

Randolph County

2023 OFFICIAL TRAVEL GUIDE



*Celebrating the Year of the Trail
at the North Carolina Zoo - Asheboro, NC*

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Let's Celebrate!



Join us as we celebrate 2023 as the Year of the Trail, designated by the state of North Carolina. In the Heart of North Carolina, Randolph County, we have trail events, ribbon cuttings, and special recognitions planned for seven municipalities including the Deep River State Trail, the Uwharrie National Recreation Trail, and Caraway Creek Preserve. The North Carolina Zoo welcomes visitors to take a hike on one of their nature trails, inside or outside of the park, on June 3, 2023, National Trails Day.

No matter what your skill level or ability on trails, we invite you to find your outdoor adventure any season on one of our paved greenways or natural surface pathways. Get started by checking out the Randolph County Trail Guide with over 19 trails listed – PiedmontTrails.org/Trails-Near-Asheboro. For additional tips on how to maneuver our portion of the Deep River State Trail that will soon connect Randleman, Franklinville, and Ramseur, request our Deep River State Trail Guide. You are destined to find your favorite trailway in the Heart of North Carolina!

Remember to follow the Seven Principles of ©Leave No Trace: www.LNT.org – as seen in this brochure. With these principles we can all safely explore the outdoors and minimize the impact of our visits to the wildlife we enjoy.

Most importantly, get outdoors for your health, your well-being and fun with family and friends in a safe environment.

We are excited to celebrate 2023 as the Year of the Trail by showcasing the beautiful trails in the Heart of North Carolina!



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Biking and hiking on the Franklinville section of the Deep River State Trail

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North Carolina Zoo

Asheboro, NC

Asheboro is home to the world's largest natural habitat zoo, the **North Carolina Zoo**, which features wild animals and plants from North America and Africa with Asia coming soon! Recognized for its natural habitats and world conservation programs, the zoo continues to grow and evolve into a top leader internationally.



The **North Carolina Aviation Museum and Hall of Fame** and **American Classic Motorcycle Museum** entice all ages with a depiction of transportation history. Enjoy monthly entertainment at **Bicentennial Park** in the heart of downtown Asheboro during their summer concert series. See a show at the historic **Sunset Theatre** located in downtown Asheboro or head out to the historic **McCrory Ballpark** and catch a wooden bat baseball game with the **Asheboro ZooKeepers**.



Southern White Rhinos on the Watani Grasslands, North Carolina Zoo - Asheboro



Polar Bear Habitat, North Carolina Zoo - Asheboro



Sunset Theatre - Downtown Asheboro



- Take a hike on the **40-mile Uwharrie National Recreation Trail**, the longest natural surface trail in Piedmont, NC featuring beautiful forests, streams, large rock formations and well-maintained trails. Afterwards, visit nearby downtown Asheboro for local restaurants including a brewery, whiskey bar, and taphouse.

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Petty Family Attractions

Randleman, NC

Legendary NASCAR driver, Richard Petty proudly calls Randleman home and shares his family's legacy and history at **Petty Family Attractions** in nearby Level Cross. Do not miss the inviting shops featuring local artists, collectors, and craftsmen in Downtown Randleman. Summertime fun includes the annual **NC Food Truck State Championship** and monthly concerts at **Commerce Square Park**. Find outdoor adventures all year long with prime bass fishing along 100 miles of shoreline at **Randleman Lake** or enjoy a nature hike at Randleman's **Deep River State Trail** access point.



Richard Petty with his iconic Dodge Charger, Richard Petty Museum - Randleman



Deep River State Trail - Randleman



Randleman Lake - Randleman



- Be sure to take in the beautiful views of Deep River all along the **Randleman Deep River Nature Trail**. Walk across the bridge on the downstream section to see where the trail from Worthville will join the existing section of the **Deep River State Trail**.

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Seagrove Pottery

Seagrove, NC

Take a drive down NC Highway 705, also known as Pottery Highway to explore over eighty working potters within a 30-mile radius. Visit shops and galleries that offer year-round events including a **Potters' Pumpkin Patch**, **Tea with Seagrove Potters**, and **Pottery**

Festival Weekend - held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Many of the crafters come from generations of potters in the area making various pieces using clay from the state. Not only is there pottery, but the area is also home to **Seagrove Orchids** and **Carolina Bronze Sculpture and Gardens**. Explore the small local shops selling homemade goods from artists across our great state, including **B3 Artisan Wares and Studio** and **Fiber & Fire Gallery**. Be sure to grab a drink or a snack at **The General Wine & Brew** or **Asheboro Popcorn Co.**



A collection of pottery teapots, serving pieces, & cups - Seagrove



Dean & Martin Pottery - Seagrove



The General Wine & Brew - Seagrove

Kersey Valley Attractions

Archdale, NC

Year-round thrills await at **Kersey Valley Attractions** with their **Ziplining**, **Bomb Bowling**, **Axe Throwing**, **Laser Tag**, and **Escape Rooms**. Enjoy seasonal offerings on this 83-acre adventure park with award-winning haunts at **Spookywoods**, **Maize Adventure**, and **Lights, Action, Santa!** - **Kersey Valley Christmas**.



Family fun in Archdale is at **Creekside Park & Greenway** with access to three miles of walking trails, state-of-the-art playgrounds, dog park, tennis courts, an orienteering course, and an 18-hole disc golf course. Seasonal events you will not want to miss include outdoor concerts and movies on the lawn.

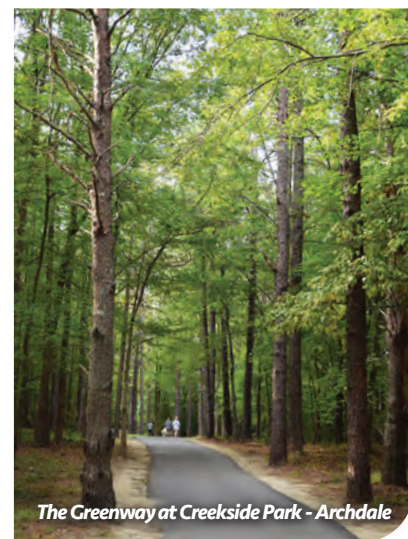
Golfers can check out **Holly Ridge Golf Links** for a challenging course with manicured fairways or take it indoors to **The Bunker**, an indoor simulated golf and sports experience while enjoying Holly Ridge's renovated bar & grill.



Riders Enjoy the Kersey Valley Express at Kersey Valley Attractions - Archdale



The Bunker at Holly Ridge Golf Links - Archdale



The Greenway at Creekside Park - Archdale

- One of the cool sections of the trail at **Clay Presnell Memorial Park** follows the **Potters Grove Disc Golf Course** into and through the woods. After your walk, visit and shop area potteries or visit the **North Carolina Pottery Center** and discover the beauty and the stories behind North Carolina's world-class clay culture.

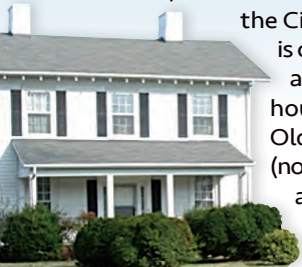
- Don't miss **Creekside Park**, a 110-acre park featuring three miles of trails along wooded paths and a beautiful creek. If you visit on a Saturday, be sure to join **Creekside parkrun**, part of an international organization that holds a free 5K run/walk event at a local park every Saturday at 9 am throughout the world.



Linbrook Heritage Estate

Trinity, NC

Trinity is home to one of the largest privately-owned destinations in the Southeast, **Linbrook Heritage Estate**. Follow along the Neal family history by beginning at the original homestead **The Historic Hoover House**. Next, **The Neal Agricultural and Industrial Museum** features an ample collection of John Deere® Tractors on display while guided tours are offered of **Linbrook Hall**, the Estate's 36,000 sq ft home. The **Trinity Museum/Winslow House**, ca. 1855, is located in the center of the City of Trinity. It is one of about ten antebellum era houses left in the Old Trinity College (now Duke University) area of Highway 62 in Trinity.



John Deere® Tractors at The Neal Agricultural and Industrial Museum - Trinity



Millstone Creek Orchards

Ramseur, NC

Create memories and form traditions at Ramsey's **Millstone Creek Orchards**, a family-owned u-pick farm experience providing seasonal tours, children's garden, and the Apple Barn Country Store selling fresh local produce and jarred items. Enjoy unique shopping experiences and charming small town street festivals in Downtown Ramsey, frequently used for photography and feature films. Discover the remains of a dam and a historic cotton mill built in 1850 at nearby **Deep River State Trail** access points.



An Apple Pressing Demonstration at Millstone Creek Orchards - Ramsey

Deep River State Trail

Franklinville, NC

Combining history with recreation in Franklinville, the **Deep River State Trail** access points have riverside views perfect for seasonal walking, biking, and jogging. History buffs find **Faith Rock** of interest where in 1782, American Patriot Andrew Hunter escaped by mounting Tory Army leader Fanning's horse to ride down the steep 75-foot rock into the river, taking the ultimate "leap of faith".



Deep River State Trail - Franklinville



The Liberty Showcase Theater

Liberty & Staley, NC

Liberty is buzzing with musical talent from bluegrass superstars and business owners, Dewey and Leslie Brown, of **The Liberty Showcase Theater**. This historic theater is a premier venue for rising stars and established national talent performances all year long. Held twice a year, the **Liberty Antiques Festival** brings over 400 vendors to a 100-acre farm to sell antiques and collectibles to visitors from across the country. Staley's rural land is where the oldest homestead in Randolph County is located. **The Thomas Marley House**, built in 1816, is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.



A Live Performance by Pam Tillis at The Liberty Showcase Theater - Liberty



2023 YEAR OF THE TRAIL EVENTS IN RANDOLPH COUNTY!

Join our trail lovers in each city and town throughout Randolph County. Celebrate special outdoor amenities with ribbon cutting events and activities.

Early Spring - March/April

- Healthy Communities invites you to join their Sunday Hike Adventures on **March 12** - Spring into Action - Hike from Mundo Vista at Camp Caraway to Slip Rock Mountain and **April 16** - Celebrate Trails - Hike to the top of Mount Shepherd, the highest elevation in Randolph County.
- The City of Archdale will host a ribbon cutting event at the Creekside Greenway - Outer Loop.
- The City of Randleman will hold a ribbon cutting at the Worthville Blueway.
- The Town of Seagrove will host a trek through town along their downtown sidewalks.

Late Spring - May/June

- Healthy Communities hosts their Sunday Hike Adventures on **May 21** - Explore NC - Hike to Russell Gold Mine in the Uwharrie National Forest.
- Join the team from Piedmont Land Conservancy as they hold a ribbon cutting at Caraway Creek Preserve.
- The City of Asheboro will host trail lovers to explore the newly opened Zoo City Sportsplex facility.
- The North Carolina Zoo celebrates National Trail Day on **June 3** with a ribbon cutting of the Purgatory Mountain Spring Trail.

Summer - July/August

- Healthy Communities continues Sunday Hike Adventures on **July 16** - Celebrate NC Parks - Hike the newly opened trails at Piedmont Land Conservancy's Caraway Creek Preserve with a view of Mount Shepherd and Caraway Mountain and **August 13** - Wellness and Trails - Hike to Cooper Mountain Cemetery from Robbins Branch Trailhead in the Birkhead Wilderness of the Uwharrie National Forest.
- The Town of Ramseur will host a ribbon cutting for a trail extension and trailhead.
- The Town of Liberty will showcase improvements at Freedom Park to celebrate their trails.
- The City of Randleman will hold a ribbon cutting event at Phase III of their Greenway.

Fall - September/October

- Healthy Communities invites you to join their Fall Sunday Hike Adventures on **September 10** - Achieve a Trail Goal - Hike to Cooler's Knob, the highest point in the Birkhead Wilderness, and Colonel Balfour Grave Site from Tot Hill Farm Trail head. Also the entire month of October is filled with Mayor's Fitness Challenge events from all municipalities across Randolph County - Wellness Walks on Saturdays and Hikes on Sundays.
- The Town of Franklinville will host a ribbon cutting event from the center of Franklinville to Sapona.
- Enjoy a Uwharrie Trail Thru Hike with beginner and advanced hikers - learn about our natural beauty and history of the Uwharrie National Forest.

Late Fall - November/December

- Mayor's Fitness Challenge events continue into November with walks on **November 4 & 11** and a hike on **November 5**.
- The Town of Franklinville will host a ribbon cutting at Sandy Creek Bridge.
- There are no planned hikes in the month of December. We encourage you to create your own adventure on one of our many trails.

* All Healthy Communities Hikes begin at 2 pm at the site. Some dates and sites may be subject to change pending any weather or scheduling issues. Please check with Mary Joan Pugh, Randolph County Trails Coordinator - maryjoan.pugh@randolphcountync.gov

How to Protect Randolph County's Outdoor Spaces:

Leave No Trace is a national educational program to inform visitors about reducing the damage caused by outdoor activities, particularly non-motorized recreation. We can act on behalf of the places and wildlife that inspire us by adopting the skills and ethics that enable us to Leave No Trace.

Leave No Trace Seven Principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Stick to trails and overnight right
- Trash your trash
- Leave it as you find it
- Be careful with fire
- Keep wildlife wild
- Share our trails

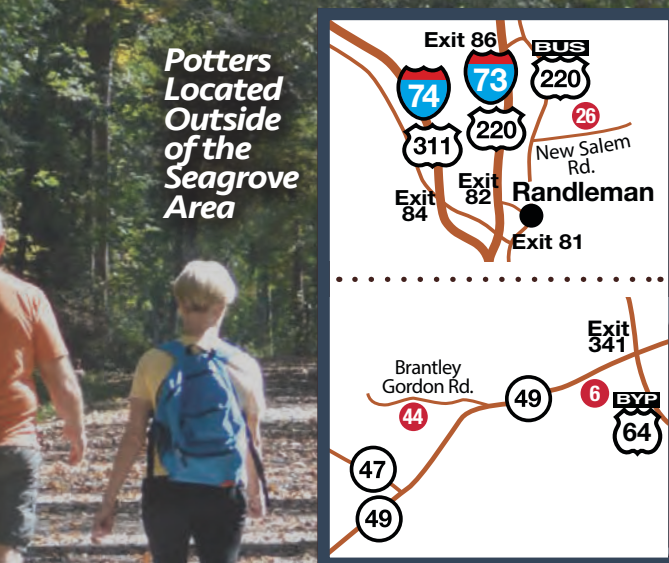
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Randolph County

Downtown Asheboro



Downtown Seagrove



NCPC = North Carolina Pottery Center



Seagrove Area Potteries



11 = Dining Establishment
12 = Wine & Brew Bar

Things To Do

Arts & Entertainment

- 1 Cinemark Asheboro - Asheboro Mall (2C)
- 2 RhinoLeap Productions (2F)
- 3 Sunset Theatre (2F)
- 4 The Liberty Showcase Theater (4C)
- 5 The Sara Smith Self Gallery - Randolph Arts Guild (2F)

Breweries & Wineries

- 6 Four Saints Brewing Company (2F)
- 7 Native Son Vineyard and Farm (4D)

Golf

- 8 Asheboro Country Club (5C)
- 9 Asheboro Municipal Golf Course (3F)
- 10 Holly Ridge Golf Links (4C)
- 11 Tot Hill Farm Golf Club (6C)

History & Heritage

- Research:
- 12 Ramsour Community Museum (5F)
 - 13 The Randolph Room at the Randolph County Public Library (2F)

Museums & Attractions

- 14 American Classic Motorcycle Museum (3E)
- 15 Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden & Foundry (8D)
- 16 Linbrook Heritage Estate: Historic Hoover House (4B)
- 17 Linbrook Hall (4B)
- 18 Neal Agricultural & Industrial Museum (4B)
- 19 NC Aviation Museum & Hall of Fame (6C)
- 20 NC Pottery Center (7D)
- 21 North Carolina Zoo (6D)
- 22 Petty Family Attractions: Petty's Garage (3D)
- 23 The Petty Museum (3D)
- 24 Toomes-Petty House (3D)
- 25 Seagrove, Handmade Pottery Capital of the U.S. (7E)
- 26 Victory Junction (3D)

Outdoor Fun

- Kersey Valley Attractions:
- 27 Asheboro Mini Golf (3F)
 - 28 Axe Throwing (3B)
 - 29 Bomb Bowling (3C)
 - 30 Escape Room (3C)
 - 31 Laser Tag (3C)
 - 32 Zipline (3C)
 - 33 Millstone Creek Orchards (5G)
 - 34 Richland Creek Zipline Canopy Tour (6E)
 - 35 Routh Horse Ranch (4E)
 - 36 Seagrove Orchids (8E)
 - 37 Toms Creek Farm & Nursery (6B)
 - 38 Triad Gellyball Wars at Spooky Bottom (7E)

Parks & Recreation - Area Parks

- 39 Allen H. Leonard Memorial Park (5F)
- 40 Asheboro Skate Park (2F)
- 41 Bicentennial Park (2F)
- 42 Clay Presnell Memorial Park & Potters Grove Disc Golf Course (7D)
- 43 Commerce Square Park (4D)
- 44 Creekside Park, Greenway & Disc Golf Course (3C)
- 45 Deep River State Trail: Franklinville Entrances (5E)
- 46 Ramsour Entrances (5E)
- 47 Randleman Entrance (4D)
- 48 Freedom Park (3F)
- 49 Kermit G. Pell/Ramsour Lake Recreational Facility (5E)
- 50 Lake Lucas (5C)
- 51 North Asheboro Park & Disc Golf Course (5D)
- 52 Pisgah Covered Bridge (8C)
- 53 Randleman Lake & Marina (3D)
- 54 Uwharrie National Forest/Birkhead Wilderness Area: Birkhead Track Trailhead (7C)
- 55 Robbins Branch Trailhead (7B)
- 56 Thornburg Trailhead (6B)
- 57 Tot Hill Farm Trailhead (7C)
- 58 Walkers Creek Trailhead (8B)

Parks & Recreation - Indoor

- 59 Family Sports Center (2G)

Sports & Racing

- 60 Asheboro Zookeepers Baseball (1E)
- 61 Caraway Speedway (4C)
- 62 Liberty Raceway Park (4F)
- 63 The Bunker at Holly Ridge Golf links (4C)

Accommodations - Hotels

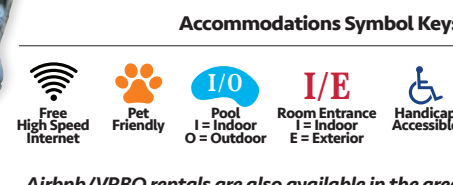
- Archdale:
- 64 Comfort Inn & Suites - Archdale, 336-861-2233 (3B)
 - 65 Days Inn - Archdale, 336-804-8250 (3B)
 - 66 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Archdale, 336-434-0055 (3B)
 - 67 Hampton Inn - Archdale, 336-434-5200 (3B)
 - 68 Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Archdale, 336-861-3310 (3B)
 - 69 Quality Inn - Archdale, 336-434-4797 (3B)
- Asheboro:
- 70 Comfort Inn & Suites - Asheboro, 336-636-5222 (2C)
 - 71 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Asheboro, 336-626-9197 (2C)
 - 72 Hampton Inn - Asheboro, 336-626-9000 (2C)
 - 73 Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Asheboro, 336-683-2850 (2C)
 - 74 Quality Inn - Asheboro, 336-626-3680 (2C)
 - 75 SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western - Asheboro, 336-626-3680 (2C)

Accommodations - Bed & Breakfast Inns

- 76 Maw and Paps Tiny Cabin - Denton, 860-367-4426 (6A)
- 77 Seagrove Stoneware Inn - Seagrove, 336-707-9124 (8D)
- 78 The Duck Smith House Bed & Breakfast - Seagrove, 336-872-4121 (7D)

Accommodations - Campgrounds & Cabins

- 79 Deep River Campground & RV Park - Asheboro, 336-629-4069 (5E)
- 80 Getaway Asheboro - Asheboro, 617-914-0021 (6D)
- 81 Holly Bluff Family Campground - Asheboro, 336-857-2761 (6B)
- 82 Yogi Bear's Jellystone™ Campground - Asheboro, 336-964-0813 (6D)
- 83 Zoiland Family Campground - Asheboro, 336-381-3422 (7D)



Airbnb/VRBO rentals are also available in the area

EV Charging Locations =

Seagrove Pottery



Seagrove Area Potteries

- 1 A. R. Britt Pottery (9D)
- 2 Ben Owen Pottery (11G)
- 3 Blue Hen Pottery (11B)
- 4 BlueStone Pottery (9F)
- 5 Bulldog Pottery (11E)
- 6 Busy Bee Pottery (10C)
- 7 Callicutt Pottery (9E)
- 8 Carolina Crockery (11F)
- 9 Chrisco Pottery (11F)
- 10 Crystal King Pottery (10F)
- 11 Dean & Martin Pottery (10G)
- 12 DirtWorks Pottery (10E)
- 13 Donna's Pottery Haven (10G)
- 14 Eck McCannless Pottery (10E)
- 15 From the Ground Up (11G)
- 16 Hickory Hill Pottery (11G)
- 17 Johnston & Gentithes Pottery and Sculpture (10E)
- 18 Jugtown Pottery (10G)
- 19 Keith Martindale Pottery (11G)
- 20 Kovack Pottery (10E)
- 21 Latham's Pottery (9D)
- 22 Luck's Ware (11E)
- 23 McKay Pottery (10G)
- 24 McNeill's Pottery (11E)
- 25 Michele Hastings & Jeff Brown Pottery (10E)
- 26 New Salem Pottery (9C) (Located in Randleman)
- 27 Old Gap Pottery (10E)
- 28 O'Quinn Pottery (11G)
- 29 Original Owens Pottery (11G)
- 30 Phil Morgan Pottery (10E)
- 31 Pottery by Frank Neef (11C)
- 32 Potts Pottery (10E)
- 33 Ray Pottery (11C)
- 34 Red Hare Pottery (10F)
- 35 Seagrove Art Pottery (11D)
- 36 Seagrove Stoneware Pottery (11C)
- 37 The Triangle Studio (10E)
- 38 Thomas Pottery (11F)
- 39 Tom Gray Pottery (10F)
- 40 Turn & Burn Pottery (11C)
- 41 Uwharrie Crystalline (11C)
- 42 Whynot Pottery & Acacia Art Tile (10E)
- 43 Williams Pottery (12G)
- 44 Windsong Pottery (10C) (Located near Denton)
- 45 Wyndham & Brooke Haven Pottery (11C)

Galleries

- 1 Pottery Road Studio and Gallery (11G)
- 2 Seagrove Creations (10D)
- 3 Seagrove Pottery (11C)
- 4 Village Pottery Marketplace of Seagrove (11C)

Please Note: Hours & operation of pottery shops are subject to change, please go online to HeartofNorthCarolina.com or scan our QR Code above for details.

