



With our mild climate and abundant sunshine, Stanly County offers something for everyone from vigorous exercise to idling away the hours on a grassy slope beside a gentle stream. Come and enjoy our great outdoors. Take a deep breath of fresh air, feel your cares and worries slip away, and let the adventure begin.

VISITOR SERVICES

Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau 1000 N. 1st St., Suite 11, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.2583 | 800.650.1476 | www.visitstanly.com

Stanly County Chamber of Commerce 116 E. North St., Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.8116 | www.stanlychamber.org

Stanly County Economic Development Commission 1000 N. 1st St., Suite 11, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3682 | www.stanlyedc.com

Stanly County Museum 245 E. Main St., Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3777 | www.stanlycountymuseum.com

Stanly County Arts Council Suite G 26032 Newt Rd., Albemarle, NC 704.982.8118 | www.stanlycountyartscouncil.org

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center 26032-B Newt Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3666 | www.stanlyciviccenter.com

Stanly County Government 1000 N. 1st St., Suite 10, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3600 | www.stanlycountync.gov

Albemarle Downtown Development Corp. 144 North Second St., Albemarle, NC 28001 704.984.9415 | www.albemarledowntown.com Morrow Mountain State Park

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TOWN OF BADIN www.badin.org | 704.422.3470



CITY OF LOCUST www.locustnc.com | 704.888.5260



VILLAGE OF MISENHEIMER www.villageofmisenheimer.com | 704.463.1234



TOWN OF NEW LONDON www.newlondonnc.org | 704.463.5423



TOWN OF OAKBORO www.oakboro.com | 704.485.3351



TOWN OF RED CROSS www.townofredcross.com | 704.485.2002



TOWN OF RICHFIELD www.richfieldnc.com | 704.463.1308



TOWN OF STANFIELD www.stanfieldnc.com | 704.888.2386



HOTELS

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites

200 Henson Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.3939 www.americasbestvalueinn.com

Quality Inn

735 NC 24-27 Bypass East, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.983.6990 www.qualityinn.com

Best Western

2300 US Hwy 52, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.985.1111 www.bestwestern.com

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

500 Leonard Avenue, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.2100 www.hiexpress.com

Sleep Inn & Suites

621 North 24-27 Bypass, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.983.2770 www.sleepinn.com

MOTELS

Garden Inn

310 West Church Street, Richfield, NC 28137 704.463.7514

Lion Inn

2312 North US 52, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.8194

BED & BREAKFAST

1913 Badin Inn

107 Spruce Street, Badin, NC 28009 704.985.2151

The 1891 Inn Bed & Breakfast

427 Pee Dee Avenue, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.804.1108 www.the1891inn.com

The Fork Lodge Bed & Breakfast

3200 Fork Road, Norwood, NC 28128 704.474.4052 www.forkstables.com

CAMPGROUNDS

Cotton Patch Gold Mine (RV Friendly)

41697 Gurley Road, New London, NC 28127 704.463.5797 www.cottonpatchgoldmine.com

Morrow Mountain State Park (RV Friendly)

49107 Morrow Mountain Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.4402

Norwood Camping Resort (RV Friendly)

1216 Berry Hill Drive, Norwood, NC 28128 704.474.3800

Looking for a place to slip away and enjoy a pace of life with a rhythm of your own choosing? Look no further. Within easy driving distance of Charlotte and in close proximity to the state's metropolitan areas, Stanly County is an oasis of calm.





Morrow Mountain State Park, the jewel in Stanly County's crown, offers endless possibilities for the outdoor adventurer. Not strictly a mountain at a height of 936 feet, the peak offers stunning views of the Piedmont. Close to half a million visitors from all over the southeastern United States visit the park on an annual basis and its 4,742 acres accommodate them with ease. Campers find plenty of choices among the 106 campsites and the 6 rustic cabins set in woodland

privacy. Hikers find miles of well-maintained trails from easy to strenuous. For history buffs a visit to the Dr. Francis Kron homestead is a must. One of the first medical doctors to settle in the Piedmont, his office, infirmary and greenhouse appear much as they did in the 1870's. The park's museum provides an overview of the area's history and geology. The boat landing has a slip for boat owners and a boathouse offering cance or rowboat rentals.



49104 Morrow Mountain Road Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.4402 morrow.mountain@ncparks.gov

Latitude: 35.373724 Longitude: -80.073470

Park Hours

December, January & February: 7am - 7pm March, April & October: 7am - 9pm May - September: 7am - 10pm November: 7am - 8pm Closed Christmas Day.

Museum

10am - 5pm daily

Swimming Pool

10am - 5:30pm daily Memorial Day - Labor Day Open only on weekends before June and after mid-August.

Boathouse

10am - 5:30pm daily May - October Open only on weekends before June and after mid-August.

Park Office

8am - 4:30pm Daily Office hours may deviate on state holidays and weekends.



Camping

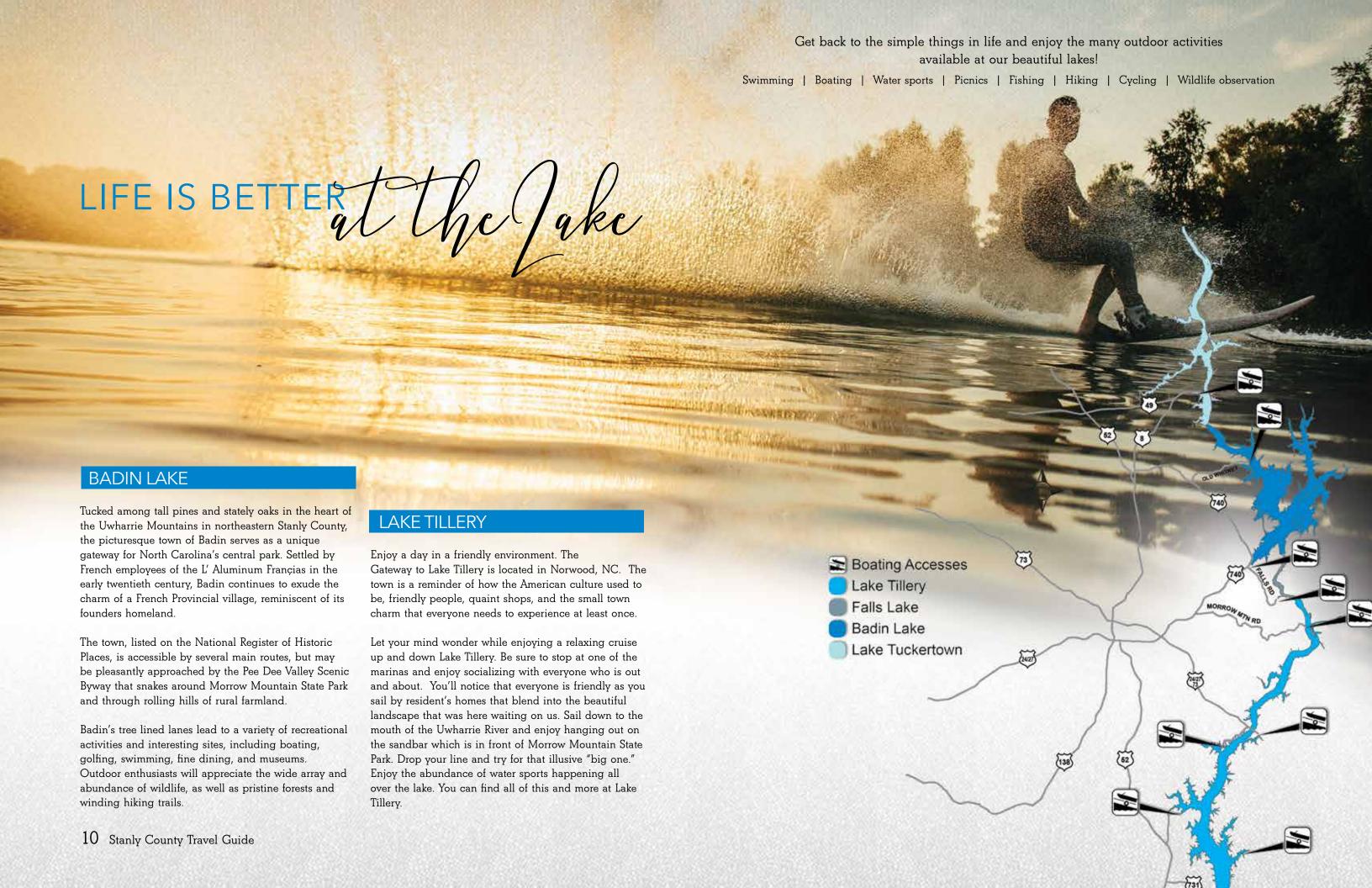
Tent, trailer, RV, backpack, groups, and vacation cabins

Hikina

Scenic trails ranging from 0.6 miles to 4.1 miles

Other Activities

Boating, fishing, swimming, picknicking, kayaking, scheduled learning opportunities, explore the museum Exhibit Hall and the historic Kron homesite



RUN, WALK, Play

ALBEMARLE PARKS

Albemarle Parks & Recreation Department

Niven Center 1816 E. Main St., Albemarle 704.984.9560

Chuck Morehead Memorial Park & Pool

#8 disc golf course in the state, swimming, park, tennis, volleyball, hiking trails, athletic field, basketball court, picnic shelters, dog park, and corn hole boards 1910 Northwoods Lane, Albemarle 704.984.9560

City Lake Park

Fishing, amphitheater, trails, children's playgrounds, picnic shelter, disc golf, kayaking, canoeing 815 Concord Rd., Albemarle 704.984.9560



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Don Montgomery Memorial Park

Athletic field, children's playground, picnic shelter, trails, basketball court 500 US 52 North, Albemarle 704.984.9560

EE Waddell Center

Gym, function rooms 621 Wall Street, Albemarle 704.984.9568

Rock Creek Park

Swimming, hiking, tennis, ball fields, park amenities, picnic shelter, trails, various obstacles, aerial challenge course

110 Rock Creek Park Dr., Albemarle 704.984.9560

Albemarle Soccer Complex

Soccer athletic fields 100 College Dr., Albemarle 704.984.9560

BADIN PARKS

Badin Community Recreation Park

Baseball field, Soccer field 126 NC Hwy. 740, Badin 704.422.3470

Badin Memorial Park

Falls Road, Badin 704.422.6900

Pine Street Park

Pine St., Badin 704.422.3470

West Badin Park

Playground, basketball court, picnic tables, permanent grill Sherman Street, Badin 704.422.3470

LOCUST PARKS

Locust City Park (encompassing) Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Park

Four baseball/softball fields, football field, tennis court, two soccer fields, playground, basketball court, walking trail, state of the art playground and facilities Park Drive, Locust 704.888.5260

NEW LONDON PARKS

New London Town Park, New London 704.463.5243



NORWOOD PARKS

Darrell Almond Community Park

Walking trails, children's playgrounds, picnic shelters, gazebo Norwood 704.474.3416

Norwood Memorial Park

Softball fields, children's playground, sand volleyball courts, basketball court
Turner Street, Norwood
704.474.3416

OAKBORO PARKS

Long St. Park

Community building, nutrition center, soccer field, children's playground, baseball field 519 N. Long St., Oakboro 704.485.5307

Oakboro District Park

Children's playground, two picnic shelters, Pond with walking gazebo on the bridge, walking trail, amphitheater, two baseball fields, two soccer fields 423 South Main Street, Oakboro 704.485.5307

Oakboro Main St. Park

Fountain, concrete benches, walkway 309 North Main Street, Oakboro, NC 28129 704.485.5307

RICHFIELD PARKS

Richfield Community Park

Soccer fields, baseball fields, picnic shelter, walking trail, children's playground, fishing pond 245 N. Hwy 49, Richfield 704.463.1308

STANFIELD PARKS

Pete Henkel Park

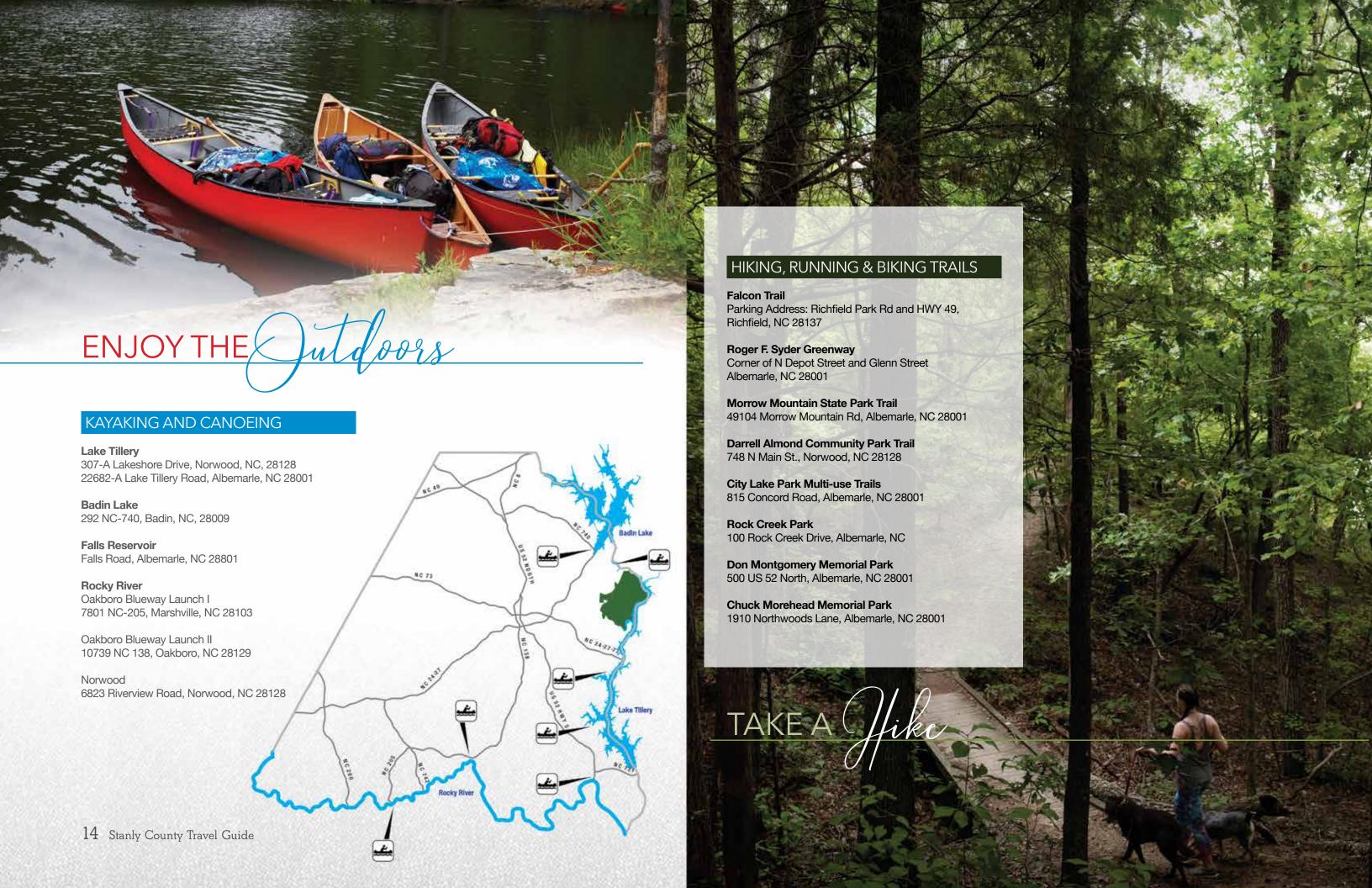
Basketball court, tennis court, children's playground, two baseball fields, soccer field Park Drive, Stanfield 704.888.2386

Stanfield Barn Park (Donated by Pike family)

Barn, rest area, facilities to come Hwy. 200, Stanfield 704.888.2386



Few counties this size boast as many parks as Stanly County. There are 23 listed here (count 'em), ranging from Morrow Mountain State Park to Stanfield Barn Park. They offer disc golf courses, soccer fields, tennis courts, bocce courts, fishing ponds, canoe rentals, and 5 area golf courses.





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Richfield Community Park 245 N. Hwy 49, Richfield 704.463.1308

Chuck Morehead Memorial Park & Pool 1910 Northwoods Lane, Albemarle 704.984.9560

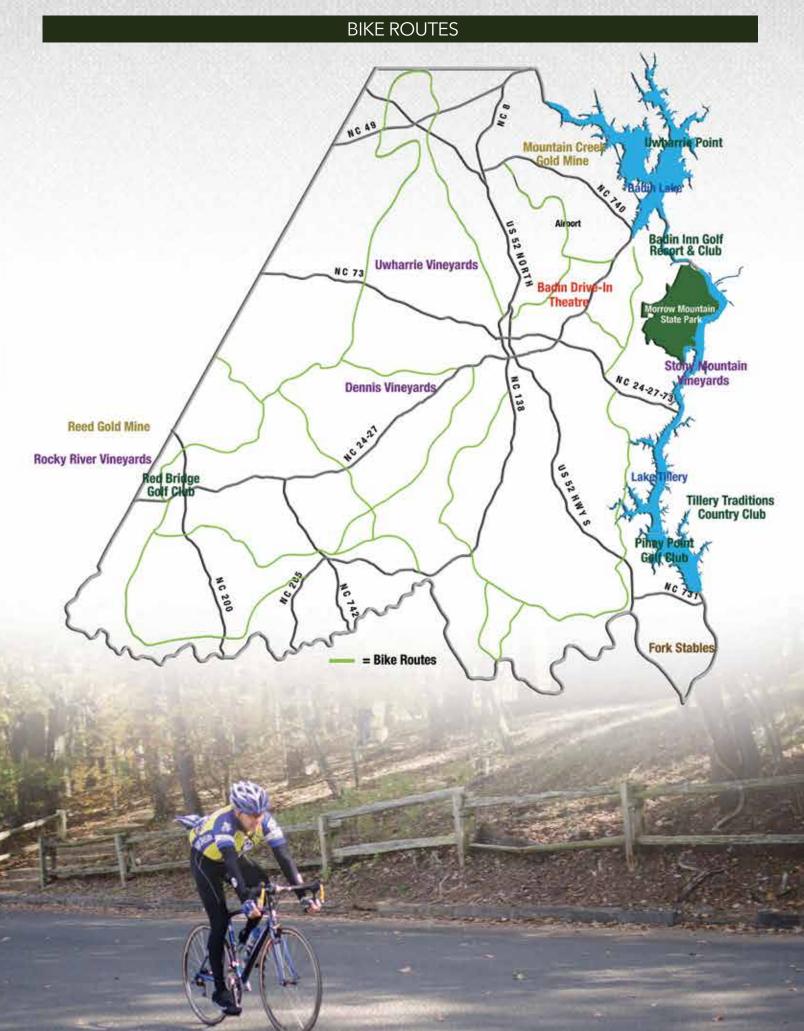
City Lake Park 815 Concord Road, Albemarle 704.984.9560

Oakboro District Park 423 South Main Street, Oakboro 704.485.5307

OUTDOOR FUN

Carolina Treetop Challenge 114 Rock Creek Park Drive, Albemarle 980.271.7972





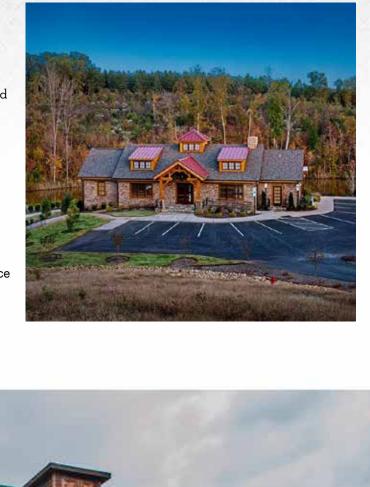


orld Class EVENTS & RECREATION

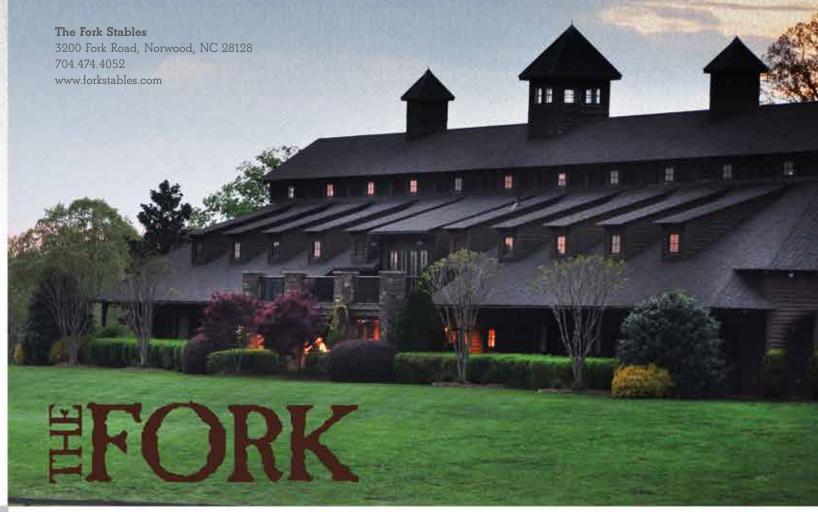
When past Clays Shooting Champion Judy Carpenter purchased the land for Lucky Clays Farm, she had a vision to conserve and preserve the land's abundant natural resources. Today, that vision has grown into a sustainable farm and renewable energy model, as well as a unique venue for meetings, conferences, events and clays shooting enthusiasts. The property includes:

- 400+ acres of trails for hiking, cycling and mountain biking
- Conference Center with kitchen and state-of-the-art media capabilities
- Pet-friendly cottages with large porches and beautiful
- Clays target shooting including trap, FITASC and
- Greenhouse with farm-raised tilapia and organic produce
- Covered outdoor facility with patio, outdoor kitchen, entertainment/sound system
- Fishing ponds stocked with bream, bass, crappie and catfish









The Fork offers endless activities and adventures to suit a wide range of interests. Not only does The Fork boast world-class equestrian and sportsman facilities but it also provides opportunities for bike riding, fishing, hiking, and much more; all while surrounded by the pristine beauty of The Fork. Be as active as your heart desires and end the day relaxing in the comforts of the Lodge Bed and Breakfast.

The Fork Farm hosts the annual Fork Horse Trials and Outdoor Heritage Days, events visitors surely won't

- · Meeting and retreat facilities including full kitchen and bar amenities and media capabilities
- Duck and quail hunting
- Sporting clay courses, 5-stand, and tower/flurry
- World class equestrian facilities
- Lodge Bed & Breakfast





WEDDING VENUES

1913 Badin Inn

107 Spruce Street, Badin 704.985.2151

Dennis Vineyards

24043 Endy Road, Albemarle 704.982.6090 www.dennisvineyards.com

Il Bella Gardens

24767 Snickers Lane, Albemarle 980.581.0850 www.ilbellagardens.com

Lucky Clays Farm

40120 Old Cottonville Road, Norwood 1.855.858.LUCK www.luckyclaysfarm.com

Morrow Mountain

49104 Morrow Mountain Road, Albemarle 704.982.4402 http://ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/momo/main.php

Stony Mountain Vineyards & Winery

26370 Mountain Ridge Road, Albemarle 704.982.0922 www.stonymountainvineyards.com

The Barn at Oakboro

16457 Silver Road, Oakboro 704.507.9036 www.facebook.com/rusticallyrefinedevents/

The Fork Stables

3200 Fork Road, Norwood 704.474.0342 www.forkstables.com

Tuscan Ridge Wedding/Event Center 21480 E 8th Street, Oakboro

21480 E 8th Street, Oakboro 704.609.1758 www.tuscanridgevenue.com

Uwharrie Vineyards & Winery

28014 Austin Road, Albemarle 704.982.9463 www.uwharrievineyards.com



STANLY COUNTY Mine Trail



Dennis Vineyards Winery

24043 Endy Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.6090

www.dennisvineyards.com

Rocky River Vineyards

11685 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107 704.860.4997

www.rockyrivervineyards.com

Stony Mountain Vineyards & Winery

26370 Mountain Ridge Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.0922

www.stonymountainvineyards.com

Uwharrie Vineyards & Winery

28030 Austin Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.982.9463

www.uwharrievineyards.com

Morgan Ridge Vineyards

486 John Morgan Road, Gold Hill, NC 28071 704.639.0911

www.morganridgevineyard.com

Little River Vineyard and Winery 1907 NC 73, West Mount Gilead, NC 27306 704.201.6343

www.littleriverwines.com

Stanly County has discovered that its fertile soil, stony ridges and verdant creek sides are all suited to the art of viticulture. Grapes from the vinifera vines that originated in Europe to the native Muscadine vines of the Piedmont all thrive here.

Dennis Vineyards

24043 Endy Road, Albemarle, NC 28001







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During the summer months there is an historic gem in the county seat of Albemarle that draws visitors from miles around: Badin Road Drive-in Theater. It is one of the last remaining drive-in theaters in the state. It now offers two screens for one ticket so you'd better arrive early. The crowds grow nightly. Shows start at sundown with newly released films, triple features, intermissions and games.

North Carolina was once one of the top 10 drive-in venues in the country with more than 200 outdoor cinemas operating. Since the peak years of the late 1950's the number of functioning drive-ins has declined 96%. Presently 9 remain in operation. Originally built in 1948,

Movie Theater

Badin Road Drive-In Theater 2411 Badin Rd Albemarle, NC 28001 704.983.2900 www.badinroaddrivein.com Badin Road Drive-in Theater's venerable solo screen had gone dark, but then was repaired, revived and re-opened in 1994 with a capacity for nearly 700 cars. Today the site features Wi-Fi access, FM stereo audio, and a playground for children. With tickets at \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 11, and children under 5 free, this is one of the most affordable and unique family nights out you'll find anywhere.

Written by Bridget Huckabee



Badin Road Drive-In is one of only nine remaining drive-in theaters in North Carolina.





RICH Heritage & Culture

The people of Stanly County have helped mold and define the cultural landscape of the county, the state, and the nation for more than 10,000 years. Our citizens value their history and have diligently worked together to establish repositories to safeguard the artifacts of their heritage. With so many different cultures and catalysts creating history in this "land between the rivers," each of Stanly County's museums is unique - from examples of Native American art and pottery in Morrow Mountain State Park to the town of Badin, where French workers modeled their new community after their own provincial villages in France. So, make sure to pause in this crossroads of history and discover the rich heritage that is Stanly County, North Carolina.

MUSEUMS

Stanly County History Center

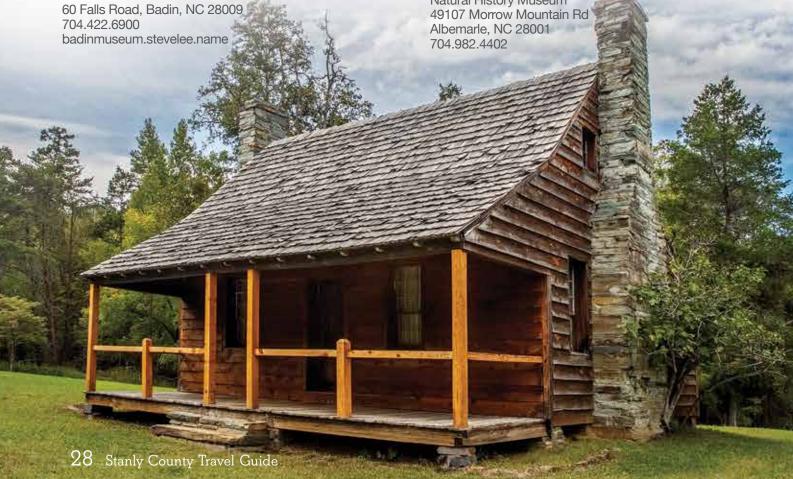
157 North Second Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3777

Historic Marks House-Dating from the early 19th century 112 North Third Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3777

Historic Snuggs House-1852

112 North Third Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.986.3777

Badin Museum





64 Falls Road, Badin, NC 28009 704.422.6900 badinmuseum.stevelee.name/quad.html

Badin Firehouse Museum

60 Falls Road, Badin, NC 28009 704.422.6900 badinmuseum.stevelee.name/firehouse.html

Locust Museum

211 Town Centre Drive, Locust, NC 28097 704.888.5260

Oakboro Museum of History

231 North Main Street, Oakboro, NC 28129 704.485.4222 www.oakboro.com

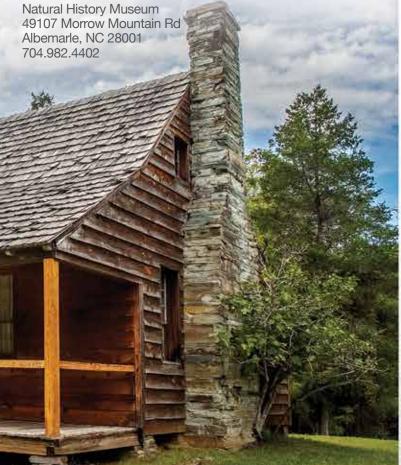
Oakboro Railroad Museum

128 Aguadale Road, Oakboro, NC 28129 704.485.3612

Norwood Museum

205-B Pee Dee Avenue, Norwood, NC 28128 704.474.3416

Morrow Mountain





From the unique works of wildlife sculptor, Roger Martin to the picturesque portraits by Roger Thomas, and the realist watercolors of Ron Taylor, Stanly County is proud of its talented artists. From rural landscapes, historic images and coastal scenes to bronze sculptures and life size renditions of mountain bears, the creations are unique to each artist. Many galleries require appointments, so be sure to call ahead.

ART GALLERIES

Stanly County Arts Council

330-B Second Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.983.4278 www.stanlycountyartscouncil.org

Roger Martin Gallery & Studio

260 East Main Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.322.8512 www.rogeramartin.com

Roger Thomas Art Studio

44134 Vickers Store Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 704.983.1861

Reed Gold Mine, the home of the first documented gold While mining in North Carolina was popular in the early and mid 1800s, today, panning for gold at Reed and other local historic mines, is a pastime for Test your luck on striking gold and enjoy guided tours at the two mines.

Mountain Creek Gold Mine

41787 Gurley Road, New London, NC 28127 704.985.8347 www.mtcreekgold.com

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107 704.721.4653 www.reedmine.com





UNIQUE Intertainment

The little town of Oakboro's monthly Cruise-In is the largest in the state. On the fourth Friday of each month the town roars to life. Cars start arriving at 3 pm and the Big Event starts at 5 pm. The Cruise-in not only features bumper to bumper classic Mustangs, Camaros and youname-it, but lots more shiny, pretty old cars with sleek lines. And there's more. There is musical entertainment. There are food vendors, souvenirs, door prizes and fun photo opportunities.

Historically, Oakboro was a textile community, but when the local Stanly Knitting Mills closed in 1990, downtown dried up. Local investors bought the old buildings, fixed them up and revitalized the town's heart. Spend a day at the Oakboro District Park, with its one mile walking trail, playground equipment, picnic shelters, disc golf course, ball fields and more. Take in some history at the Oakboro Regional Museum of History or at the railroad museum and replica train depot. And don't miss that monthly Cruise-In.

Last but not least, take the family out to Big Lick Festival Park for a Tractor Pull. Visitors come from far and wide to see these monster tractors compete. The park atmosphere is lively and festive with milling crowds, music, concession stands and the competition itself. Before the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled by horses, farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and seek to compare and contest against one another to see who had the most powerful animals. "Pull on Sunday, plow on Monday" was their motto. Today that motto is obsolete as high powered tractors not even used on the farm have become the center of an internationally popular sport. Big Lick Festival Park is also the venue for antique tractor pulls, a semi-annual antique festival, gun and knife shows and lumber jack contests.

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4th Friday of every month

Main Street - NC Hwy 205 Oakboro, North Carolina 28129





Tractor pulls, auctions, bluegrass, antique festivals & more

12743 NC 205 Hwy Oakboro, North Carolina 28129





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