

THE SOUTH'S PRETTIEST SMALL TOWN

HISTORIC
Edenton
and
CHOWAN
COUNTY

ACTIVITY GUIDE

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History Lives Here.

So does charm. Outdoor activities. Arts and antiques, festivals and celebrations.

Dining, shopping, good conversation and gracious

hospitality. A rich heritage of living well, dating back more than 300 years.



History lives here... in Edenton and Chowan County.

We invite you to start at our Welcome Center, the 1782 Penelope Barker House. There, you'll receive a warm welcome and an introduction to the town's history and heritage—including the 1767 Courthouse and the 250-year-old Cupola House—as well as public and private homes, inns, churches, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, a Maritime Underground Railroad site... even an historic ballpark!

You may also want to take advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor fun, including kayaking, fishing and other water sports, hiking and golf.

We invite you to visit us here in northeast North Carolina. You may fall in love with our town and decide to stay, as folks have done since the 17th century.



So come sit by our waterfront and savor the day. Explore and enjoy.

Yes, history lives here in Edenton and Chowan County.

The Edenton Tea Party

was the earliest organized women's political action in American history. On October 25, 1774, fifty-one women in Edenton formed an alliance wholeheartedly supporting the American cause against "taxation without representation." Learn more about this important event at the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.



Harriet Jacobs

Edenton native, escaped slave, abolitionist and writer—hid here for seven years as a fugitive. Her memoir, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, was one of the first narratives about the struggle for freedom by a female slave.

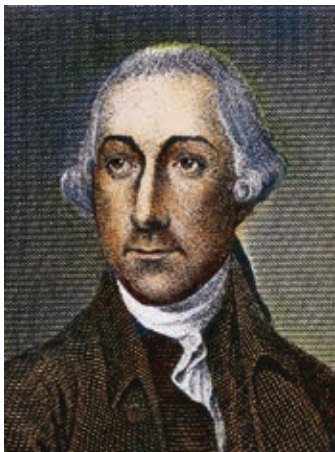


AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

'African-American Life in Edenton, 1700s to the Present'—a self-guided walking tour brochure—is available at the Historic Edenton State Historic Site. You may also request a guided Harriet Jacobs-themed tour there.

Joseph Hewes

The first colonial Secretary of the Navy, Hewes also signed the Declaration of Independence. Edenton's beautiful waterfront was Joseph Hewes' inspiration to create a colonial navy and break the British blockade of Boston.



Chowan County's 350th

Founded in 1668, Chowan County is one of the oldest in the state. Chowan will participate in the 350th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of North Carolina's Albemarle region in 2018. Chowan County was very important to the development of North Carolina's—and, indeed, the nation's—history. The promise of personal liberties and the establishment of a near-utopian society attracted settlers whose descendants would become Colonial leaders. Chowan's population during the frontier era included rebels and people of questionable character such as Blackbeard and Governor Charles Eden doing business together with Quakers and the largest free population of blacks and mulattos in the New World.

Sites to Visit...

2 1767 Chowan Courthouse

The most intact Colonial courthouse in America, the structure has been restored and is now open for guided tours and community events. Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was one of the commissioners appointed to raise money for its construction. Judges James Iredell and Samuel Johnston, prominent Revolutionary patriots, heard cases here. The Courthouse Green runs from the Courthouse to the Revolutionary War cannon fronting Edenton Bay, and is lined with historic private homes. Part of the Historic Edenton State Historic Site walking tour.

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

117 E King St • 252.482.2637

edenton.nchistoricsites.org



3 Chowan Arts Council Gallery

Gallery and shop with fine arts and crafts by regional artists, and changing exhibits.

504 S Broad St • 252.482.8005

chowanarts.com



4 Chowan County Courthouse

The office of the Register of Deeds holds genealogy records and a complete cemetery survey of more than 5,000

grave sites from the early 1700s to the present.

101 S Broad St • 252.482.2619 • chowancounty-nc.gov

5 Chowan County Jail

One of the oldest jail in North Carolina, opened in 1825, is newly open to visitors. The jail housed criminals and served as a debtors prison. At the time it closed in 1980, it was the oldest jail in continuous operation in the US. The jail, located behind the 1767 Chowan Courthouse and the Jailors House, can be visited by contacting the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.

behind 117 E King St • 252.482.7800 • ehcnc.org

6 Cupola House

Built in 1758 for Francis Corbin, an agent for Lord Granville, one of the eight Lords Proprietors of the Province (colony) of Carolina. Enjoy the Cupola House gardens, restored from plans dated 1769, open daily. The house may be seen as part of Historic Edenton State Historic Site walking tours, which leave multiple times a day.

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408 S Broad St • 252.482.2637

cupolahouse.org



Penelope Barker House
Welcome Center porch

7 Edenton Cotton Mill Village & Museum of History

Donated to Preservation North Carolina in 1995, this intact mill complex has been preserved and is now a thriving residential neighborhood. Stroll the streets of historic cottages and the boardwalk located behind the mill, and explore the Edenton Cotton Mill Museum of History, open Sat-Sun, 10AM-2PM.

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420 Elliott St • millvillagemuseum.org

Colonial Waterfront Park

8 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse

The lighthouse was originally located on screw-pilings in the Albemarle Sound marking the entrance to the Roanoke River near Plymouth. The lighthouse is believed to be the last extant example in the United States of a square frame building built for a screw-pile base. The lighthouse was in commission from 1887 until 1941. Open daily, 10AM-4PM.

9 Edenton Harbor

Offers protected dockage with nine transient boat slips, rest rooms with showers, a playground, picnic tables and grills, as well as kayak and paddleboard rentals and launch.

History Signage

Learn about Edenton's place in the history of the Maritime Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trail and the Civil War Battle of the Albemarle Sound.

S Broad St at W Water St

lighthouse information:
252.482.2637,
edentonlighthouse.org

harbor & park
information:
252.482.2832
252.337.4488



Edenton



Start here—

1 The Penelope Barker House Welcome Center

Waterfront historic house offering information and maps, trolley tours of historic sites, exhibits, restrooms and a book/gift shop. Known as 'Edenton's Living Room', a nice place to relax and enjoy views of Edenton Bay. Open daily 10AM-5PM

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505 S Broad St
252.482.7800
ehcnc.org

P PUBLIC PARKING



10 Edenton Farmers Market

Local produce, seafood and meats, personal care and craft items, often accompanied by live music. Sat mornings.
730 N Granville St • 252.209.4792
edentonfarmersmarket.org

11 Elizabeth Vann Moore Park

Waterfront park with picnic tables, fishing and kayak launch, Hugh Williamson monument.
210 E Water St • 252.482.7352
townofedenton.com

12 Historic Edenton State Historic Site

Guided walking tours of historic sites, film presentation, exhibits, information and maps and rest rooms. Handicap accessible; two wheelchairs available. Group tours available with advance notice. Tues–Sat, 9AM–5PM.
108 N Broad St • 252.482.2637
edenton.nchistoricsites.org

13 Historic Hicks Field

Hicks Field was built as a WPA project in 1939. Its wooden grandstand is the only one remaining in North Carolina. During the summer season, Hicks Field is home to the Edenton Steamers, a Coastal Plain League baseball team.
ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
500 Woodard St • 252.482.4080
edentonsteamers.com

14 Iredell House Homesite

1800/1827 home of James Iredell, Associate Justice on the first US Supreme Court, and NC Superior Court Judge and Attorney General during the American Revolution. Birthplace of James Iredell, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, 1827–1828. The house may be seen as part of Historic Edenton State Historic Site walking tours, which leave multiple times a day.
ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
107 E Church St • 252.482.2637
edenton.nchistoricsites.org

15 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The second-oldest surviving church building in North Carolina, 1736–1760. This still-active parish, organized under the first Vestry Act of 1701, holds the oldest charter in the state. Three colonial governors are buried in the historic churchyard cemetery.
ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
101 W Gale St • 252-482-2637
edenton.nchistoricsites.org

16 Shepard–Pruden Memorial Library

Public access computers, a courtyard garden, genealogy records and a North Carolina collection. Mon–Sat, times vary. Preschool story hour, Wed mornings, 11AM. Harry Rosenblatt Memorial Speakers Series, call for schedule and topics.
106 W Water St • 252.482.4112
pettigrewlibraries.libguides.com/PRL/SPML

17 Taylor Twin Theater

1925 movie theater offering first-run matinee and evening shows.
208 South Broad Street • 252.482.2676

18 Edenton–Chowan Chamber of Commerce

Offices of the Chamber, Economic Development & Tourism Development
101 W Water St • 252.482.0300

Emergency Information—

19 Chowan County Sheriff's Office

305 W Freemason St • 252.482.8484

20 Edenton Police Department

301 North Oakum St • 252-482-5144

21 Vidant Chowan Hospital

211 Virginia Rd • 252.482.8451

The Active Life

Albemarle Regional Paddle Trail System

Five designated canoe/kayak trails through scenic creeks and streams. 252.482.7437

John's Island Camping Platforms

Two single platforms and a cluster of three for groups, close to Edenton's waterfront and downtown. 252.482.8595

Eco-Tourism

For information on outdoor activities in Edenton and Chowan County, call 252.482.0300 or 800.775.0111 or visit visitedenton.com .



Chowan County

founded in 1668

1 American Legion Post 40 & Chowan County Fairgrounds
1317 W Queen St Ext • 252.482.4057
chowanfair.com

2 Bennett's Millpond
NC Birding Trail, canoeing and kayaking, primitive camping, boardwalk and pavilion.
2100 Rocky Hock Rd
252.482.8595

3 Cannon's Ferry Heritage River Walk & J. Robert Hendrix Park
A Civil War trail marker 'War on the Chowan River: Buffalo Country', picnicking, paddling and fisheries exhibit.
315 Cannon's Ferry Rd
252.482.8595

4 Dillard Creek Paddle Trail
4-mile course through tall trees.
408 Dillard's Mill Rd • 252.482.8595

5 Edenton Marina
Limited service marina facility with boat ramp.
621 W Queen St • 252.482.7421

6 Edenton National Fish Hatchery & Boardwalk Birding Trail
Aquarium, fishery exhibits and ponds, as well as an accessible boardwalk, which is a North Carolina Birding Trail.
1104 W Queen St • 252.482.4118

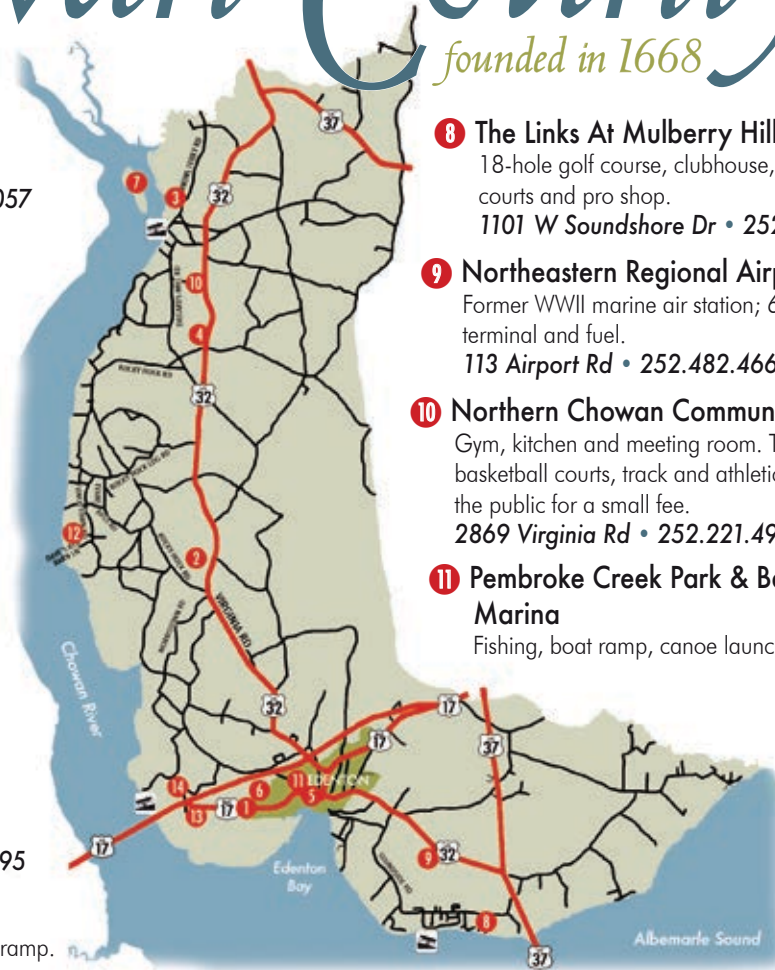
7 Holladay's Island Camping Platforms
Holladay's Island was found by explorers on a 1586 expedition of the Chowan River. Virtually unchanged for more than 400 years, it is now on the Albemarle Regional Canoe/Kayak Paddling Trail and has 5 camping platforms.
315 Cannon's Ferry Rd • 252.482.8595

8 The Links At Mulberry Hill
18-hole golf course, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts and pro shop.
1101 W Soundshore Dr • 252.482.3606

9 Northeastern Regional Airport
Former WWII marine air station; 6000' runway, terminal and fuel.
113 Airport Rd • 252.482.4664

10 Northern Chowan Community Center
Gym, kitchen and meeting room. Tennis and basketball courts, track and athletic field. Open to the public for a small fee.
2869 Virginia Rd • 252.221.4901

11 Pembroke Creek Park & Bayside Marina
Fishing, boat ramp, canoe launch, restaurant,




boat launch

fishing supplies and tournaments.
802 W Queen St • 252.482.5343

12 Rocky Hock Campground
Full RV hookups with water, sewer and electricity.
1008 David's Red Barn Lane • 252.221.4695

13 Wharf Landing Marina
Self-service marina with boat ramp and fuel.
Captains Cove Rd • 800.783.8289

14 Wildlife Access Area
600' fishing pier, double boat ramp and restrooms.
248 Wharf Landing Rd • 252.482.8595

Accommodations—

America's Best Value Inn • 501 Virginia Rd
252.482.2017

Captain's Quarters Inn • 202 W Queen St
252.482.8945 • captainsquartersinn.com

Coach House • 823 N Broad St • 252.482.2107

The Cotton Gin Inn • 110 Old Hertford Rd
252.368-4881 • thecottongininn.com

Granville Queen Inn • 108 S Granville St
252.482.5296, 866.482.8534 • granvillequeen.com

Hampton Inn • 115 Hampton Dr • 252.482.3500

Inner Banks Inn • 103 E Albemarle St • 252.482.3641,
757.580.8538 • innerbanksinn.com

Mulberry Hill Bed & Breakfast Inn • Soundside Rd
252.509.1450 • mulberryhillinn.com

Museum of the Albemarle
Elizabeth City



And within a short drive from Edenton...

Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center
South Mills • 252.771.8333

Dismal Swamp State Park & Natural Area
South Mills • 252.771.6593

Hope Plantation • Windsor • 252.794.3140

Livermon Park & Mini Zoo • Windsor • 252.794.5553

Merchants Millpond State Park
Canoe rentals, hiking and biking trails
Gatesville • 252.357.1191

Museum of the Albemarle • Elizabeth City
252.335.1453

Newbold-White House • Hertford • 252.426.7567

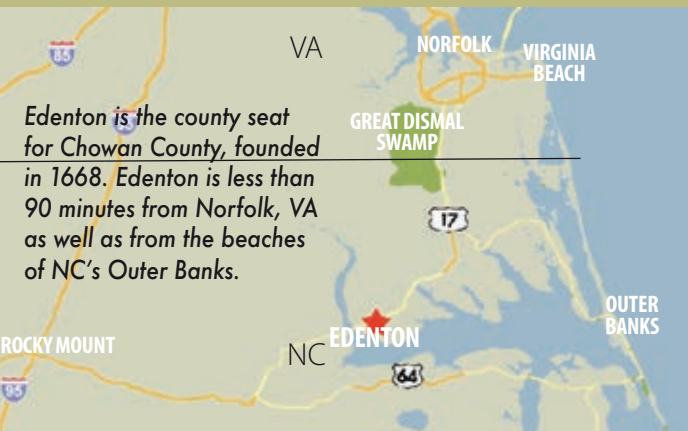
Pettigrew State Park • Creswell • 252.797.4475

Roanoke/Cashie River Center
Canoe Rentals • Windsor • 252.794.2001

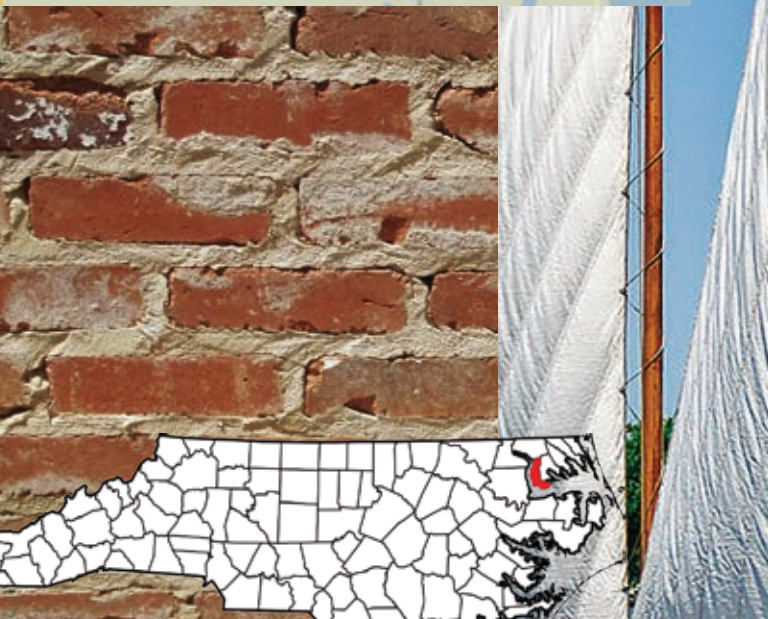
Scuppernong River Walk
Visitor Center • Columbia • 252.796.0723

Somerset Place • Creswell • 252.797.4560





Edenton is the county seat for Chowan County, founded in 1668. Edenton is less than 90 minutes from Norfolk, VA as well as from the beaches of NC's Outer Banks.



WWW.VISITEDENTON.COM
252.482.0300 • 800.775.0111

CHOWAN COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA