



WILSON

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Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum

VISITORS GUIDE

WELCOME

to Wilson, North Carolina!



Wilson, North Carolina has a reputation for being filled with friendly people. There is no place better than the Wilson Visitors Center to experience that for yourself. Our information specialists (happy concierges) will make you feel welcome, answer questions and provide a wealth of resources to make sure your trip to Wilson is everything you want it to be. We invite you to explore our vibrant community. Our historic downtown has brought the creativity of art to life with the Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and all of the sprawling development surrounding this public park.

There is something for everyone to enjoy with historic walking tours, museums and four gardens, as well as locally owned restaurants, boutique shops, festivals, music, concerts, theater and so much more. Come and indulge in a unique experience at a local brewery or favorite wine or bottle shop.

For additional information planning a small meeting, wedding, family reunion or a simple visit, contact 800-497-7398 and check out www.wilsonnc.com or [Facebook@WilsonVisitorsCenter](https://www.facebook.com/WilsonVisitorsCenter).

WILSON FACTS

CLIMATE

Wilson has a mild climate which is a favorable factor in the life of Wilson. On average, the temperature is in the 60's. During the summer you can enjoy a comfortable evening outside and during the winter there is very little snow. Wilson's elevation is 147 feet and averages four inches of rainfall per month.

POPULATION

Wilson was named after the prominent 19th century Eastern North Carolina Legislator, Col. Louis D. Wilson. The City of Wilson has a population of approximately 50,000 people. Wilson is the county seat, with a population of approximately 80,000 and a total area covering 374 square miles.

HOW TO GET TO WILSON

Wilson is conveniently located halfway between New York and Florida on I-95. You can take exits 107-121 to Wilson. Wilson is 45 miles east of Raleigh, the state capital, and 100 miles from the coast. Wilson is located 30 miles north of I40 and is intersected by US 301, US 264 (I-587), US 117 and I-795.



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Museums

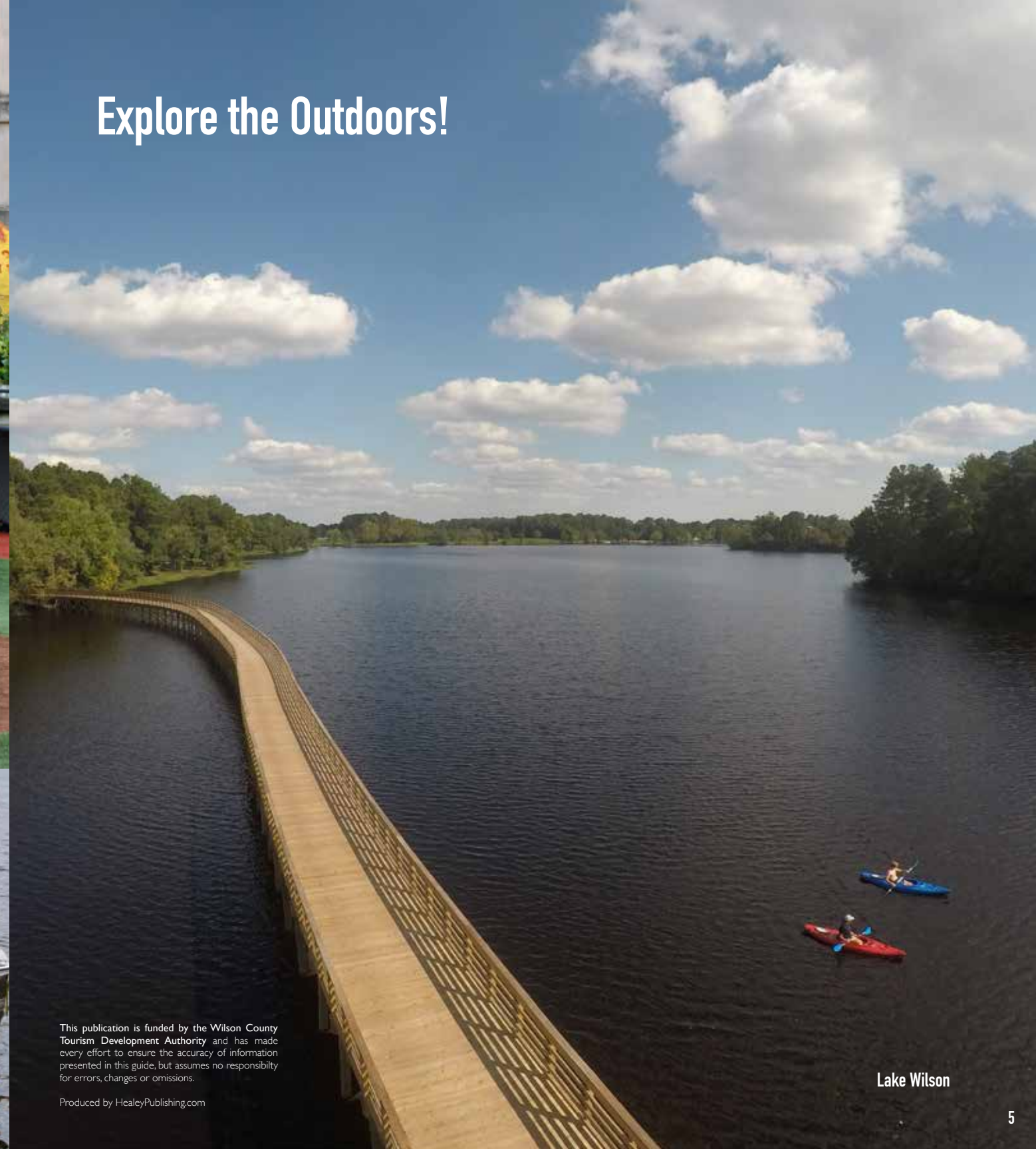


Parks



Lakes

Explore the Outdoors!



Lake Wilson



Come See Us!

Wilson Visitors Center
209 Broad Street

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ATTRACTIONS



Jeff Bell - Executive Director
Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum

SEE THE WHIRLIGIGS!

The Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park is a two-acre park in Historic Downtown Wilson. It is home to thirty large whirligigs by celebrated folk artist Vollis Simpson. These kinetic sculptures are North Carolina's Official Folk Art. The park is your chance to see the largest number of sculptures, collected in one location, as well as many of the biggest Mr. Simpson created. Visitors can marvel at these unique artworks, some of which soar as high as sixty feet and weigh as much as 13,500 lbs.

The park also features a stage and greenspace for concerts, performances, films, and private events. A large pavilion on the site is home to many markets and events. Across the street, the museum features a gift shop, displays of smaller whirligigs, facts about Vollis Simpson, and information on the ongoing conservation work done to protect his important artistic legacy. The whirligigs are owned and maintained by a nonprofit organization which is dedicated to preserving them and to creating programming and education around them.

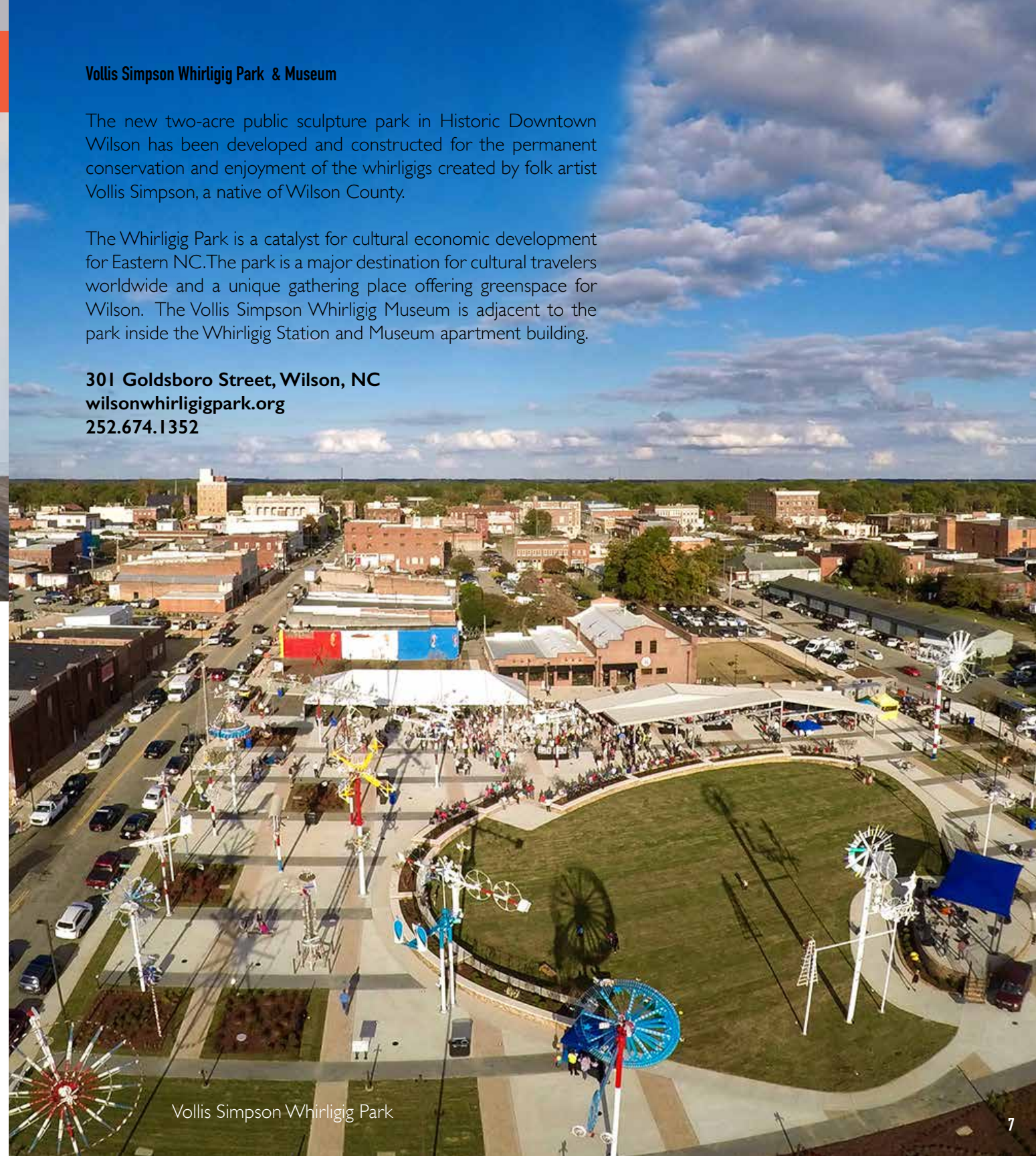


Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum

The new two-acre public sculpture park in Historic Downtown Wilson has been developed and constructed for the permanent conservation and enjoyment of the whirligigs created by folk artist Vollis Simpson, a native of Wilson County.

The Whirligig Park is a catalyst for cultural economic development for Eastern NC. The park is a major destination for cultural travelers worldwide and a unique gathering place offering greenspace for Wilson. The Vollis Simpson Whirligig Museum is adjacent to the park inside the Whirligig Station and Museum apartment building.

301 Goldsboro Street, Wilson, NC
wilsonwhirligigpark.org
252.674.1352



Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park



Bill Myers – Executive Director
Oliver Nestus Freeman Roundhouse Museum

ATTRACTIONS | MUSEUMS

Freeman Roundhouse Museum

The Oliver Nestus Freeman Roundhouse is a museum featuring artifacts that depict the culture and contributions of African Americans to the history and development of Wilson County. The house was built in 1946 by Freeman who was a noted local black stone mason. The house is actually built of whatever Freeman could get his hands on including: bottles, tree saplings and string.

1202 E. Nash Street • 252-296-3056
Open Tues. - Sat. 10 am-3 pm
thefreemanroundhouse.com



NC Museum of the Coastal Plain

The North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain is a regional museum that is dedicated to interpreting the ecology, pre-history, history, and culture of fourteen counties in the middle Coastal Plain through exhibits, collections of significant and appropriate artifacts, and programming for people of all ages. The museum is located on the third floor of the former Federal Post Office and Courthouse (224 East Nash Street), a four-story Beaux Art style building constructed in 1927. Visitors can tour both museums, Imagination Station Science & History Museum and the NC Museum of the Coastal Plain.

252-291-5113, ext 236
Open Tues. - Sat. 9 am-5 pm • ncmcp.org



North Carolina Baseball Museum

Located at Historic Fleming Stadium at 300 Stadium Street, the museum has over 3328 square feet. The museums' 32 showcases and 18 wall displays feature baseball memorabilia of many aspects from across North Carolina. Memorabilia is from ball players born in North Carolina like: Catfish Hunter, Hoyt Wilhelm, Luke Appling, Gaylord Perry, Enos Slaughter, Rick Ferrell, and Buck Leonard. Players that have played at Fleming Stadium include: Ted Williams Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Roberts (all members of Baseball Hall of Fame.) It features a "Walk of Fame" area which has brick pavers to show North Carolina Baseball Museum memory, honor and recognition.

300 Stadium Street • 252-296-3048
Open Thur. - Sat. 10 am-4 pm & Sun. 1pm-5pm
ncbaseballmuseum.com



Imagination Station Science & History Museum

Located in Historic Downtown Wilson, this museum features interactive exhibits that are fun for all ages. On display are "Science On a Sphere", a room sized global system that uses computers and video projectors to display planetary data onto a six-foot diameter sphere, analogous to a giant animated globe and a new climbing wall exhibit.

Do you have Pre-K kids in your family? Enjoy our new "Curiosity Corner." This room is designed as a cozy atmosphere for the little ones to explore x-rays, nature, movement and more! Would you like to learn about another science topic? Don't forget to ask about our free public programs, Fabulous Fridays (free admission to the museum) or group presentations. Please visit our website for more information about our Traveling Exhibits!

224 Nash Street East • 252-291-5113
Open Tues.-Sat. 9am-5pm & Sun. 1pm - 4pm
scienceandhistory.org • mail@imaginescience.org

OUTDOORS | PARKS, LAKES & NATURE TRAILS

PARKS

Belle Meade Park

3000 Airport Road

Carolina St. Park

911 Carolina Street E

Cavalier Terrace

1801 Branch Street

East Street Park

Elvie Street Park

Sauls & Pickett St.

Five Points Park

1506 Sauls St. SE

Freeman Park

308 Freeman St SE

Gillette Athletic Park

3238 Corbett Ave

Lamm Park

1149 Stantonsburg Cir. SE

Lane Street Park

1802 Lane Street SE

Linear Park

306 Pender Street E

Matthis Park

1015 Forest Hills Rd NW

Merrimont Park

2516 Buckingham Rd. NW

Pender Street Park

300 Pender Street S

Wilson Recreation Park

500 Sunset Road NW

Reid Street Park

901 Reid Street E

Ridgewood Park

1401 Phillips Street S

Toisnot Park

1500 Corbett Ave. NE

Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum

301 Goldsboro Street S
Historic Downtown Wilson

Warren Street Park

501 Bruton Street W

Washington Carver

1510 Fikewood Street E

Weaver-Bailey Park

2506 Adventura Lane E

Westwood Park

2216 Woodcroft Drive W

Williams Day Camp

515 Mt. Vernon Drive NW

Woodard Park

300 Canal Street NE

NATURE TRAILS

Lake Wilson

Located at 4621 Lake Wilson Road. Offers boating, fishing, picnicking, bridge, walking and nature trails. Open sunrise to sunset. Water acreage: 90, Land acreage: 37.1. Disc golf course is an 18-hole course and upgraded walking trail.

Toisnot Park

Located off Ward Boulevard on Lawndale Drive. Bank and footbridge fishing, picnicking, playground, 3 nature trails, 1.2 mile fitness trail, 3 shelters and softball fields. 20 acres of water, 64.2 acres of land. Enjoy the Wilson Dog Park and a skating rink!

Buckhorn Lake

Located at 8177 Rock Ridge School Road. Offers a variety of sporting events for your family, with over 2100 acres of water and land. Skiing, boating, fishing, personal watercraft, picnicking, horse trail, walking and restrooms. Open Sunrise to Sunset.

Wiggins Mill

Located on Highway 301 South. Bank fishing, fishing, boats, shelter on 285 acres of water, 130 acres of land. Open sunrise to sunset.

Bird Trails

Located at Buckhorn Lake, Wilson Botanical Gardens and The Educational Forest.

NC Civil War Trail Marker

Confederate Military Hospital
401 Goldsboro Street

Wilson Bike Trails

Please contact Wilson Parks & Rec for Nature Trails & Greenways.

The Educational Forest

Hiking trails, birds and wetlands.

Stork's Rest Farm

Events, Tea, Gardens, Art, Etiquette & Protocol
8218 Old Raleigh Road, Sims
252-289-8985 • storksrestfarm.com

CAMPGROUNDS

Kampers Lodge Campground

3465 US Hwy 301 North
(2 miles North of Wilson)
252-237-0905
kamperslodge.com

Rock Ridge Campground

6657 Rock Ridge School Road
Sims, NC. (Exit 116, I-95)
252-291-4477



Go to WilsonNC.org for more information



Buckhorn Lake



BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

WILSON ROSE GARDEN

The Wilson Rose Garden, an All American Rose Selections Public Garden, is one of the largest public rose gardens in North Carolina with more than 1,000 rose bushes and more than 180 varieties in nearly 60 beds, sculptures, and bronze statues, and a Vollis Simpson Whirligig sculpture. The garden includes Old Garden Roses, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, English, Shrubs and Climbers. A picnic area adjoins the garden for your pleasure.

Contact the Wilson Visitors Center for group tours. Venue availability for wedding receptions • wilson-nc.org

1800 Herring Avenue • Open Daily – Sunrise to Sunset • wilsonrosegarden.com • No Admission Fee



THREE AMAZING GARDENS IN ONE LOCATION!

WILSON BOTANICAL GARDEN • THE CHILDREN'S SECRET GARDEN • THE STEM GARDEN

The Wilson Botanical Gardens invites you and your family to stroll among the beautiful plants that thrive in this area. This public garden was designed for the enjoyment and education of gardeners of all ages. Come explore the native and heritage plants, hostas, daylilies, ornamental grasses, culinary and medicinal herbs, trees, turf grass, water features and garden art. There are Vollis Simpson Whirligigs also located here for your enjoyment.

The Children's Secret Garden is full of lush plants with bold foliage and delightful flowers for children of all ages. The Children's Secret Garden has several playful areas including raining sunflowers, garden tunnel, rain wall and music court, dino dig, banana split sundae fountain and much more.

1806 SW Goldsboro Street • 252-237-0111 • Open Daily – 8am-5pm (Closed Holidays) • No Admission Fee
wilsonbotanicalgardens.com • [Facebook.com/WilsonBotanicalGardens](https://www.facebook.com/WilsonBotanicalGardens)

LIBRARY ROSE GARDEN

Tour the Library Rose Garden, founded in 1987. The Library Rose Garden features 24 varieties of Hybrid Tea Roses. Many of the varieties were designated as "All American Rose Selections" or have received other significant awards.

Eight beds contain over 120 plants providing a continuous blooming season from mid April until November.
Open Daily – Sunrise to Sunset



SPORTS



County Line Raceway

STOCK CAR RACING

County Line Raceway

Offers some of the finest, most exciting quarter-mile dirt track racing.

6953 Stagecoach Rd., Elm City
252-985-1949 • countylineracewaync.com

Southern National Motorsports Park

One of the most historic parks in the region.
NASCAR member track.

8071 Newsome Mill Road, Lucama
919-284-1114 • snmpark.com

World of R/C Thunder Alley

Speed Remote Control Racing every weekend. Dirt Oval Racing – Concrete Oval Racing – Off-Road Racing – Nitro Challenge – Youth Racing – Video Game Arcade & Pool Tables. Open 10am-8pm, Mon. – Sat. (closed Tues.)

World of R/C Parts and Supplies
5320 US Hwy 301, Lucama
252-291-4088 • thunder-alley.com



Southern National Motorsports Park



Gracie Tores

EQUESTRIAN

Cavietta Quarter Horse & Cattle Company

Offers a wide variety of services including, private group lessons, boarding, training, and cow catching.

The equestrian center also serves as a special events venue for weddings in the barn, as well as sleepover options in the onsite cabins.

We'd love to help in your next ranch adventure. Visit our website for monthly events schedule.

6131 Town Creek Rd., Elm City
919-669-8546
cavietta.com



SPORTS

SOCCER & BASEBALL

J. BURT GILLETTE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The complex has four youth baseball fields with 200 foot fences. All four fields have lights for night games, scoreboards, bullpens and covered dugouts are at field level. The complex has outdoor batting cages for practices or warm-ups. The feature field is the Southern Bank Stadium which is a small replica of another stadium in Wilson that was built in 1936 called Fleming Stadium. The stadium holds 600 spectators in the Grand Stand and 500 spectators in the outfield grass berm. The stadium has played host to the NC Little League State Championship and the City Little League Championships. The soccer complex encompasses 113 acres of land featuring 8 regulation size soccer fields, including two turf fields. Musco lighting provides the opportunity for exciting night play, and meets NCAA specifications.

3238 Corbett Avenue • 252-399-2261 • wilsonnc.org



The Gillette Complex



Soccer Fields

SPORTS



WILSON TOBS BASEBALL



Historic Fleming Stadium

The Wilson Tobs Baseball Club is a top level collegiate summer baseball team that competes in the Coastal Plains League, playing 30 home games at Historic Fleming Stadium. The team recruits college draft prospects from all over the nation. The Tobs bring exciting promotions, affordable concessions, and a “fun for all” atmosphere to the Wilson community.

The Tobs have been playing baseball since 1939 known then as the “Tobacconists.” Fleming Stadium seats approximately 4,000 fans in a roofed grandstand. The stadium received a complete renovation in 1997 and is now one of the finest ballparks in eastern North Carolina. The North Carolina Baseball Museum is located at Historic Fleming Stadium. The season starts late May to early August. General Admission and Box Seating are available. Children under five get in free.

300 Stadium Street
252-291-TOBS • Fax 252-291-1224
wilsontobs.com



SPORTS

GOLF

Wedgewood Public Golf Course

Located on 3201 Old Stantonsburg Road, 18-hole golf course with 2 putting greens, 2 driving ranges, pro shop, snacks available, playground, four lakes and a picnic shelter. Course open sunrise to 8 pm. Tee times available weekends and holidays. Senior Day is every day.

252-237-4761 • wilsonnc.org

Willow Springs Country Club Golf Course

Located at 3033 Highway 301 South, 18-hole golf course offers a snack bar, putting green, driving range, pro shop and swimming pool. Tee times available weekends and holidays. Senior Day is Monday.

252-291-5171 • www.willowspringscc.com

Wilson Country Club (Private)

Located at 4509 Country Club Drive. A private club offering 18-hole golf course, pro shop, restaurant, swimming pool, driving range, putting green, lakes & private lessons.

252-291-3815 • wilsoncc.org

Disc Golf Courses

Located at beautiful Lake Wilson. The 18-hole layout course serves as a site for great disc golf and disc golf tournaments. A 9-Hole Disc Golf Course is located at Williams Day Camp.

515 Mt. Vernon Drive.

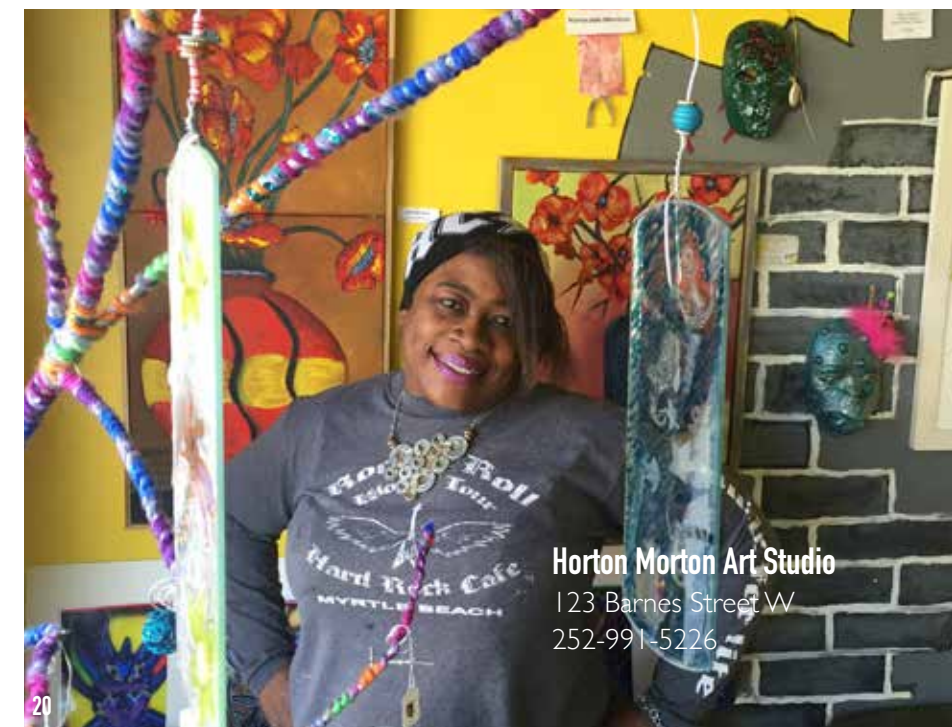
ARTS & CULTURE



Artisan Leaf
113 Tarboro Street S
252-674-1223
artisanleaf.com



Art Happens On Tarboro
106 Tarboro Street W
252-650-2530
arthappensontarboro.com



Horton Morton Art Studio
123 Barnes Street W
252-991-5226

Wilson's Artisan Garden
115 Tarboro Street S
252-360-1753

Eyes on Main Street Galleries
126-128 Goldsboro Street
708-271-3042
eyesonmainstreetwilson.com

Spring Arbor Art Gallery
2045 Ward Boulevard
252-234-2100



Barnes Corner Gallery
200 Tarboro Street W
252-235-8878
barnescornergallery.com

Barton Art Galleries
Barton College Campus
252-399-6477
barton.edu/galleries

G.R. Hammond Gallery
Edna Boykin Cultural Center
108 Nash Street NE
252-291-4329

The Selkie
214 Goldsboro Street S
919-280-0537
theselkienc.com

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Iconostar Art Studio
224 Goldsboro Street S
310-488-1834
elizabethlulhealey.com



House of Van Baars Gallery
104 Douglas Street E
252-291-1967



Burk Uzzle Studio
106 Douglas Street E
252-363-1812
.burkuzzle.com



Rock Stars and Flowers
101 Nash Street W
321-305-9033



The Edge
127 Barnes Street
919-271-7971
theedgewilson.com

ARTS & CULTURE



Edna Boykin Theater



Edna Boykin Cultural Center

EDNA BOYKIN CULTURAL CENTER

In honor of Edna Boykin's lifetime contribution and service to the Arts in Wilson, the Edna Boykin Cultural Center opened its doors in January 1998. In the lobby, the first visual arts gallery exhibits were shown in the Hammond Gallery, named by Dr. & Mrs. Mark G. Hooper in honor of Dr. Robert Hammond. On the new theater's first opening night, January 31, 1998, Ms. Edna Boykin and Mrs. Eleanor Hammond were among the many in attendance to celebrate this wonderful updated theater with performances by The Dorsey Brothers Orchestra and The Platters.

The Center opened its doors in 1998 and offers a wide range of performances throughout the year. The renovation of this 1919 Vaudeville Theater, now with plush seating for over 600, provides the community with a breathtaking venue for the annual Boykin Series. Performances include an exciting lineup of theatre, comedy, music and more. The Edna Boykin Cultural Center is also home to the Arts Council Troupe for Youth, or ACT! ACT presents three performances annually, showcasing the area's youth talent. The Center houses the G.R. Hammond Gallery in the front of the theater which is open during performances and at other times by appointment.

108 Nash Street NE
252-291-4329
wilsonarts.com



Kennedy Theatre at Barton College



Kennedy Theater Players

THE KENNEDY THEATRE AT BARTON COLLEGE

This state-of-the-art black box theatre is home for Theatre at Barton as well as a regional host for two professional theatre companies, Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy, headquartered in Raleigh. The black box theatre provides Barton College and its community with a premier teaching facility for the dramatic arts as well as an excellent environment for entertainment and performances of a broad scope.

The facility consists of several spaces including a spacious atrium that can serve as a reception area and gallery for college and community events, a fully-equipped scene shop for building props and scenery, offices for theatre program personnel, dressing rooms, costume storage and, of course, the performance space. The flexible performance space provides an opportunity to engage the audience with varied seating and performance configurations for each show. Upwards of six mainstage productions, symphony concerts, and choir performances ensure that our audiences will always have something to look forward to each year.

200 Atlantic Christian College Drive
252-399-6300
barton.edu

ARTS & CULTURE



EYES ON MAIN STREET PHOTO FESTIVAL

Eyes on Main Street is a large outdoor and indoor photography festival. Held each spring for 100 days, transforming Historic Downtown Wilson into a vibrant gallery of large-scale photographs spanning over six city blocks. The main exhibition features 100 photographs by 100 prominent and emerging photographers from over 30 countries with an equal number of men and women participants. The exhibition, curated by Jerome De Perlinghi and co-curated by Catherine Lloyd and Régina Monfort, focuses on the theme of "Main Street, a Crossroad of Cultures" as interpreted by the individual photographers.

EyesOnMainStreetWilson.com • 708-271-3042



WILSON ARTS

Since 1967, Wilson Arts has led the bringing people together and sparking creativity and innovation through performing and visual arts. Located in the heart of historic downtown, this nonprofit's mission is to improve the quality of life for all citizens by being the hub for artistic experiences that enrich, educate, and entertain Wilson County and beyond.

Managing both the Wilson Arts Center (currently under renovation) and Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson Arts offers a variety of activities for all ages to learn, grow, and engage their creative side through music, art exhibitions, theater, workshops, camps, and more. Find unique handmade gifts by local and regional artists in the Gallery Shop for a special piece to carry home and enjoy. Experience concerts, comedy, dance, and live theater at the historic Edna Boykin Cultural Center.

204 Nash Street East
Tue-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3
252-291-4329 • wilsonarts.com

PRESERVATION OF WILSON

Take a stroll through the Old Wilson Mile - an area near Barton College that tells the Wilson story with its rich heritage and unique architecture. The Mile is part of the Old Wilson Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places dating from the 1850's through the 1920's.

You will see notable architectural styles such as Gothic Revival, Italianate, Victorian Cottages, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival and Wilson's famous Bungalows. The Mile is marked with directional bronze medallions placed in the sidewalk to keep you on track. Preservation of Wilson is a nonprofit corporation that provides leadership in the revitalization efforts of Wilson County's unique architectural properties.

252-291-4329



Home of the President of Barton College

EVENTS



Wilson County Fair



Historic Downtown Wilson Christmas Parade

BLUEGRASS ROOTS

The Bluegrass Barn features talented bluegrass bands on Tuesday nights from 8:00 pm until midnight, located on Horne's Church Road – 1½ miles from the intersection of Hwy. 58 West – A variety of musical groups and individuals show off their talent. The event is free to the public.

NC WHIRLIGIG FESTIVAL

The NC Whirligig Festival is held on the first full weekend of November. This award-winning event is attended by approximately 50,000 visitors and filled with more than 100 unique artisan booths, food vendors, non-profit organizations and live entertainment.

wilsonwhirligigfestival.org

SEASONAL INSPIRATIONS

Wilson County Fair is held mid September and is a week long event. It features agriculture exhibits and competitions, shows, food, games and rides. Fun for the whole family.

wilsoncountyfair.org

The Barton College Wilson Symphony Orchestra offers the public four performances each year, including two signature dinner performances: Symphony and Soul and Love the Symphony. For information about season membership and ticket prices.

252-399-6535 • barton.edu

Wilson Chorale began in 1972 as a prospered group of choral singers representing Wilson. Concerts are offered throughout the year locally, as well as group performances all over the nation annually.

252-243-2877

For More Events: ExploreWilson.com



GIG in the Park Concert Series



NC Whirligig Festival



Nowell & Co.

SHOP

RETAIL

Boulevard Plaza

1301 Ward Boulevard

Shoppes at Brentwood

2801 Ward Boulevard • 252-291-1092

Canterbury Village

(Merle Norman, UPS Store)
2302 West Nash Street • 252-237-1156

Eagle Farm Crossing

(Food Lion, Grapenuts Wine Shop)
3711 Peppermill Drive North
252-291-1092

Forest Hills Shopping Center

(Big Lots) 1700 Raleigh Road
1-800-622-2717

Heritage Crossing Shopping Center

(Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, PetSmart, Marshalls, Best Buy, Belks, Ross, Harris Teeter, Starbucks, GNC).
Intersection of Airport Road & Raleigh Road Parkway

Historic Downtown Wilson

HistoricDowntownWilson.com
252-399-2395

Regency Plaza

(Food Lion)
2101 S. Tarboro Street

Westwood Village Shopping Center

2500 Forest Hills Road
252-291-7800

Wilson Square Shopping Center

925 Ward Boulevard

Winoca Shopping Center

(Tucker Furniture, Pizza Inn, Kountry Kitchen)
602 Ward Boulevard
252-291-1230



Something Old Something New

FINDS & FAVORITES

Belle & Co.

Woman's boutique offering apparel, jewelry, clothing.
belleandco.com
252-291-8869

Hilton's

Fine men's and ladies shop.
Shoppes at Brentwood
252-243-7003

Jolian's

Ladies shoes, clothes & apparel.
Shoppes at Brentwood
252-291-3899

Park Place Consignment Showroom

Upscale home furnishings & décor
111 Park Avenue
252-237-0773

The Nook

Unique gifts, and accessories, art, furniture, & more. - Shoppes at Brentwood
www.thenookinc.com
252-243-2503

Groove Geek Records & More

220 Barnes Street S
252-210-4780

Vendor Junction

417 Nash Street W
252-373-6465

The Rummage Warehouse

315 Barnes Street S
252-237-8284
therummagewarehouse.com



Hilton's



Groove Geek Records & More

Cotton Tails Children's Boutique

2801 Ward Blvd #3a
252-206-1503
Shoppes at Brentwood

Coastal Posh Boutique

252-290-1642
Shoppes at Brentwood

Wen Designs

Accessories, jewelry, womens clothing boutique.
2801 Ward Blvd, Suite 3B
252-291-5843
Shoppes at Brentwood



ANTIQUES

Boone's Antiques

Newcomb Lighting

Specialty: Repairs, Antiques, Wrought Iron Fixtures, re-wire & Fine Lighting
206 Tarboro Street W • 252-237-1710

Nowell & Co. Fine Furniture & Antiques

Specialty: Fine Furniture, Art and Antiques; Full Interior Design Services
2801 Ward Blvd., Brentwood Shopping Ctr.
252-237-3881

Boone's Antiques

Specialty: 18th & 19th century English, French & American furniture
2014 Highway 301 South
252-237-1508 • boonesantiques.com

Marcia Stancil Antiques & Lamps

Specialty: 18th & 19th Century American and English Furniture, Silver and Decorative Arts, Designer Lamps, Shades and Accessories
2020 Highway 301 South
252-399-2093
stancilsantiquesunlimited.com

Mark Jonathan Mueller Cabinetmaker

Specialty: Custom Built Furniture Specializing in 18th Century Reproductions.
5430 Wiggins Mill Rd., Lucama

Bobby Langston Antiques & Auction Gallery

Specialty: Auction services, 18th & 19th century merchandise and estates.
2620 US-301, Wilson
252-237-8224 • langstonantiques.com

The Rummage Warehouse

Specialty: Estate Goods, Vintage Furniture, Christmas shop.
315 Barnes Street S
252-237-8284

Whitley's Treasures in Wood

Specialty: Custom Built Reproduction Furniture
7116 Gum Pond Road, Stantonsburg
252-238-2298

Corbett's Reproductions & Refinishing

315 Herring Ave.
252-289-6640
www.corbettsreproductions.com

Fulford's Antique Warehouse

Specialty: English, French & American furniture & antiques
320 Barnes Street
252-243-7727

Jean's Antiques & Corner Store

Specialty: American Furniture, Victorian, Primitive, Early 1800's & 1900's, Glassware, Lighting & Accessories.
211 S. Main Street
Stantonsburg,
252-238-2146

Something Old Something New

Specialty: Collection old and new antiques, collectables and gifts.
406 Nash Street
252-281-5176

Boykin Antiques & Appraisals

Specialty: English & American, decorative arts.
2013 Highway 301 South
252-237-1700
boykinappraisalsinc.com

Wiggins, Hart T. Custom Furniture

Specialty: Antique Reproductions
5747 NC 58 Highway N, Elm City
252-237-0313

Woodwright Co. Furniture & Exterior Lamp Posts

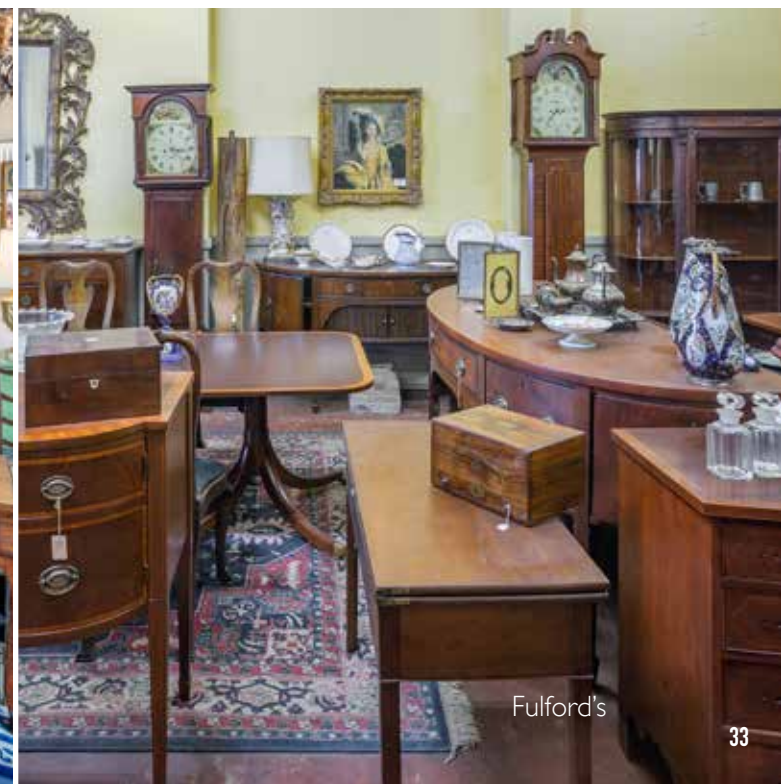
Specialty: Antique Furniture, Antique Reproductions, Custom Lamp Posts
5753 NC 58 Highway N
Elm City • 252-243-9663
thewoodwrightco.com

Park Place Consignment

111 Park Avenue W
252-237-0773
parkplaceconsignments.com



Newcomb Lighting



Fulford's

RESTAURANTS

AMERICAN

Abrams

1465 Ward Boulevard, S
252-291-3411

Amy Jo's Country Restaurant

4600 West Nash Street
252-237-8723

Highway 55 Burgers

3511A Airport Rd.
252-243-4747
2620 Forest Hills Road SW
252-234-0247

Applebee's Grill and Bar

2300 Forest Hills Road
252-399-0504

Best N Burgers/Dippin Dots Ice Cream

4916 Hayes Place • 252-237-2555

Bill's Grill on Nash

119 Nash Street W • 252-243-9003
billsgriLLnc.com

Brewmasters

2115 Forest Hills Road
252-281-1694 • brewmastersnc.com

Chili's Grill & Bar

2823 S. Raleigh Rd. W
252-246-0069 • chilis.com

Cook Out

2925 Raleigh Road Pkwy. W
252-265-0028 • cookout.com

Cracker Barrel

I-95, Exit 121 - 5006 Hayes Place
252-234-7600 • crackerbarrel.com

The Creamery Family Restaurant

1616 S. Goldsboro Street
252-243-2934

Denny's

2806 Raleigh Road Pkwy. W
252-206-1911 • dennys.com

Daniel's Casual Fine Dining

Brentwood Shopping Center
2801-3J Ward Boulevard
252-281-1349
danielcasualfinedining.com

Flo's Kitchen

1015 South Goldsboro St.
252-237-9146

Dick's Hot Dog Stand

1500 West Nash Street
252-243-6313 • dickshotdogstand.com

Jarman House

204 Green Street NE
252-237-1275

Mama's Country Drive-In

6765 Ward Blvd
252-237-5317

Panera Bread

3401 Raleigh Road Pkwy. W
252-234-7391 • panerabread.com

Professor O'Cool's

2801 Ward Boulevard, 3-N
252-291-4242
ocools.businesscatalyste.com

Rukus & Redemption

220 Barnes Street S
252-674-1567 • ruckusnc.com

Something Different Cafe & Catering

3342 Airport Boulevard
252-291-0889
somethingdifferentcafe.com

Sonic Drive-In

2401 W. Forest Hills Road
252-293-0599 • sonicdrivein.com

Sylvia's Take-Out & Catering

1700 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy
252-237-0012
sylviasrestaurantandcatering.com

The New Normal

124 Barnes Street SW
252-991-7354

The Kountry Kitchen

618 SW Ward Bvd.
252-243-0715

Waffle House

121-4930 Raleigh Rd Pkwy
252-246-0446

2103 Tarboro St.

252-206-9955 • wafflehouse.com



Rukus & Redemption

CHICKEN

Ward's Steak & Cheese

6213 Ward Boulevard
252-243-7766

Whole Truth Grocery & Lunchroom

515 E. Walnut Street
252-237-5595

Wayback Burgers

1700 Raleigh Rd Parkway W
252-281-2080
waybackburgers.com

Wild Thangz

3461-C Airport Blvd NW
252-991-6035

BARBECUE

New South BBQ

2506 Wooten Blvd SW Suite B
252-281-4367

Parker's Barbecue

2514 US 301 Hwy South
252-237-0972 • parkersbbq.com

Marty's Barbecue

2643 Ward Boulevard
252-281-1709

ASIAN / CHINESE / JAPANESE

China Wok Buffet

2360 Forest Hill Road W
252-265-9998

Chopstix

3401 Raleigh Rd. Pkwy.
252-237-8809

Fuji Steakhouse & Sushi Bar

2358 Forest Hills Road W
252-246-9888

Good Taste Buffet

2800 S. Raleigh Rd.
252-291-8333

Hibachi 101

3401 Raleigh Rd Pkwy
252-293-0105

Hong Kong Restaurant

3711 Peppermill Dr. • 252-243-4477

Lam's Garden

1301 Ward Bvd. • 252-291-5929

Little China Chinese Restaurant

3521D Airport Boulevard
252-237-8823

Taste of China Restaurant

2801 Ward Boulevard
252-291-8222

Teppanyaki Grill

1700 Raleigh Road
252-234-9000

Varee Asian Cafe

2861 Raleigh Road Pkwy
252-281-5932 • vareewilson.com

Tsahana Japanese Fusion

126 Tarboro Street W
252-281-1639

Bojangles

1840 Parkwood Blvd • 252-237-4928
5033 Raleigh Road Rd W • 252-237-0026
Eagle Farm, 3734 Nash St. • 252-234-8099
becajun.com

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar

2800 Raleigh Road Parkway
252-234-9464 • buffalowildwings.com

Chick-Fil-A

2407 NW Forest Hills Road
5100 Raleigh Road Parkway
252-206-9862 • chick-fil-a.com

Kentucky Fried Chicken & Taco Bell

901 Hwy 301 South
252-399-1118 • kfc.com

Smithfield Chicken

2207 Airport Blvd. NW

Zaxby's

3019 Raleigh Road. Pkwy
252-991-6443 • zaxbys.com

CARIBBEAN

SaYum Jamaican Restaurant

408 Nash Street S
252-296-8083
sayumjamaicanfood.com

RESTAURANTS



MEXICAN

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant
2921 Raleigh Road Pkwy
252-237-0687

3004 Nash Street, NW
252-991-6961
eltapatiomexican.com

La Rancherita
3401 Raleigh Road
252-206-0923
rancheritamex.com

Mi Cabana Mexican Restaurant
2503 Forest Hills Drive
252-234-1667

Moe's Southwest Grill
3401 Raleigh Road Pkwy.
252-991-2538
moes.com

San Jose Mexican Restaurant
Forest Hills Shopping Ctr.
1700 Raleigh Road
252-237-7749
sanjosenc.com

Fiesta Cancun
3711 Peppermill Dr.
252-991-6691
fiestacancunwilson.com

Las Palmas Tortilleria
900 Goldsboro Street
252-206-1683

PIZZA

Domino's Pizza
1613 Raleigh Road Prkwy
252-237-4444 • dominos.com

Italian Pizza & Subs
700 U.S. Hwy. 301 N
252-243-5004
3711 Peppermill Drive
252-991-5011
italianpizzaandsubs.net

Papa John's Pizza
1301 Ward Boulevard
252-206-7000 • papajohns.com

Pino's Pizza (Delivery)
4916-D Hayes Place
252-265-0600
pinospizzawilson.com

Pizza Hut
1702 Glendale Drive
252-237-6653
3710 Peppermill Drive
252-243-5900 • pizzahut.com

Pizza Inn
700 Ward Boulevard
252-291-2105 • pizzainn.com

SEAFOOD

Mayflower Seafood
1486 S.Tarboro Street
252-237-1606
wilsonmayflower.com

Morehead Seafood & Chips
205 S.Tarboro Street
252-291-1003

Long John Silvers Seafood
4925 Raleigh Road Prkwy W
252-246-0056 • ljsilvers.com



SANDWICHES

Aggie's Hot Subs
2302 W. Nash Street
252-206-5757

Jimmy John's
2219 Airport Boulevard
252-206-4747
jimmyjohns.com

Jersey Mikes Subs
2338 Forest Hills Road
Westwood Village
Shopping Center
252-234-7400
jerseymikes.com

Subs Plus
901 Ward Boulevard
252-243-3639

Tig's Courtyard Coffee & Deli
109 Barnes Street W
252-991-8447

Subway
3401 Raleigh Rd. 264/195
252-234-7391

3722 Airport Boulevard
252-281-1330

1301 South Ward Boulevard
Boulevard Plaza
252-237-5887

2861 B Ward Boulevard
Brentwood Shopping Ctr.
252-291-0366
subway.com

Hoagie City Deli
714 Goldsboro Street NE
252-206-1197

STEAK

Beefmaster Inn
2656 Hwy 301 South
252-237-7343

Jac's Grill
2341 Madison Drive
252-291-9199 • jacsgrill.com

Pup's Steakhouse
2801 Ward Boulevard, 3D
252-291-8787
pupssteakhouse.com

Western Sizzlin Steak House
101 N. Burton Street
252-291-6100
western-sizzlin.com

COFFEE BARS

Choco-Latte Cafe
2801 Ward Blvd Suite 3B
252-291-5843
wen-designs.com

Cups Of Joy
3511-B Airport Blvd NW
252-640-2742
cupsofjoy.com

Dunkin Donuts
2113 Nash Street NW
252-991-4744
dunkindonuts.com

Starbucks
3401 Raleigh Road Pkwy
252-293-1018
starbucks.com

Eat, Drink & Enjoy!

DESSERTS



Wilson Doughnut Shop



Cupcake Dream

DESSERTS & PASTRIES

Best N Burgers/ Dippin Dots Ice Cream

4916 Hayes Place
252-237-2555

Choco-Latte Cafe

2801 Ward Blvd Suite 3B
Brentwood
252-291-5843
wen-designs.com

Cupcake Dream

2861 C Ward Blvd
Brentwood
252-206-1341

Dairy Queen

3800 Nash Street
252-234-0336
dairyqueen.com

Krueger's Candies

116 Nash Street N
252-243-3174
kruegerscandies.com

Sweet Southern Scoops

Ice Cream
3475 K Airport Blvd

Sugar Plum Shoppe

117 Nash Street
Historic Downtown Wilson
Shoppes at Brentwood
252-291-6750

Treat Yo' Self

419 Goldsboro Street S
252-674-11945
treatyoselfbakery.com



Casita Brewing Company



Grapenuts Wine Shop

BEER & WINE

Grapenuts Wine

3711 Peppermill Drive, 3711-B
252-246-9463
grapenutswine.com

Brewmasters

2115 Forest Hills Road
252-991-6035
brewmastersnc.com

Casita Brewing Company

217 South Street S
252-991-6959
casitabrews.com

Downtown Public House

113B Goldsboro Street S
408-710-7440



Downtown Public House

ACCOMMODATIONS

Affordable Suites of America

2023 Westwood Avenue
252-234-9090
affordablesuites.com

America's Best Value Inn

1815 Hwy 301 South
252-243-1900 • 800-553-2666
redlion.com

The Bailey House B&B

201 East Main Street
Elm City • 252-285-3088
.baileyhousebb.net

Candlewood Suites

2915 Independence Drive
252-291-9494
candlewoodsuites.com/Wilson,NC

Country Inn & Suites

4910 Hayes Place
252-281-5501 • 888-201-1746
countryinns.com

Comfort Suites

6415 Southern Village Drive
I-95 Exit, 121
252-265-8850
choicehotels.com

Days Inn

1801 S. Tarboro Street
252-291-2323 • 800-DAYS INN
daysinn.com

Deluxe Inn

2617 Hwy 301 South
252-237-1178 • deluxeinnwilson.com

Economy Inn of Wilson

2421 Hwy 301 South
252-243-4133

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

4915 Hayes Place, I-95 Exit 121
252-265-5660
800-228-2800
marriott.com/rwiwvf

Hampton Inn & Suites

5606 Lamm Road, I-95, Exit 121
252-291-0330
800-HAMPTON
hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

5000 Hayes Place, I-95 Exit 121
252-234-7900
800-465-4329
hiewilson@yahoo.com

Hampton Inn & Suites (Downtown)

2806 Wolf Trap Drive
252-243-4040 • 800-HAMPTON
hamptoninn.com

Heart of Wilson Motor Inn

501 W. Nash Street
252-237-3124

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Downtown)

2308 Montgomery Drive
252-246-1588 • 1-800 HOLIDAY
hiexpress.com

Kenwood Court Motel

2850 Hwy 301 South
252-243-2194



Comfort Suites



Hampton Inn & Suites

Microtel Inn

5013 Hayes Place, I-95 Exit 121
252-234-0444 • 888-771-7171
wyndhamhotels.com

Quality Inn

4941 Raleigh Road Parkway, I-95 Exit 121
252-291-6400 • 800-228-5150
choicehotels.com

Red Roof Inn

5016 Hayes Place, I-95 Exit 121
252-234-7174 • 866-495-3912
redroof.com

Relax Inn

2650 Hwy 301 South
252-243-8437

Sleep Inn

5011 Hayes Place, I-95 Exit 121
252-234-2900 • 800-SLEEP INN
choiceadvantage.com

Travel Inn & Suites

817-A Ward Boulevard
252-237-8700

Village Motor Lodge

2929 Hwy 301 South
252-243-3331
(Extended Stay)

Wayside Motel

2908 Hwy 301 South
Forest Hills Loop
252-281-1995

COLLEGES

BARTON COLLEGE

Founded in 1902, Barton College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college located in Wilson, North Carolina. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Barton offers a wide range of professional and liberal arts programs leading to the baccalaureate degree and a new Master of Education program. A member of the NCAA Division II and the Conference Carolinas, Barton supports 16 athletic teams. Barton is regionally and nationally recognized for its commitment to student athletes and to its strong athletics program. It boasts a solid international travel study program and has an active honors program. Barton also offers a wide array of cultural opportunities that are open to the community, including the Barton College Friends of Hackney Library dinner lectures, Barton College / Wilson Symphony Orchestra concerts, Theatre at Barton performances among others.

800-345-4973 or 252-399-6300 • barton.edu
PO Box 5000 • 200 Atlantic Christian College Drive
Wilson, North Carolina, 27893

WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wilson Community College, established in 1958, is one of the North Carolina Community College System's oldest institutions. The College seeks to make a difference in the Wilson area by offering accessible, affordable and student-centered opportunities for both academic and personal enrichment. Wilson Community College offers 35 different curricular programs of study that lead to an associate degree, diploma or certificate. Financial aid is available for students who qualify. The Wilson Early College Academy, is a joint partnership with Wilson County Schools, is located on the campus of Wilson Community College.

902 Herring Avenue
252-291-1195
wilsoncc.edu

PRIVATE & PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Building Blocks Montessori School
3960 Lake Wilson Road

Charis Prep
801 Reid Street E
919-920-8253

Community Christian School
5160 Packhouse Road, NW
252-399-1376 • ccscyclones.com

Summerville Academy
618 NE Tarboro Street
252-399-0073
talloneoutreachministries.com

Eastern NC School for the Deaf
1311 US Hwy 301 North
252-237-2450 • encsd.net

Garnett Christian Academy
4747 Lake Wilson Road, Elm City
252-237-8668

Greenfield School
Highway NC 42 West
252-237-8046
greenfieldschool.org

**Sallie B. Howard School for
the Arts & Education**
1004 Herring Avenue
252-245-2182
salliebhowardschool.com

Wilson Christian Academy
1820 Airport Boulevard
252-237-8064
wilsonchristian.com

Wilson County Public Schools
117 N. Tarboro Street
252-399-7700 • wilson.k12.nc.us

Wilson Preparatory Academy
2755 Tilghman Road
252-294-2533

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

Wilson Industrial Air Center, located at 4545 Airport Drive NW is municipally owned. The air center serves industrial, local corporate and general aviation. Flight training and maintenance is available. Each fall the air center offers a remote control airplane show.

4545 Airport Drive NW, Wilson, NC 27896
252-399-2489 (Transportation Office) • 252-991-6336 (Airport Office)
Email: info@rwiairport.com • rwiairport.com

Rocky Mount–Wilson Regional Airport is a public airport located seven miles southwest of the central business district of Rocky Mount, a city located in Nash and Edgecombe Counties in the U.S. state of North Carolina. It is also north of Wilson, a city in Wilson County.

7265 Air Terminal Dr, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
252-446-7057
Email: director@krwairport.com • krwairport.com

OTHER SERVICES

Amtrak
252-246-1060
or 1-800-872-7245

Safety Cab Company
52-243-2356

Budget Car and Truck Rental
252-243-7600

Wilson Transit System
RIDE by Via - 252-595-5357
or download the app.Via

Enterprise
800-736-8222

Wilson County Transportation Services
252-291-1979

Greyhound & Trailways
252-243-3279



AROUND WILSON

FUN & FRIENDLY



BB&T Noahs Arc & Playground



Artsy Alleys



Bankers Plaza - Outdoor Stage



Sunflower Maze's



Redwood Trees



Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church



Ms. Rail Rose



Wilson Dog Park in Toisnot Park



Deans Farm Market



Wilson Farmers & Artisan Market



Dick's Hotdog Stand Since 1912



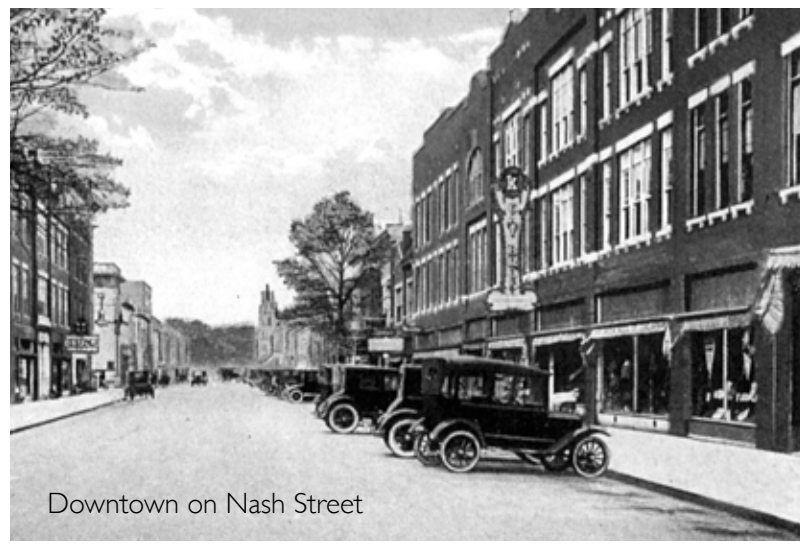
Toisnot Skate Park



Come feed the goats at Raleigh Road Garden Center

Nearby Attractions

- Charles B. Aycock Birthplace
252-242-5581
- Country Doctor Museum
252-235-4165
- P.L. Woodard Tobacco House
252-236-5587
- Tobacco Farm Life Museum
919-284-3431
- Dan Finch Pottery
252-235-4664



Downtown on Nash Street



Nash Street

People began moving into the area with John Thomas in 1741, Francis Rountree in the early 1740's, Arthur Dew in 1749, Benjamin Boykin in 1752, and brother John and Capt. Jacob Barnes in 1761 and 1762. Africans also came early, the first recorded with John Thomas in 1741.

There was not much fighting in the county during the Civil War in the 1860s, but many soldiers came from Wilson County families. A Confederate hospital was created at the Wilson Collegiate Institute and the railroad transferred many soldiers toward the North or South.

Wilson was known for its fine educational institutions, central location, and accessible roads. The establishment of the tobacco market in 1890 gave the title of "The World's Largest Tobacco Market." The Civil War brought hard times for the county and the economic situation did not improve until the coming of the "golden leaf". Tobacco brought money, employment, new residential areas, new businesses, hotels and industry.

by J. Robert Boykin III

A RICH HISTORY

The village of Wilson, North Carolina was incorporated in 1849. Wilson was named for Mexican War hero, Gen. Louis Dickens Wilson, who had died during the war. The town had originally been two separate villages. One was Toisnot, located around the train depot. The other was Hickory Grove, near Toisnot Primitive Baptist Church. The church was founded in 1756 and moved to the Tarboro Street site in 1802.

Native Americans lived in what is now Wilson County for generations. The Tuscarora Indians lived here in the 16th, 17th, and early 18th centuries and left in 1713 after the great battle of Fort Nooherooka, just south of Stantonsburg in Greene County. The first recorded contact with a European was John Lawson, the explorer who came through the area in 1700 -1701. The local Indian village was named Tosneoc (meaning "tarry not" or "halting place"). The word is still used today with Toisnot Swamp, Toisnot Township, Toisnot Middle School, and Toisnot as the old name for Wilson and Elm City.



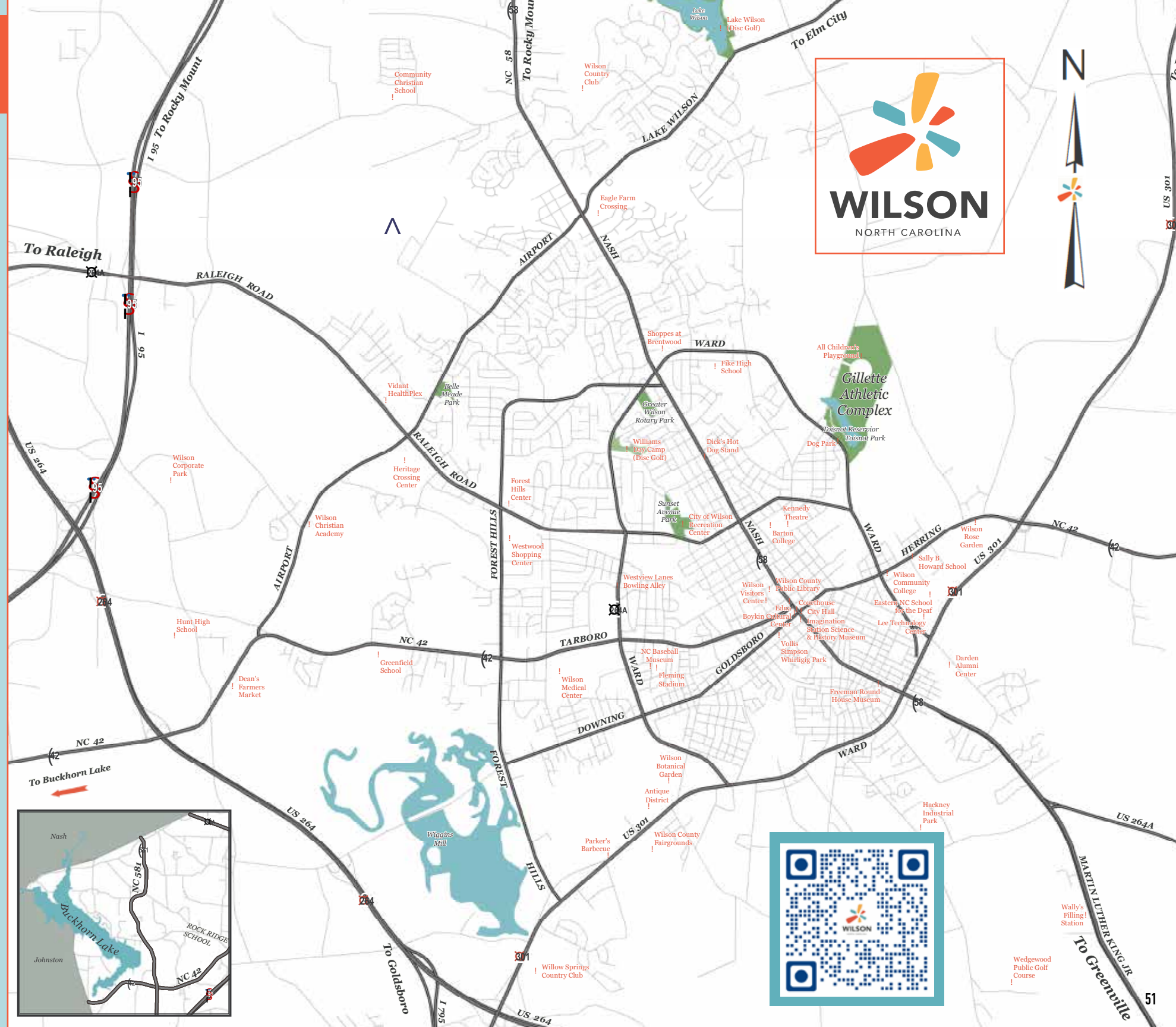
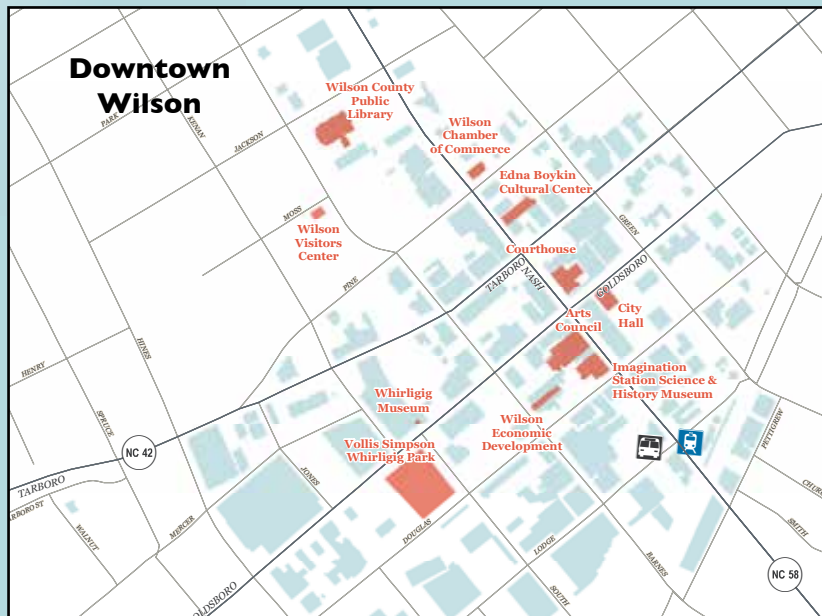
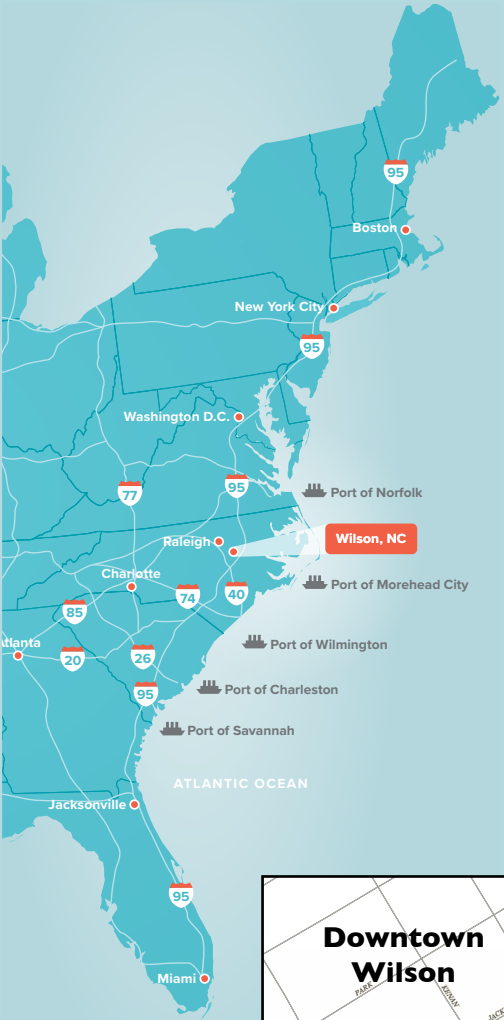
Wilson, North Carolina

- Population 80,000
- Conveniently located on Interstate 95
- 45 miles from Raleigh
- High livability factors
- Great neighborhoods
- Flourishing arts community
- Thriving manufacturing businesses

For manufacturing information:
Wilson Economic Development Council
visit: WilsonEDC.com

For business information:
Wilson Chamber of Commerce
visit: WilsonNCChamber.com

For downtown information:
Wilson Downtown Development
Email: historicdowntownwilson@wilsonnc.org

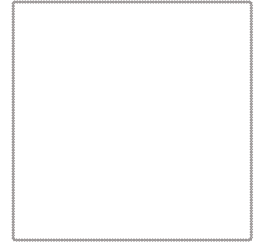




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Wilson-NC.com



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