



14. DISMAL SWAMP CANAL VISITOR CENTER

The Battle of South Mills was fought to capture control of the Dismal Swamp Canal, an important transportation route. Literature and a presentation (by appt.) are available.
 2356 Hwy 17 N, South Mills, NC 27976
 252-771-8333, Open: Mon.-Sun. 9-5 (Mem. Day-Oct.31), Tues.-Sat.. 9-5 (Nov. 1- May 31)

27. MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE

The museum features an overview of the Civil War in the Albemarle region. Other exhibits explore slavery and antebellum plantation life.
 1116 US Hwy 17 S., Elizabeth City, NC 27909
 252-335-1453, Open: Tues. – Sat. 9-5, Sun. 2-5

19. FORT BRANCH

Well-preserved Confederate earthen fort overlooks the Roanoke River. Protected ram Albemarle construction site and railroad bridge. Seven original cannons are on display.
 SR 1416, Fort Branch Rd. (2.5 miles east of Hamilton)
 PO Box 355, Hamilton, NC 27840 252-792-6605
 800-776-8566, Open: Sat.-Sun 1:30 – 5:30
 (April – 1st Weekend in Nov.), Frr reenactment weekend

37. PORT-O-PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

Informative displays with many artifacts and photographs interpret the Battle of Plymouth, ram Albemarle and the Union occupation of the town. Fee.
 302 East Water St., Hwy 64 PO Box 296, Plymouth, NC 27962
 252-793-1377, Open:Tues.-Sat 8-5

30. NEW BERN ACADEMY

The New Bern Academy Museum relates the history of New Bern. One gallery focuses on the Civil War in the town and related African American history. Uniforms and other military artifacts are displayed. Fee.
 Corner of Hancock and New Streets
 PO Box 1007, New Bern, NC 28563
 252-514-4900, 800-767-1560, Open: 1-5 daily

34. ONSLOW COUNTRY MUSEUM

Civil War exhibit focuses on Onslow County's role in the coastal region. Included are uniforms, firearms, rosters, letters and other artifacts from the conflict and a description of the Battle of New River.
 301 S. Wilmington St., NC Hwy 24/US Hwy 258, PO Box 384 Richlands, NC 28574, 910-324-5008
 Open: Tues.-Fri. 10-4:30, Sat.-Sun 1-4

36. POPULAR GROVE PLANTATION

Costumed guides lead tours of this antebellum plantation. Period demonstrations and exhibits help visitors learn more about lifestyles of the plantation residents. Fee.
 10200 US Hwy 17 N., Wilmington, NC 28405
 910-686-9518, Open: Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun 12-5, closed in Jan.

9. THE CAPE FEAR MUSEUM

Established in 1898 to house Confederate relics, the museum's exhibits explore the history of Wilmington, blockade running, and (in a detailed diorama) the Battle of Fort Fisher. Fee.
 814 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28401
 910-341-4350, Open: Mon. – Sat. 9-5, Sun. 2-5 (Mem.-Labor Day);
 Tues.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 2-5 (other months)

4. BELLAMY MANSION

This spectacular antebellum house was used in 1865 as Union military headquarters following surrender of Wilmington. Guided tours and exhibitions. Fee
 503 Market St., PO Box 1176, Wilmington, NC 28402
 910-251-3700, Open: Office: Mon.- Fri. 9-5. Museum: Wed.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5 or by appt.

20. FORT FISHER

Before its fall in January 1865, Fort Fisher protected blockade runners en route to Wilmington with supplies vital to the Confederate armies. It was the largest of the earthen fortifications in the Confederacy.

1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. South

PO Box 169, Kure Beach, NC 28449

910-458-5538,

Open: Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 1-5 (April – Oct.);

Tues. – Sat. 10-4, Sun. 1-4 (Nov.-March)

18. FORT ANDERSON/BRUNSWICK TOWN

This fort was part of the Cape Fear defenses. After its fall in February 1865, Wilmington and the supply lines to Lee's army came under Union control. The mounds of the eastern fort are nearly 90 per cent intact!

8884 St. Philips Rd, SE, Winnabow, NC 28479

910-371-6613, Open: Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 1-5 (April-Oct.);

Tues.-Sat. 10-4, Sun

1-4 (Nov. – March)

6. EDENTON (CHOWAN COUNTY)

Edenton during the War

Trails sign on the waterfront near end of Main Street. Interpretive sign here tells the story of the May 1864 battle between the ironclad CSS Albemarle and escorts and Union navy vessels waiting in the Albemarle Sound. The Confederates managed to damage several Union ships, then escaped back to their base in Plymouth. The town, like many in the area, contributed troops to both sides.

VISITOR CENTER (108 Broad St.)

The visitor center offers "on-demand" walking tours of the historic district, which includes the town's Civil War history. Cost is \$7 adults, \$3.50 children (\$15 max per family). The tour includes a visit to "St. Paul," one of four cannon cast from bells donated by Edenton churches. The Edenton Bell Battery served throughout the war. The gun with a sign explaining its history is located in front of the Barker House at the foot of Broad Street. The visitor center is open April-October Monday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm. From November through March, it closes an hour earlier and on Monday. Call 252-482-2637 for Edenton information.