich

From the unique works of wildlife sculptor, Roger Martin to the picturesque portraits by Roger Thomas, and the realist watercolors of Ron Taylor, Stanly County is proud of its talented artists. From rural landscapes, historic images and coastal scenes to bronze sculptures and life size renditions of mountain bears, the creations are unique to each artist. Many galleries require appointments, so be sure to call ahead.

ART GALLERIES

Stanly County Arts Council

330-B Second Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.983.4278
www.stanlycountyartscouncil.org

Roger Martin Gallery & Studio

260 East Main Street, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.322.8512
www.rogeramartin.com

Roger Thomas Art Studio

44134 Vickers Store Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
704.983.1861

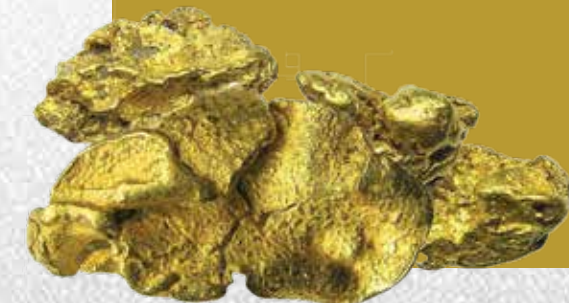
Reed Gold Mine, the home of the first documented gold While mining in North Carolina was popular in the early and mid 1800s, today, panning for gold at Reed and other local historic mines, is a pastime for many county residents, as well as visitors. Test your luck on striking gold and enjoy guided tours at the two mines.

Mountain Creek Gold Mine

41787 Gurley Road, New London, NC 28127
704.985.8347
www.mtcreekgold.com

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107
704.721.4653
www.reedmine.com





UNIQUE *Entertainment*

The little town of Oakboro's monthly Cruise-In is the largest in the state. On the fourth Friday of each month the town roars to life. Cars start arriving at 3 pm and the Big Event starts at 5 pm. The Cruise-in not only features bumper to bumper classic Mustangs, Camaros and you-name-it, but lots more shiny, pretty old cars with sleek lines. And there's more. There is musical entertainment. There are food vendors, souvenirs, door prizes and fun photo opportunities.

Historically, Oakboro was a textile community, but when the local Stanly Knitting Mills closed in 1990, downtown dried up. Local investors bought the old buildings, fixed them up and revitalized the town's heart. Spend a day at the Oakboro District Park, with its one mile walking trail, playground equipment, picnic shelters, disc golf course, ball fields and more. Take in some history at the Oakboro Regional Museum of History or at the railroad museum and replica train depot. And don't miss that monthly Cruise-In.

Last but not least, take the family out to Big Lick Festival Park for a Tractor Pull. Visitors come from far and wide to see these monster tractors compete. The park atmosphere is lively and festive with milling crowds, music, concession stands and the competition itself. Before the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled by horses, farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and seek to compare and contest against one another to see who had the most powerful animals. "Pull on Sunday, plow on Monday" was their motto. Today that motto is obsolete as high powered tractors not even used on the farm have become the center of an internationally popular sport. Big Lick Festival Park is also the venue for antique tractor pulls, a semi-annual antique festival, gun and knife shows and lumber jack contests.


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OAKBORO
Cruise In

4th Friday of every month

Main Street - NC Hwy 205
Oakboro, North Carolina 28129


Cars start arriving between 1-3 p.m. The event runs from 5-9:30 p.m. The burnout starts at 9 p.m. Bring your camera, old car and lawn chair.



BIG LICK
Festival Park

Tractor pulls, auctions, bluegrass, antique festivals & more

12743 NC 205 Hwy
Oakboro, North Carolina 28129






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