

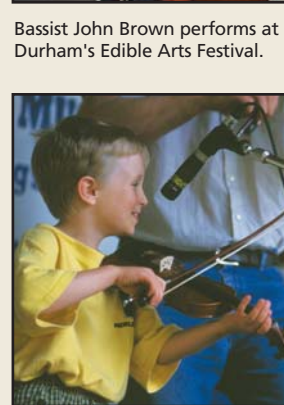
N.C. IN TUNE

Sing. Play. For Life!

From mountain byways where you can still hear the fiddle sing and the banjo ring, to urban areas such as Durham and Winston-Salem where Piedmont Blues remind the listener of the time of the tobacco auctioneer's cry, to the coast where work songs and gospel music fill the air and the soul, North Carolina music helps make our state unforgettable.

"N.C. In Tune," a yearlong celebration, shows that our state's musical reputation really sings, from traditional to contemporary to classical to musical theater. Many of our state's musicians, including James Taylor, Shirley Caesar, Theltonious Monk, Doc Watson, Roberta Flack, John Coltrane and Charlie Daniels, have received international recognition for their outstanding contributions to our musical heritage.

Our music traditions showcase the past and echo the future, spearheaded by organizations like the North Carolina Symphony, Flat Rock Playhouse, Roanoke Island Festival Park and hundreds of regional symphonies, orchestras and theaters. For more information on music and cultural travel, including special events throughout 2006, visit the North Carolina Arts Council at www.ncarts.org, or the Department of Cultural Resources at www.ncculture.com.



Basist John Brown performs at Durham's Edible Arts Festival.



Soldiers gather for reenactments at Fort Dobbs, near Statesville.

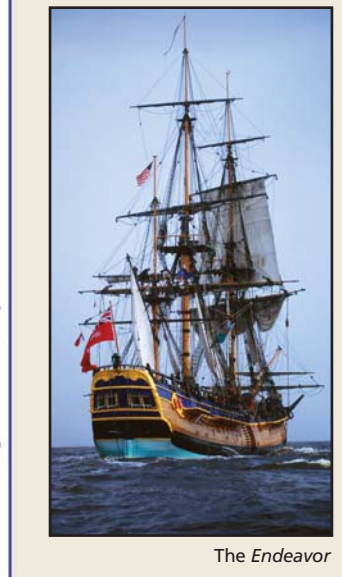
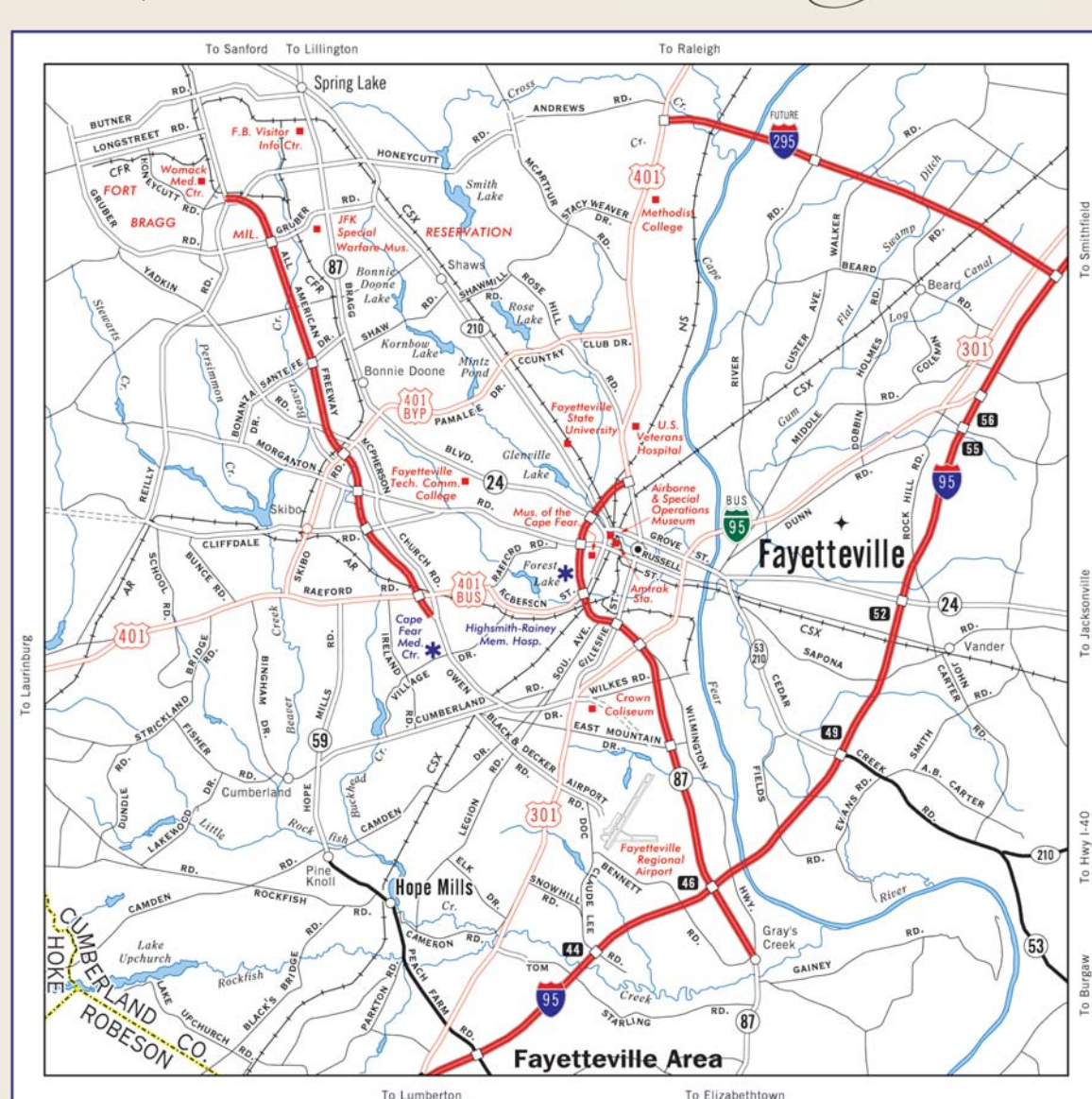
HISTORIC SITES

Featuring 27 fascinating places statewide, North Carolina Historic Sites invites you to experience 400 years of living history. Begin your voyage into the past by climbing a centuries-old burial mound built by Native Americans long before Europeans arrived here. Then commemorate our country's founding by drilling with a colonial militia or strolling in a formal garden at an opulent colonial governor's palace. And this year, plan to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War in North Carolina at Fort Dobbs, the state's only historic site commemorating that faithful conflict.

Entering the 19th century, pan for gold at America's first gold mine, marvel at the craftsmanship of homes built by slaves, or savor foods of a bygone time cooked over an open fire. The smell of gunpowder from just-fired Civil War cannons recalls the strong emotions that once divided our country. In a more peaceful time, the beat of old-time fiddle music at a century-old working farm will make you happily tap your toes.

As the 20th century dawns, relive the days when rail transportation was the primary way to travel by riding a vintage steam train. Finally, remember the sacrifices of "the greatest generation" when you stand on the deck of a 90 million-pound World War II battleship.

For more information write N.C. Historic Sites, 4620 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4620 or visit www.nchistoricsites.org.



AMERICAS' SAIL 2006

From June 30 through July 5, tall ships from around the world will be sailing into Carteret County as part of America's Sail 2006, which originates in Fortaleza, Brazil, then travels to Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic and then concludes with a five-day celebration in Beaufort. The ships will be docked at the N.C. State Port in Morehead City and the Beaufort waterfront, and are expected to draw more than 150,000 people to North Carolina's magnificent Crystal Coast. Beaufort was selected to be part of the sail because it is the home port of Captain Horatio Sinbad, Captain of the *Meke II* and winner of the America's Sail 2002 tall ship Class B competition in Jamaica.

For more information, call (252) 728-7471 or visit www.ncallsail.com.



Singletary Lake State Park, Beaufort County

STATE PARKS

North Carolina offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, and much of it is found in our 33 state parks and recreation areas ranging from the mountains to the coast. Each offers distinct scenery, personality and cultural history as well as recreational and educational activities. More than 13 million visitors annually discover that our state parks are "naturally wonderful."

For more information, visit www.ncparks.net or call the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation at (919) 733-4181.

CIVIL WAR TRAILS

From Atlantic coastal sites at forts Fisher and Manteo to Union cavalry operations in the western mountains, North Carolina offers a collection of Civil War sites as varied as its landscapes.

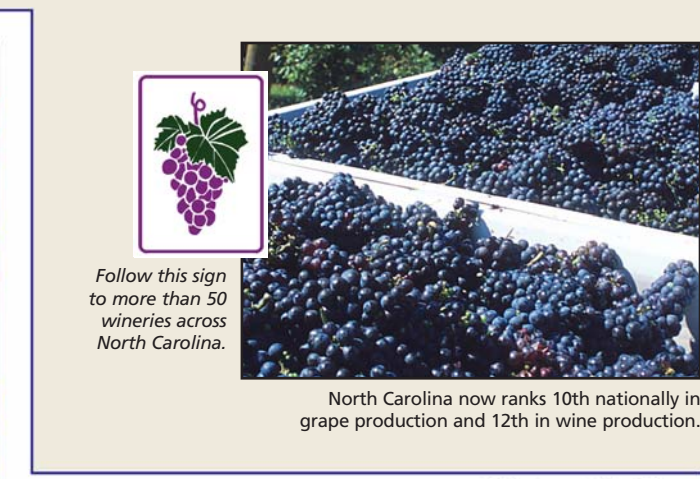
The first phase of the North Carolina Civil War Trail, featuring more than 100 newly interpreted sites, opened in March 2005. The centerpiece of the trail is a driving tour of the 1865 "Carolina Campaign" following many of the same roads the soldiers traveled. The tour includes the battlefields at Bentonville and Averasboro and the site of the surrender of the Confederate army near Durham. Other sites included in this first phase relate to the early Federal occupation of the eastern part of the state, Confederate ironroads, coastal fortifications, the Confederate supply lifeline, hospitals and prisons.

The trail is the result of a long-time collaborative effort between the North Carolina departments of Transportation, Commerce and Cultural Resources. The next phase of the trail will focus on the western part of the state and will debut in late 2006.

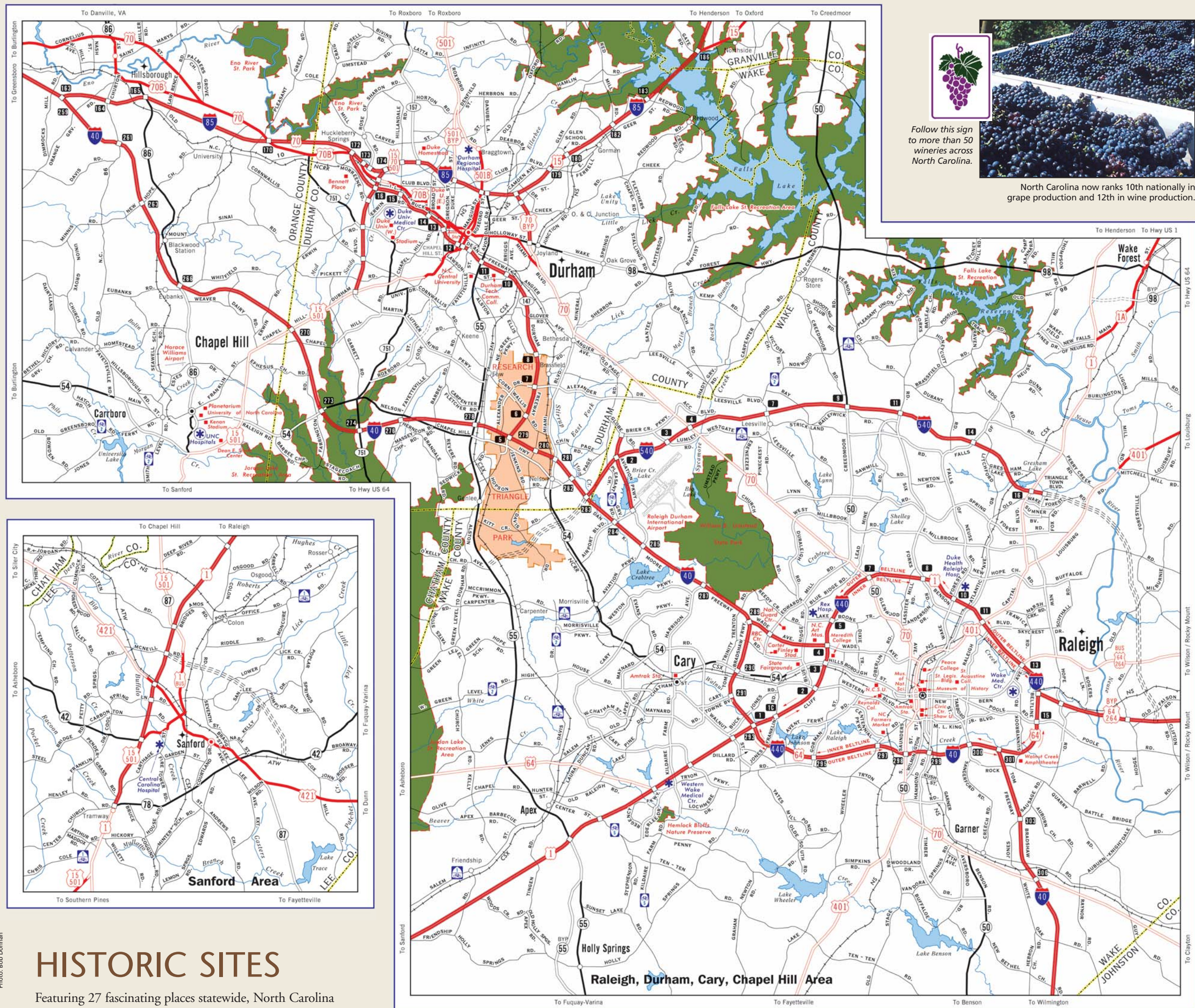
For more information, call 1-800-VISIT NC or go to www.visitnc.com.



Follow this sign to more than 100 Civil War sites throughout North Carolina.



North Carolina now ranks 10th nationally in grape production and 12th in wine production.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

From January through August 2005 North Carolina created 46,000 jobs, ranking us ninth in the nation in net job creation for that time period. In addition, companies invested more than \$3.5 billion statewide during that period. North Carolina's growing business climate again was ranked first in the country by *Site Selection* magazine in 2005 and earned the state recognition as *Southern Business & Development* magazine's 2005 State of the Year.

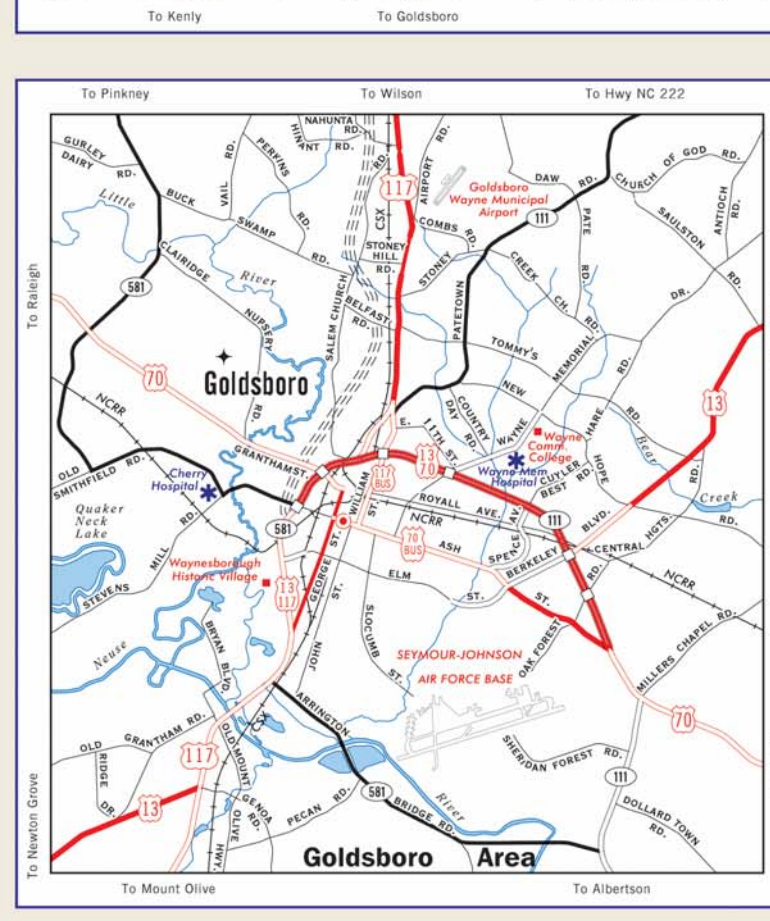
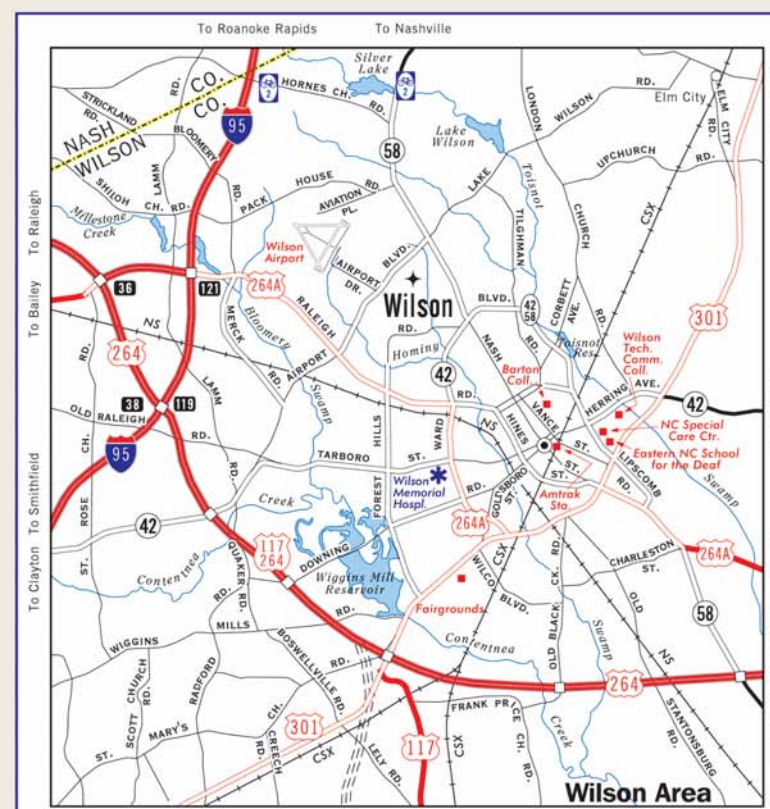
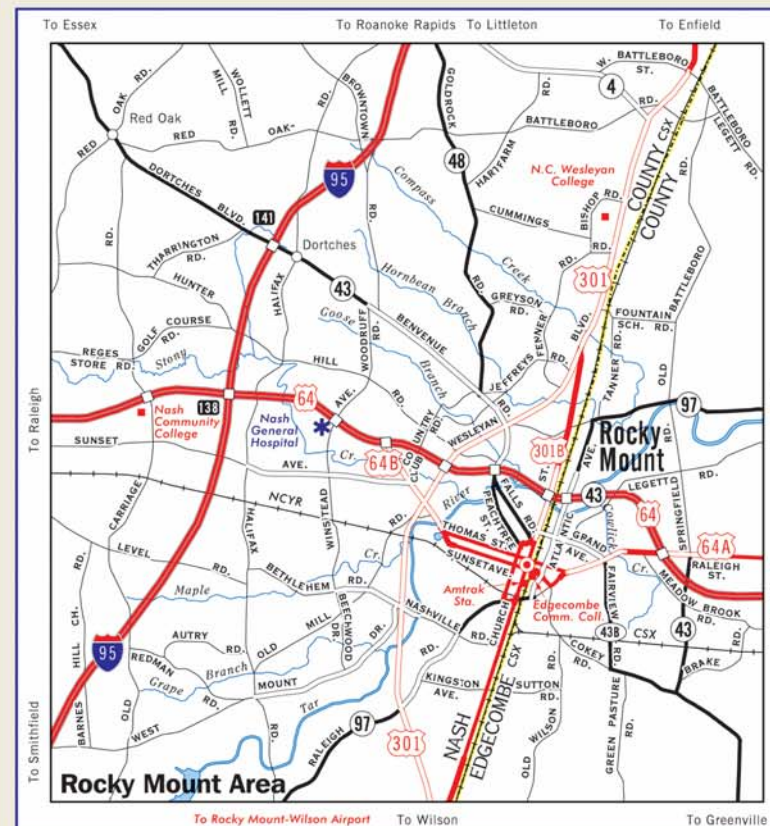
Businesses and industries are drawn to North Carolina because of our highly trained work force, superior market access, attractive communities, investments in education, science and technology and sophisticated transportation networks, all of which help companies thrive in today's highly competitive global marketplace. These qualities have allowed the state to establish itself among the nation's top markets in knowledge-based industries such as information technology, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

North Carolina is not just a high-tech state. Our film industry continues to thrive, ranking third in the nation for film, television and commercial production and hosting one of the most extensive film-industry

infrastructures in the nation. North Carolina is also the eighth most-visited state in the country. In addition, North Carolina boasts exceptional public and private universities and a top-ranked community college system with highly rated customer training programs. Our community colleges are also available to our citizens, with more than 90 percent of the population living within 30 minutes of one of our campuses.

The role our transportation system plays in fostering future economic development for the state cannot be underestimated. The presence of a well-connected and maintained transportation infrastructure is one of the key factors many companies take into account when deciding whether to locate in North Carolina. In addition, safe and efficient links to schools, businesses and other services play a significant part in maintaining a high quality of life for our people and contribute to why an increasing number of families and industries are choosing to call North Carolina home.

For more information on economic development, contact the N.C. Department of Commerce at (919) 733-4977 or visit www.investnc.com.



GLOBAL TRANSPARK

The North Carolina Global TransPark is a combined airport-industrial complex developed by the state of North Carolina in Lenoir County. Designed to attract industry and bring increased economic opportunities to the citizens of eastern North Carolina and beyond, the GTP features an on-site Education and Training Center and one of the longest commercial runways in the southeastern United States. The park has also been designated as a Foreign-Trade Zone.

In February 2005, Gov. Mike Easley announced the opening of a manufacturing plant at the TransPark, which broke ground on a 40,000-square-foot facility where it will make structural component parts for aging military aircraft. Later in the year, a new nonstop jet service was inaugurated between Kinston and Atlanta, Ga.

The TransPark also completed a new 120,000-square-foot, industrial-grade speculative building called GTP One, which will be leased to a logistics and supply chain management company. In addition, the GTP has built a new 40,000-square-foot operations building in concert with its development partner.

For more information, contact the N.C. Global TransPark Authority at (252) 522-4929 or visit www.ncgtp.com.



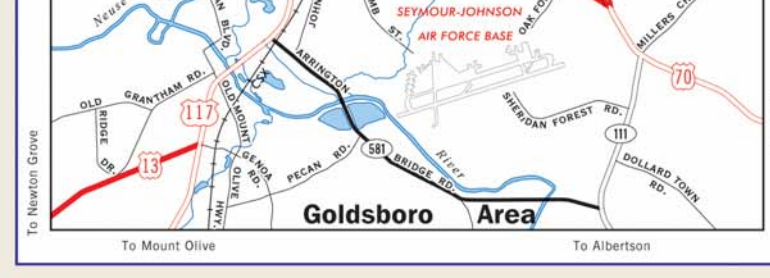
The MV Weston loads 8,400 tons of export steel at the Port of Morehead City.

STATE PORTS

North Carolina's ports in Wilmington and Morehead City, plus inland terminals in Charlotte and Greensboro, link the state's consumers, businesses and industries to world markets and play an integral role in attracting new business and industry to our state. Cargo handling activities contribute statewide to nearly 50,000 jobs and \$30 million in tax revenues.

Top trading partners are China, Japan, Korea, India, Indonesia, Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela, Italy, Turkey, northern Europe and Scandinavia. Primary exports include forest products, food, phosphate and general merchandise. Top imports include forest products, metal products, chemicals, rubber, cement and general merchandise.

For more information about the state ports, call (910) 763-1621 or visit www.ncports.com.



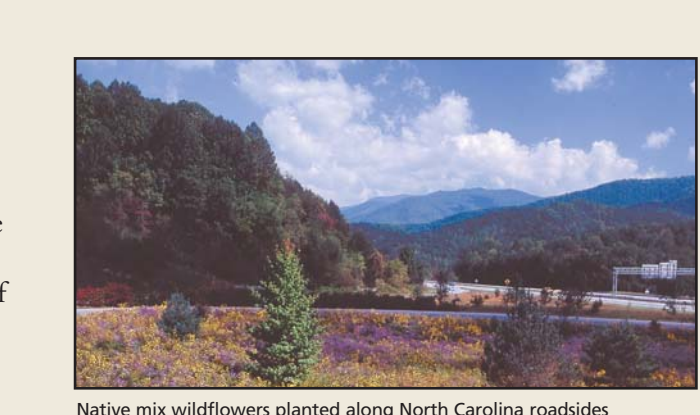
Southport Ferry

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The N.C. Department of Transportation is dedicated to providing a safe, modern and integrated transportation system that expands opportunities for all areas of the state in support of Gov. Easley's vision for *Our North Carolina*. From an extensive network of more than 78,000 miles of highway and the second-largest ferry system in the nation, to nationally recognized environmental efforts and a commitment to providing the transportation infrastructure relied on by business and industry in today's fast-paced global economy, NCDOT takes pride in serving the transportation needs of North Carolina. For more information on NCDOT, please visit www.ncdot.org or contact our customer service office at 1-877-DOT-4YOU.

Scenic Byways
NCDOT has designated nearly 50 scenic byways throughout the mountains, piedmont and coastal plain. These routes give motorists an opportunity to experience the state's rich history, culture and scenery. They also raise awareness about preserving and protecting our state's most outstanding resources. From the cascading waterfalls on Whitewater Way to the salty marshes along the Outer Banks Scenic Byway, travelers can experience North Carolina's natural beauty on more than 1,700 miles of scenic byways. For more information on the N.C. Scenic Byways program, please visit www.ncdot.org/beautification and click on "Scenic Byways."

Public Transportation
New modes of travel. North Carolina's future rides on public transportation. Public transportation provides access for citizens without a vehicle and for those who prefer to let someone else do the driving. The transportation systems are in operation in nearly all 100 counties, including 22 urban and regional systems. These systems provide access to employment, education, medical services, shopping and recreational activities. Safe, effective and efficient public transportation means better mobility, continued economic growth, a cleaner environment and improved quality of life. For more information, visit www.ncdot.org/transit/transistat.



Native wildflowers planted along North Carolina roadides

show support for the state's anti-litter efforts by purchasing a "No Litter" license plate through the Division of Motor Vehicles. For more information about the Adopt-A-Highway program or litter prevention, call 1-800-331-5864 or visit www.ncdot.org/beautification.

a new station to open in downtown Durham in late 2006, right in the heart of great restaurants, shopping and minor league baseball.

NCDOT is also working with communities across the state to make rail-highway crossings safer. Enhanced crossing signals and new technologies are being used statewide to help prevent crossing accidents and fatalities. In addition, redundant and/or unsafe crossings are being closed. The state is also working with the freight railroads on a series of track improvements that will increase the safety, efficiency, capacity and reliability of both freight and passenger trains.

With daily service to 16 North Carolina cities and towns, you will love riding North Carolina's Amtrak. The *Piedmont* and *Carolinas* trains provide daily round-trip service between Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte with continuing service to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Both trains are jointly operated by NCDOT and Amtrak. The Winston-Salem Connector offers shuttle service between the High Point train station and downtown Winston-Salem. Four other daily, long-distance passenger trains—the *Crescent*, *Silver Meteor*, *Silver Star* and *Palmetto*—travel through the state providing service to destinations across the country.

For information about train services in North Carolina, call 1-800-BYTRAIN (298-7246) or visit www.bytrain.org.

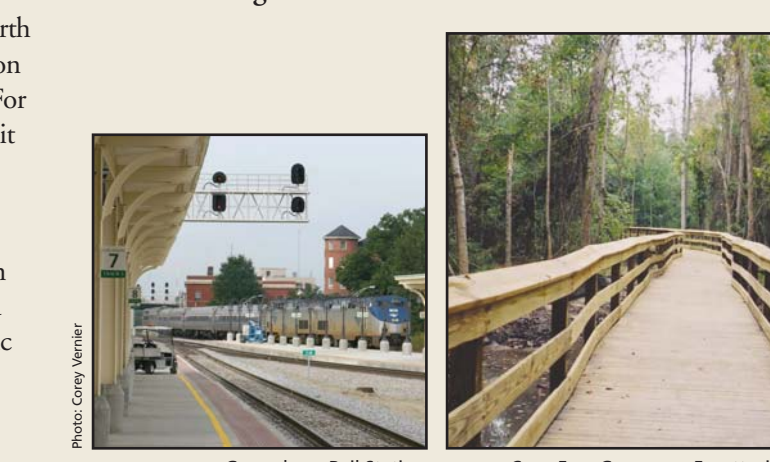
Aviation
With more than 300 privately owned and 74 publicly owned airports, heliports and other landing areas, aviation is a vital part of the state's economy. More than 35 million passengers fly to and from North Carolina each year, and commercial and general aviation generate about \$10.3 billion annually for our state. For more information on aviation in North Carolina, visit www.ncdot.org/transit/aviation.

Bicycle and Pedestrian
North Carolina has an extensive system of more than 5,000 miles of cross-state, regional and local mapped and signed bicycle routes along lightly traveled, scenic

roads. These routes connect the state's towns and cities, as well as other points of interest. Check the complete list of available maps at www.ncdot.org/transit/bicycle/maps/maps_intro.html or call (919) 733-2804.

Ferry
The North Carolina Ferry System includes 23 ferries that operate at seven sites along the coast. The ferries serve as a vital link and lifeline to many coastal residents and take visitors to unforgettable attractions such as pristine beaches, world-class fishing, romantic getaways, historic sites, kayaking, windsurfing and more. For more information, call 1-800-BY-FERRY (293-3779) or visit www.ncdot.org/ferry. Reservations are available on several routes.

Protecting the Environment
North Carolina is a leader in the national effort to incorporate environmental streamlining, stewardship and leadership into every aspect of our transportation program. This effort is made possible by an unprecedented level of communication and cooperation with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and other state and federal resource agencies. This partnership has already yielded great returns for our state's wetlands, streams, wildlife and river basins. The centerpiece of these cooperative efforts is the Ecosystem Enhancement Program, which allows the state to implement wetland and stream mitigation for transportation projects in advance of construction, saving time, reducing costs and enhancing our state's valuable natural resources. For more information on NCDOT's environmental efforts, visit www.ncdot.org/environment.



Greensboro Rail Station

Cape Fear Greenway, Fayetteville