

Experience all 100 North Carolina Icons! From *Our State Magazine*

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1. Blue Ridge Parkway

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/blue-ridge-parkway>*

E-book: NC Scenic Byways.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u/?p249901coll22,21692>

Web: <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/>;

<http://www.blueridgemusic.org/> **2. Cape Hatteras**

Lighthouse NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/cape-hatteraslighthouse>

Book: Booher, Mike and Lin Ezell. 2001. *Out of Harm's Way: Moving America's Lighthouse*.

Web: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/index.htm>

3. Cheerwine

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/culture/food/cheerwine>

* Web: <http://www.cheerwine.com/find>

4. Mast General Store

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/country-stores>*

Web: <http://www.mastgeneralstore.com/>

5. Cape Fear River

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/rivers/cape-fear>* Web [PDF]:

http://www.eenorthcarolina.org/images/River%20Basin%20Images/CapeFear_2011.pdf **6.**

Appalachian Trail

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/appalachian-trail>*

Book: Adkins, Leonard M. 2012. *Along the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee*.

Web: <http://www.nps.gov/appa/index.htm>

7. Grandfather Mountain

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/grandfathermountain>

* Book: Tager, Miles. 1999. *Grandfather Mountain: a profile*. [E-book available from all NC public libraries through NC LIVE]

8. Interstate 40

Web: <http://www.ncdot.gov/travel/mappubs/statetransportationmap/> **9. Loggerhead Sea Turtles**

E-book: NC Natural Heritage Program. 2001. *Guide to federally listed endangered and threatened species of North Carolina*. (p. 25)

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u/?p249901coll22,505870>

Web: <http://www.seaturtlehospital.org/>

10. Biltmore House

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/biltmore-house>*

Web: <http://www.biltmore.com/>

11. Fontana Dam

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/fontana-dam>*

Web: <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fontanadam.htm> **12. Thomas Wolfe**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/thomas-wolfememorial>*

Book: Griffin, John Chandler. 1996. *Memories of Thomas Wolfe : a pictorial companion to Look Homeward, Angel*.

Web: <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/wolfe/wolfe.htm>

13. Wright Brothers

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/aviation/wrightbrothers>;

<http://ncpedia.org/wright-brothersnational-memorial>*

Book: Tise, Larry E. 2009. *Conquering the sky : the secret flights of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk*.

Web: <http://www.nps.gov/wrbri/index.htm>

14. Pinehurst No. 2

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/golf>*

Web: <http://www.pinehurst.com/2014.php>

15. Charles Kuralt

Book: Kuralt, Charles. 1986. *North Carolina is my home*.

16. Moravian Cookies

Web: <http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/articles/famous-nc-flavors/1/moravian-treats-from-old-salem>

17. Tweetsie Railroad

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/tweetsie-railroad>*

Web: <http://www.tweetsie.com/>

18. Linn Cove Viaduct

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/linn-cove-viaduct>*

19. Belk

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/belk>* E-book:

"Belk stores, Charlotte, N.C." *The E.S.C. Quarterly*. (p. 90)

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u/?p249901coll22,451994>

Web: <http://www.belk.com/>

20. Daniel Boone

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/outdoor-dramas>*

Web: <http://www.horninthewest.com/home.htm>

21. Pepsi

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/pepsi-cola>* Book:

Stoddard, Bob. 1997. *Pepsi: 100 years*. **22.**

Blackbeard

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/biography/blackbeardthe-pirate>*

Book: Duffus, Kevin P. 2008. *Last Days of Black Beard the pirate: Within every legend lies a grain of truth*.

Web: <http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com/beaufort.html>; <http://www.garonline.org/> **23. Seagrove**

Pottery

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/symbols/potterybirthplace>

Book: Brown, Charlotte Vestal. 2006. *The remarkable potters of Seagrove : the folk pottery of a legendary North Carolina community*. Web:

<http://www.discoverseagrove.com/>;

<http://www.ncfolk.org/nctravel/seagrovepottery.aspx> **24. Mount Olive Pickles**

The *Our State Magazine*

100 icons list provides plenty of information to find them! **25. Uwharries**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/uwharrie-nationalforest>*

Web: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nfsnc/home>

26. Tobacco Barns

Web: <http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/ctb/where.htm>

27. Shagging

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/dances>

Book: Hook, John. 2005. *Shagging in the Carolinas*.

<http://ncpedia.org/wine-and-winemaking>*

Ebook: *Making Muscadine Table Wine*.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u/?p249901coll22,80027>

Web: <http://www.visitncwine.com/>

29. Carolina Style

We don't know of any specific guides to resources for this one. But, many burger places have Carolina burgers! **30. Battleship North Carolina**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/north-carolina-uss>*

Book: Ramsey, Cindy Horrell. 2007. *Boys of the battleship North Carolina*.

Web: <http://www.battleshipnc.com/>

31. Sandhills

Web: <http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/articles/pinehurst-the-sandhills-region>

32. Norfolk Southern Railway

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/nc-transportationmuseum>*

Web: <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/spencer/spencer.htm> **33. Neese's Sausage**

Web: <http://www.neesesausage.com/>

34. Krispy Kreme

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/krispy-kreme>* Book:

Kazanjan, Kirk. 2004. *Making dough : the 12 secret ingredients of Krispy Kreme's sweet success*.

Web: <http://locations.krispykreme.com/>

35. Intracoastal Waterway

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/intracoastalwaterway>*

36. Asheville

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/geography/asheville>

Book: Harshaw, Lou. 2007. *Asheville: mountain majesty*.

Web: <http://www.exploreasheville.com/>

37. Barrier Islands

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/outer-banks>* Book: Downing, Sarah. 2008. *Vintage Outer Banks: shifting sands & bygone beaches*. Web:

<http://www.obhistorycenter.ncdcr.gov/>;

<http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/highlights/outerbanks-northern-coast-1> **38. Live Oaks**

Web: <http://airliegardens.org/>;

<http://www.ortonplantation.com/>;

<http://www.nps.gov/fora/index.htm> **39. Hanes**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/hanes-brands>*

40. N.C. Zoo

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/north-carolinazoo>

* Web: <http://www.nczoo.org/>

41. Lake Mattamuskeet

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/lakes/lakemattamuskeet>

Web: <http://www.fws.gov/mattamuskeet/>

42. Mt. Mitchell

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/mount-mitchell>*

Web: <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/momimountain.php> **43. The Presidents**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/presidents>

44. Bull Durham

Web: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0094812/>

45. Andy Griffith

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/andy-griffith-show>*

Book: Robinson, Dale and David Fernandes. 1996. *The definitive Andy Griffith show reference : episode-by-episode, with cast and production biographies and a guide to collectibles*.

Web: <http://statelibrarync.org/news/2012/07/rementioning-andy-griffith/> **46. Richard Petty**

Web: <http://rpmuseum.com/>

47. Furniture

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/furniture/overview>*

Web: http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/wgo/press_04122010a.html

Podcast: <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/collateral/podcasts/BehindtheVeneer.mp3> **48. Wachovia**

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/wachovia>* Book:

Crews, C. Daniel and Lisa D. Bailey, eds. *Records of the Moravians*. 13 vol.

Web: <http://www.BethabaraPark.org>

49. Billy Graham

Book: Graham, Billy. 1997. *Just as I am : the autobiography of Billy Graham*. E-book: 1986 NC Awards program.

http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cgibin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/p249901coll22&CISO_PTR=39969#page=13
Web: <http://www.billygrahamlibrary.org/>

50. Wild Horses

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/horse/>
<http://ncpedia.org/wild-horses>* E-book: *North Carolina horses*.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u?/p249901coll22,283129>

51. Doc Watson

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/biography/watsondoc/>
<http://ncpedia.org/merlefest>* Web:
<http://www.merlefest.org/>; N.C. Arts Council

Remembers Doc:

http://www.ncarts.org/artist_page.cfm?SER=32434&NUM=31934

52. Waterfalls

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/waterfalls>* Book:
Adams, Kevin. 2005. *North Carolina waterfalls: a hiking and photography guide*.

Web: <http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/highlights/waterfalls>

53. Jockey's Ridge

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/sports/hang-gliding>*

Web: <http://www.jockeysridgestatepark.com/>

54. Calabash Seafood

E-book: *Seafood cookery in North Carolina*.
<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u?/p249901coll22,80227>

Web: <http://www.townofcalabash.net/>

55. Black Bears

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/wildlife/black-bear>

56. John Coltrane

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/jazz>*

Web: http://highpointmuseum.org/John_Coltrane.htm

Historic Marker:

<http://www.ncmarkers.com/Markers.aspx?sp=Markers&k=Markers&sv=K-31>

57. "Carolina in My Mind"

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/biography/taylorjames>

58. Dean Smith

Book: Chansky, Art. 1996. *The Dean's list : a celebration of Tar Heel basketball and Dean Smith*.

Web: <http://www.tarheelblue.com/museum/>

59. N.C. Museum of Art

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/north-carolinamuseum-art>*

Web: <http://ncartmuseum.org/>

60. Pilot Mountain

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/pilot-mountain>*

Web: <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/pimo/main.php>

61. Fraser Firs

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/christmastree>

E-book: *Growing Christmas trees in North Carolina*.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/u?/p249901coll22,79348>

62. N.C. State Fair

E-resource: Blue Ribbon Memories: Your history of the North Carolina State Fair.

<http://statefair.ncdcr.gov/> Web:

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/>

63. Earl Scruggs

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/biography/scruggs-earl>

Web: <http://www.earlscruggs.com/>; Earl

Scruggs' N.C. Arts Council page:

http://www.ncarts.org/artist_page.cfm?ser=36907&num=36407&type=ind

64. Research Triangle Park

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/research-triangle-park>

Web: <http://www.rtp.org/>

65. 82nd Airborne

Web: <http://82ndairbornedivisionmuseum.com/index.html>

66. ACC Basketball

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/basketball/acc>

Book: Walker, J. Samuel. 2011. *ACC basketball : the story of the rivalries, traditions, and scandals of the first two decades of the Atlantic Coast Conference*. Web:

<http://www.acchallofchampions.net/>

Barbecue

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/culture/food/barbecue> Book:

Reed, John Shelton. 2008. *Holy smoke : the big book of North Carolina barbecue*.

68. Cherokee Indians

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/cherokee/overview>*

Web: <http://www.cherokeemuseum.org/>;

<http://visitcherokeenc.com/>;

<http://www.ncartstrails.org/cherokeeheritage>

69. Azaleas

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/azalea-festival>* Web:

<http://ncazaleafestival.org/>

70. Moonshine

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/moonshine>*

71. Graveyard of the Atlantic

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/graveyard-atlantic>*

Web: <http://www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com/>

72. The Kennedy Rocker

Web: <http://www.ifklibrary.org/>

73. Red Clay

As it relates to #23: Our

State Magazine article:

<http://www.ourstate.com/southern-roots-red-clay/>

New York Times article:

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2004/10/24/travel/24pottery.html>

As it relates to music:

Red Clay Ramblers:

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

74. Texas Pete

Web:

<http://www.texaspete.com/locator/index.php>

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75. The Sounds

Web: <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/multimedia/6861>

76. Brown Mountain Lights

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/brown-mountainlights>

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77. Dale Earnhardt

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/biography/earnhardtale>

Web: <http://www.daleearnhardtinc.com/>

78. Venus Flytrap

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/carnivorousplant>

; <http://ncpedia.org/venus-flytrap>*

79. Bob Timberlake

Book: Timberlake, Bob. 2000. *Partial to home: a memoir of the heart*. Web:

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

80. Great Dismal Swamp

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/great-dismal-swamp>*

Web: <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/disw/main.php>

81. Dolley Madison

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/biography/madisondolley>

Book: Howard, Hugh. 2012. *Mr. and Mrs. Madison's war: American first couple and the second war of independence*.

82. The Outer Banks

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/outer-banks>*

Book: Downing, Sarah. 2008. *Vintage Outer Banks: shifting sands &*

bygone beaches. Web:

<http://www.obhistorycenter.ncdcr.gov/>;

<http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/highlights/outerbanks-northern-coast-1>

83. Sweet Tea

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/iced-tea>*

84. The Greensboro Four

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/history/20th-Century/greensboro-four>

Web: <http://www.sitinmovement.org/>

85. Yadkin Valley Wine

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/wine-and-winemaking>*

Web: <http://www.visitncwine.com/>

86. Dogwoods

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/flower>*

87. Flat Rock Playhouse

Web: <http://www.flatrockplayhouse.org/>

88. Old Salem

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/salem>*

Web: <http://www.oldsalem.org/>

89. Lance

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/lance-inc>*

90. Biscuitville

Web: <http://www.biscuitville.com/>

91. Virginia Dare

NCpedia:

<http://ncpedia.org/culture/performingarts/lost-colony-play>

92. White Squirrels

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/folk-festivals-part-2/original-folk>*

Web: <http://brevardnc.org/white-squirrel-festival/>

93. Duke Chapel

Web: <http://chapel.duke.edu/>

94. Longleaf Pine

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/weymouth-woodssandhills-nature-pre>*

Web: <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/wewo/main.php>

95. Sweet Potatoes

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/vegetable>

Web: <http://www.ncsweetpotatoes.com/>

96. RJR

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/r-i-reynolds-tobaccocompany>*

97. Carolina Panthers

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/football>*

Web: <http://www.panthers.com/>

98. Hardee's

NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/hardees-restaurants>*

99. Our Southern Accent

Web: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/ref/resources/tlt/h.html>

100. Our State Magazine Resource: The Government & Heritage Library has a full run of *Our State Magazine* back to June of 1933 (when it was simply called *The State*. Come by and see what was published in *Our State* or *The State* the month you were born!)

