



Scotland County

The Soul of the Carolinas

Welcome to Scotland County. While we may be the smallest of all the counties in North Carolina, we offer some of the most unique and diverse tourism opportunities in the state.

Where else can get up in the morning and watch the Golden Knights Parachute team practice their precision jumping. After that, you can head over to Cypress Bend Vineyards and sample one of the many wines available from the award-winning winery. Then it's off to the St. Andrews University Equestrian Center to watch their team practice their jumping.

All within a short drive of each other. All within Scotland County - an area we call, "The Soul of the Carolinas."

The United States is certainly a melting pot. And nowhere is that more reflected than in Scotland County. Originally inhabited by the Lumbee Indians, waves of settlers have augmented this foundation including Scots Highlanders, African slaves and their descendents, antebellum farmers, and veterans of the War Between the States.



Together, these cultures in Scotland County provide a rich mixture of heritage, food, traditions, and experiences.



The county is a cultural sampler that represents the true flavor of the rural South, its hospitality and its hope.

That hope today resides in our residents. Residents that proudly carry their past with them and work together to make our community a place where businesses "Target Laurinburg/Scotland County."

The foundation of our community includes a university that provides an education to its students and educational and cultural opportunities to our residents; a hospital that has been acclaimed for not only its patient care, but for its concern for the community as well; a corporate community that fosters business and entrepreneurial opportunities; local

government entities that have led the area to be a pioneer in providing community programs from electrical services to broadband offerings; and a charitable community spirit of our residents that is nationally recognized for its efforts and accomplishments.

We are pleased that in some way you are part of our community - either as a resident, student, business partner, visitor, or just passing through. Get out. Explore. Visit our people and unique places and sites. And see how life happens in Scotland County.



Scotland County Festivals

Nowhere are these cultures more prevalent, than in our festivals. Many of which take advantage of our beautiful fall weather.

Our “Festival Season” kicks off with Kuumba.

Held the last weekend of September, Kuumba means “creativity” and the festival lives up to that billing. A celebration of African history and culture now in its third decade, Kuumba feature dancing and drumming, storytelling and socializing, as well as a musical menu that runs from gospel to jazz.

www.kumbafestnc.com



Complementing Kuumba is the Scotland County Highland Games. The games were moved here in 2009 from a nearby community, but they seem like they have been part of Scotland County for centuries.

Held the first weekend of October at the John Blue Complex in Laurinburg, the games draw thousands of people, Scots and others alike, and have quickly become one of the primary games of the Southeast United States.

From music to memorabilia to the varied menu, the games offer an immersion into Scottish life. And what would the games be without the sites and sound of pipes and drums and the pageantry of Scottish clans.

Of course, the highlight of the games is the athletic program. Competition is held across an array of events including the Tossing of the Caber - a 175-pound piece of lumber that resembles a telephone pole.

The games are a family event, which even provides the little ones a chance to claim bragging rights. www.schgnc.org



The festivals continue with the John Blue Cotton Festival. A Scotland County tradition, the festival is a celebration of the life of John Blue, Sr. a farmer and inventor who lived in Scotland County in the 1800's. The festival is held on the grounds he called home.

A magnificent example of Steamboat Gothic architecture, the original John Blue House provides a glimpse into an important part of Scotland County's past – the culture of the rural Carolinas. John Blue, Sr. built the house entirely of heart of pine lumber from trees on the grounds.

While it beckons from a distance, the home also revels in close-up. Featuring no fewer than 12 exterior doors, each with its own stained glass light above, this stately queen also sports nine fireplaces and rare double circular porches.

The grounds also feature homesteads from antebellum times, a miniature railroad, a cotton gin, and one of only four original tobacco barns still standing in North Carolina. The grounds host many of our festivals and the house and grounds have visiting hours when they are open for tour. www.johnbluehouse.com



The festival season concludes with the Storytelling Festival. Held the third weekend of October, the Storytelling Festival brings internationally renowned tellers and thousands of audience members from all over the country.



Often misunderstood as the type of storytelling you associate with a classroom, this festival is more *Garrison Keillor*. Held on close, intimate stages, the storytellers weave tales from their past and imagination that captivate and entertain the audience.

The festival is sponsored by the Storytelling and Arts Center located in downtown Laurinburg. The center hosts a litany of programs throughout the year to promote arts and entertainment in Scotland County. www.storyartscenter.org

While the storytelling festival is uniquely Scotland County, the area shares a passion with the rest of the South – Motor Sports.

Those interested in motoring around can take advantage of the Outback Motorsports Complex located on the outskirts of Laurinburg.

The 700-acre facility offers freshly cut trails, some are spacious, some are tight. There is also a mud pit that is 200 foot-long and 30 feet wide. The facility is family-oriented and caters to the rider that enjoys a leisurely crawl over the river and through the woods (or, if you prefer... through the river). They also host events and competition throughout the year. www.outbackmotorsportscomplex.com

Beyond our events, our heritage is also on display at a number of museums located in and around Laurinburg.



Across the street from the John Blue House stands the Scotland County Museum. A more apt name may be The Museum of the Rural South.

The museum showcases the unique history of farming and industry in the region with displays of agricultural and textile machinery and early farm implements. There are antique cars and a fire engine from yesteryear, local art, model trains, and numerous artifacts from the Civil War. You can even view a rocking chair used by the XXL-sized President, William Howard Taft.

A center-piece of the museum is a full-sized retired train engine donated to the museum by the Gulf & Ohio Railways. The train and the museum are open for tours and provides an excellent excursion into the county's past.

While the Highland Games consume the community for a weekend each fall, the Scottish Heritage Center provides a constant destination for those looking into their Scottish past.

The Scottish Heritage Center was established to highlight and preserve the Scottish heritage and traditions of the region and beyond. Located on the St. Andrews campus, the Center houses a notable collection of old and rare books dealing with Scottish and Scottish-American history and culture as well as current scholarly titles and periodicals. The Center is also a primary source for genealogy searches.



Scotland County and the Great Outdoors

While we certainly celebrate our heritage in the Carolinas, Scotland County is blessed with another feature of the Carolinas...the beautiful outdoors.

As mentioned earlier, Scotland County is the home of the U.S. Army's Golden Knight Parachute Jumping team. With Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base located just north of the county, the military has been taking advantage of our landscape and airspace to train their finest. Jumping is held in the morning on most weekdays. It is truly an amazing site to see these disciplined daredevils hone their skills.

If jumping is what you enjoy, then the St. Andrews University Equestrian Center is also the place for you.



Few people equate Scotland County with horses. Even less associate us with show or competition horses. But with the St. Andrews University Equestrian Center located in Laurinburg, folks in the area have the opportunity to observe one of the premier equestrian programs in the county.



In addition to the academic opportunities provided to the college's students, the Center is also home to one of the most successful competitive riding programs in the country. A six-time intercollegiate national champion, the program fields teams in a cross-section of disciplines including: jumping, riding and dressage.

The 300-acre Equestrian Center features four barns with 112 stalls, one outdoor and two indoor arenas, outdoor show and teaching areas, hunter trial courses, and permanent jumps. Numerous events and competitions are held each year. And the Equestrian Center is open to visitors who want to view the grounds.

If you would rather take part than watch, then Scotland County has an endless array of outdoor activities that take you throughout the county.

The Scotland County bicycle route system consists of three numbered, signed routes and several unsigned connectors. This 147-mile route system uses lightly traveled, paved roads favored by local bicyclists to link towns and points of interest as well as for peaceful rides through the countryside. The relatively flat terrain of Scotland County is ideal for cyclists of all abilities with only scattered small hills to add interest.

Whether you wish to take a short ride, an all-day trip, or a longer overnight tour, all the information you need to plan your ride is in a new, easy to use map available from Parks and Recreation or the Tourism Department.

If you would rather be on the water, then a trip down the Lumber River may be just for you. The Lumber River, which meanders along the border between Scotland, Hoke, Robeson and Columbus counties before heading further south for its rendezvous with the little Pee Dee, has been voted one of North Carolina's Ten Natural Wonders. The river is also the only black water river designated National Wild and Scenic River in the country.



Today, the river and its adjoining banks are part of the Lumber River State Park, which is comprised of 9,138 acres of land and 115 miles of waterway, and is protected as a wild and scenic river.



In addition to boating, fishing, hiking, camping and wildlife watching, the Lumber River is also home to numerous river festivals and formal outings. In Scotland County, your best bet to enjoy the river is to visit the Chalk Banks Access area near Wagram. In addition to scenic viewing, this recreation area is ideal for picnicking and hiking.

And what would the Carolinas outdoors be without golf. Like our more famous neighbor to the North – Pinehurst, Scotland County offers the very best in Carolina golf: great weather, challenging courses designed by renown architects and, unlike some other places, an affordable outing. Highlighting our offerings is a pure public course and a pair of semi-private courses that are open to our golf visitors.

Cypress Creek Golf Links is a public course that offers a challenging par-72 round of golf. The Tom Jackson layout totals 6,570 yards from the long tees. It promises and delivers a fine experience for a comparative value.

Deercroft Golf and Country Club is designed by Gardner Gilley. The course features 6,566 yards from the long tees, with a par of 72. Deercroft has also been ranked in GOLFWEEK's Top 50 Courses and has hosted the PGA Tour Q-School. www.deercroft.com

On the south side of Scotland County you will find Scotch Meadows. Designed by Donald Ross. Played from the long tees, Scotch Meadows measures 6,603 yards for a par of 72. As you would expect in these parts, the fairways are lined with tall pine trees, and the greens, which are in impeccable condition provide the challenge you would want from Carolina golf. www.scotchmeadowscountryclub.com



In addition to informal activities like biking, golf and kayaking, the Scotland County Parks and Recreation offer an assortment of leagues as well as weekends full of travel tournaments for youth and adults.

No visit to the outdoors of Scotland County would be complete without a stop at Cypress Bend Vineyards.

Begin with a farm that has been in the family since 1807. Add two proprietors, Dan and Tina Smith, who are totally dedicated to the art of crafting quality table wines. Toss in fabulous one-of-a-kind events, and you have Cypress Bend Vineyards. In only a few short years, Cypress Bend has won over 110 medals and quickly cast its presence at the top of the vineyards of North Carolina.



For the Smiths, the vineyard is a labor of love and respect of family heritage. The land, which the vineyard calls home, is steeped in rich family history – hence, all of the wines carry a piece of the family with them. For example, Campbell is a reference to Catherine Campbell, an early matriarch of the family.

In addition to the 35 acres of vines, the vineyard features a tasting room and a “veranda” - a sprawling side patio where guest congregate with friends or simply drench themselves in the Scotland County sunshine. The vineyard is the site of live music every Friday night and numerous other events throughout the year - and is a popular wedding destination. www.cypressbendvineyards.com

Scotland County Partners

Beyond our sites, festivals and historical markers, there are a number of tourism partners that contribute to the travel and tourism opportunities in Scotland County.

Historic Downtown Laurinburg

The historic center of Scotland County, downtown Laurinburg is a National Register Historic District featuring 50 contributing buildings, specialty shopping, and dining. Downtown Laurinburg was developed when railroad shops were relocated here from Wilmington at the beginning of the Civil War. It is part of the Civil War Trail.

Today, downtown Laurinburg is still the center of commerce, culture and community as it hosts not only the government buildings and the Storytelling & Art Center of the Southeast, but also an array of art displays, parades and Holiday festivals.



St. Andrews University

The University's mission is to offer students an array of pre-professional and liberal arts and sciences programs of study that create a life transforming educational opportunity which is practical in its application, global in its scope, and multi-disciplinary in its general education core. Students acquire depth of knowledge and expertise in their chosen field of study, balanced by breadth of knowledge across various disciplines. Special emphasis is placed on enhancing oral and written communication, and critical thinking skills.



In 2011, the University went through a number of changes including the formation of a partnership with Webber International University in Florida and the changing of the name to St. Andrews University.

The alliance with Webber (while interdependent, the institutions remain independent of each other) fosters mutual academic growth to the respective student bodies. For example, the alliance with Webber now provides St. Andrews students access to graduate programs in business - many of which are accessible online.

The name "change" was simply one of evolution. "Becoming a university is consistent with our plans to add graduate level programs to the curriculum, expand on-line educational opportunities for adult learners, and recruit and attract more international students," says Paul Baldasare, President of St. Andrews. "Our focus and priorities remain the same: to deliver a strong liberal

arts and sciences education to our students, informed by the values and commitments of the Presbyterian Church. St. Andrews University reflects who we will become as we look to the future and develop additional opportunities for all of our students." www.sapc.edu

Scotland Health Care System

Scotland Health Care System, an affiliate of Carolinas Health Care System, is a community owned, not-for-profit health care system located in Laurinburg. The 154-bed system is comprised of the 104-bed Scotland Memorial Hospital, The 50-bed Edwin Morgan Center, Scotland Memorial Foundation, and Hospice of Scotland County. The Health Care System also owns and operates five primary care facilities, a general surgery and GI practice, a general surgery practice, and an ob/gyn practice.

With more than 1,000 employees, Scotland Health Care System is Scotland County's largest, non-governmental, private employer. Its medical staff includes 71 physicians representing many medical specialties. Scotland Memorial Hospital is ranked in the top ten percent in North Carolina for Surgical Care, and annually contributes over \$9 million in charity care to the local community.



Where To Eat

Upscale Dining

215 on Main	215 S. Main Street	910-291-0280
Champs Fine Food & Spirits	1500 US Hwy 15-401	910-276-4386
Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano	1797 S. Main Street	910-276-0032
The Main Table	1229 S. Main Street	910-361-4273
Wooly McDuff's	1709 US Hwy 15-401	910-276-6632
Neighborhood Grille		

Casual Dining

Captain Larry's Seafood House	1695 S. Main Street	910-276-1880
Clinton Inn Restaurant	1609 15-401 By-Pass	910-276-6555
General McArthur's	13661 Barnes Bridge Rd.	910-276-1498
Golden Corral	904 US Hwy 15-401	910-277-1620
Greek Village	Scotland Crossing Shopping Center	910-277-7700
Jerry's Deli and Grill	11990 Hasty Road	910-266-9020
Smithfield's Chicken n' Bar-B-Q	402 Plaza Road	910-266-8700
Sweet Expressions at Gill House	203 W. Cronly Street	910-506-2126

Asian

China Garden	Holly Square Shopping Center	910-266-8885
Golden Run	Scotland Crossing Shopping Center	910-277-7734
Great Wall Chinese Food	1104 Aberdeen Road	910-276-9199
Jin Jin Chinese Food	156 Main Street	910-277-1616
Little Fuji Grill	894 Hwy 401 By-Pass	910-277-9922
Miyako	1225 S. Main Street	910-506-4081
Taki Japanese Restaurant	1693 South Main Street	910-291-9908

Pizza

Domino's Pizza	Holly Square Shopping Center	910-276-4440
Jesse's Pizza & Hot Subs	201 N. Main Street	910-277-8538
Papa John's Pizza	1642 S. Main Street	910-277-1400
Pizza Hut	1815 S. Main Street	910-276-1770
Pizza Inn	1227 S. Main Street	910-276-6565

Fast Food

Arby's	1400 S. Main Street	910-276-5563
BoJangles	1226 S. Main Street	910-277-9090
Burger King	1420 S. Main Street	910-276-5487
Captain D's Seafood House	Holly Square Shopping Center	910-276-2600
CookOut	Scotland Crossing Shopping Center	910-506-4113
Dawg House Express	1402 S. Main Street	910-277-9303
Hardee's	Hwy. 74 East (Laurel Hill)	910-462-4444
Huddle House	1714 US Highway 15-401	910-610-4100
Jersey Mike's Subs	12280 McColl Road	910-266-0013
Kentucky Fried Chicken	1513 S. Main Street	910-276-1136
Mamie's Drive-In	9460 Hwy 74 East	910-462-2130
McDonald's	1304 S. Main Street	910-276-8300
Subway 1	1678 S. Main Street	910-277-7797
Subway 2	Wal-Mart	910-276-3237
Subway 3	Hwy. 74 East (Laurel Hill)	910-462-0160
Taco Bell	1306 Scotland Crossing Dr.	910-277-0035
Wendy's	1650 S. Main Street	910-276-7522
Waffle House	Scotland Crossing Shopping Center	910-277-9259



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Attractions

1. John Blue House
2. Old Laurel Hill Church
3. Richmond Temperance and Literary Society Hall
4. Downtown Laurinburg
5. Richmond Mill Pond
6. Stewart-Hawley-Malloy House
7. John Charles McNeill House
8. St. Andrews University
9. Scottish Heritage Center
10. Laurinburg Institute
11. Stewartsville Cemetery
12. Scotch Meadows Country Club
13. Cypress Bend Vineyards
14. Deercroft Golf Club
15. Cypress Creek Golf Links
16. Lumber River
17. Chalk Banks, Lumber River State Park
18. St. Andrews Equestrian Center
19. U.S. Army Golden Knights Jump Site
20. Outback Motorsports Complex



Accommodations

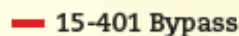
- A. Clinton Inn, 15-401 Bypass, 910-276-6555
- B. Comfort Inn, 1705 15-401 Bypass, 910-277-7788
- C. Hampton Inn, 115 Hampton Circle, 910-277-1516
- D. Holiday Inn Express, 400 Plaza Road, 910-291-3300
- E. Quality Inn, Jameson Inn Circle, 910-277-0080
- F. Pine Acres Lodge, 11860 McColl Road, 910-276-1531
- G. Scotland Inn, 1500 US 15-401 Bypass, 910-276-0632
- H. Thomas Walton Manor B&B,
400 West Church Street, 910-276-0551
- I. Oasis of NC – RV & Camping,
1534 Palmer Road, Marston, 910-266-8372



Bus



Bypass



15-401 Bypass



For more information contact the Scotland County Tourism Development Authority:

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