



## Connecting People with our Black Heritage Sites

Take a powerful and inspiring road trip and explore the sites and stories that celebrate the contributions of African Americans and their significance in the cultural heritage of northeast North Carolina. This self-guided, digital heritage trail includes more than 20 outdoor interpretive signs and monuments, parks, waterways and museums.

The **African American Experience of Northeast North Carolina** is a collaborative effort; developed, funded and facilitated by the tourism departments from each of the six participating counties – **Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans** – with valuable insight from an Advisory Board comprised of regional civic leaders, educators and historians.

### Our Mission

To inspire exploration and appreciation for the African American Experience of NENC and ultimately drive cultural tourism and economic impact.

### Our Vision

To celebrate the contributions of African Americans and encourage a deeper understanding of the significance of the region's cultural heritage in order to build more inclusive communities.

### Camden County Sites Represented

Dismal Swamp Canal  
Dismal Swamp State Park  
Parksville AME Zion Church  
McBride Colored School Highway Marker  
Camden County Heritage Museum & Historic Jail  
Sawyer's Creek & Marian Anderson School Highway Marker

The significant role that African Americans played in our region's heritage extends far beyond the sites you'll currently find on this trail. We encourage you to visit the website, explore these historical sites, share ideas to improve and grow the project, or sign a letter/resolution of support.

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## **AAENENC Sites:**

### **Camden**

- Camden County Heritage Museum & Historic Jail
- Dismal Swamp Canal
- Dismal Swamp State Park (temporarily closed for maintenance beginning 6-14-2021)
- McBride Colored School Highway Marker
- Sawyer’s Creek & Marian Anderson School Highway Marker
- Parksville AME Zion Church

### **Chowan**

- Harriet Jacobs Tour
- Maritime Underground Railroad Waterfront
- Historic Edenton Trolley Tour
- Josephine Napoleon Leary
- A Virtual Walking tour of Edenton’s East Gale Street

### **Currituck**

- Corinth Missionary Baptist Church
- Historic Jarvisburg Colored School
- Captain Benjamin J. Bowser Gravesite

### **Dare**

- Richard Etheridge Statue at Collins Park
- Herbert Collins Boathouse at Collins Park
- The Pea Island Cookhouse Museum / Manteo
- Haven Creek Baptist Church / Manteo
- Fort Raleigh National Historic Site / Freedman’s Colony 1862-1867
- Island Farm
- Hotel De Afrique / Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum
- NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island / Richard Etheridge Family Cemetery
- NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island / James Melvin Gallery
- NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island / The Freedman’s Colony 1862-1867
- Miss Chrissy’s Oak

### **Pasquotank**

- Elizabeth City State Teachers College Historic District
- United States Colored Troops (USCT) Encampment Site
- Pasquotank River and the Underground Railroad
- Albemarle Bank

### **Perquimans**

- Colored Union Soldiers Monument

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