



Rowan County Freedom to Be...

We're kinda country and kinda cool!

One part is rural. Rolling countryside, parks, rivers, lakes, farms and the most unique agri-tourism. The other, faster paced. An urban center with Broadway worthy theater, live music, shopping and restaurant dives. Here, in Rowan County, you have the freedom to conveniently visit both cultures bound together by our heritage and history.

FAMILY FUN

All aboard at the **N.C. Transportation Museum!** Children of all ages are sure to enjoy the thrill of riding the rails. "Big kids," can get "Behind the Throttle," and test their skills as a real life engineer for the day. Escape on a fall or spring excursion to savor the beautiful countryside or simply take in the history of all types of transportation. Those little kids can hang out with Thomas the Tank during one of his special visits or they can even take a ride to the North Pole with Santa on the Polar Express.



Learn what it's like to be a real life farmer at **Patterson Farms.** At this family farm, kids can interact with barnyard animals, pick their own strawberries or pumpkins, play at PawPaw Carl's playground and zigzag their way through the corn maze. While you're there stock up on what's ripe now. Feed your family with nothing but the freshest fruits and veggies from the market.

Take a wild safari ride through, **Lazy 5 Ranch,** a privately owned exotic animal drive-thru park. While visiting, you'll have the opportunity to view over 750 animals from six different continents. View these animals from your own car or reserve a horse drawn wagon ride.

Dan Nicholas Park is a 425 acre park including a 10 acre fishing lake with paddle boats. Join the fun in the Rowan Wildlife Adventure zone and the Hurley Family Water Plaza. Ride the carousel or even the miniature train into Salisbury's Gold Rush Days and pan for gems at the Miner Moose Gem Mine.

SIP & SAVOR

Just off the tracks we're chugging along and crafting up brews at **New Sarum Brewing Company.** New Sarum sparked the craft beer scene in Downtown Salisbury and has aided to the rapid growth of the city's beer extravaganza. Opening later this fall is **Morgan Ridge RailWalk Brewery,** an expansion of Morgan Ridge Vineyard & Brewhouse. Chug along with friends and take in the live music. Downtown Salisbury is home to restaurant dives. Jump in the halfway up the block line or follow your nose to **Hap's Grill** for the best all-American hotdog and cheeseburger. Looking for a little something more authentic? Try **Mambo Grill and Tapas** for unique Cuban flair, discover fine dining at **LaCava** located in an old historic church, or sit out on the rooftop patio at **Go Burrito,** whose own "Salisbury Pineapple Margarita," infused with Cheerwine is sure to quench anyone's thirst.



SPEAKING OF CHEERWINE

Savor the sweet goodness of what is the South's most recognizable soft drink in its' hometown! **Cheerwine,** a unique cherry flavor drink was created in 1917 in Salisbury and is still a family owned business to this very day. Kick back on streets of Downtown Salisbury and enjoy everything Cheerwine... glass bottle Cheerwine, Cheerwine floats, Cheerwine slushies, Cheerwine icecream, Cheerwine cake, Cheerwine infused margaritas and more. Here it's legendary!



ROOTED IN THE LAND

Indulge yourself in the rich southern charm of Salisbury-Rowan County wineries. Escape for an afternoon of wine tasting with friends at **Old Stone Winery** or enjoy a savory glass while relaxing alongside a picturesque view at **Cable Creek Vineyard**. **Morgan Ridge Vineyards and Brewhouse** is a go-to for wine and gourmet food. Try something a little different like a specialty port wine at **Douglas Vineyard**, the newest Rowan County Winery.



BACK IN THE DAY

Famous guests have been a common, yet colorful, thread throughout the history of Salisbury-Rowan County. The stories date back to the 18th century when Lord Cornwallis and his troops made camp throughout the county. Salisbury was chosen as the site for the only prison in N.C. to house captured Union troops during the Civil War.



Andrew Jackson studied law here, and Daniel Boone spent his childhood days hunting and fishing on the Yadkin River. Senator Elizabeth Dole was born and raised in Salisbury. Washington, Polk, Taft, Roosevelt, and Eisenhower are just a few of the Presidents who have personally enjoyed the southern hospitality of Rowan County. In Rowan County, there are 11 historic districts, ten in Salisbury and one in Spencer. Downtown Salisbury hosts two house museums, the **Josephus Hall House** and the **Utzman-Chambers House**. The **Hall House** features Federal-style architecture with additions from the Greek revival and Victorian eras. The **Utzman-Chambers House** is a Federal townhouse and is one of few remaining in the Piedmont. Both houses feature original fixtures and antique furnishings from Rowan County.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Downtown Salisbury is indeed a city of the arts. With three local theaters, **Norvell Children's Theater**, **Meroney Theater** and **Lee Street Theatre**, a nationally accredited art gallery, **Waterworks Visual Arts Center**, **Salisbury Symphony**, and a revered outdoor **Sculpture Show**, here you can always find the spotlight.



ROWAN COUNTY EXCLUSIVE LOCATIONS

1. N.C. Transportation Museum
2. Lazy 5 Ranch
3. Patterson Farms
4. Downtown Salisbury
5. Dan Nicholas Park



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