



About the Area Welcome to the gently rolling hills, river valleys, forests and ridges of Randolph County, the geographic “heart” of North Carolina! Randolph has been at the crossroads of history since the 17th century, when explorers first arrived along the Great Indian Trading Path. Every variety of religion, creed, and color could be found in the county from its creation in 1779, with combinations that often proved volatile. From the Uwharrie Mountains in the west to the Deep River Valley on the east, Randolph has been home to powerful opposing forces. It is a county where potters are more common than doctors, and home to five of North Carolina’s first textile mills, yet it remains one of the state’s leading agricultural producers. Its residents refused to secede from the Union but sent six companies into Confederate service. Although settled by pacifist Quakers, bitter guerrilla warfare pitted neighbor against neighbor in both the American Revolution and the Civil War. A dry county that permitted no sales of alcoholic beverages, it fostered the racing spirit of NASCAR by running moonshine along its back roads. Randolph is home to North Carolina’s 39th Governor, Jonathan Worth; Naomi Wise, immortalized in the traditional American ballad performed by Doc Watson; NASCAR icon, Richard “The King” Petty; World Professional Bull Riding Champion, Jerome Davis; Rufus “The Beanshooter” Hussey, whose notoriety took him to a famed appearance with Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show in 1986; New York Times Best Selling Author, Jerry Bledsoe; 2013 National Senior Games gold medal winner, John Q. Pugh, Jr.; Guy Troy, modern pentathlon gold medal winner, 1951 Pan-American Games; World Skeet Shoot Champion, Craig Kirkman; and birthplace of professional baseball player, Joe Frazier. Today it is best known as home to the North Carolina Zoo, the nation’s largest natural habitat zoo, celebrating 40 wild years in 2014. Randolph is a county with a history, politics, and people of vision and depth where locals welcome visitors with a generous spirit and North Carolina’s trademark southern hospitality!

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Museums & Attractions



Find what’s in your heart by exploring an assortment of museums and attractions unequal to any other area of North Carolina!

From the North Carolina Zoo to the largest private collection of Harley-Davidson® motorcycles in the country at American Classic Motorcycle Museum; a plane flown by Orville Wright at the NC Aviation Museum & Hall of Fame; Seagrove, the handmade pottery capital of the U.S.; Linbrook Heritage Estate, home of Linbrook Hall, one of the largest privately owned homes in the Southeast; and Petty Enterprises Historic Site, birthplace of 10 NASCAR championships!



Festivals & Events

Celebrate with us at *Christmas on Sunset*, in downtown Asheboro, the *Bush Hill Heritage Festival* in Archdale, and the *Seagrove Pottery Festival* - all chosen as a *Top 20 Event*

in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society; and *Liberty Antiques Festival*, voted the *Best Antiques Show in the Mid-Atlantic Region*.



Outdoor Fun

Leave the stress of the city behind and discover one of North Carolina’s two remaining historic covered bridges, the Pisgah Covered Bridge. Experience the thrill of a lifetime on Richland Creek Zipline & Canopy Tour, voted a *Top 100 Expo Adventure*; and Kersey Valley, North Carolina’s only aviation themed

zip line. Hike America’s oldest mountain range, the Uwharries. Fish along 100 miles of beautiful shoreline on Randleman Lake; or have “Dinner at the Dairy” at Goat Lady, first place winner of the 2012 American Cheese Society Awards for the “Best Smoked Goat Cheese” in North America!



Arts & Entertainment

If you love live entertainment catch a summer concert at Bicentennial Park or Ramseur Lake; or catch a concert or play at the newly renovated Sunset Theatre in downtown Asheboro, home to an array of intimate galleries featuring exhibits of arts and crafts created by local and regional artisans.



Golf

Play some of the area’s most beautiful golf courses including 7th Hardest Course in America, Tot Hill; Holly Ridge, one of the Piedmont Triad’s finest 18 hole public courses; and Asheboro Municipal, a public course designed by the famed Donald

Ross in 1935 – all located within an hour’s drive from Pinehurst, home of some of America’s finest golf courses.



Sports & Racing

Our area is home to semi-professional sports, and various recreational tournaments including the Bank of the Carolina’s JV Holiday Classic, now the largest JV basketball tournament in the U.S., the John Blewett III Memorial North-South Shootout at Caraway Speedway, and the 2014 American Legion Baseball Southeast Regional Tournament.



Vineyards & Wineries

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