

# Escape to Halifax County, North Carolina

Enduring freedom, engaging history, enchanting  
natural wonders, enticing southern fare...



ROANOKE CANAL  
MUSEUM & TRAIL



THE HEN & THE HOG



SYLVAN  
HEIGHTS  
BIRD  
PARK

Conveniently located just off I-95  
in Northeastern North Carolina,  
Halifax County is the ultimate  
place to experience history,  
outdoor recreation, culture, and  
authentic southern fare.



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AMERICAN  
HISTORY

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## Extend Your Trip an Extra Day or Two: Halifax County, NC, Is the Perfect Midpoint on the East Coast



### Halifax County Visitor Center Dog Run – It's a Doggone Good Life ~ [www.visithalifax.com](http://www.visithalifax.com)

With the large number of people who travel with their dogs, the Halifax County Convention and Visitors Bureau opened a free dog run at the visitor center in June. The **Halifax County Visitor Center Dog Run** is open daily from sunrise to sunset and located just off I-95 Exit 173 in Roanoke Rapids. The run is getting lots of use and overwhelming positive response from travelers and “two paws up” from the dogs. The dog run is separated into two runs for large dogs and small dogs. There is a water feature with fresh water and clean, individual bowls for use while in the park. A clean-

up station is also provided with baggies to pick up after the dogs and a specific container for droppings. Dogs can run off-leash while in the run. Handlers must stay at the park with their dogs, so picnic tables and chairs are provided, enabling travelers to relax and possibly have a picnic while their dogs get much-needed travel break, play time and exercise. Visitors are welcome to come into the visitor center to get a treat for the dogs.

### Sylvan Heights – World's Largest Bird Park [www.shwpark.com](http://www.shwpark.com)

In early 2013, **Sylvan Heights Bird Park** will open a new interactive exhibit called The Landing Zone where visitors can actually walk in and feed more than 200 small tropical birds. This is the latest in a series of new endeavors for the bird park, which opened in 2006. Sylvan Heights offers a handicapped-accessible tree house that overlooks the natural wetland area, the first of its kind in North Carolina, and makes an ideal location for weddings and events. There is also a Beaver Pond Viewing Blind, where visitors can sit quietly and observe native wildlife through small openings. Sylvan Heights showcases more than 2,000 birds from all over the world, including 170 species of waterfowl (ducks, geese and swans) and 24 non-waterfowl species in continentally themed aviaries.



### Historic Halifax – Birthplace of Independence [www.nchistoricsites.org/halifax](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/halifax)

**Historic Halifax State Historic Site** and the Roanoke River have recently been added to the National Park Service Network to Freedom trail. A guided tour is offered at designated times, but visitors can walk the trail and read the interpretive signage leading from the historic site to the river any time the site is open. Historic Halifax is the site of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves, the first official authorization of independence by any colony. There are 10 Colonial homes and buildings to tour, as well as a museum and visitor center. Special events are held at the site throughout the year, and admission is free.

### Ghost Tourism – Haunted Littleton [www.hauntedlittleton.com](http://www.hauntedlittleton.com)

If you're the kind of tourist that enjoys ghost stories, chilling tales in the dark of the night, or if you are looking for evidence of the supernatural, Littleton, NC has just the ticket. **Ghost Tours of Historic Haunted Littleton**, was founded by Stephen Barcelo, a long-time photojournalist with the New York Daily News. While doing a “Halloween-themed documentary” for the paper, Stephen became captivated by the paranormal. Now he leads mysterious and supernatural tours in the heart of historic Littleton. Whether a 45 minute Ghost Walk or a 4 hour Ghost Hunt, you can walk the little known trails through this historic community. Hear strange folk tale, and ghost stories along the way as you search for restless spirits. One creepy stop is Person's Ordinary, 1739, the oldest standing landmark in Halifax County. The building has been securely sealed for years, but locals report seeing faces and lights coming from inside! Don't miss the Cryptozoology and Paranormal Museum before you go. Skeptic or believer, share in the mystery!

