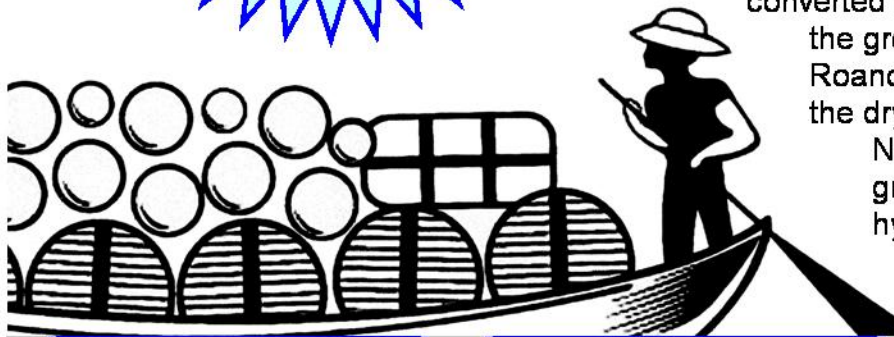




# The Roanoke Canal Museum and Trail



The Roanoke Canal Museum and Trail is built on the remains of the original 1824 Roanoke Navigation Canal. For forty years the canal provided safe transportation around the river's rapids for boats laden with goods destined for the Albemarle Sound and beyond. When the river was replaced by railroads as the leading means of transporting goods, the canal was converted for power generation to support the growing industrial centers at Roanoke Rapids and Weldon. Today the dry bed and tow path of the Navigation Canal are a scenic greenway, and one of the historic hydro-electric powerhouses is home to the Roanoke Canal Museum.



**7.2 Mile Canal Trail  
from Roanoke Rapids  
To Weldon**

**State-of-the-Art  
Canal Museum**

**Birding  
Trail**

**Guided Educational  
Tours**

**Interactive Exhibits**

**Motor  
Coach  
Parking**

**Large Picnic Areas**

**Fully Accessible  
Trail and Buildings**

**Historic Architecture**





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## Museum Tour of the Middle Locks and Powerhouse

This is a general museum tour where visitors learn about the history and many uses of the Roanoke Navigation Canal from 1810 to 1940. The tour includes an outside lecture describing many of the canal's features, a short video inside, and time for visitors to explore the museum's exhibits. The tour takes 1 hour.

## Nature Hike

Historic interpreters lead guests along the trail from the museum to the Power Canal overlook and back. Along the way, several stops are made to talk about various natural aspects according to the time of year. Deer, cardinals, and eagles are only a few animals that are commonly observed from the trail. The hike is one mile long and requires one hour.

## Walking Tour of Weldon and the Aqueduct

The Roanoke Navigation Canal's east terminus was located at Weldon and was the reason why a town originated there. Soon afterward, Weldon became a major hub of commerce for both river and rail traffic. The tour is a 1.25 mile hike from River Falls Park in Weldon to the aqueduct, the latter being one of the most dominant and interesting architectural features on the canal. The tour lasts one hour and fifteen minutes.



## Hours of Operation

**Roanoke Canal Trail**  
Dawn to Dusk, 365 Days a Year

**Roanoke Canal Museum**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For more information call  
**252-537-2769**

or visit our website at  
**[www.roanokecanal.com](http://www.roanokecanal.com)**

**Directions:** Leave I-95 at Exit 173 and proceed west on HWY 158. Turn right onto Old Farm Road and proceed 2.5 miles to Roanoke Avenue; Old Farm Road will automatically turn into 7th Street. Turn right onto Roanoke Avenue, proceed 0.5 miles and cross over the railroad tracks, then

make a left turn onto Jackson Street. The Roanoke Canal Museum is immediately on the right.

