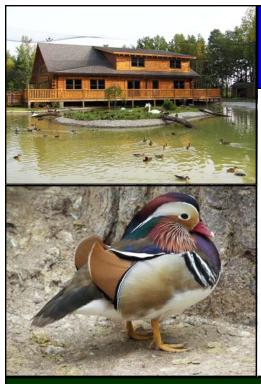
# Halifax County, NC: Spend a Weekend or a Lifetime Halifax County CVB in North Carolina's Backyard

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**Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park** 1829 Lees Meadow Rd., Scotland Neck \* (252) 826-3186 Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Travel around the world in 80 minutes! Discover the world's largest collection of rare and endangered waterfowl at Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park in Scotland Neck. Once a private waterfowl breeding facility, Sylvan Heights is now affiliated with the North Carolina Zoo and gives visitors the opportunity to see over 1500 birds, especially ducks, geese & swans, from more than 170 different species, some of the rarest and most endangered in the world, like the White-Winged Wood Duck from Sumatra.

Visitors of all ages and interests can walk-through six continentallythemed aviaries, including a multi-national aviary, experiencing the diverse beauty, color and sound of these creatures. Sylvan Heights also features other exotic birds such as crane, parrot, macaw, brush turkey, cockatoo, kookaburra, pheasant & currasow. The flamingo exhibit houses the more common Chilean flamingos and the largest collection of the rarer Lesser flamingoes on the East Coast. North Carolina's first accessible treehouse overlooking the natural wetlands opened this summer, as well as an exhibit with poison dart frogs, carnivorous plants & a working bee hive.

Sylvan Heights offers regularly scheduled educational programming and special events. A gift shop, gallery of wildlife art, playground with fossil dig, camping area and picnic tables are also at your disposal.

## Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail 15 Jackson St. Ext., Roanoke Rapids \* (252) 537-2769 Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Although not in the record books, don't miss what we call North Carolina's longest museum—the Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail! Once you enter this museum you will quite follow the mighty Roanoke River and experience our national, state & local history of transportation, power generation & industrialization via the creation of the Roanoke Navigation Canal.

The Roanoke Canal Museum and Trail is a unique attraction, blending the preservation of the past through the history of the canal with a look at our community's future and where the canal has brought us with the development of hydroelectric power and industry. One of the best features of the museum is a DVD oral history presentation of local residents telling stories about the canal and the river, how the Roanoke River is truly the lifeblood of our region's culture. The museum also celebrates nature's beauty and bounty along the river, including the mighty Striped Bass or Rockfish as locals call them. Brand new exhibit space opened in May 2009.

In addition to the museum, there is a 7.5-mile nature trail that follows the old navigation canal bed. The Roanoke Canal Trail has recently been designated as a site on the North Carolina Coastal Plains Birding Trail, and the trail, which can be used for hiking and biking, is rich with native wildlife and plants.





# **Lakeland Theatre Company**

411 Mosby Avenue, Littleton (877) 330-0574



Lakeland Theatre Company, dubbed the busiest community theater in the United States, produces a sensational variety of dramas, comedies, musicals and concerts throughout the entire year. From clas-

sic musicals like *The Sound of Music* to comedies like *The Odd Couple*, Lakeland offers virtually everything! Enjoy wine, beer, coffee and more refreshments in the Curtain Call Dining Room. The talented performers of Lakeland Theatre Company have been entertaining audiences since 1978!

# The Royal Palace Theatre

500 Carolina Crossroads Pkwy., Roanoke Rapids (252) 537-6252

Music comes alive on I-95! The stars come out at **The Royal Palace Theatre**. The 1500-seat music venue is located in the Carolina Crossroads Music & Entertainment District at Exit 171 on I-95! Due to



the design of the theatre, there is not a bad seat in the house. There is also a private dining/meeting room where you can have dinner catered before a show. You will enjoy a wide variety of entertainment—gospel, country, jazz, blues, and more!

#### **Historic Halifax**

25 St. David Street, Halifax \* (252) 583-7191 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit our cradle of history, the 18<sup>th</sup> century town of **Historic Halifax**, site of the adoption on April 12, 1776 of the Halifax Resolves, the first official declaration of independence from Britain by any colony. Historic Halifax features a Visitor Center with a short film about the town and a small museum with exhibits and artifacts. Enjoy free guided tours of the nine historic structures are available, as well as living history dem-



onstrations. A picnic area is also available on site or dine at King Street Deli. Don't forget to shop at the many antique and unique stores along King Street, Halifax's main thoroughfare.

### **Tillery History House**

321 Community Cntr. Rd., Tillery \* (252) 826-3017 Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends by appt.



The site tells the story of a 1930s Resettlement Community, a part of President Roosevelt's New Deal. Transplanted into an existing community, settlers were given the opportunity to purchase 40 acres and a mule. The **Remembering Tillery History House** provides a

unique educational experience for visitors of all ages to not only learn more about our nation's history but also become inspired and involved with one community's determination and triumphs. Enjoy a traditional Southern lunch at The Resettlement Café just minutes down the road.

#### **Riverside Mill**

200 Mill Street, Weldon \* (252) 536-3100 Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Experience the rebirth of an historic Carolina cotton mill. Shop for unique gifts, Antiques Roadshow treasures and handmade Carolina products in a glorious setting. Explore our gleaming, spacious antique mall, charming specialty shoppes and the largest gallery of craft art on I-95 (located at

Exit 173). **Riverside Mill** is located on the historic Roanoke Canal Trail, on the banks of the Roanoke River, near Weldon's railroad and Civil War sites, and close to downtown.

#### **Dallas Jones Veterans Center**

1620 E. 10th St., Roanoke Rapids \* (252) 537-0880 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The men and women of the Roanoke Valley have a long history of service to our country, and the **Dallas Jones Veteran's Center** pays tribute to that service. The Center has several Walls of Honor, displaying the photos of veterans with ties to the Roanoke Valley as well as



currently serving members of the armed forces, to show these brave men and women how much their service is appreciated. Stories and memorabilia from all area veterans provide people the opportunity to see and hear history come alive through the eves of the veterans who made that history.

