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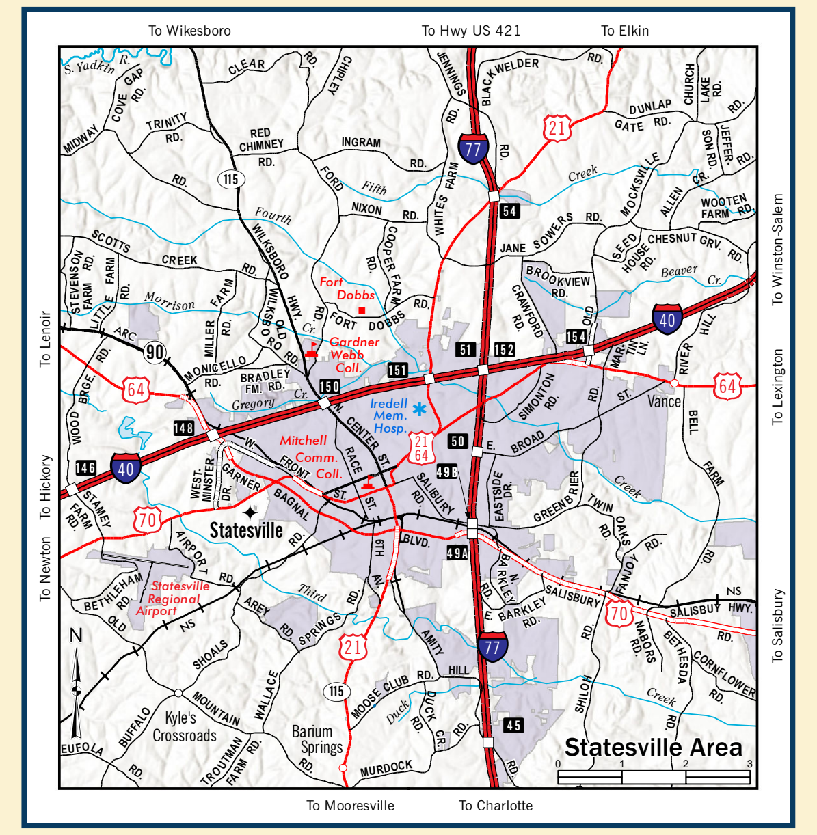
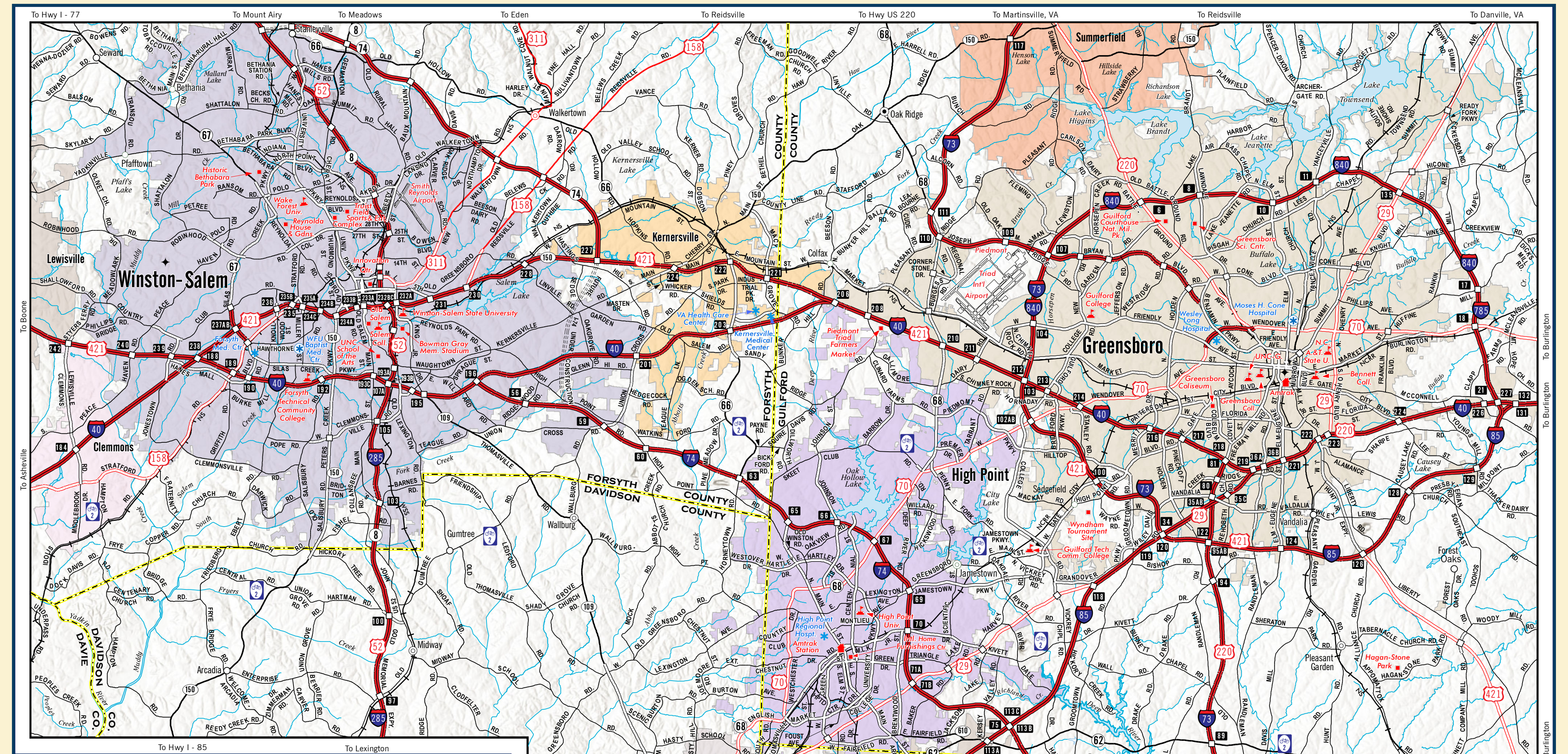
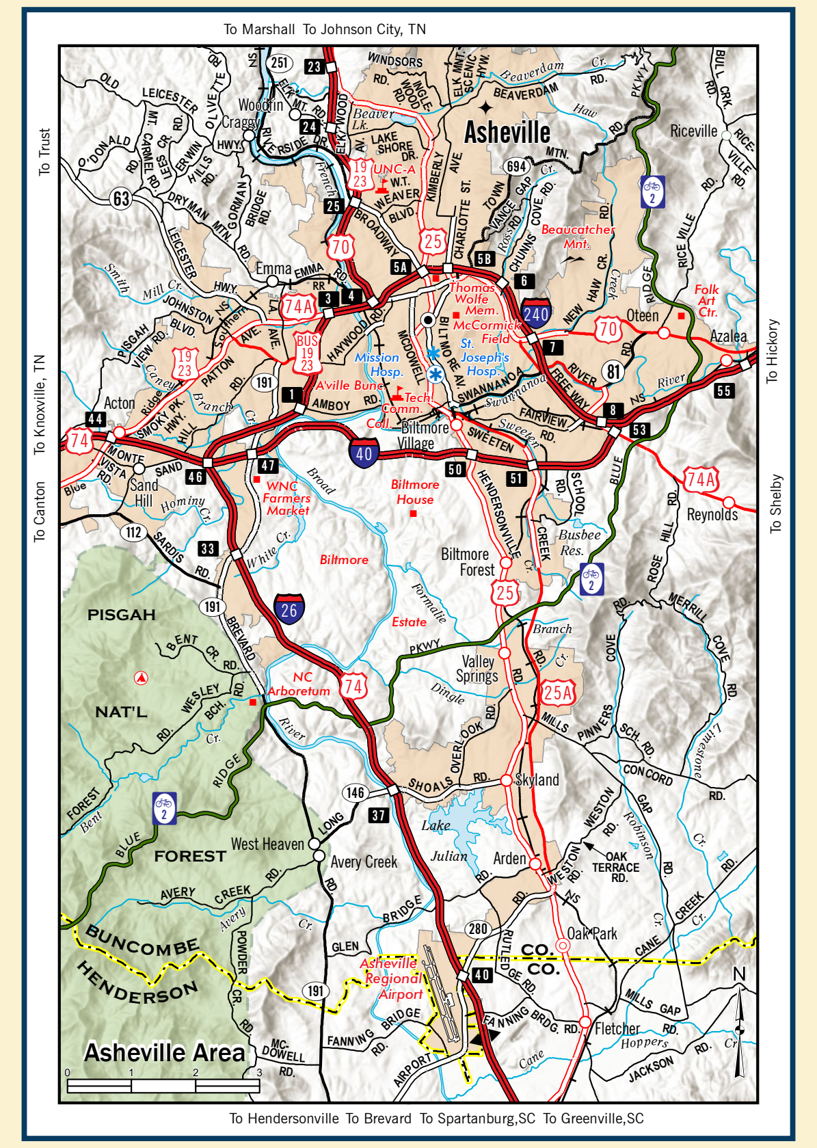
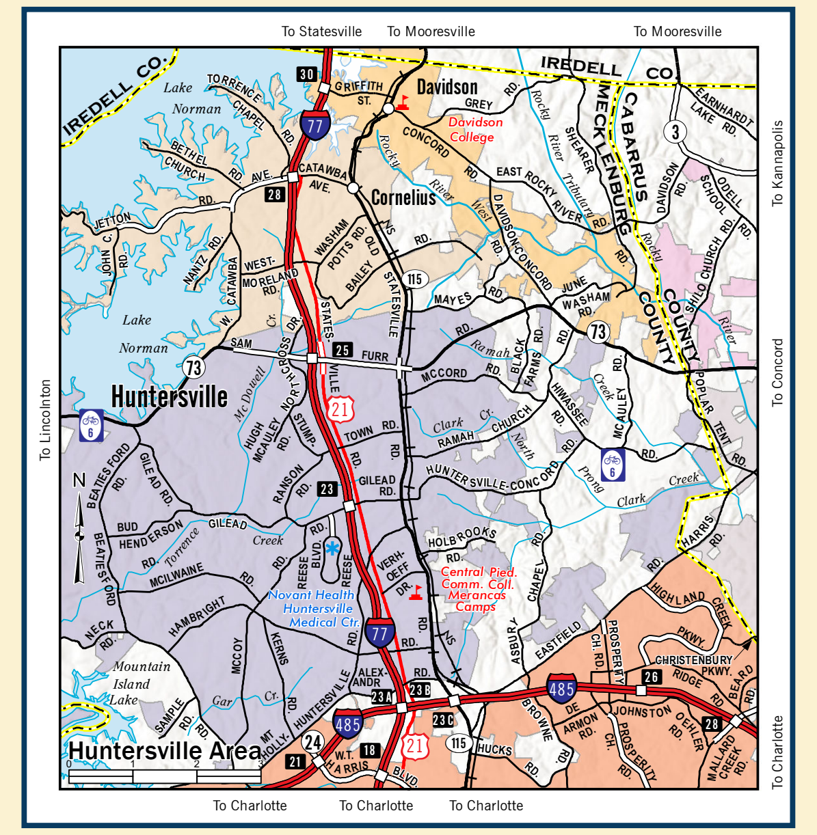
A group of friends appreciates the sunflowers at Canton's Ten Acre Garden. Ten Acre Garden is in Pigeon River in Haywood County; visit the farm with the family and take in the scenery. Fresh food is served, and the views are stunning.









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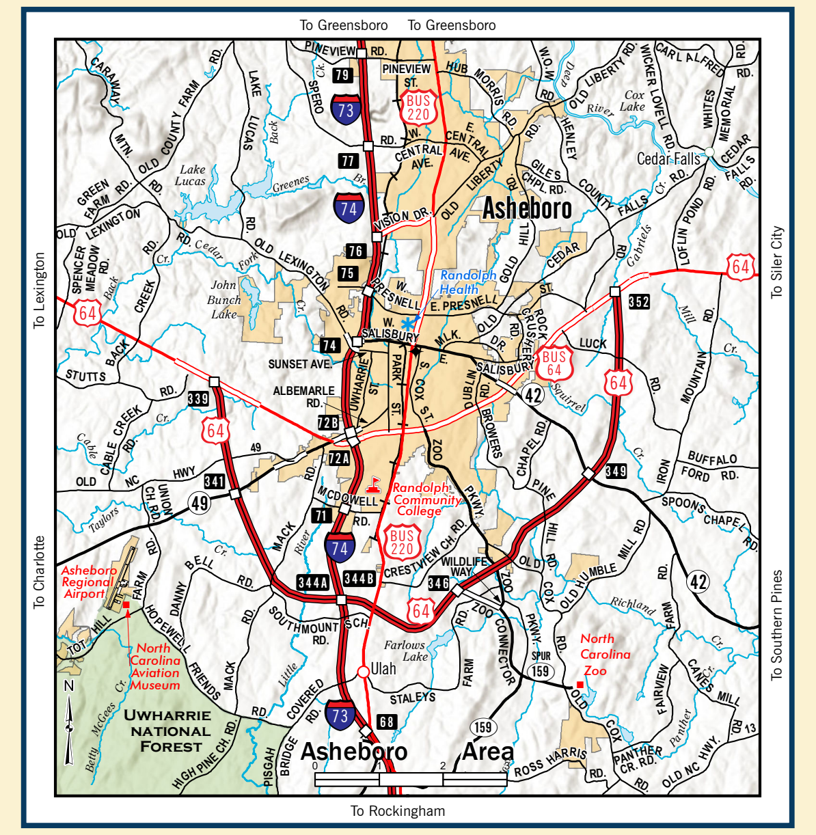
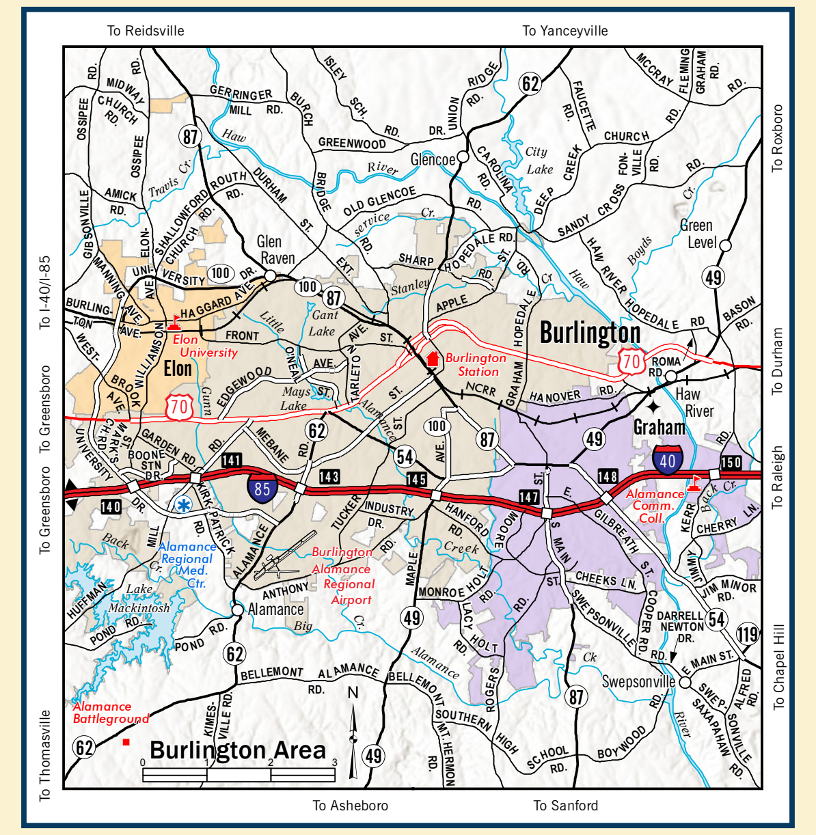
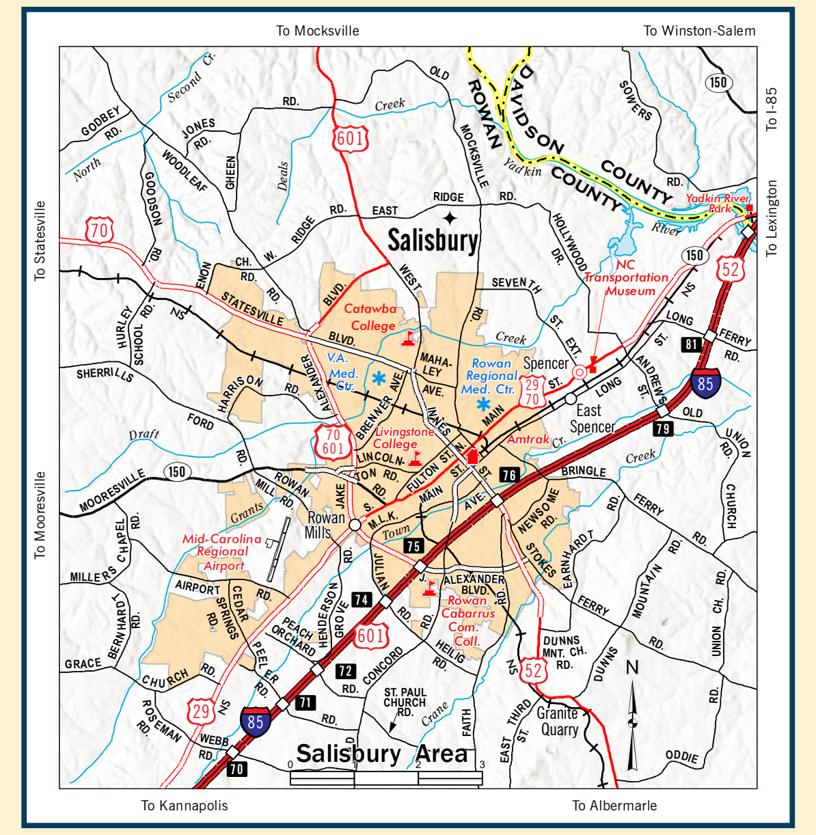
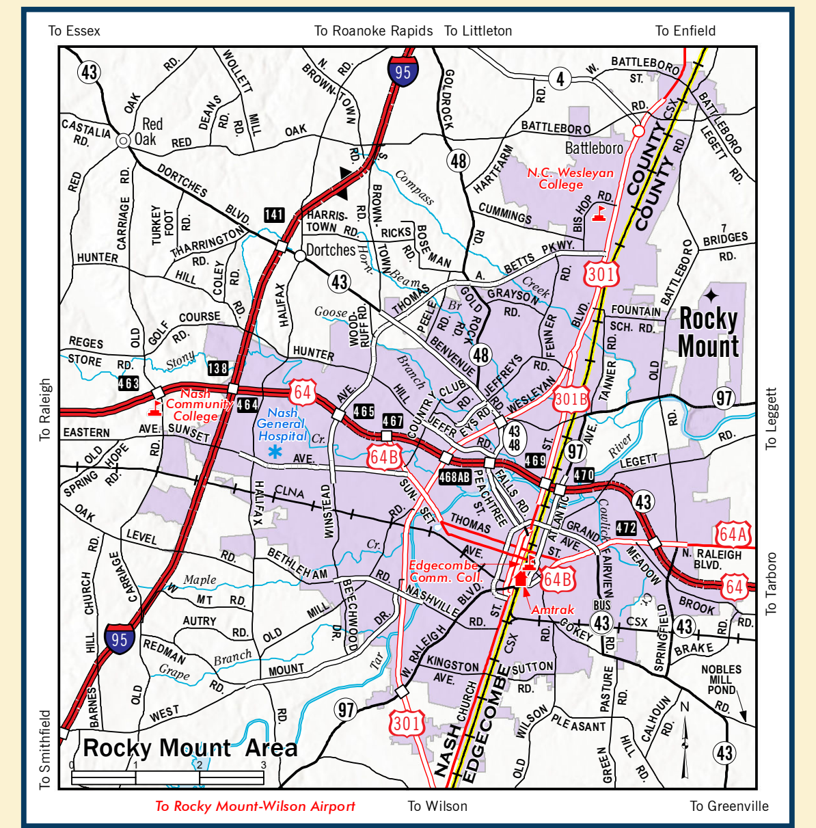
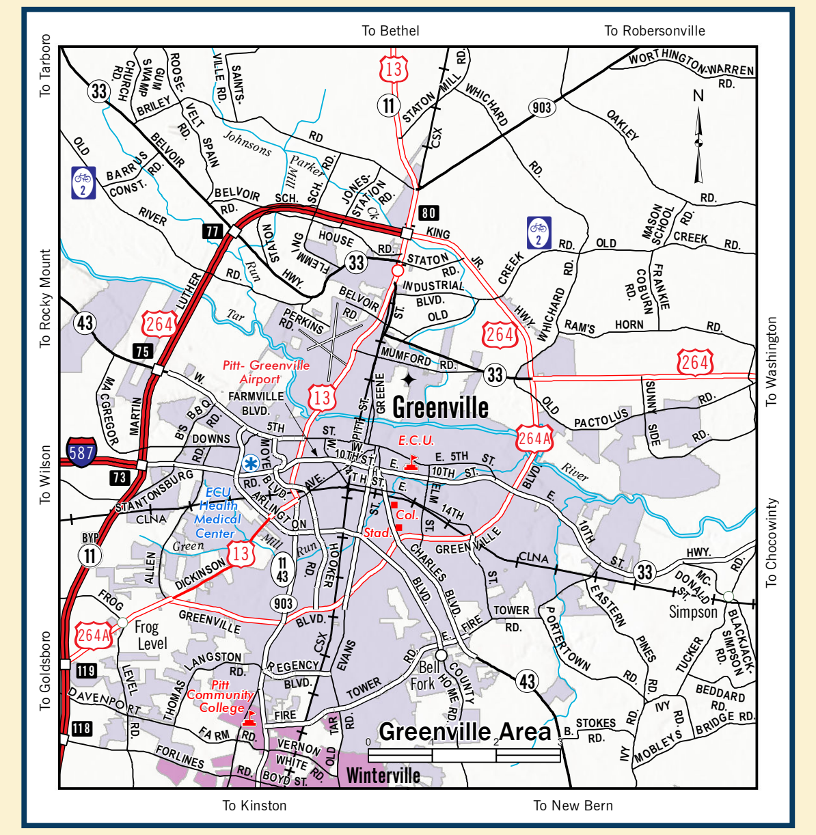
Every year, hundreds of tourists travel to the North Carolina Mining Museum in Emerald Village, located off the Blue Ridge Parkway, about an hour from Asheville, to experience an underground tour of a real mine. It is fun to look at the jewelry, minerals, home goods, and kid-friendly activities.











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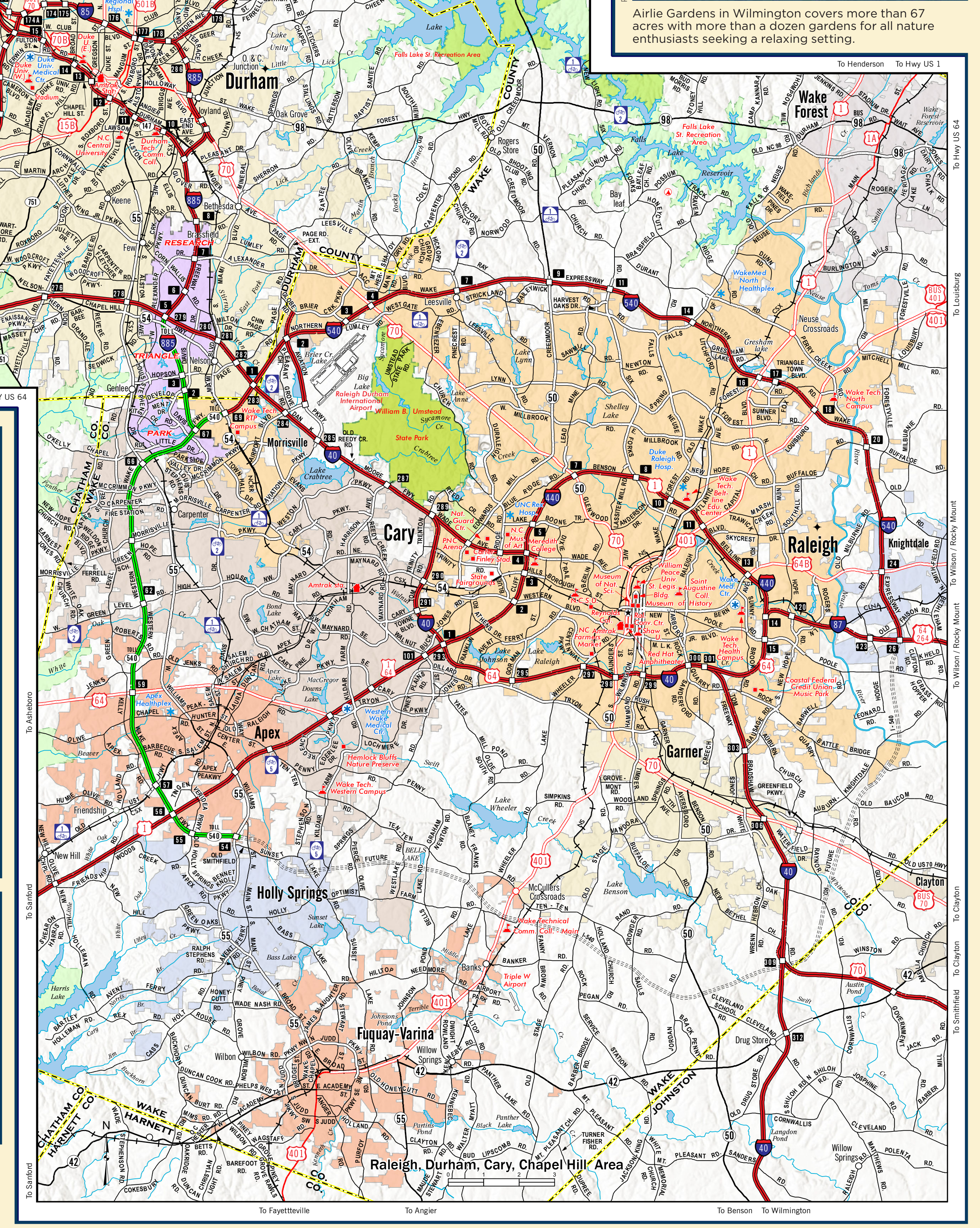
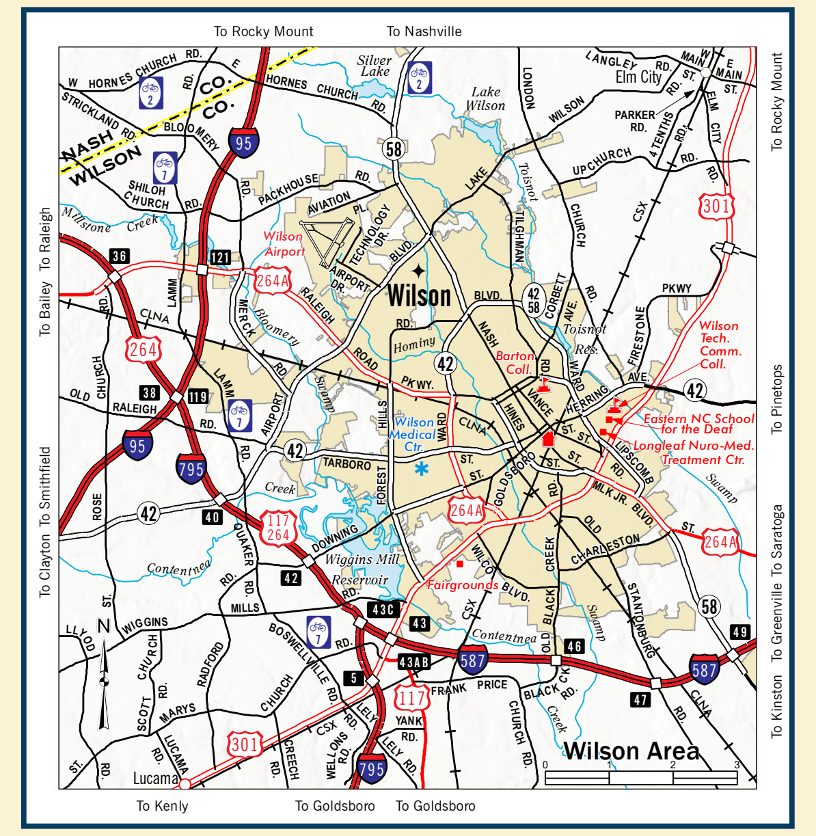
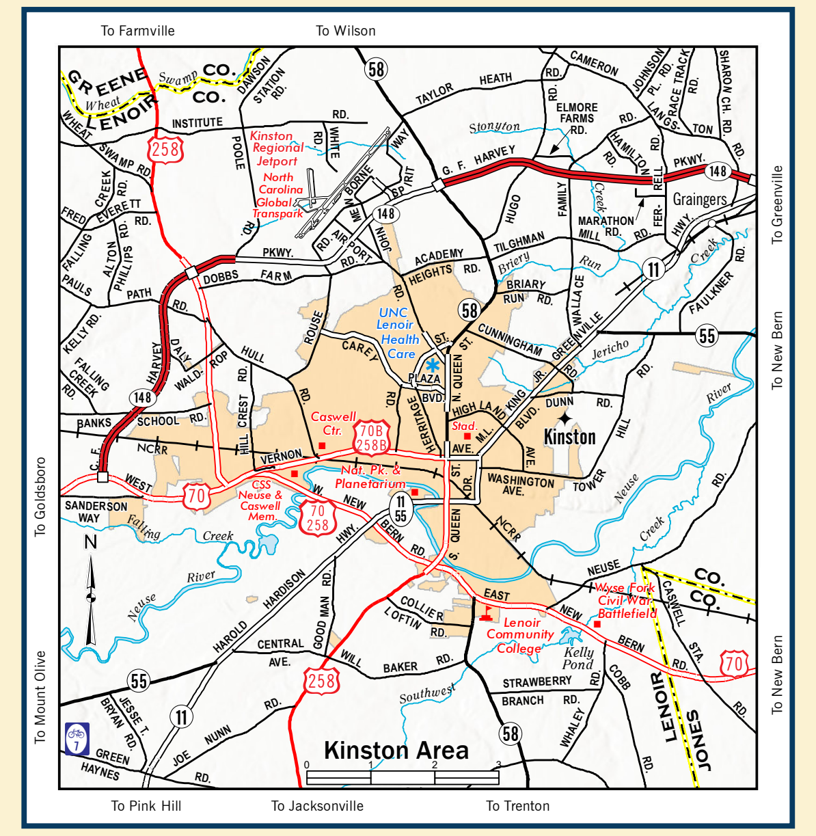
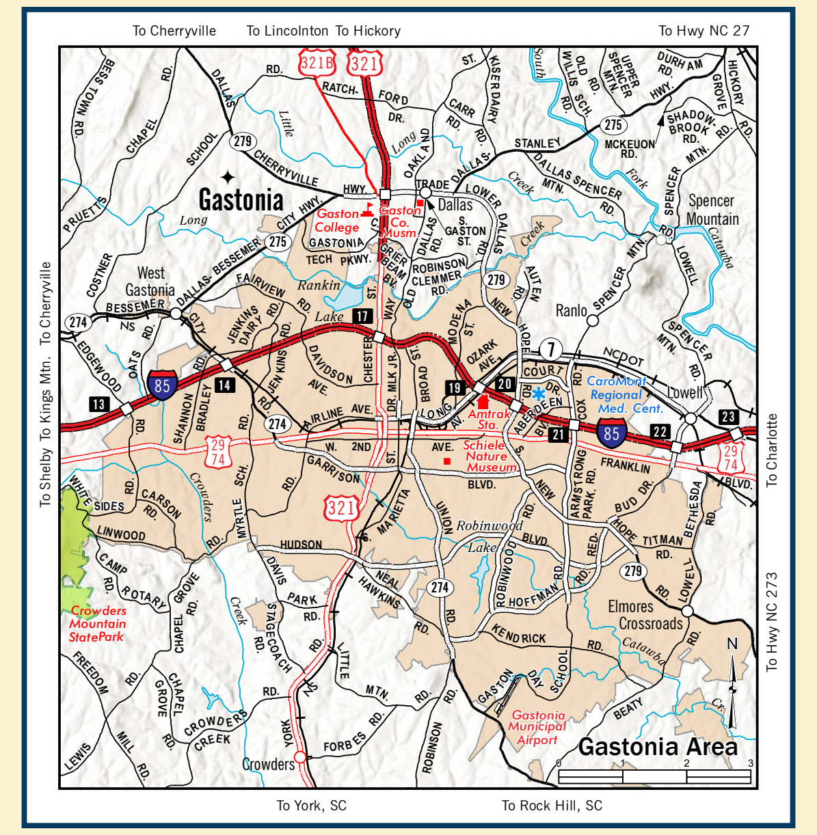
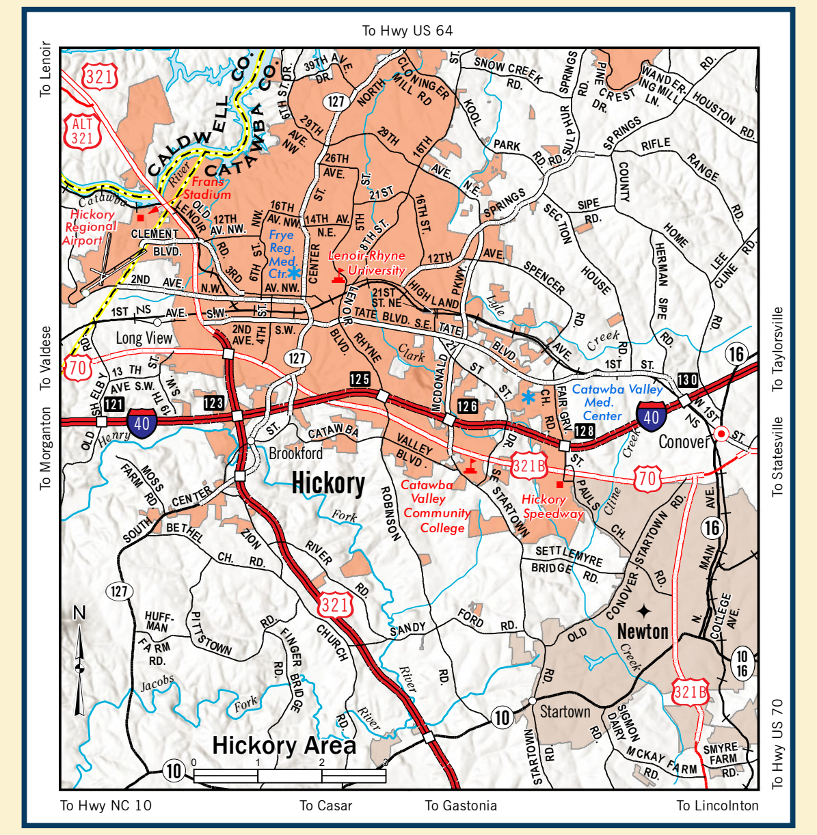
Airlie Gardens in Wilmington covers more than 67 acres with more than a dozen gardens for all nature enthusiasts seeking a relaxing setting.

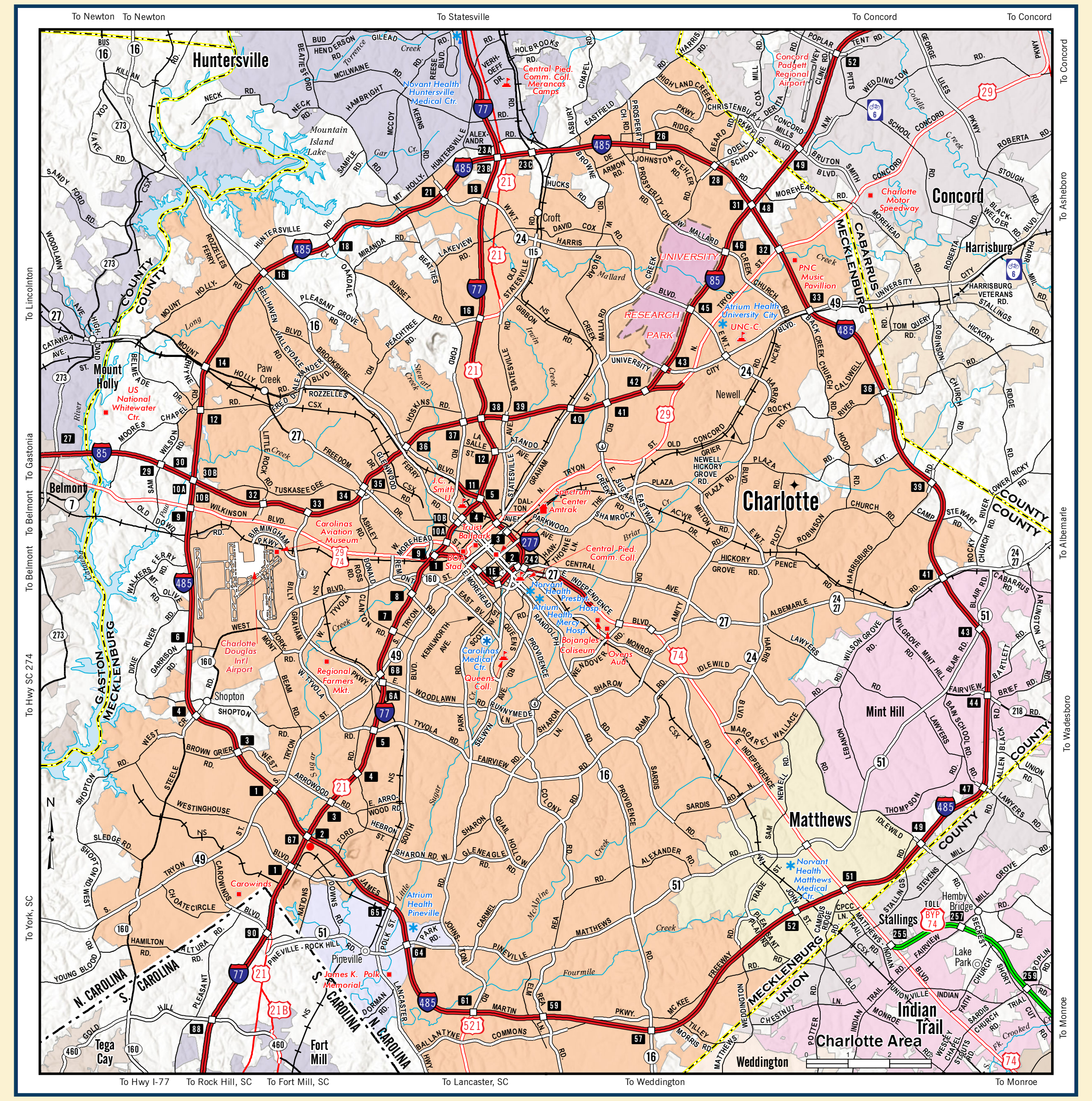


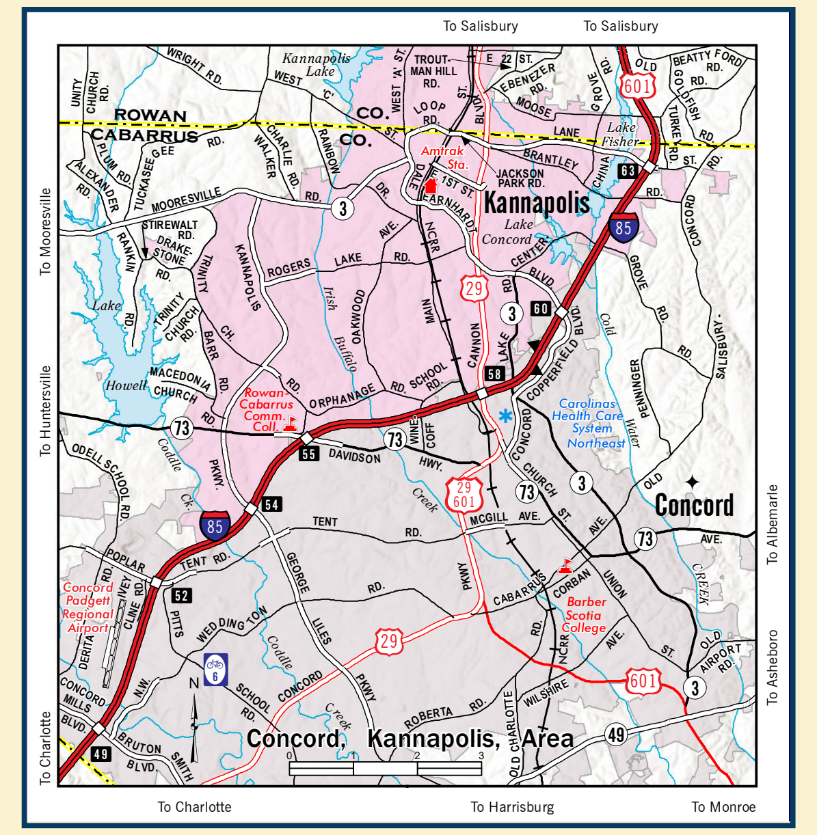


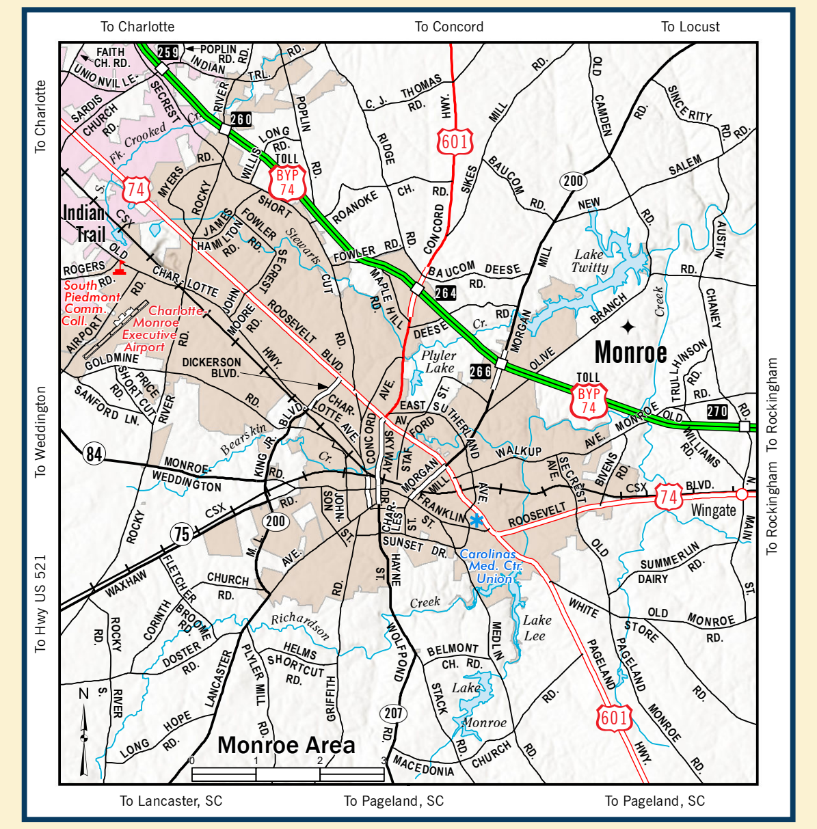












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In the counties of Montgomery, Randolph, and Davidson, there are 51,546 acres of Uwharrie National Forest. Enjoy a variety of outdoor pursuits in the forest with your loved ones, including horseback riding, mountain biking, camping, and water sports.

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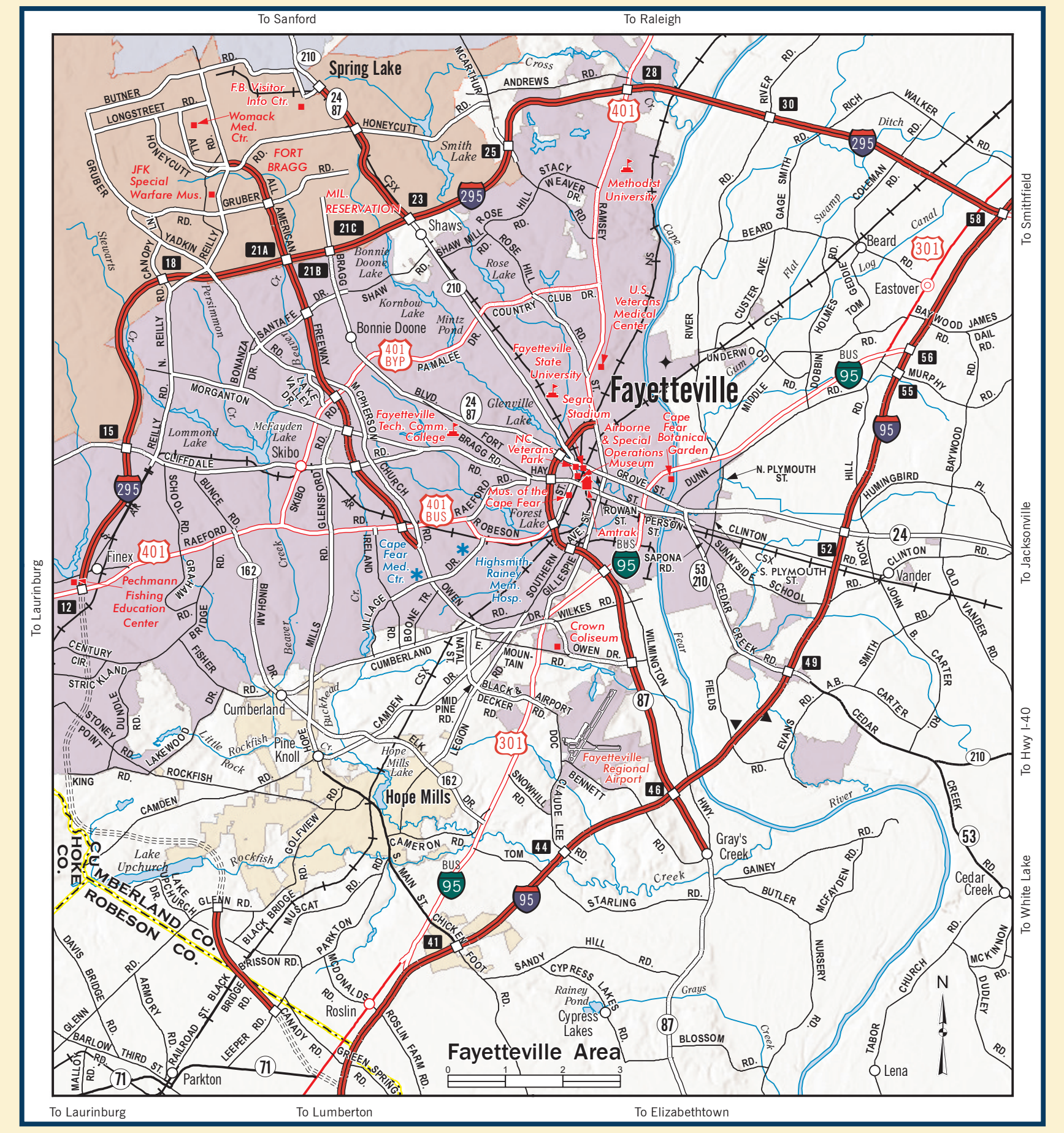
JOLO Winery & Vineyards in Pilot Mountain is a popular place to spend a relaxing weekend with friends for fine wine tastings of your choosing while partaking in other exclusive events.



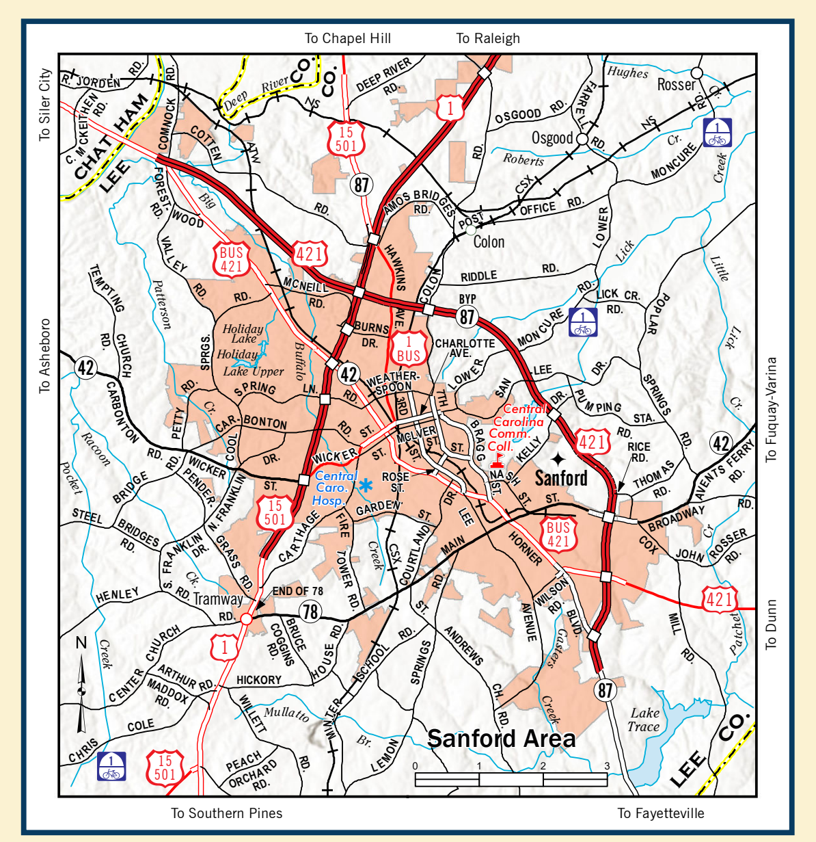
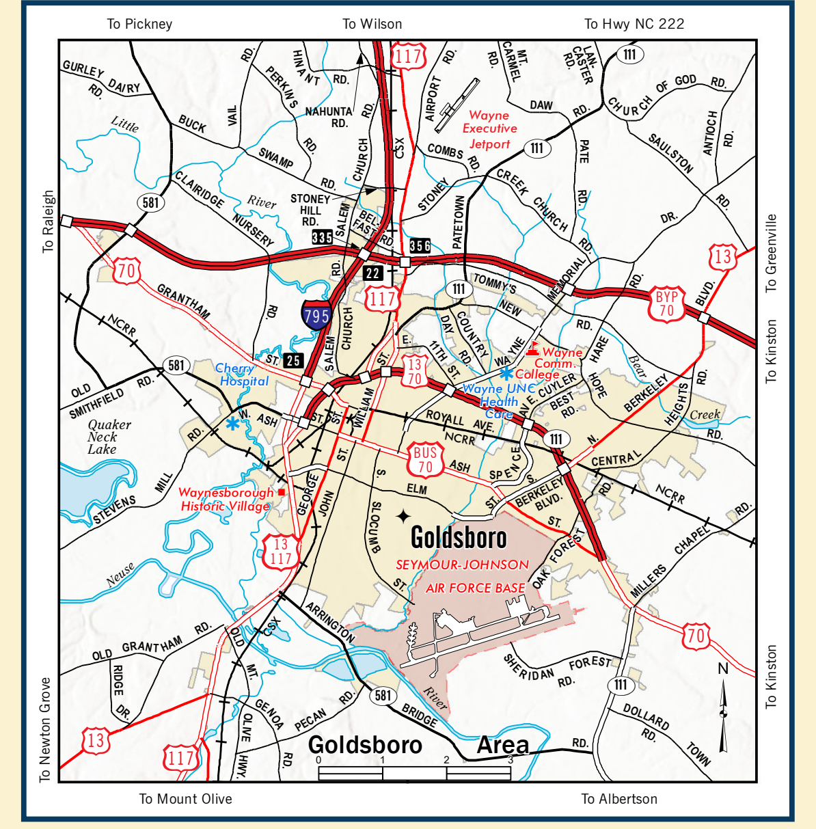
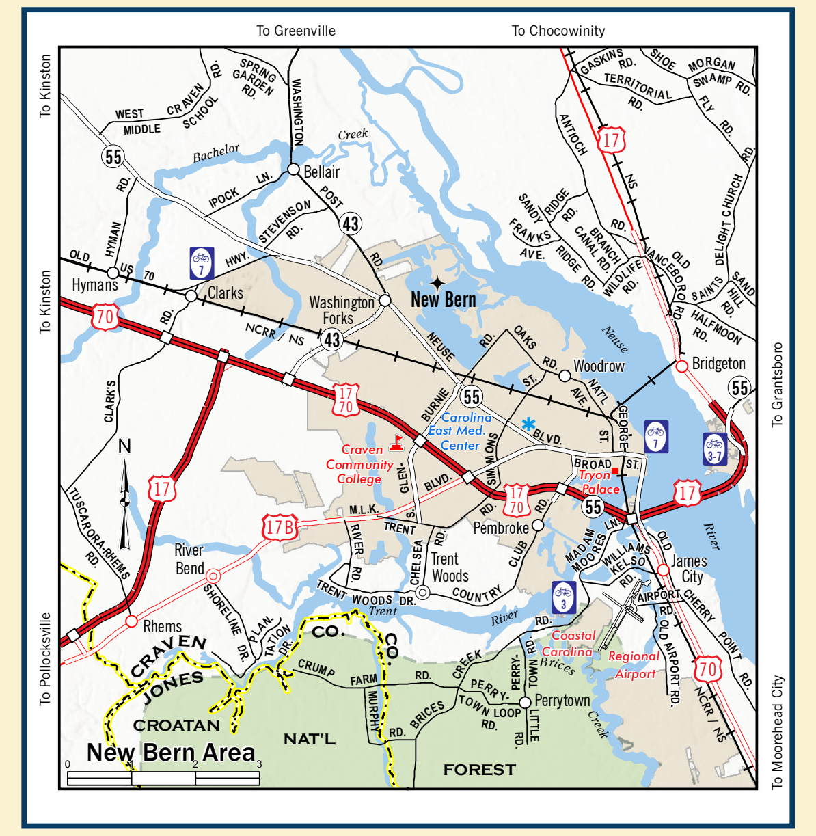
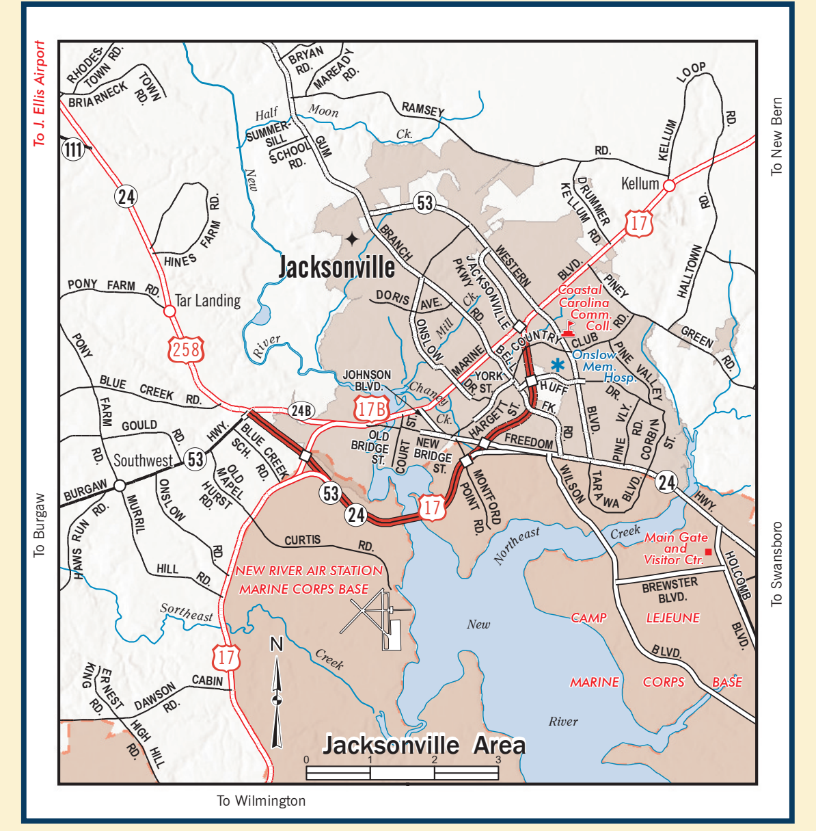


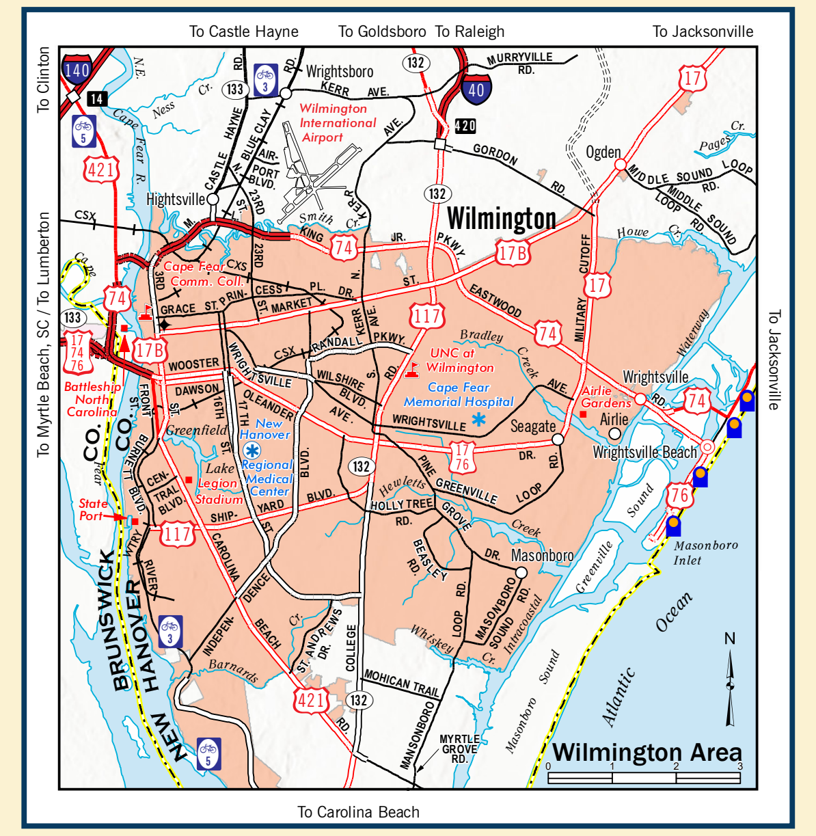
Photo courtesy of Aurora Fossil Museum

The Aurora Fossil Museum is a public education resource center with a focus on paleontology located in Aurora. Bring the kids to the fossil park if you're looking for an engaging activity to do together so they can find their very own Miocene-era fossils! To name a few, one might find the remains of extinct sharks, whales, bony fish, and coral in these sandy holes.









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The N.C. Department of Transportation oversees a robust system of highways, as well as aviation, rail, transit, ferries, and bike and pedestrian facilities that provide important connections to jobs, education, healthcare and recreation.

AVIATION: Aviation is an important part of the state's economy. North Carolina boasts 72 publicly-owned and operated airports and more than 330 privately-owned airports, heliports and other landing areas. More than 57 million passengers fly to and from North Carolina each year. Commercial and general aviation airports generate about $72 billion annually and provide more than 330,000 jobs.

FERRY: The North Carolina Ferry System was established in 1947 with a single route linking the North Carolina mainland with Roanoke Island on the Outer Banks. Today, it is the second largest state-run ferry system in the nation, with 22 boats serving seven year-round routes and a seasonal passenger ferry serving Hatteras and Ocracoke. The ferry system is an extension of the state's highway system and serves visitors and residents as they travel to work, school or unforgettable vacations along the coast.

For more information, call **1-800-BY-FERRY (293-3779)** or visit **ncferry.org**.

TRANSIT: Transit systems provide mobility for people without a vehicle and those who prefer to let someone else do the driving. At work in all 100 counties, public transportation provides access to employment, education, medical services, shopping and recreational activities.

NC BY TRAIN: NC By Train is a convenient and relaxing travel option with multiple daily train departures from Charlotte, Kannapolis, Salisbury, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Durham, Cary, Raleigh, Selma, Wilson, and Rocky Mount. Connections as far north as New York City are provided daily. NC By Train also serves Winston-Salem, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Kinston, Goldsboro, Greenville, New Bern, Havelock, and Morehead City with connecting bus service. For schedules and ticket information, visit **NCBYTRAIN.org** or call **1-800-BYTRAIN (1-800-298-7246)**.

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.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS: With nearly 81,000 miles of highway, North Carolina has one of the largest state-maintained highway systems in the nation. Along these miles are 61 designated scenic byways that give visitors and residents an alternative to the faster-paced highways and interstates.

The Scenic Byways Program provides travelers the opportunity to slow down and see the diverse beauty the Tar Heel State has to offer — from the peaks of the Appalachian Mountains to the fertile hills of the Piedmont, and the marshes and sounds in the Coastal Plain.

For more information about NCDOT and its programs, visit **ncdot.gov.**

WILDFLOWER PROGRAM AND POLLINATOR HABITATS: The N.C. Department of Transportation's Wildflower Program began in 1985 to help enhance our state's natural beauty. More than 1,500 acres of wildflower beds, including annuals, perennials and native wildflowers, enhance our roadsides. These wildflowers also serve as sources of nectar for pollinator species such as bees, hummingbirds, butterflies and moths, while providing habitats for these dwindling populations. The program is funded through sales of personalized license plates and donations.

DRONES: Drone use is increasingly popular. The Federal Aviation Administration has established several guidelines to help ensure a fun and safe experience when using your drone:

- Always fly below an altitude of 400 feet and fly within your direct line of sight;
- Do not fly within 5 miles of an airport, near stadiums or other public events, or near anyone who isn't with you;
- Do not fly a drone that weighs more than 55 pounds;
- Do not fly at night without proper training and lights; and
- Take lessons before flying.

You need to register your aircraft if it weighs between 0.55 lbs. (250 grams) and up to 55 lbs. (25 kg) by visiting **registermyuas.faa.gov**.

NC QUICK PASS: Toll facilities in North Carolina use all-electronic tolling, meaning no toll booths. Customers either receive a bill in the mail or have the toll deducted from their NC Quick Pass account.

Using an NC Quick Pass transponder saves drivers 35 percent on tolls in North Carolina. The NC Quick Pass transponder works in up to 19 states, including states where SunPass, Peach Pass and E-Z Pass are accepted.

For more information, visit **ncquickpass.com**.

REAL ID: The federal REAL ID Act requires states to issue identification that meets higher federal security standards. North Carolina's REAL ID meets these standards.

Beginning May 7, 2025, travelers will have to provide additional identification to board a commercial flight or visit federal facilities unless they have a REAL ID or U.S. Passport. The required identification may vary.

For more information on REAL ID, including the requirements, visit **ncrealid.gov**.

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome to North Carolina — a wonderful state unlike any other in our country.

We hope you experience and enjoy North Carolina's diverse people, welcoming communities and abundant natural beauty, whether you're a lifelong resident or just visiting.

More than 10.5 million people call North Carolina their home. With a prime location on the Atlantic seaboard, nearly half of the nation's population is within a day's drive.

To help you reach your destination — from the mountains to the coast — we maintain nearly 81,000 miles of highways and robust ferry, rail, aviation, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit networks that connect people, places and things.

Please put safety first. Buckle up, obey traffic laws, and avoid distracted driving. I hope this map proves useful on your journey no matter the destination. Before you depart, please view NCDOT.gov and VisitNC.com for additional travel information, including real-time traffic updates and information on your destinations.

We hope that you enjoy the journey through North Carolina and that you can stay awhile.

Roy Cooper

Roy Cooper, Governor

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