

# COME AND VISIT



# WILSON

NORTH CAROLINA

## PREPARE TO BE SURPRISED

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



Our vibrant community, with its award-winning revitalized downtown offers you downtown alive concerts, festivals, library on the lawn concerts, a historic walking tour, 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.

Wilson is home of internationally known folk artist Vollis Simpson and his elaborate "Whirligigs". In historic downtown Wilson the Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park is open to the public and features 30 of his sculptures with gardens, a farmer's market shelter and staging for outdoor entertainment and more. Wilson has the largest collection of Whirligigs anywhere in the world. A MUST SEE!

Eyes On Main Street Festival is a large scale photography exhibit in store front windows for 100 days in the Spring along the main corridor known as Nash Street in Downtown Wilson. The NC Whirligig Festival, held the first weekend in November, was selected as a top 20 event by Southeast Tourism Society. You can enjoy arts and crafts, live entertainment, 200 vendors and kid friendly attractions. FREE!

Wilson attracts leading manufacturers and the industrial base is made up of pharmaceuticals, aerospace, automotive and more. There are over 130 manufacturers in Wilson County.

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.

Wilson is known for its three beautiful, luscious and green nationally challenging golf courses and disc golf courses for play.

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.

Preservation of Wilson has preserved Wilson's future by preserving it's past. Enjoy our unique architecture and rich heritage while strolling The Old Wilson Mile. Wilson has over 2500 bungalows and Five National Registered Districts. The Wilson Visitors Center is the start of the Historic Downtown Walking Tour circa 1916.

Wilson is known for its museums and attractions; the North Carolina Baseball Museum, Imagination Station Science & History Museum, NC Museum of Coastal Plain, African American Roundhouse Museum and the Military Confederate Hospital. 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- America Wilson Rose Garden are open sunrise to sunset daily. Southern hospitality and home town charm are a tradition here. Prepare to be surprised.

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