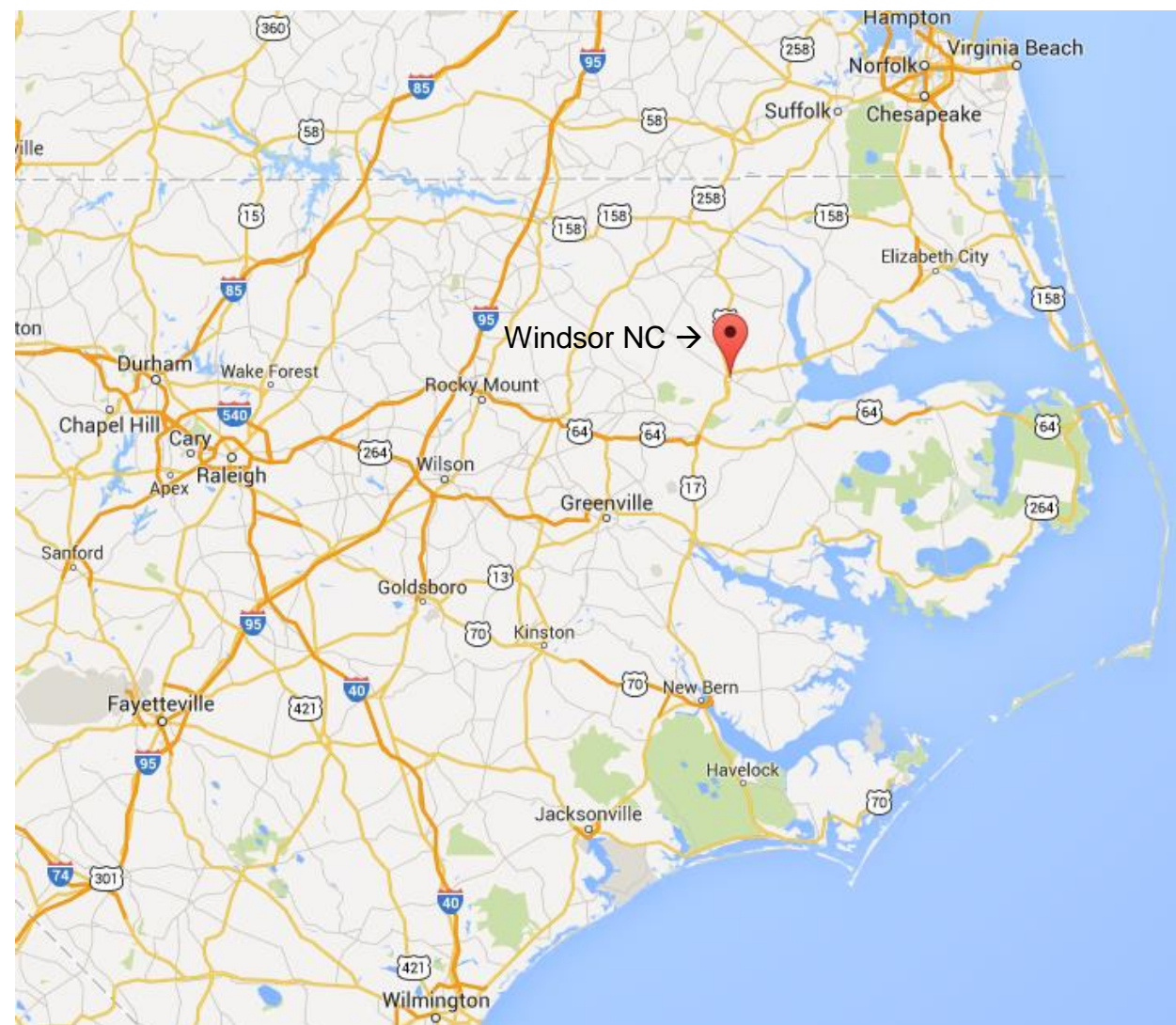


THE ULTIMATE GUIDE BOOK: WINDSOR, NC

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DESTINATION WINDSOR, NC



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Town of Windsor - Parks and Recreation Department

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Brief History of Windsor on the Cashie River

The Cashie River is a place of tranquil unspoiled beauty, where Native Americans glided their canoes across the calm black water. People continue to enjoy the pristine nature and wildlife as the Tuscarora Indians who settled the area once. Chartered in 1768, the Town of Windsor is located on the Cashie River, and serves as the county seat of Bertie County. By the early to mid-1700s the Cashie River supported a large population and much trading activity around a site known as Gray's Landing. This site was part of the Rosefield Plantation belonging to William Gray. A petition for a new town to be established at Gray's Landing was presented to the General Assembly of North Carolina. The committee returned a report favoring Gray's Landing and on January 8, 1768 the Assembly passed an act to create Windsor on the Cashie River. By the mid-to late-1800's the Cashie River was being utilized as the primary transportation artery of shipping goods and supplies to and from the area. Shipping routes not only serviced the towns along the Roanoke, they also led to Norfolk, Virginia and points north to Baltimore, Maryland. Windsor was not spared the ravages of the Civil War, because after the fall of Roanoke Island near Plymouth, several forces occupied the entire area. There were some small skirmishes in and around town between Union and Confederate forces. The 1900's brought railroads and better highways for moving goods in and out of the town. Windsor traditionally has thrived with small industries and agriculture. Today Windsor is a small community that enjoys its heritage and shares many historical and natural resources with visitors. The Cashie River is the longest, deepest, river in the world starting and ending in one county. The slow moving non-tidal dark waters of the 55 mile long Cashie River offer recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, power boating, water skiing, canoeing, and kayaking.



EXISTING FEATURES & RESOURCES

The Town of Windsor's Parks & Recreation Department offers:
Guided Tours of the Cashie River & Canoe and Kayak Rentals

<http://www.destinationwindsornc.com/>

Call Jeremy at 252-367-0367 for rates and information

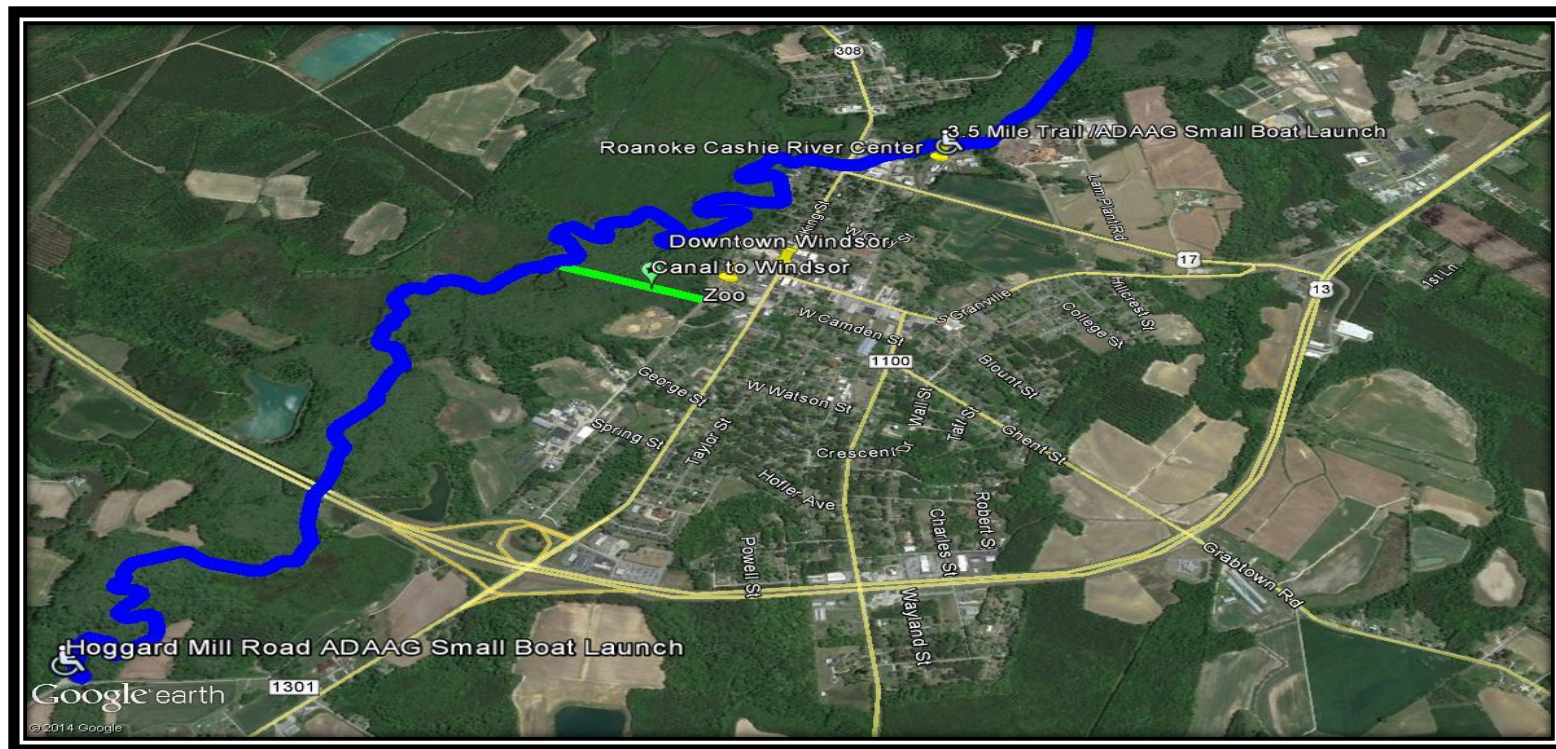
The Town of Windsor's Livermon Park and Mini-Zoo and the Cashie River including the new ADAAG small boat launch were featured on UNC TV's popular show "NC Weekend." The Livermon Park and Mini-Zoo segment aired on Thursday, November 6th 2014 at 9:00 PM. The Cashie River segment aired on Thursday, November 13th 2014. The Livermon Park & Mini Zoo was also featured June 8th 2014 in the series Best-Kept Secrets by The News and Observer in Raleigh

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/06/08/3921794/best-kept-secret-livermon-park.html>.

The UNC-TV segments can be viewed at the following website address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wsj_hbjBGJs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsJY3EfGPMw>



Windsor, NC Parks & Recreation Department Facilities

Livermon Park and Mini Zoo – 103 North York Street

Windsor's Livermon Park and Mini Zoo is a unique attraction for residents and visitors from across eastern North Carolina. The facility spans approximately ten acres and is connected to the Cashie Wetland Walk and Canoe Trail. The facility is owned and operated by the town and is free to visitors. The Mini Zoo includes buffaloes, llamas, peacocks, alpacas, long horn sheep, ostriches, emus and other animals available for viewing. The recreation area offers picnic shelters, a restroom, basketball court, and children's playground area. The park is very popular with residents and is often used for gatherings. The zoo attracts children of all ages from throughout eastern North Carolina.



Best-Kept Secret: Livermon Park & Mini Zoo

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Livermon Park & Mini Zoo is owned and operated by the town of Windsor, NC. The park features nearly 150 animals including goats, llamas, peacocks, and buffalo. Wayne Hill, superintendent of the park, has dedicated the past 25 years of his life to maintaining and growing the small zoo. Video by Sarah Shaw.

Cashie Wetland Walk and Canoe Trail - 102 North York Street

The Cashie Wetlands Walk offers visitors a trip into a natural wetlands environment with cypress trees and other swampland flora. The Wetlands Walk entrance is located on York Street adjacent to Livermon Park. The walk takes visitors to the edge of the Cashie River. The Cashie Wetlands Walk has an 1800 foot handicapped accessible walkway to the Cashie River and features a fishing pier at its end. The trees and shrubs in the Walk are labeled for identification. An observation deck allows views of several different species of endangered waterfowl as well as other swampland animals in their natural habitats. A historic One Room School House is on site for interpretation.

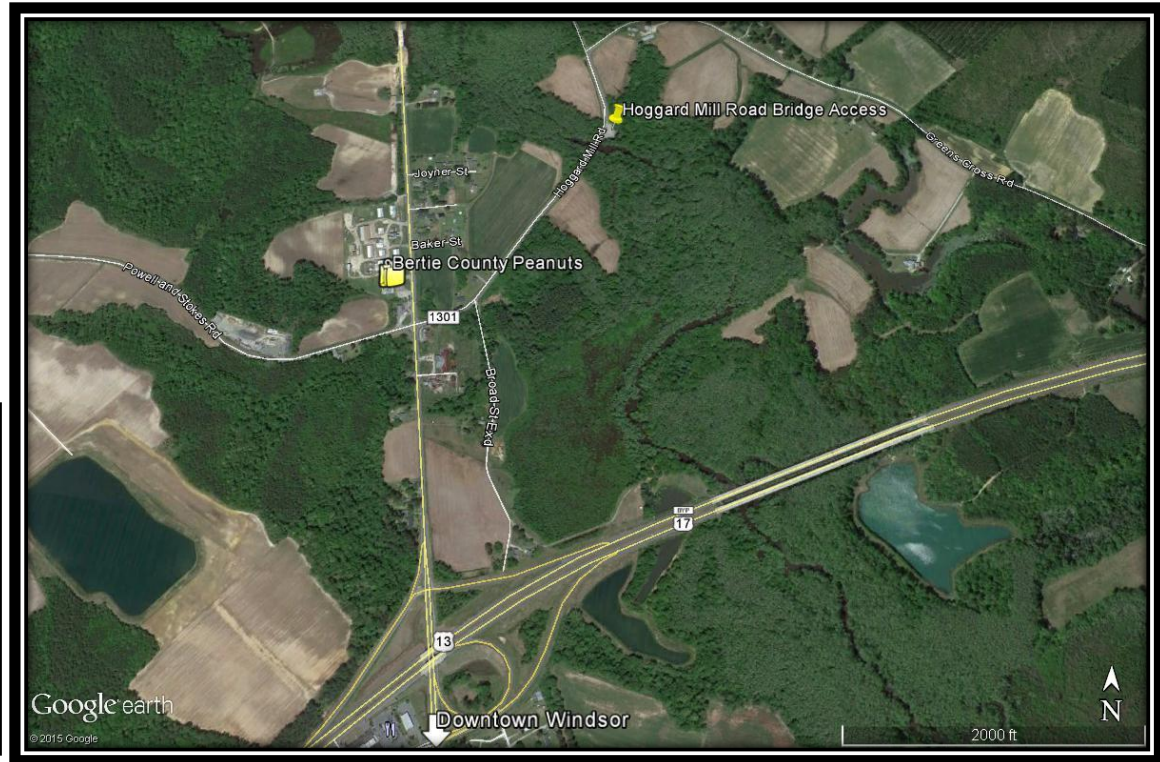
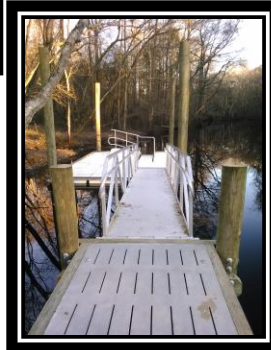
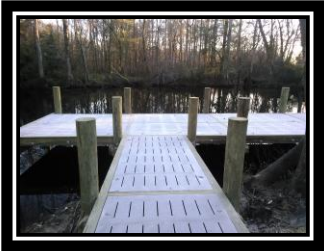
Freeman Hotel - 102 North York Street

Currently serving as the Parks and Recreation Department's office building this former Hotel was built in the 1840s. Freeman Hotel is a rare survival of an antebellum frame commercial building. From 1888 until 1936 the building served Windsor as a hotel of eight rooms and two dining rooms. The hotel did a very good business. About this time steamboats were commonplace in Windsor. Lumber mills shipped their goods by water as did many other businesses. Rail traffic was also significant. The region was economically strong. Windsor was well located in the region and with rail service and the deep Cashie River, the hotel business thrived. Several hotels flourished in town, but the Freeman was the most popular. Many people throughout the state lodged here



Craftsman and Farmers Museum - 203 East Granville Street; Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Windsor Craftsman & Farmers' Museum is located in historic Downtown Windsor. Featuring a wide variety of antique tools & many farming implements on display. Museum Curator Mr. Harvey Jackson is eager to educate guests on the way things were made "way back then." Admission is free & well worth the trip. The museum's founder, Mr. Harry Thompson, was Windsor's favorite historian & story-teller. Harry passed less than a year after the museum's opening in 2012, but you can visit today and purchase one of his books to take home. Always on site Mr. Jackson is an expert historian and offers detailed descriptions of the museum's contents to visitors.

**Hoggard's Mill Road Bridge Access**

ADAAG compatible fishing pier and ADAAG compatible small boat launch completed in December 2014. Combined with the ADAAG compatible small boat launch behind the Roanoke/Cashie River Center, the Hoggard Mill Road Bridge Access provides a 3.5-mile ADAAG accessible paddle trail on the Cashie River throughout the town proper.

Windsor Community Building - 201 South Queen Street

The Windsor Community Building offers services to the Citizens of Windsor through governmental agencies, civic organizations, family gatherings and church functions. It was designated to serve the people of the Town of Windsor with activities that provide education, improve relationships, and make the town a better community in which to live.

Tennis Courts

The Sutton Drive Tennis Courts are located on the corner of Nichols Street and Sutton Drive, behind the Windsor Community Building. The courts were rebuilt in 2008 and were resurfaced in July 2013. The site is regularly utilized by Lawrence Academy Tennis Team and The Windsor Tennis Moms.

Rotary Park

This one acre park is primarily a passive open space area available to the public. It is a very popular destination for shad anglers. The park is accessible via King Street and parking spaces are available across the street at Williford Park. The park is an ideal picnicking site, primarily for access by foot or bicycle. The property was the site of the original wooden bridge that crossed the Cashie River to bring commerce and visitors to the town.

Park at Gray's Landing

Windsor is listed in the Civil War Discovery Trail. A marker in the Park at Gray's Landing commemorates the Skirmish at Windsor when Union gunboats dispatched from Plymouth entered the town in the early hours of January 30, 1864, and faced a small regiment from the 42nd Georgia Calvary. A sturdy Boardwalk along the banks of the Cashie River leads from the Park to the Roanoke-Cashie River Center, which offers many exhibits that interpret the environment of the Albemarle estuary. The deep waters of the Cashie make Windsor a perfect ecotourism destination. Along the boardwalk visitors encounter the reconstructed root cellar uncovered in the 1999 excavation at Eden House which revealed a 17th Century settlement. A small house nearby has replicas of artifacts uncovered in that excavation.

Queen Street Fishing Pier and Public Access

In collaborative partnership with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, the Town of Windsor will be constructing a new Cashie River public access and fishing pier in the summer of 2015. This ADAAG compatible access will offer passive recreational fishing opportunities with construction of a 10 foot wide by 90 foot long fishing pier. ADAAG compatible parking and access will also be provided.

Williford Park

Windsor's newest park is located on the Cashie River across the street from Rotary Park, on what was formally the location of a gas station. The Park offers a boat launch, fresh water, benches, bike rack, and gazebo. All amenities are offered free to the public.



Cashie River Disc Golf Course

With an ongoing effort to improve health and the quality of life, one of Windsor's newest parks is a disc golf course located between Elm and Maple Street; near the Cashie River Campground. The site offers 9 holes of disc golf spanning across a beautiful stretch of land with a combination of wooded and open terrains. All amenities are offered free to the public.

Cashie River Campground and Treehouse Village

Currently the Town of Windsor owns and operates the Cashie River Campground and Treehouse Village. Located adjacent to the NCWRC Cashie River Boating Access. The construction of the treehouses was featured on The DIY Network's show *The Treehouse Guys*. There are 11 spots available for camping with electricity, water, and sewer hookups. The campground caters mostly to recreational vehicle campers, but offers spots for tent campers as well. Currently the campground is undergoing improvements including a new comfort station with restrooms, shower, laundry facilities, and picnic shelter. The improvements were made with help from our grantors including NC Division of Coastal Management, NC Division of Water Resources, and NC Division of Parks and Recreation.



Lodging In Windsor, NC

The Inn at Gray's Landing

(252) 794-2255 - 401 South King Street

The Inn at Gray's Landing is in the historic district of Windsor, and is near the Roanoke-Cashie River Center, Hope Plantation, Historic Edenton, the Charles Kuralt Trail, and the Outer Banks. Only 2 hours out of Norfolk and Raleigh. Circa 1790's the inn has three suites and two guest rooms, beautifully decorated with antiques and period reproductions, all with private baths, cable television, desks, bathrobes, and hair dryers. There is wireless internet throughout. A full breakfast is offered in the morning room or on one of the verandas.



Windsor Motel

Enjoy a friendly, courteous, home-like atmosphere

(252) 794-3444 - 1523 South King St

The Windsor Motel is locally owned and operated and has been proudly serving the Windsor area for over 50 years. 11 rooms available for a short term stay. Amenities include: Cable TV; Kitchen; In-Room Phone Service; Free Wi-Fi; Housekeeping; and much more. All rooms have a courteous home-like atmosphere.

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center - 112 West Water Street

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center, presently operated by the Partnership for the Sounds, offers a unique ecosystem of wetland ponds, riverfront boardwalk, hands-on exhibits and an ever-changing tranquil setting to observe nature. It has artifacts from the past including a **Lost Colony** exhibit. Onsite educational programming on the history, heritage, and natural resources of the Roanoke and Cashie River area are offered through the year. The center offers canoeing/kayaking rentals and free River Rambling Cashie River tours by reservation (252) 794-2001.

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center can be rented for private meetings, social functions, weddings, and other events. The Center can hold up to 50 people for seated indoor events. If your event is larger the Center can accommodate over 3,000 people for indoor/outdoor receptions. The Town of Windsor's 3rd of July celebration typically brings over 3,000 people to the Center every year. The site spans approximately 7.5 acres and includes water access to the Cashie River. The facility opened in 2000 and has a primary exhibits building, exhibit outbuildings on the grounds, and a boardwalk/boat ramp along the river available to the public at no charge. Serving as an outdoor classroom, it is available for educational opportunities or events. Both cultural and recreational opportunities are available to visitors of this site. Historic items on the center property, including an "in situ" brick vault, a 150-year-old grave marker, and an outbuilding from a historic home. These various artifacts allow for interpretation of Windsor's and the areas past.

Features include:

- Natural Area and Park
- Boardwalk along the Cashie River
- Small Boat Access to the Cashie River
- Amphitheater
- Queen Street Boat Launch
- Historical Artifacts
- Science and Nature Displays
- Exhibits



Bertie County Arts Council - 124 South King Street

Created in 1987, the Bertie County Arts Council is committed to fostering the arts in Bertie County, North Carolina through promotion, funding and education. The Gallery is a specialty shop operated by the Bertie County Arts Council which offers a selection of fine art and photography as well as an array of handmade items by 80 local and regional artists. Vibrant works in all mediums are displayed in the restored and beautifully decorated downtown arts building. Original artwork is always on exhibit with the works changing frequently as special art shows are held throughout the year. Photography and prints of local scenes create special interest. Unique, one-of-a-kind jewelry, hand thrown pottery, decorated ceramics pieces, colorful, handmade afghans in varying sizes, handmade baskets stained to your preference as well as products built from local wood are all for sale including an interesting selection of books with regional themes written and published by area authors.

**Davis Ball Park**

Located on York Street in downtown Windsor, this private ball park is home to The Cashie Youth League.

Bertie County Confederate Monument

“Location: The monument sits on the east side of Dundee Street at the intersection with South King Street.

Unveiling & Dedication: The monument was unveiled on August 13, 1896, with a reported four thousand people attending.

The welcome was given by General William Bate of Tennessee. Several generations of his forebears lived in Bertie County, and a public reception was given on the evening of the dedication to honor him. Two Bertie County survivors of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg were also on the speaker's stand at the dedication.

Landscape: The monument sits in a small brick plaza on the edge of the park at the intersection. A bench sits behind the monument, and the plaza is framed by shade trees” (Bertie County Confederate Monument | NCpedia. (n.d.).

://ncpedia.org/monument/bertie-county-confederate 2014).

Bertie County YMCA - 1102 North King Street

The Bertie County YMCA was founded in 1991. It may be the nation's smallest YMCA, but for over two decades it has provided a recreational basketball league for residents in rural Eastern North Carolina. The YMCA is dedicated to helping people enrich their lives physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, and to helping them grow as responsible members of the community in which they live. The YMCA Facility offers a variety of cardio machines, weight resistance machines and free weight space and equipment. Exercise classes are offered in Aerobics, Pilates, Toning, and 4 levels of Yoga. It is the focus of the YMCA to provide safe, affordable health and fitness activities for adults and children. The YMCA is available to all individuals regardless of ability to pay a membership fee or program fee. The Bertie County YMCA is an independent corporation which operates under the guideline of the YMCA USA.

Historic Homes, Structures, and Civil War Trail Markers

King Street is the heart of the nearby Historic District of Windsor, and includes many fine examples of 18th and 19th Century architecture. Visitors are encouraged to experience the self-guided Historic Downtown Windsor Walking Tour and Skirmish at Windsor Civil War Trail, featuring many registered structures. Windsor Castle, an antebellum plantation built by one generation was aggrandized by the next with an early 20th century, classical portico evoking the old glories of the South. Patrick Henry Winston, who came to Bertie County as a schoolteacher and became a successful lawyer, bought part of the old Gray family plantation in 1858, retained its nickname "Windsor Castle", and soon built the 2-story frame house in Greek Revival-Italianate style.

Cashie Golf & Country Club - 132 Country Club Road

A beautiful wooded golf course with 9 holes, carts, club house and swimming pool, somewhat open course has fairways that are tree lined. There are no water hazards or rough on the course. The average-sized greens are slightly sloped and have medium speed.

Bertie County Recreation Department Office - 101 School Street

The Bertie County Parks and Recreation Department was established in October of 2001 and was the first recreational department created for Bertie County. The Bertie County Parks and Recreation Department offers various summer camps and activities. Currently the department consists of a staff of three whom operate and maintain facilities and programs

Bertie County Recreational Complex - 1538 South King Street

The Bertie County Recreational Complex consists of a baseball field, softball field, football field, soccer field, playground area, restroom/concession building, picnic shelter, maintenance building and parking area.

Lawrence Memorial Public Library - 204 East Dundee Street

Located in downtown Windsor this library is part of the Albemarle Regional Library serving Bertie, Gates, Hertford, and Northampton counties.

**Windsor-Bertie County Chamber of Commerce
& Moses B. Gillam Technology Center** - 121 East Granville Street

The Windsor - Bertie County Chamber of Commerce is committed to maintaining the natural resources and quality of life that makes Bertie County a desirable place to live and work. Located in downtown Windsor it has a gift shop and houses the Moses B. Gillam Technology Center, a free computer lab open to the public.

Bertie County Game Lands

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

3,790 Acres Open to the Public

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1989, the refuge is home to animals such as deer, otter, beaver, muskrat, and black bear, as well as more than 191 species of migrating birds. Informal trail systems are open to the public for hiking and bird watching, including the new Charles Kuralt Trail which opened in spring 2000. Some of the trails and refuge are only accessible by boat.

Hunting is by special permit only. Refuge is closed to public during permitted hunts for safety reasons. Special wildlife observation areas along U.S. Hwy 13/17 are available seasonably. Special fishing regulations apply in selected tributaries within the refuge boundaries. Fishing is permitted in the Roanoke River proper. The Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge has recently partnered with the Town of Windsor to provide unique educational opportunities to the public. The Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge is part of the largest, least disturbed bottomland hardwood systems remaining in the eastern United States.

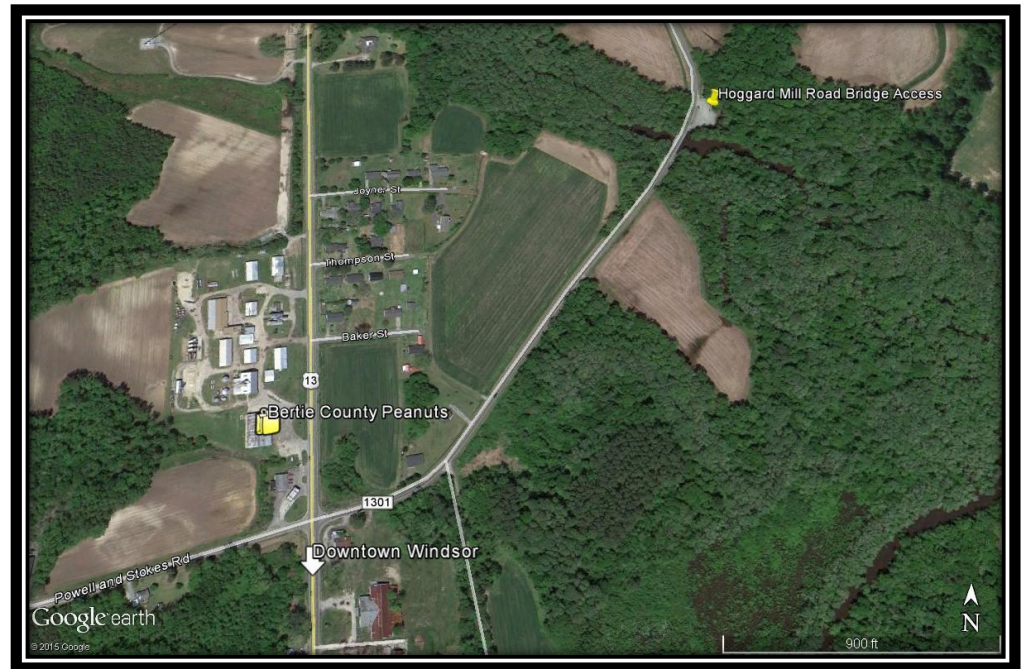
Historic Hope Plantation - 132 Hope House Road

Located just five miles from Windsor, Hope Plantation is home to the Hope Mansion, built in 1803 by Governor David Stone. Hope Mansion is a stunning example of an academic architectural combination of Federal and Georgian architecture.



Bertie County Peanuts - 217 US HWY 13 North

Bertie County Peanuts was launched in 1992 in Windsor, North Carolina, by Powell & Stokes, Inc. Powell & Stokes is a farm supply and bulk peanut buying company that was founded in 1919 by the Powell and Stokes families. The families have been producing peanuts since at least 1898. Bertie County Peanuts was founded on the simple principal that consumers deserve only the best peanut product. Thus, the company produces peanut products that are made only from Super Extra Large Virginia type peanuts. Super Extra Large peanuts are the largest peanuts on the retail market and because of their size and taste are considered a true gourmet peanut. The peanuts used by Bertie County Peanuts are locally grown, and then packaged in recyclable plastic jars so that the products are visible to the consumer. Bertie County Peanuts began as a small retail arm of the larger farm supply business; however, due to the outstanding quality of the award-winning peanut products, the business has experienced tremendous growth and is becoming a must visit-site in Bertie County.





Sans Souci Ferry

13 miles from Windsor, Sans Souci Ferry offers a free scenic crossing of the Cashie River. One of the last two-car inland ferries in the state, it is guided by a cable stretched across the Cashie River.

Scotch Hall Preserve

103 Scotch Hall Ct, Merry Hill, NC 27957

Scotch Hall Preserve is a coastal gated golf resort-style community offering a variety of experiences.

Kaley Jase Boutique

(252) 301-6499 - 121 South King Street

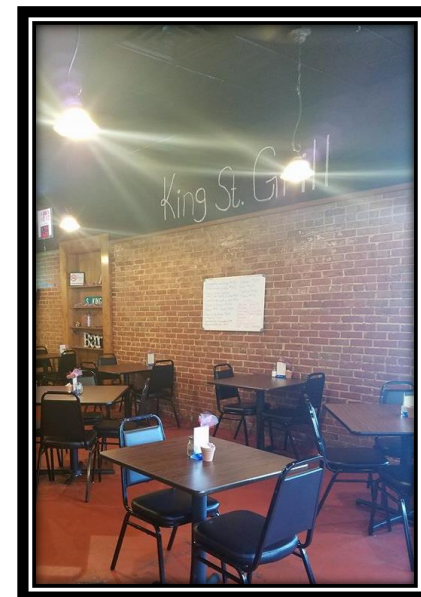
Fashion - The Unique Factor

Kaley Jase is a very unique one of a kind, boutique and experience in itself.

<http://www.kaleyjase.com/>

Dining in Windsor, N.C. 27983

- **Bojangles** - 100 Carson's Alley
- **Burger King** - 107 US HWY 13 Bypass
- **Bunn's Barbecue** - 127 North King Street
- **China King Restaurant** - 108 South King Street
- **Ella's Café** - 448 US HWY13 North
- **Heritage House Restaurant** - 1303 South King Street
- **Inn at Gray's Landing Dining Room** - 401 South King Street
- **King Street Grill** – 101 South King Street
- **Lasca's Restaurant** (*Italian*) - 307 West Granville Street
- **Little Golden Skillet** (*Fried Chicken*) - 103 West Granville Street
- **Pittman's Soda Fountain** - 305 West Granville Street
- **Spencer's Snack Bar** (*Original Double Cheeseburger*) - 208 West Granville Street
- **Subway** - 112 US HWY 13 Bypass
- **Town House Restaurant** - 215 US HWY 13 Bypass



Annual Festivals, Activities, and Programming

Spring:

- Shad Festival
- Bream Fishing Tournament
- The Tee & Sea – “A Classic Event”

Summer:

- Sage Festival
- Annual 3rd of July Celebration
- Cashie River Festival



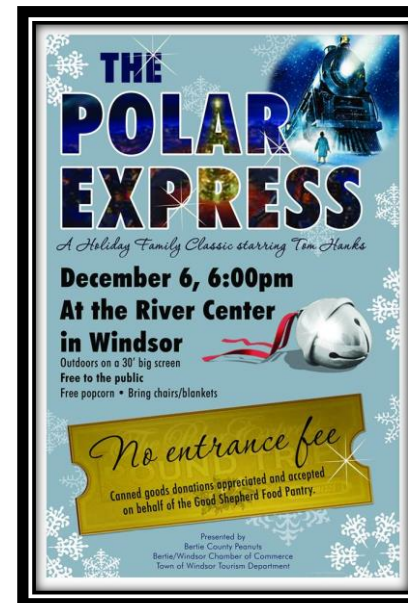
Fall:

- Blues, Brews and BBQ
- Halloween Spooktacular and 1 mile fun walk & 5k
- Ghost Walk
- Harvest and Craft Festival
- National Hunting and Fishing Day (For kids partnered with US Fish and Wildlife Service)



Winter:

- Owl Prowl
- Hoggard Christmas Lights
- Christmas Parade
- Mistletoe Ramble
- Christmas at Hope
- Christmas on the Streets/Carriage Rides
- Caroling and lighting the town's official tree
- Wreaths Across America Edgewood Cemetery
- New Year's Eve Peanut Drop



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