

# WILSON

*North  
Carolina*

**VISITORS GUIDE**

Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum



# 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](http://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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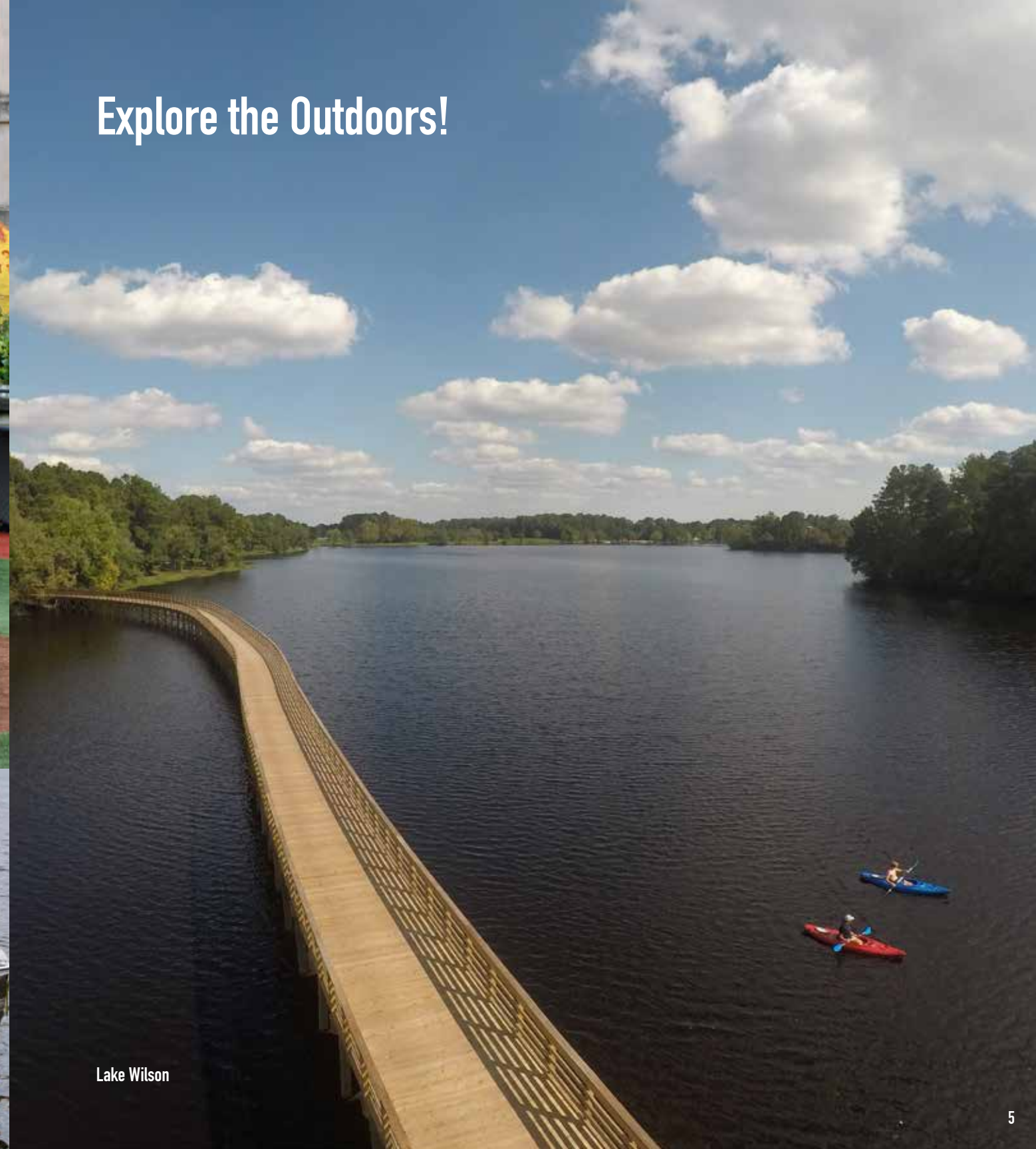


Parks



Lakes

## Explore the Outdoors!



Lake Wilson



Come See Us!

Wilson Visitors Center -  
209 Broad Street

# 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.

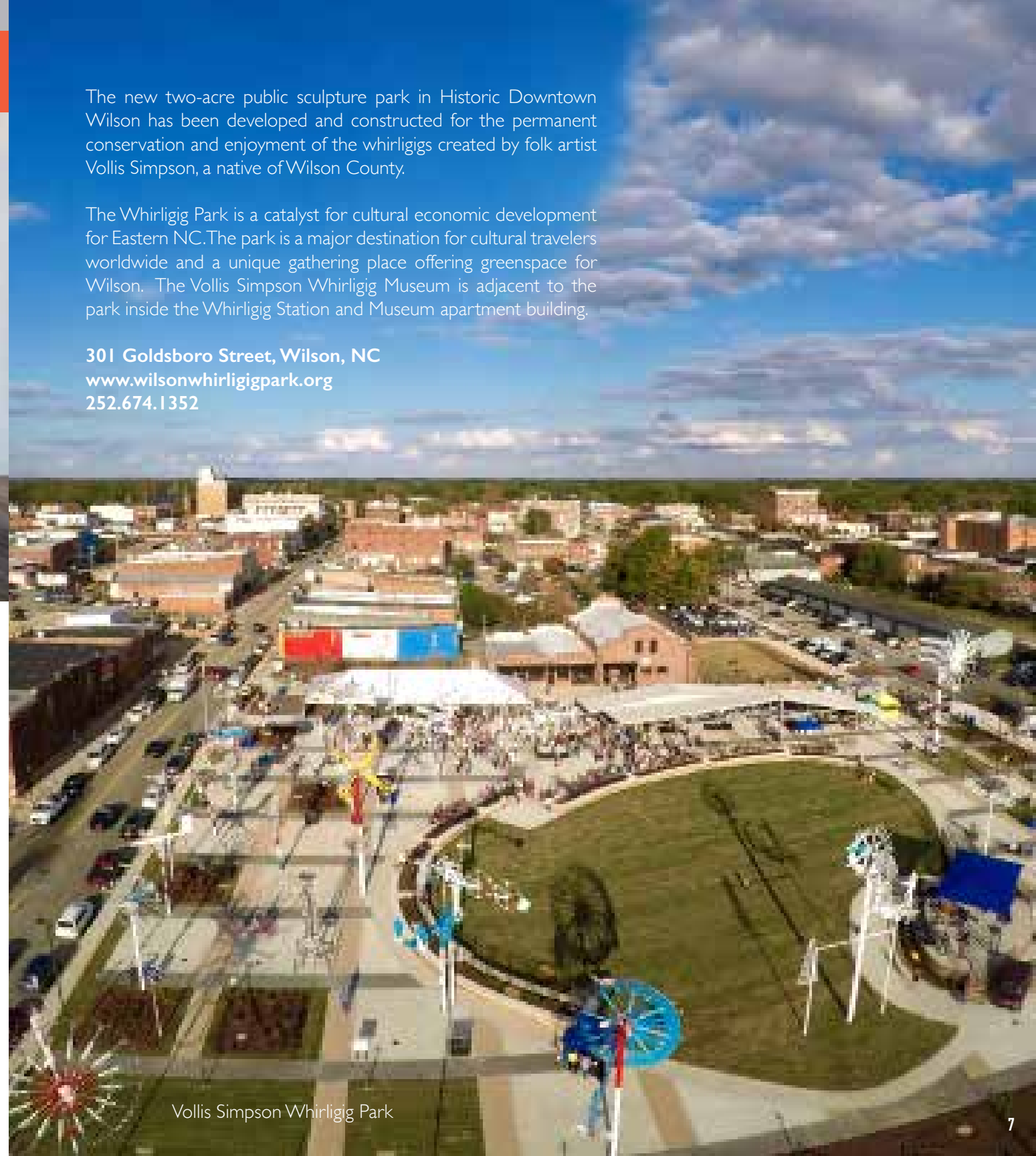
The park also features a stage and greenspace for concerts, performances, films, and private events. A large pavilion on the site is home to many markets and events. Across the street, the museum features a gift shop, displays of smaller whirligigs, facts about Vollis Simpson, and information on the 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.



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  
[www.wilsonwhirligigpark.org](http://www.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  
[www.thefreemanroundhouse.com](http://www.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 • [www.ncmcp.org](http://www.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  
[www.ncbaseballmuseum.com](http://www.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  
[www.scienceandhistory.org](http://www.scienceandhistory.org) • [mail@imaginescience.org](mailto: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

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Kampers Lodge Campground

3465 US Hwy 301 North  
(2 miles North of Wilson)  
252-237-0905  
[www.kamperslodge.com](http://www.kamperslodge.com)

### Rock Ridge Campground

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

## 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!

### 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.

### 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.

Go to [www.WilsonNC.org](http://www.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 • [www.wilson-nc.org](http://www.wilson-nc.org)

**1800 Herring Avenue • Open Daily – Sunrise to Sunset • [www.wilsonrosegarden.com](http://www.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**  
[www.wilsonbotanicalgardens.com](http://www.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 • [www.countylineracewaync.com](http://www.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 • [www.snmpark.com](http://www.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 • [www.thunder-alley.com](http://www.thunder-alley.com)



Southern National Motorsports Park



Gracie Tores

## EQUESTRIAN

### Cavvietta 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  
[www.cavvietta.com](http://www.cavvietta.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 • [www.wilsonnc.org](http://www.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  
[www.wilsontobs.com](http://www.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 • [www.wilsonnc.org](http://www.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](http://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 • [www.wilsoncc.org](http://www.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  
www.artisanleaf.com



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



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

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

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

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



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

**Barton Art Galleries**  
Barton College Campus  
252-399-6477  
www.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  
www.theselkienc.com

# ARTS & CULTURE



**Iconostar Art Studio**  
224 Goldsboro Street S  
310-488-1834  
[www.elizabethlulhealey.com](http://www.elizabethlulhealey.com)



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



**Burk Uzzle Studio**  
106 Douglas Street E  
252-363-1812  
[www.burkuzzle.com](http://www.burkuzzle.com)



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



**The Edge**  
127 Barnes Street  
919-271-7971  
[www.theedgewilson.com](http://www.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**  
**[www.wilsonarts.com](http://www.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**  
**[www.barton.edu](http://www.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.

[www.EyesOnMainStreetWilson.com](http://www.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 • [www.wilsonarts.com](http://www.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



Wilson County Fair

# EVENTS

## 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.

[www.wilsoncountyfair.org](http://www.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 • [www.barton.edu](http://www.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: [www.ExploreWilson.com](http://www.ExploreWilson.com)



GIG in the Park Concert Series



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.

[www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.org](http://www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.org)



NC Whirligig Festival



# SHOP

Nowell & Co.

## 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

www.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.  
www.belleandco.com  
252-291-8869

### Hiltons

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  
www.therummagewarehouse.com



Hiltons



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 • [www.boonesantiques.com](http://www.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  
[www.stancilantiquesunlimited.com](http://www.stancilantiquesunlimited.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 • [www.langstonantiques.com](http://www.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](http://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  
[www.boykinappraisalsinc.com](http://www.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**

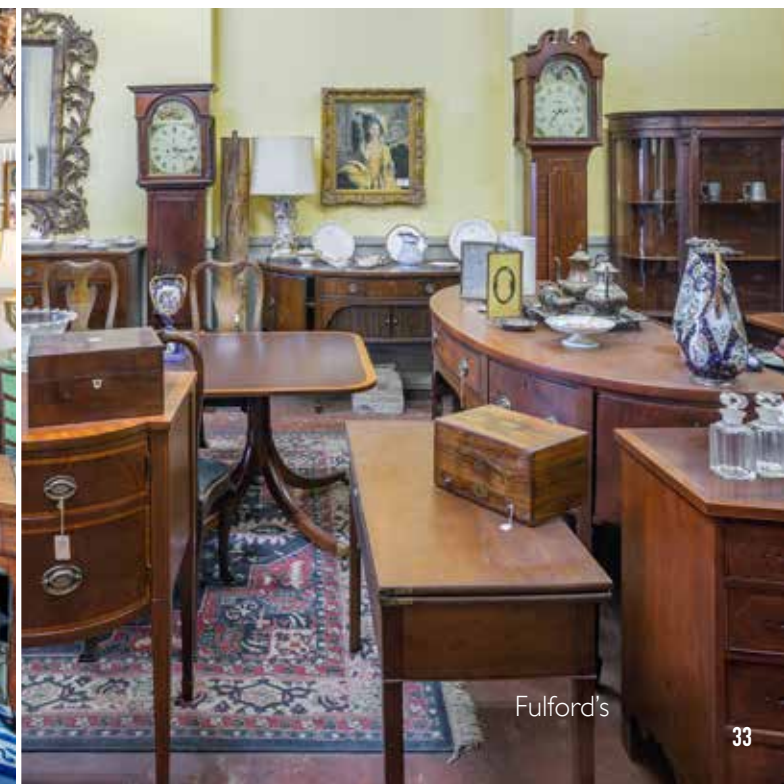
Specialty: Antique Furniture, Antique Reproductions, Custom Lamp Posts  
5753 NC 58 Highway N  
Elm City • 252-243-9663  
[www.thewoodwrightco.com](http://www.thewoodwrightco.com)

## **Park Place Consignment**

111 Park Avenue W  
252-237-0773  
[www.parkplaceconsignments.com](http://www.parkplaceconsignments.com)



Newcomb Lighting



Fulford's



# RESTAURANTS

Pup's Steakhouse

## 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  
billsgri LLC.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

### Jarmen House

204 Green Street NE  
252-237-1275

### Krueger's Candies

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

### 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.businesscatalyst.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 Blvd.  
252-243-0715

### Waffle House

121-4930 Raleigh Rd Pkwy  
252-246-0446



Rukus & Redemption

## Waffle House

2103 Tarboro St.  
252-206-9955 • wafflehouse.com

## 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

## CHICKEN

### 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

## 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

# 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  
www.grapenutswine.com

### Brewmasters

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

### Casita Brewing Company

217 South Street S  
252-991-6959  
www.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  
www.affordablesuites.com

## America's Best Value Inn

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

## The Bailey House B&B

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

## Candlewood Suites

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

## Country Inn & Suites

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

## Comfort Suites

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

## Days Inn

1801 S. Tarboro Street  
252-291-2323 • 800-DAYS INN  
www.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  
www.marriott.com/rwiwf

## Hampton Inn & Suites

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

## Holiday Inn Express & Suites

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

## Hampton Inn & Suites (Downtown)

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

## Kenwood Court Motel

2850 Hwy 301 South  
252-243-2194



Comfort Suites

## Microtel Inn

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

## Quality Inn

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

## Red Roof Inn

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

## Relax Inn

2650 Hwy 301 South  
252-243-8437



Hampton Inn & Suites

## 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 • [www.barton.edu](http://www.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  
[www.wilsoncc.edu](http://www.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 • [www.ccsyclones.com](http://www.ccsyclones.com)

**Summerville Academy**  
618 NE Tarboro Street  
252-399-0073  
[talloneoutreachministries.com](http://talloneoutreachministries.com)

**Eastern NC School for the Deaf**  
1311 US Hwy 301 North  
252-237-2450 • [www.encsd.net](http://www.encsd.net)

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

**Greenfield School**  
Highway NC 42 West  
252-237-8046  
[www.greenfieldschool.org](http://www.greenfieldschool.org)

**Sallie B. Howard School for the Arts & Education**  
1004 Herring Avenue  
252-245-2182  
[www.salliebhowardschool.com](http://www.salliebhowardschool.com)

**Wilson Christian Academy**  
1820 Airport Boulevard  
252-237-8064  
[www.wilsonchristian.com](http://www.wilsonchristian.com)

**Wilson County Public Schools**  
117 N. Tarboro Street  
252-399-7700 • [www.wilson.k12.nc.us](http://www.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](mailto:info@rwiairport.com) • [www.rwiairport.com](http://www.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@krwiairport.com](mailto:director@krwiairport.com) • [www.krwiairport.com](http://www.krwiairport.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

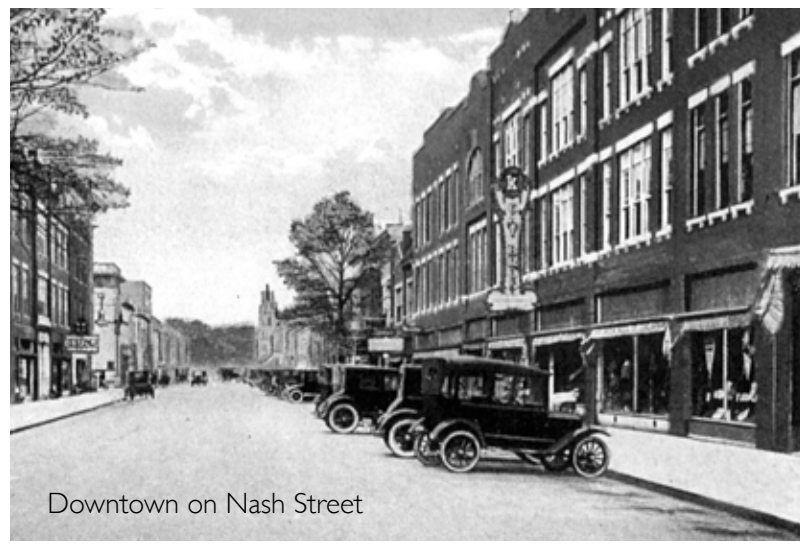


Come feed the goats at Raleigh Road Garden Center

### 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.

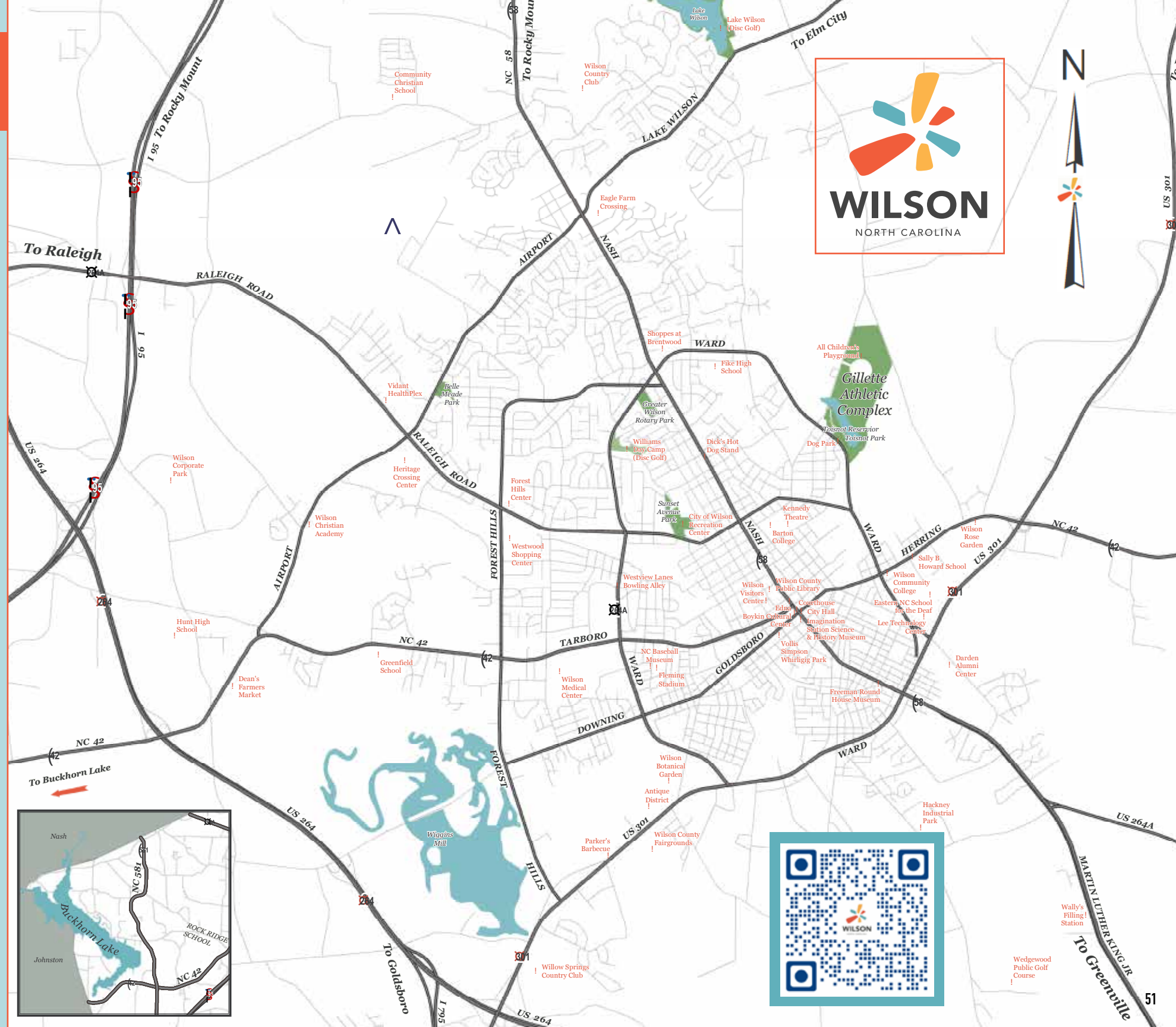
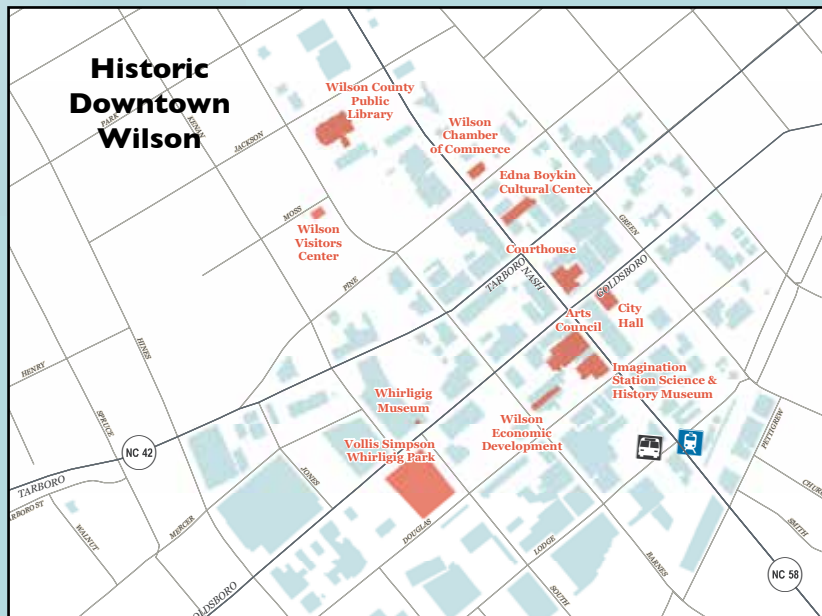
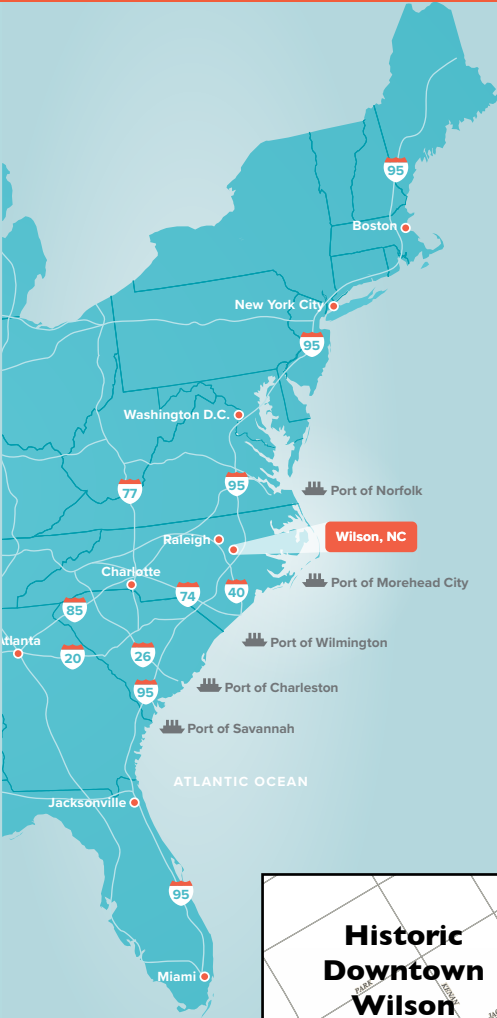


# Wilson, North Carolina

- Population 50,000
- Conveniently located on Interstate 95
- 45 miles from Raleigh
- High livability factors
- Great neighborhoods
- Flourishing arts community
- Thriving manufacturing businesses

For business and manufacturing information:  
Wilson Economic Development Council  
visit: [WilsonEDC.com](http://WilsonEDC.com).

For downtown development information:  
Wilson Downtown Development  
Email: [historicdowntownwilson@wilsonnc.org](mailto:historicdowntownwilson@wilsonnc.org)

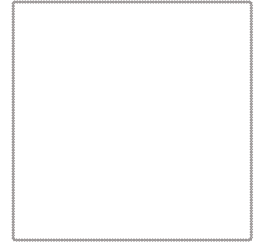




## Wilson Visitors Center

PO Box 2882  
209 Broad Street  
Wilson, NC 27893

1-800-497-7398  
[www.wilson-nc.com](http://www.wilson-nc.com)



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**SOON.**

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