# Visitor's Guide Greenville - Pitt County, NC



# CULTURE

#### RECREATION

EDUCATION

# Greenville More than you expect North Carolina

MEDICINE

# Welcome surprises in the heart of Eastern North Carolina

# A growing city

Greenville and Pitt County have emerged as the commercial, cultural, educational and medical hub of Eastern North Carolina. Greenville, the county seat, has grown into a thriving small metropolitan city of over 80,000; Pitt County has a total population of 156,000. Greenville, founded in the mid-1700s on the banks of the Tar River and originally known as Martinsborough, changed its name in 1786 to honor Revolutionary War hero Nathaniel Greene. The county, founded in 1760 under British Colonial government, got its name from statesman and orator William Pitt. Earl of Chatham.

## **Education and medicine**

Much of Greenville-Pitt County's growth is attributed to East Carolina University, the state's third largest and fastest growing



university. Founded as a teacher's college in 1907, ECU is a flourishing institution offering bachelor, masters and doctoral programs, as well as the top-notch Brody School of Medicine. ECU's Health Sciences Complex and University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina/Pitt County Memorial Hospital are the anchors for a proposed 2,000-acre medical research and development park. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, with 861 beds, is now the third largest in the state. The East Carolina Heart Institute, a collaboration between the hospital and ECU, is devoted to the prevention and treatment of all levels of cardiovascular disease and employs a fully integrated approach to medical care combining education, research and advanced surgical technology.

The university is an area attraction in and of itself, providing yearround sporting events, theatrical performances, art exhibits and musical performances, as well as lectures and educational seminars.



# **Business and industry**

Area industries advance the latest manufacturing technology. Over 100 manufacturing facilities provide diverse employment opportunities and a solid economy, complemented by sophisticated professional services and entrepreneurial sectors.

# Gracious southern hospitality

Greenville is a preferred base for exploring Eastern North Carolina's vast historic, natural and recreational resources. The central location and strong hospitality infrastructure make Greenville the logical hub. Over 2000 hotel rooms and 320 restaurants cater to all tastes, economy-minded to luxurious. Visitors are quick to comment that the wealth of amenities and the pleasant southern atmosphere are "more than you expect."

## Within easy reach

Greenville has direct four-lane highway access from all North Carolina borders. The Pitt-Greenville Airport has five daily direct flights to Charlotte serviced by US Airways Express. Pitt County is approximately 30 miles from Interstate 95, and 85 miles from Raleigh, the state capital.

Geographic location and easy affordability make Greenville-Pitt County a repeat choice for travelers. The bustling activity yet less hustling pace entice many to come back and stay.

# Educational opportunities: excellence at every level

## **East Carolina University**

252-328-6640 www.ecu.edu

East Carolina University is a nationally recognized doctoral research institution offering a wide range of graduate and undergraduate programs. The Brody School of Medicine at ECU is nationally ranked as one of the best in the



East Carolina University is nationally recognized for undergraduate and graduate courses of study. emerging fields of telemedicine and robotic surgery. In addition to being the home of Pirate athletics, ECU hosts numerous performances and exhibitions that showcase the talent of world-famous as well as aspiring student artists.

## **Pitt Community College**

252-321-4200 www.pittcc.edu

With nearly 8,000 students enrolled, Pitt Community College is one of the region's most highlyrated technical and vocational community colleges. PCC offers a variety of curricula, including 49 associate degree, 68 certificate and 24 diploma programs. The college has developed a specialization in allied health programs and currently offers more health and science curricula than any community college in the eastern part of the state. Pitt is also a leader in distance education, with 19 programs offered entirely online and more than 200 courses offered via the Internet. N.C. Information Highway and community-based classes. Many of PCC's continuing education and community development services, including small business counseling, adult basic education, occupational extension courses and law enforcement training, are located at the college's Greenville Center on Memorial Drive. The college fields four intercollegiate athletic teams: baseball, men's basketball, fast-pitch softball and women's volleyball.

# Pitt County Public Schools

252-830-4258 www.pitt.k12.nc.us Pitt County Schools has 35 schools with more than 23,200 students in attendance. The school system is one of the largest employers in Pitt County with more than 3,000 employees.

Pitt County Schools consists of a 12-member governing Board of Education, which is the largest board in the state. It is made up of six districts, with two seats per district. Members are elected and serve six-year staggered terms.

The system, accredited by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, participates in a state performance-based accountability plan. Both district level and school based teams comprised of teachers, parents and administrators annually



Public schools, private schools, a university, a community college and a vocational center help make Pitt County an educational center.



develop School Improvement Plans to meet state guidelines as well as the unique needs of their students. Areas of focus include creating an atmosphere of higher academic excellence, and a climate that fosters good citizenship, responsible behavior and character building activities.

The system has a strong tradition and balance of academics, arts and athletics. Pitt County Schools' graduates attend the finest colleges and universities in the country and have been successful in receiving excellent scholarships.

# Eastern Carolina Vocational Center

252-758-4188

ECVC, which was awarded Industry of the Year by the Pitt County Development Commission in 2008, is a company with a social mission to help people with disabilities attain a higher quality of life through achievement of their vocational goals. The non-profit is self-sustained through local and federal government contracts.

# World-class business, industry and health care

# Business and industry focus

The Greenville, NC, MSA is not only rated the #2 Best Small Metro for Business and Careers by Forbes.com (2009), it is one of the Best Performing Small Metros according to the Milken Institute (2008). The local economy is well diversified among health care, government (including federal court), education,

commercial, and manufacturing sectors. Entrepreneurial development has had an increasingly strong impact.

Major employers include East Carolina University, University Health Systems, NACCO Materials Handling Group (forklifts), DSM Pharmaceuticals, ASMO (electric motors), Grady-White Boats, Alliance



One International (tobacco), Overton's (sporting goods), TRC, Inc. (metal fabrication), Karastan-Greenville Yarns and Attends (adult incontinence products).

# Technology Enterprise Center of Eastern Carolina

Fostering the development of technology-based businesses, the **Technology Enterprise Center offers** office, laboratory, and light manufacturing space to technology-based companies on a short-term lease basis. Cooperation and support from ECU's School of Business, School of Industry and Technology, and School of Medicine are assured through direct involvement by representation of each school of the Center's Board of Advisors. Current tenants include Pioneer Surgical Orthobiologics, CTMG (Clinical Trials Management Group), PhytoMyco, Bioworks Bioprocessing Center, Pitt Community College (labs and classrooms) and Chirazyme Labs, Inc.

# **Health care**

University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina, affiliated with the Brody School of Medicine, represents one of the largest health care systems in the state. This includes Pitt County Memorial Hospital, seven community hospitals, physician practices, home health and other independently operated health services.With more than 10,000 employees, the system focuses on regional health concerns, emphasizes wellness, prevention and education, and addresses the clinical needs of people from the Outer Banks to the fringes of North Carolina's Piedmont.



# Discover colorful history, homes and architecture

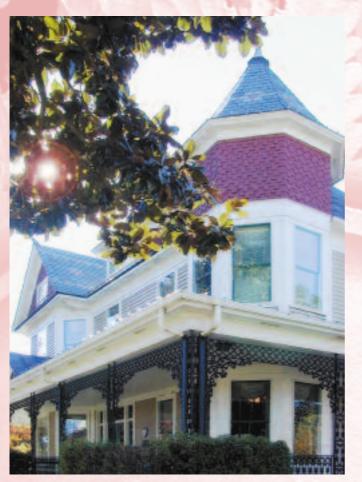
## **College View Historic District**

North Side of Fifth Street, Greenville Reflects the period of growth and development of East Carolina University and the status of Greenville as the educational, commercial, and cultural hub of Eastern North Carolina. College View is an excellent example of an early 20th-century residential neighborhood, and the architecture prevalent within the area reflects the popularity of styles of that era including Craftsman Bungalow, American Foursquare, and Spanish Revival. The historic district contains over 250 structures including

several university-owned buildings as well as residences. The College View Neighborhood was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 19, 1992.

### **Farmville Historic District**

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. The district encompasses the entire Main Street section of downtown, the May Museum, and residential properties on Church and Wilson streets. A mixture of Victorian and Colonial styles built in the late 1800s and early 1900s is evident.



## Ayden Historic District

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. The district encompasses 146 acres and includes 485 buildings representing Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival styles of architecture.

## **The Federal Building**

215 S Evans Street, Greenville A well-preserved example of the Florentine Renaissance Revival Style, which is rare in Eastern North Carolina; this was formerly a U.S. Post Office.

#### The James L. Fleming House

302 S Greene Street, Greenville One of the most significant examples of the Queen Anne style still surviving in Greenville; this is now home to the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce.

## The Robert Lee Humber House

117 W Fifth Street, Greenville A typical late 19th-century style residence with Queen Anne and Colonial Revival details; home to the eastern field office of the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

#### **The Hassell-James Building**

105–107 W Third Street, Greenville The best preserved group of early 20th-century offices in Greenville.

## The Jones-Lee House and Grounds

805 Evans Street, Greenville The lone residential building left in the urban renewal target area, and a reminder of the late 19th-century houses that once lined the east side of Evans Street.

### The William H. Long House and Grounds

200 E Fourth Street, Greenville An exceptionally fine example of the Neo-Classical Revival style; one of the few residential resources remaining that reflects Greenville's early 20th-century growth and development.

### **Pitt County Courthouse**

*Corner of S Evans Street & W Third Street, Greenville* A three-story, hip-roof brick building of the most representative phase of the Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture.

### The Rotary Club Building

209 Johnson Street, Greenville A rare survivor of an early 20thcentury club building; the first, and for many years the only, Rotaryowned club building in the world.

## The Skinner House and Grounds

803 East Fifth Street, Greenville A two-and-a-half story, hip-roof brick building of the most representative phase of the Neo-Classical Revival style.

### The Skinner-Moye House and Grounds

123 West Third Street, Greenville One of the oldest residences in Greenville; one of only two documented pre-Civil War buildings still standing in Greenville's central business district.

## Third Street School and Grounds

600–700 W Third Street, Greenville One of the city's oldest surviving school buildings; distinctive North Italian Renaissance design.

# **Museums / Art Galleries**

# Fascinating gems of art and history



# Museums

## The A.W. Ange House

2543 Church Street Winterville, 252-321-2660 This community museum and cultural center is included in the National Register of Historic Places. The 1901 Victorian house is sponsored by the Winterville Historical & Arts Society, Inc., and the collection houses over 1,000 artifacts. Open by appointment for groups.

#### **East Carolina Village** of Yestervear

4570 County Home Road Winterville, 252-329-4200 Depicts life in Pitt County from 1840 to 1940. A country store, a traditional schoolhouse, a log church, farm machinery, and other artifacts from the period spark the interest of all who visit. Although in the process of relocating, call for updates on opening.

## Wellington B. Gray Gallery

East Carolina University Ienkins Fine Arts Center Greenville, 252-328-6336 Internationally-known contemporary artists in fine arts, crafts, graphics, video, and installation art, as well as student and faculty exhibitions. Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 10am-2pm. Closed during all university holidays.

## **Greenville Museum of Art**

802 South Evans Street

Greenville, 252-758-1946 Features changing exhibits from its permanent collection of 19th- and 20th-century American art, as well as traveling regional and national exhibits. The museum also owns one of the largest public collections of North Carolina Jugtown Pottery. Open Wednesday-Friday 10am-4:30pm, and Saturday 1pm-4pm.

#### Grifton Historical Museum of Area Culture

437-A Creekshore Drive, Grifton, 252-524-5168 Houses exhibits of items typical of the area's past and present culture, including prehistoric and Tuscarora Indian artifacts, tobacco and farming tools, fossils, natural history, and Civil War exhibits. A Shad Festival room and an exhibit on the world's first polyester plant are unique to the museum. Open in April during the Shad Festival, by appointment for groups, and on the 1st Sunday of the month 2-4pm.

## Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center

Bloxton House, East Carolina University Greenville, 252-328-1680 The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is a cultural education facility for East Carolina University, its visitors, and Eastern North Carolina. It houses the university's 150-piece art collection made by the Kuba of Zaire, donated by Winston-Salem's Dr. James Lankton. Open Monday–Thursday 8am-8pm and Friday 8am-5pm.

## May Museum **Farmville Heritage Center**

3802 S Main Street, Farmville, 252-753-6725 The museum, located in a Civil-War era home in downtown Farmville, is dedicated to preserving the rich history of Farmville and the surrounding region. Among its many displays the museum houses a one-family quilt collection dating from the 1830s through the 1940s, considered to be one of the finest in North Carolina. Rotating displays and captivating tales of the area's past invite visitors to visit and come back often. Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Weekends by appointment.

# **Art Galleries**

The Art Room Gallery & Studio of Nell Lee Hayes 403 S. Evans Street 252-341-4119 Monday-Saturday 12 noon-5pm

#### City Art Gallery

511 Red Banks Road 252-353-7000 Monday–Friday 10am–6pm Saturday 10am-4pm

#### The Pitt County Arts **Council at Emerge**

404 S Evans Street 252-551-6947 www.pittcountyarts.org The Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge is the local arts council for Pitt County. The PCAC is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to educate, inspire, and make the arts accessible to the entire community within Greenville & Pitt County and the Eastern North Carolina region. Programs include several gallery spaces with monthly rotating art exhibitions, a sales gallery and gift shop featuring NC artists, a Painted Pottery Studio offering walkins, and a full community art center with classes for children and adults in pottery, metalsmithing, photography, painting, drawing and more.

## Shenandoah **Graphics & Framing**

1400 Charles Boulevard 252-353-6006 Monday-Friday 9:30am-6pm Saturday 9am-4pm (Summer 10am-1pm)

# National-quality performing arts

# **Music & Theatre**

#### The East Carolina University S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series

East Carolina University, Greenville 800-ECU-ARTS, 252-328-4788 www.ecuarts.com

Top names in the world of artists and entertainers—from Tony Bennett to the Bolshoi Ballet, from Harry Belafonte to Wynton Marsalis, from My Fair Lady to the Russian National Orchestra—take part in Eastern North Carolina's most highly acclaimed series.

#### **ECU/Loessin Playhouse**

East Carolina University, Greenville 252-328-6829, www.ecuarts.com Functioning as the producing arm of ECU's School of Theatre and Dance, the Playhouse typically presents a season of five productions between October and May. The season usually consists of a musical, three plays (comedies, classics, and dramas) and a dance concert of varying styles and choreography. Each production runs Thursday through Tuesday and includes a Sunday matinee. Performances are held in the McGinnis Theatre on the East Carolina University campus.

#### Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival of Eastern North Carolina

East Carolina University, Greenville 800-ECU-ARTS, 252-328-4788 www.ecuarts.com

A host of world-class chamber musicians converge upon ECU's School of Music for residencies and concerts between September and April. Artistic director Ara Gregorian and friends perform works from the classical repertoire in the intimate A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

### East Carolina University Family Fare Series

*East Carolina University, Greenville* 800-ECU-ARTS, 252-328-4788 www.ecuarts.com Entertaining and wholesome per-

formances for the entire family on Friday evenings. Professional attractions hold the young and young-at-heart spellbound at these lively performances by nationallyknown and first-rate emerging theater companies.

#### **ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre**

*East Carolina University, Greenville* 252-328-6829, www.ecuarts.com As a professional, producing theatre for over 35 years, the Summer Theatre typically presents a season of three productions in June and July. The usual season consists of musicals, comedies, and dramas. Each production runs Tuesday through Saturday (matinee & evening). Performances are held in the McGinnis Theatre on the ECU campus.

#### **FolkArts Society of Greenville**

*Greenville, 252-752-7350* A concert series of traditional and contemporary folk and country music and other performing arts.

#### **Freeboot Fridays**

Uptown Greenville 252-561-8400 A series of outdoor "Alive at Five" style Friday night concerts preceding Pirate home football games. Features exhibits of Uptown vendors' wares, children's activities, food samplings, and a beer garden.

#### **Magnolia Arts Center**

888-MAC-EVENT, Greenville www.magnoliaartscenter.com Magnolia Arts Center is a comprehensive arts organization offering the best the community has to offer with community theatre productions, an independent film series, local music, film festivals, and more.

#### **R. A. Fountain**

6754 E. Wilson Street, Fountain 252-749-3228 Traditional old-time, bluegrass and country music in a circa 1916 general store. Regional books and CDs, art and collectibles. Homemade refreshments. Open Friday and Saturday evenings for music, some Thursdays and Sundays. Schedules at www.rafountain.com.

#### Sunday in the Park

*Greenville Town Commons* 252-329-4567 A summer and early fall concert series held at the amphitheater at the Greenville Town Commons on the banks of the Tar River. The series showcases all types of music and drama.

## **Movie Cinemas**

Carmichael 12-Screen Family Entertainment Center

East Fire Tower Road Greenville, 252-353-4988

#### **Greenville Grande 14**

750 SW Greenville Blvd. Greenville, 252-353-6684

# **Recreation & Parks**

# A remarkable variety of parks and recreation

# **Recreation & Parks**

Over 20 parks grace the Pitt County area and provide a variety of recreational opportunities including picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating and an off-leash dog park.

#### **River Park North**

1000 Mumford Road, Greenville 252-329-4560

A natural area encompassing 324 acres of land and water with 1.2 miles fronting the Tar River. Includes over 250 acres of rich bottomland forest, over 20 acres of open grassland, and four lakes covering 48 acres. Year-round fishing, hiking trails, picnicking and bird watching. Pedal boating offered seasonally with reservations. Closed Mondays. November–February 8am–5pm March–April 7am–7pm May–August 6am–8pm September–October 7am–7pm

#### **Science & Nature Center**

1000 Mumford Road, Greenville 252-329-4561 Features North American Wildlife Exhibit, Shells are Everywhere Exhibit, and Waterfowl of the Atlantic Flyway. Eastern NC snakes and turtles are displayed. A 10,000gallon aquarium with live fish, a touch tank, and interactive displays are also located at the center. Tuesday–Saturday 9:30am–5pm Sunday 1pm–5pm

## **Green Mill Run Greenway**

252-329-4567

Spans from Charles Blvd. to Green Springs Park on E Fifth Street, Greenville A multi-use trail that spans approximately 3.5 miles. The Greenway links parks, churches, schools, the University, flood plain lands and other undeveloped natural resources within the City of Greenville.

#### **Extreme Park**

2000 Cedar Lane, Greenville 252-329-4567 In-line skating, skateboarding, biking, and hockey. Helmet required. Monday–Friday 9am–9pm

#### **Off-Leash Dog Park**

703 River Road, Greenville 252-329-4567 A place where dogs with their owners can socialize without being on leashes. Separate play areas for large and small dogs.

#### **Recreation & Parks Departments**

For information on parks, tennis courts, golf courses and other community activities, contact a local Recreation and Parks department.

Ayden Recreation & Parks Department 252-746-4152

Farmville Recreation & Parks Department 252-753-4741

**Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center** 252-329-4041

**Greenville Recreation & Parks Department** 252-329-4567

Grifton Civic Center 252-524-3752

#### Winterville Recreation & Parks Department 252-756-2221

#### Bowling AMF East Carolina Lanes

700 E Red Banks Road, Greenville 252-355-5510 Monday–Tuesday 10am–11pm Wednesday 12 noon–10pm Thursday 12 noon–1am Friday–Saturday 10am–1am Sunday 1pm–10pm

## Golf

#### Ayden Golf & Country Club

*Ayden Golf Club Road, Ayden* 252-746-3389 This 18-hole golf course has a fullservice golf pro shop and grill. Tee times are available on weekdays.

#### **Bradford Creek Golf Course**

*Route 5, Greenville, 252-329-4653* This 18-hole public golf course offers a full-service pro shop, lessons, and lighted driving range.

#### Farmville Golf & Country Club

308 Bynum Drive, Farmville 252-753-3660 This 18-hole golf course offers a golf pro shop, grill, and cart rentals. Tee reservations are requested for weekends and holidays.

#### **Indian Trails Golf Club**

*Route 1, Country Club Drive, Grifton,* 252-524-5485 This 18-hole, par 71 golf course is open to the public seven days a week. The pro shop offers a snack bar and golf equipment. Cart and equipment rentals are available.

#### **Ironwood Golf Course**

*Highway 43, Greenville, 252-752-GOLF* A Lee Trevino signature course with bent greens and Tifton 419 fairways offers club house, practice area, and other golf course amenities.

## Tennis

#### **Courtside Athletic Club**

7150 Wimbledon Drive, Greenville 252-439-1000 Monday–Thursday 7am–9:30pm Friday 7am–6pm, Saturday 8:30am–5pm Sunday 9am–3pm Extended hours in cooler weather

# Other

Bladez On Ice 104 E Red Banks Road, Greenville 252-756-6000

#### **Briley's Farm Market**

Sunny Side Road & Old Pactolus Road 252-413-6155 Farm market with playground, pony rides, farm mazes, nature walks, petting barn, gemstone mining, and more. Seasonal hours.

#### **Fusion Skate Park**

504 W 10th Street, Greenville 252-758-0003 Indoor/outdoor skate park. Monday–Friday 1pm–9pm Saturday 11am–9pm Sunday 1pm–6pm

#### **Greenville Fun Park**

Highway 264-A & Old Creek Road Greenville, 252-757-1800 GoKart rides, miniature golf course, bumper boats, kids track, and arcade. Seasonal hours. Friday 4–10pm Saturday 12–10pm Sunday 2–8pm

#### **Renston Homestead**

4064 NC 903 South, Winterville 252-321-3204 Farm tours and field days.

#### **The Sports Connection**

1701 E 14th Street, Greenville 252-215-9090 Batting cages, basketball courts, game room and birthday party room. Monday–Friday 1pm–9pm Saturday 10am–5pm Sunday 1pm–5pm

#### The Zone

4801 Reedy Branch Road, Greenville 252-756-9663 Indoor batting cages, arcade and pro shop. Monday–Friday 6pm–9pm Saturday 9am–6pm Sunday 2pm–6pm

# In the midst of natural and historic wonders

# Greenville and Pitt County serve as a gateway to the natural and historic wonders of Eastern North Carolina, a short and scenic drive away.

# **Natural attractions**

North Carolina's fabled Outer Banks include more than 150 miles of unspoiled beaches comprising Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Here, the Wright Brothers made their first flight and English explorers first set foot on the American continent at Roanoke Island.

The Crystal Coast offers oceanlovers pristine beaches at Fort Macon State Park and deep-sea



fishing charters with the world's largest Gulf Stream fishing fleet. The N.C. Aquarium features encounters with sea creatures in their natural habitat. In the quaint seaport town of Beaufort, enjoy waterfront shopping and dining. The N.C. Maritime Museum interprets North Carolina's multi-faceted historical alliances with the sea.

Goose Creek State Park is located along the placid banks of the Pamlico River. Encompassing 1,400 acres of pristine river wetlands, the park is the perfect setting for camping, hiking, boating, or an afternoon picnic.

Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge features the largest freshwater lake in North Carolina. Its unique geological history and profusion of winter birds draw thousands of outdoor enthusiasts each year.

The Pamlico and Neuse rivers are two of the largest estuarine systems in the nation, with over 1,500 miles of shoreline.

Croatan National Forest is comprised of 157,000 acres of low, sandy wetlands called pocosins.

> This area offers a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, fishing, and boating.

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park consists of 608 acres in Wayne County along the Neuse River, including 35 acres of tent/trailer campsites. The highest

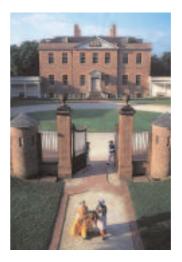
cliffs on the river offer amateur geologists a glimpse of the prehistoric past.

Washington, just a short drive up the road, is home to the North Carolina Estuarium. The Estuarium is an environmental education center interpreting North Carolina's sounds and coastal waters.

# **Historic attractions**

Historic Edenton was once the colonial capital of North Carolina. With homes dating back to 1712, Edenton has been restored to its colonial appearance and offers walking tours of the town along a picturesque waterfront.

Historic Bath is known as North Carolina's first town. This peaceful



town served as a colonial capital and was home to the infamous Blackbeard the pirate. The historic homes and St. Thomas Church, the oldest existing church in the state, are included on a walking tour.

Historic Washington is the original Washington, named in 1776. Located on the banks of the Pamlico River, the town features a self-guided tour through the Historic District.

Charles B. Aycock Birthplace is the home of Governor Charles B. Aycock, known as the education governor. The homeplace is a typical 19th-century family farm. Tours of the farm buildings, including the house, the separate open-hearth kitchen, and a one-room schoolhouse are offered.

Historic New Bern is located at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse rivers. This town still retains much of its colonial charm from its days as North Carolina's provincial capital.

Tryon Palace, an elegant Georgian-style mansion, served as the Royal Governor's home and then as the capital of the colony. The New Bern historic district surrounds the palace and is comprised of over 100 structures covering architectural styles of the last 200 years.

Fort Branch is the largest earthen Civil War fortification in the southeast and home to the First North Carolina Reenactor Regiment. Featuring a working camp and museum, the fort is the site of reenactments and living history demonstrations.

The *CSS Neuse* served the Confederate Army until 1864 when it was destroyed and sunk near Kinston. In 1963, the remains were raised from the river and are now on display.

American history began on the Outer Banks with the fabled Lost Colony, which is celebrated in an outdoor musical performance each summer. Nearby are the *Elizabeth II*, the Wright Brothers National Memorial, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, and the quaint seaside Village of Ocracoke.

Hope Plantation near Windsor is an elegant 1803 Georgian and Federal style home of one of our former governors. Somerset Place near Columbia was one of the largest rice plantations in the south.

#### **Mileage from Greenville:**

38 miles
170 miles
70 miles
27 miles
138 miles
120 miles
79 miles
44 miles
68 miles
41 miles
22 miles
24 miles
38 miles
42 miles

# Shop for great finds; enjoy amazing variety.

# Shopping

The retail sector has acquired a regional draw bringing shoppers to Greenville from all over Eastern North Carolina. Numerous options offer shoppers a variety in price, selection, and style, and range from consignment shops to boutiques, malls to commercial strips, and galleries to showrooms.

## **Arlington Village**

*Corner of Arlington Boulevard and Red Banks Road, Greenville* A unique collection of nearly 40 specialty shops catering to the discriminating shopper. Men's and women's apparel, jewelry, fine arts and crafts, and electronics are just a few of the surprises you will discover. Individual store hours vary.

### **Artisans Market**

*150 Plaza Drive, Greenville 252-355-8008* A shopping experience with more than 75 exclusive shops featuring decorative accessories and fine gifts.

## **Greenville Mall**

SE Greenville Boulevard, Greenville 252-756-1748

Over 75 stores including GAP, Express, American Eagle Outfitters, Gymboree, JC Penney, Pier 1 Imports, Bath & Body Works, Victoria's Secrets, and other specialty shops plus a food court. Open Monday–Saturday 10am–9pm and Sunday 1pm–6pm.

#### La Promenade Shopping Center

*Greenville Boulevard and Red Banks Road* This addition to the area shopping scene offers boutique, specialty and retail clothing stores with appeal for the whole family, plus food choices for all tastes. Men's and women's apparel, youth casual, outdoor equipment and clothing, toys, salons, contemporary design, wireless communication and more!

## Lynndale Shoppes

*Red Banks Road, Greenville* A place where uniqueness and quality combine to offer distinctive shopping excellence. Stop by and experience a shopping and dining extravaganza.

#### **New River Pottery**

3750 Sterling Pointe Drive, Winterville 252-756-1776 Huge selection of flowers, glassware, pottery and linens. Low everyday pottery prices. Open Monday–Saturday 9am–9pm and Sunday 11am–6pm.

### **Uptown Greenville**

Located downtown along Evans and 5th streets www.uptowngreenville.com Over 40 independently-owned retail shops and restaurants in the Uptown district provide you with a unique shopping experience in the heart of Greenville.

# **Antique shopping**

## Cable at Woodside Antiques

3760 S. Main Street, Farm<mark>ville, 252-753-9929</mark> Tuesday–Saturday <mark>10am–5pm</mark>

### **Dapper Dan's**

801 Dickinson Avenue, Gr<mark>eenville, 252-752-1750</mark> Tuesday–Saturday <mark>11am–5pm</mark>

#### Dickinson Avenue Antique Market

701 Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, 252-830-1455 Monday–Saturday 10:30am–5pm

## **Fox & Hound Antiques**

3750-H Sterling Pointe Drive, Winterville, 252-321-0091 Monday–Saturday 10am–5pm

#### **Now and Then Design**

801 Red Banks Road, Greenville, 252-756-8470 Monday–Friday 10am–5pm

#### **Red Oak Show & Sell**

3921 Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, 252-230-7189 Monday 11am–5pm Thursday–Saturday 11am–5pm

#### **Remember When**

705 Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, 252-757-1805 Monday–Saturday 11am–5:30pm

## Shipwreck

7615 Pitt Street, Grimesland, 252-757-1127 Saturday 10am–5pm Sunday 1pm–5pm

## **Valerie's Antiques**

924 Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, 252-916-8027 Monday–Saturday 9am–6pm

# Lodging & Transportation

# A good night's sleep and a very pleasant visit

# Lodging

KEY: Restaurant: Rstrt

Continental Breakfast: Cont Brkft (Indoor) Swimming Pool: (I)Swmg Pl Shuttle: Shtl Exercise room: X Pets: P

## Affordable Suites of America

101 Dansey Road, Greenville 252-355-5717

## **Best Western Suites**

2310 NE Greenville Blvd., Greenville 252-752-2378/800-WESTERN Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/Shtl/X

## **Camelot Inn**

2828 S Memorial Drive, Greenville, 252-756-1150 Swmg Pl

# Candlewood Suites

1055 Waterford Commons Drive, Greenville 252-317-3000

## **City Hotel & Bistro**

203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville 252-355-8300/877-271-2616 Rstrt/Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/X

## **Comfort Inn**

3900 S Memorial Drive, Winterville 252-355-0070/800-228-5150 Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/X

## **Courtyard by Marriott**

2225 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville 252-329-2900/800-321-2211 Cont Brkft/I Swmg PI/X

## **Days Inn**

810 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-752-0214/800-DAYSINN Swmg Pl

East Carolina Inn 2095 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville 252-752-2122/800-842-6576 *Cont Brkft* 

### **Economy Inn**

1901 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville 252-754-8047 Cont Brkft/P

# Greenville Motel

2309 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-756-1130

Hampton Inn Greenville 305 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville 252-355-7400/800-HAMPTON Cong Brkft/I Swmng/Shtl/X

# Hilton Greenville 207 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville

252-355-5000/800-HILTONS Rstrt/Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/Shtl/X

Holiday Inn Express 909 Moye Boulevard, Greenville 252-754-8300/800-HOLIDAY Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/Shtl

Home-Towne Suites 2111 W Arlington Blvd., Greenville, 252-752-3411



#### Horizinn Studio & Suites 2710 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-756-5556 Shtl

Jameson Inn

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920 Crosswinds Street, Greenville 252-752-7382/800-JAMESON Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/X/P

**The Marlboro Inn** Highway 264 Bypass, Farmville 252-753-3145 Swmg Pl

# Microtel Inn & Suites

450 Moye Boulevard, Greenville 252-758-7282 *Cont Brkft/X* 

### Motel 6

301 SE Greenville Blvd., Greenville 252-756-2792/800-874-9000 Swmg Pl

Quality Inn 821 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-758-5544, 800-4CHOICE Cont Brkft/Swmg Pl/Shtl/X

### **Super 8 Motel** 1004 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-758-8888/800-800-8000 *Cont Brkft*

**Travelodge** 3435 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-355-5699/800-578-7878

**University Inn** 3304 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-756-7084

Wingate Inn 3212 S Memorial Drive, Greenville 252-355-GATE/800-228-1000 Cont Brkft/(I)Swmg Pl/Sht/X

Bradford Creek Coach & RV Center 2773 Sunny Side Road, Greenville 252-752-8886

Tranters Creek Resort & Campground 6573 Clarks Neck Road, Washington 252-948-0850

## **Bed & Breakfast**

Fifth Street Inn at Campus Pointe 1105 E. Fifth Street, Greenville 252-355-0699

**Paradise Bed and Breakfast** 3993 Bill Adams Road, Grimesland 252-746-2748

## **Transportation**

Greenville and Pitt County have direct four-lane highway access from all North Carolina borders. The Pitt-Greenville Airport has five outgoing flights daily direct to Charlotte, North Carolina.

# Commercial airlines/airports

Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority 252-758-4707

**US Airways Express** 800-428-4322

Raleigh/Durham International Airport 919-840-2123

## **Bus lines**

**Greyhound** 252-752-3483

Public transportation GREAT-Greenville Area Transit 252-329-4532

# Limousine services

**Granelle's Limousine Service** 252-752-8989

Pirate Limo 252-327-LIMO

### Taxi services Aladdin Taxi 252-830-5466

**City Cab Company** 252-758-2161

Courtesy Cab Company 252-757-1558

**Eagle Cab Company** 252-757-3687

Starliner Cab Company 252-753-4892

# **Points of Contact**

# Small town delights and big city amenities

# **Points of contact**

Ayden Chamber of Commerce 252-746-2266 www.aydenchamber.com

**City of Greenville** 252-329-4434 www.greenvillenc.gov

County of Pitt 252-902-2951 www.pittcountync.gov

Farmville Economic Development Partnership 252-753-4670 www.farmville-nc.com

Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce 252-752-4101 www.greenvillenc.org

#### Greenville-Pitt County Convention & Visitors Bureau 252-329-4200/800-537-5564 www.visitgreenvillenc.com

Pitt County Development Commission 252-758-1989/800-548-4153 www.locateincarolina.com

**Pitt County Memorial Hospital** 252-816-4100 www.uhseast.com

Pitt County Public Schools 252-830-4258 www.pitt.k12.nc.us

Pitt-Greenville Airport 252-758-4707

**Town of Ayden** 252-746-7010 www.ayden.com

**Town of Bethel** 252-825-6191 www.bethelnc.org

**Town of Falkland** 252-757-1648

**Town of Farmville** 

252-753-5116 www.farmville-nc.com

**Town of Fountain** 252-749-2881

Town of Grifton/Chamber of Commerce 252-524-5168 www.grifton.com

**Town of Grimesland** 252-752-6337

**Town of Winterville** 252-756-2221 www.wintervillenc.com

**Uptown Greenville** 252-561-8400 www.uptowngreenville.com

Village of Simpson 252-757-1430

## Libraries

**Quinerly-Olschner Public Library** Ayden, 252-746-7026

Bethel Library Bethel, 252-825-0782

**East Branch Library** Greenville, 252-329-4582

**Carver Branch Library** Greenville, 252-329-4583

**Farmville Public Library** Farmville, 252-753-3355

**Sheppard Memorial Library** Greenville, 252-329-4580 www.sheppardlibrary.org

**Grifton Public Library** Grifton, 252-524-0345

Winterville Library Winterville, 252-756-1786

# Greenville & Pitt County demographics

**Location:** Greenville and Pitt County are located in the north central coastal plain region of Eastern North Carolina, 85 miles east of Raleigh, 87 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean, 157 miles from Richmond VA, and 265 miles south of Washington, DC.

**Geography:** Pitt County covers 646 square miles of prime agricultural land in Eastern North Carolina. The county's highest point is 126.4 feet above sea level, in the northwest part of the county.

## Approximate Population:

 Pitt County
 ...
 151,970

 Ayden
 ...
 4,923

 Bethel
 ...
 1,798

 Falkland
 ...
 117

 Farmville
 ...
 4,656

 Fountain
 ...
 571

 Greenville
 ...
 76,222

 Grifton
 ...
 2,155

 Grimesland
 ...
 449

 Simpson
 ...
 487

 Winterville
 ...
 8,586

**Cost of Living:** As per Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Martin Prosperity Institute figures, the 2009 cost of living index for Greenville is 96 based on 100 being the national average.

**Weather:** Pitt County has a relatively mild climate and experiences all four seasons each year. The average summer temperature in Pitt County is 84 degrees Fahrenheit, while the average winter temperature is 44 degrees Fahrenheit. Each year, the area experiences an average 48.24 inches of rainfall. Growing season in Pitt County lasts a full 215 days annually.

## **Press quotes**

1997 & 1998 Industry Week

...ranked the Greenville MSA as among the fifty best places for manufacturing...

## 1998 February **Business** North Carolina

...rated Greenville as number one for top labor force in the state of North Carolina...

#### 2003 Forbes

...ranked Greenville as number 26 out of 168 for best small places for businesses and careers...

#### 2004 Milken Institute

...ranked Greenville number 24 in Top 118 Best Performing Smaller Metros...

#### 2005 Sports Illustrated

...named Greenville one of 50 Sportstowns in the United States...

#### 2008 Milken Institute

...recognized as one of the Best Performing Small Metros...

#### 2009 KaBOOM

...recognized Greenville as a Playful City USA...

#### 2009 Forbes.com

...recognized as the #2 Best Small Metro for Business and Careers...



# **Greenville Convention Center**

The Greenville Convention Center offers North Carolina's largest meeting facility east of the Raleigh-Durham area. The Center features 74,000 square feet of flexible meeting space and the capacity to accommodate groups of up to 3,000 under one roof. Four hundred thirty-three full service guestrooms are located on site with an additional 1,600 within a few miles.



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