



CAMDEN COUNTY

North Carolina



The Great Dismal Swamp & Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

The **Great Dismal Swamp** is one of the few natural American gems remaining in the East. Once covering over one million acres, the swamp exists of approximately 125,000 acres of protected lands. The **Dismal Swamp Canal** is an alternate route along the AICW, connecting the Chesapeake Bay with the Albemarle Sound, a gateway to the **Albemarle Loop**. Opening to navigation in 1805, it is the the oldest continually operating man-made canal in the United States.



Underground Railroad & Civil War

Explore the Great Dismal Swamp's **Underground Railroad** history and designation as part of the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The swamp was a known route and destination for freedom seekers. The Dismal Swamp Canal is also featured on the Battle of South Mills Driving Tour and the **NC Civil War Trails**.

Let Nature Be Your Guide

The **Dismal Swamp State Park** features nearly 20 miles of hiking/biking trails and a half-mile boardwalk. Canoe, kayak and bike rentals are available. The swamp is home to one of the largest black bear populations on the East Coast, subtropical birds, butterflies, bobcats and white-tailed deer. Annual events include **Paddle for the Border** and **Dismal Day**, celebrating a rich heritage.

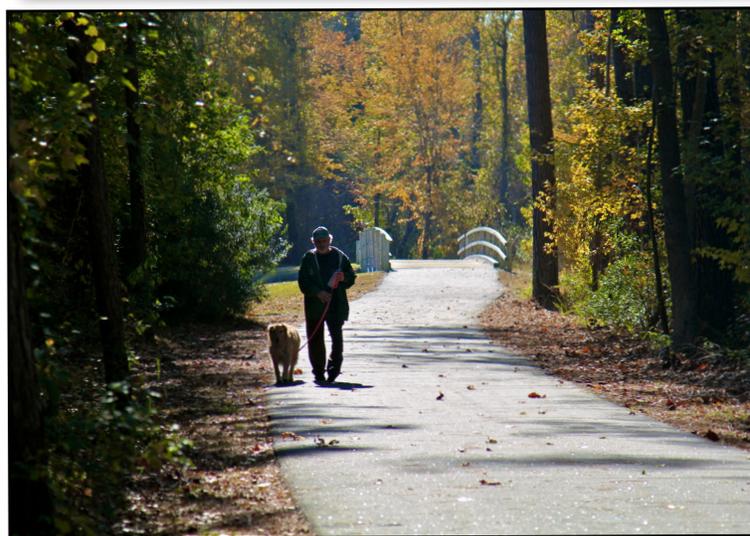


Camden Heritage Museum & Historic Jail

Explore Camden's history from 1777 to the present with interpretive stories, artifacts and talented docents. The **Historic Jail** is a well preserved reminder of incarceration in the early 1900s. The museum features exhibits on Moses Grandy, a skilled waterman who purchased his freedom three times before it was finally secured and published his autobiography in 1843. The museum is now a featured site on the **African American Experience of Northeast NC Trail (AAENENC)**.

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Stunning nature, pristine waters, and a variety of trails and parks create the perfect backdrop to experience and reconnect with nature through outdoor recreation. Camden's Treasure Point and One Mill Park provide plentiful opportunities for boating, fishing, paddling, meditation, and photography. Grab your binoculars and listen to the melodic sounds of songbirds as you enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, a 3 mile paved trail parallel to the historic canal. Local outfitters can assist with private fishing charters, vessel rentals and guided paddling tours. North River Campground, RV park and lodging facility, offers the perfect rustic setting to enjoy nature and was recently voted one of the best RV Parks in NC by RVLife.com. Fresh produce, sweet potato biscuits, locally made BBQ, beautiful flowers and vintage treasures are also available along the highways of Camden County. The Vintage Lilley, Poor Boy's Market, Paradiso Roma Ristorante, Topside Deli and Belcross Bake Shoppe are local staples as well as must stop attractions for beach travelers. Other neighboring towns in Northeast NC, offer lodging and amenities while you explore the Albemarle Region.



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