



Come and Visit  
**WILSON**

Historic & Serene  
Inspirational

Gardens, Museums, Art, Theater,  
Golf, Antiques, Whirligigs,  
Barbecue & more!



Wilson is home of internationally known folk artist Vollis Simpson and his elaborate “Whirligigs.” In Historic Downtown Wilson, the Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum currently has 16 Whirligigs and by summer 2017 the park will have a total of 31 structures. The Whirligig Festival, held the first weekend in November, was selected as a top 20 event by Southeast Tourism Society. Wilson has the largest collection of Whirligigs in the world and are the “Folk Art of North Carolina.”

Our vibrant community, with its award-winning revitalized downtown offers concerts, festivals, porch tours and events for the whole family. Buckhorn Lake, one of four lakes in Wilson County covers 2183 acres of water and 1850 acres of land for nature lovers and offers biking, nature trails, hiking, fishing and boating. Wilson is proud to be North Carolina’s Gigabyte City and is home to North Carolina’s only four term governor. Wilson was also known as the World’s Greatest Tobacco Market and today is still America’s Largest Tobacco Market.

Eyes On Main Street is a large scale photography exhibit in store front windows over a three month period along the main corridor known as Nash Street in Downtown Wilson. The festival is planned for mid April through September each year.

Art Studios, Galleries and over 250 active artists including potters, jewelry makers and craftsmen are a large part of our community with a very active Arts Council.

Wilson is known for its first class Soccer & Baseball facilities – the J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex – having hosted the US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championship games and hosting the NC Little League Division 6 Baseball Tournament and NC Little League State Tournament. Four beautiful, luscious and green nationally challenging golf courses are available for your golfing pleasure.

Wilson is home to Barton College, a fully accredited, four-year, private, co-educational liberal arts college. Wilson Community College provides a variety of educational programs, college transfer programs and has a new certified LEED Gold Green Building, available for group tours.

While strolling the Old Wilson Mile, enjoy our unique architecture and rich heritage which includes over 2500 bungalows and five National Registered Districts. The Wilson Visitors Center is the start of the Historic Downtown Walking Tour circa 1916, located at 209 Broad Street.

Museums and attractions include the states only North Carolina Baseball Museum, Imagination Station Science & History Museum, NC Museum of Coastal Plain, African American Roundhouse Museum and the Military Confederate Hospital which has a NC Civil War trail marker for its designation. Enjoy the Wilson Tobs Collegiate Baseball Team - plays in season at the Historic Fleming Stadium. The Wilson Botanical Garden, the Children’s Secret Garden, the Stem Garden, and the All-American Rose Selection Public Garden are open sunrise to sunset daily. Southern hospitality and home town charm are a tradition here and we invite you to come see what is “Simply Wonderful.”

**Please contact Sandra Homes, Executive Director, for more information.**

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