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The bright colors of VisitKinston's new logo represent the earth, natural landscape, farms and agriculture of Kinston and Lenoir County. They also capture the art, history, food and sports that make Kinston a destination in eastern North Carolina. Designed by Arnett Muldrow & Associates of South Carolina, the logo combines colors from each aspect of Kinston and leaves the viewer to interpret what they see.

"It's intended to be organic," Arnett Muldrow & Associates' Aaron Arnett said. "It could be petals. It could be leaves."

No matter what the semi-circle halo of colors above Kinston appear to be, the design brings our beautiful history of agriculture and art together. The tagline, "Expand Your Palette", holds an interpretation of the viewer as well. Arnett Muldrow designed the tagline to sound as if it refers to a canvas (palette) or the mouth (palate). From the farm-to-fork movement to the revitalization of art in Kinston and Lenoir County, visitors will experience an expansion of the palette with art, history, food and sports.

About Visit Kinston

Created in 1987, the Kinston-Lenoir County Convention & Visitors Bureau/ VisitKinston is a destination marketing organization and the leading authority on travel and tourism in Kinston and Lenoir County. In recent years, VisitKinston's primary objective is to boost the economy. VisitKinston is a driving force making Kinston and Lenoir County a tourist destination!

VisitKinston isn't just for those who are visiting, but for those who are staying and living in the area. The VisitKinston staff provides residents with information that may assist them in planning weddings, reunions, events or even just a night on the town. Our staff is ready to assist area residents when guests are visiting from out of town by providing sample itineraries, private tours, dining and lodging information. VisitKinston resources provide a one-stop planning guide for general reference, restaurants, shopping, attractions and events. The calendar of events allows residents and visitors to see what's happening in Kinston and Lenoir County on any given day. Let us help you!

## About the Artist and Cover

A blue umbrella caught Mary Paige Whitley's attention, and the cover of our Visitors Guide was born. Mary Paige grabbed up her canvas and brushes on the Saturday of the 37th BBQ Fest on the Neuse. She walked outside of the Art 105 studio and approached the umbrella just across the street.

The strokes of her brush captured two people resting under the umbrella, lights hanging over the alleyway and Art 105 sitting in the background. She named the painting, "Break Time at the Health Center" and entered it in the Plein Air Paint Out Awards during the festival.



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You will find everything from sweet tea and BBQ to Beds and Breakfast in our informative visitors guide. The Kinston-Lenoir County Official Visitors Guide presents easy to follow information linked to telephone numbers and websites that can provide further details.

While every effort has been made to assure accuracy, calling ahead for the latest updates on events or hours of operation for a business is recommended.



"Flue" at Tobacco Square

he crack of a baseball bat, the sweet sounds of jazz, the delicious farm-tofork dinners and the sight of vibrant art scenes and history will keep visitors coming back to Kinston. Founded in 1762, Kinston's heritage remains strong and continues with the Down East Wood Ducks Minor League baseball team, the African-American Music Trail and the largest public art trail in NC.

Savor Kinston's culinary scene from eastern North Carolina barbecue and downhome favorites to innovative dishes prepared by local chefs inspired by the area's agricultural bounty. Natural meats and fresh produce have been served up by area farmers for generations, and the farmto-table tradition benefits all of Kinston's barbecue restaurants,

oyster bars and pizzerias. James Beard award-winning chef Vivian Howard showcases this heritage at her restaurant, The Chef and the Farmer, featured in the popular PBS program "A Chef's Life."

In the mood for a beverage? Take a tour and wet your whistle at Mother Earth Brewery, Mother Earth Spirits or Social House Vodka – all in downtown Kinston.

Enjoy small-town shopping at locally-owned boutiques, art galleries, gift shops, consignment stores, antique vendors, and even an oldfashioned general store.

Visitors curious about Kinston's past can visit the CSS Neuse Civil War Museum which



houses a Confederate ironclad gunboat. Then walk one block to the CSS Neuse II, the only full scale replica of an ironclad in the world.

You can learn about North Carolina's first governor at the Gov. Caswell Memorial, and see a 19th century fire engine at the Caswell No. 1 Fire Station Museum. Baseball fans of all ages can head to Grainger Stadium to see the Down East Wood Ducks, enjoy a glass of beer and grab a

bite to eat at food trucks. Kinston welcomed the minor league team in 2017, and the Ducks ended their first season by taking home the Carolina League co-championship.

Kinston is the hub for the African American Music Trail in eastern North Carolina. The Kinston Music Park is a celebration of jazz, R&B, funk, gospel and rap. Stroll down to Blount Street - the "Avenue of the Arts" - and discover Kinston's Arts and Cultural District. Here you will find brightly painted Victorian cottages, bungalows, and fine historic homes and the Flue. The newly created SmART District is transforming abandoned historic buildings and homes into studios, lofts, and apartments where artists live, produce and sell their art.



The delicious farm-to-fork dinners, the quaint downtown shops, the vibrant art scene and many more attractions will keep visitors coming back to Kinston.



## Goodbye "A Chef's Life", Hello "South By Somewhere"

Over five seasons of Emmy and Peabody Award-winning docuseries "A Chef's Life", chef and bestselling author Vivian Howard has given her beloved Eastern North Carolina a national platform. The series finale of "A Chef's Life" aired on PBS in the fall of 2018, but a new show will launch in 2019 showcasing the South.

"South By Somewhere" will take viewers inside Howard's quest for a broader understanding of dishes that bind and define the modern American South. Through the foodways of immigrants and indigenous people, "South By Somewhere" sheds light on a rarely-seen version of the South one made up of Lumbee Indians, Haitian and Sicilian immigrants, and people who speak (and eat) Creole. With food as its vehicle, "South By Somewhere" takes viewers around the world without leaving the South and shares how, although we may look different, our appetites are very much the same.

## What To Do

Listen to the Kinston sound along the African-American Music Trail and witness the outdoor art throughout downtown and on the riverfront. Study the towering, block-long sculpture honoring Kinston's tobacco history and walk the art trail which displays works from local artists. Explore recreational opportunities including Minor League baseball and visit the Civil War Ironclad lifted from the Neuse River – plus its replica.



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

#### **ART 105**

105 West Blount Street (252) 361-2502 Monday - Saturday Hours: Change as artists are in ART 105 Studio

Stop by ART 105 and visit artists at their new studios and gallery. Browse and shop original fine art, pottery & much more direct from artists to art lovers.



Henry C. Pearson, a noted American Artist, was born and raised in Kinston. Pearson became a noted American artist. His

art was hard-edged abstraction, although not without traces of humor and whimsy. His works are in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the North Carolina Museum of Art.

#### Arts and Cultural District

Blount Street to Atlantic Avenue and Mitchell Street to Perry Street (252) 643-0571 Hours: Public Streets – Shopping and studio hours vary Admission: Free www.smartkinston.com

Follow the Riverwalk or stroll down to Blount Street - the "Avenue of the Arts" - and discover Kinston's Arts and Cultural District. Here you will find brightly painted Victorian cottages, bungalows, and fine historic homes. The newly created SmART District is transforming abandoned historic buildings and homes into studios, lofts, and apartments where artists live, produce and sell their art. Plan to spend some time enjoying the beautiful entryway sculptures and public art, while visiting a neighborhood that is coming alive with the ARTS!

#### **Community Council for the Arts**

400 N. Queen Street (252) 527-2517 Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am-6pm, Sat: 10am-2pm Admission: Free www.kinstoncca.com

Art lovers won't want to miss a stop at the building now housing one of the finest arts centers in the state. The state-of-the-art 30,000 sq. ft. center is today on the National Register of Historic Places. Visual art occupies one-third of the space, with exhibits, changing every six to eight weeks. As many as 300 works by up to 200 local, regional, national and international artists are on display at any given time. A large detailed model train display is a permanent exhibit and runs from 10am-2pm every first and fourth Saturday of the month.

#### "Flue" at Tobacco Square

Corner of Blount and Mitchell Streets (252) 643-0571 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Admission: Free

The sculptures were created through earth casting, a technique world-renown-artist Thomas Savre used to create the iconic arches at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Sayre molded the facades from tobacco rows constructed on-site. The art project represents a connection between Kinston's tobacco-based agricultural history and its art-based future in the Arts and Cultural District. "It's a really cool piece that is obviously wedded to this place," Sayre said. "Physically, here and now but also its past. For 2,500 years, humankind has been messing around in the dirt right around here." The project is collaboration between Stephen Hill's SmART Kinston City Project Foundation and the Kinston Community Council for the Arts. The former empty lot was once the home of the Brooks Tobacco Warehouse and is now home to seven tobacco barn facades that are 28 · feet tall. 16 feet wide and 6 inches deep. His earth casting process uses the earth as the mold for reinforced concrete that is then colored with iron oxide to match the color of the dirt in which it was cast. By Jennifer Cannon

## **CULTURE & HERITAGE**

#### **Kinston Music Park: Celebrating Our African American Music** Heritage

500 South Queen Street (252) 527-2517 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Admission: Free www.kinstoncca.com

Kinston is the hub for the African American Music Trail in eastern North Carolina. The park is a celebration of jazz, rhythm and blues, funk, gospel, rap and the eastern NC musicians that have played this music.



Five musicians. Nat Jones, Melvin Parker, Levi Raspberry, Dick Knight and Maceo Parker, all from Kinston,

developed the distinctive sound of the James Brown Band. Maceo is now a famous saxophone player and travels throughout the world making music and the sound of funk.



#### **CSS Neuse Civil War Museum**

100 N. Queen Street (252) 526-9600 Hours: Tues- Sat: 9am-5pm Admission: \$5 Adult \$4 for seniors and military with ID \$3 for children 3 to 12 Free for children 0 to 2 Call for group rates www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse

Become captivated by the story of the CSS Neuse Ironclad's design, construction, engagement in battle, destruction and eventual recovery. The exhibits focus on what life was like for the crew of the CSS Neuse, civilians in Lenoir County, and soldiers stationed in the area during the Civil War. There are 12,000 artifacts that were recovered from the CSS Neuse, many of which will be utilized to help tell the ship's story. Guided tours are available for individuals and groups. Call ahead to learn about special tours/ demonstrations for groups.

#### Gov. Richard Caswell Memorial **State Historic Site**

2613 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 522-2091 Hours: Fri: 10am-2pm, Sat: 10am-4pm Admission: Free www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/caswell

The story of Gov. Caswell's life is memorialized in a museum on property that was once part of his "Red House Plantation". The house is no longer there, but the family cemetery remains for the public to visit. Caswell was a Revolutionary War hero, NC's first elected governor and a prominent businessman, lawyer and surveyor. He helped shape the town, the state, and the nation during his 36-year political career. He helped draft the Halifax Resolves and was a delegate to the second Continental Congress. Political obligation in NC prevented him from signing the Declaration of Independence and failing health kept him from signing the U.S. Constitution.

#### CSS Neuse II

Corner of Herritage and Gordon Streets (252) 560-2150 or (252) 560-0399 Hours: Sat: 10am-4pm, other times by appointment Admission: Free, donations appreciated www.cssneuseii.org

Visit the world's only full size facsimile of a Confederate ironclad gunboat to realize what a sailor's life was like during the Civil War. The 158 ft. long boat rests a short distance from

the "cat hole" in the Neuse River where the original Ironclad was fitted with iron plating and hardware.

#### Caswell Developmental Center Museum

2415 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 208-3780 Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm, other times by appointment Admission: Free www.caswellcenter.org

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1914, Caswell Developmental Center was the first mental retardation facility in North Carolina. The Caswell Museum and Visitor's Center portrays instuitional life from the early 1900s to the present through a collection of historical information and artifacts. These displays tell the Caswell story and relate the Center to its place in the history of Kinston, Lenoir County, and the State of North Carolina.

#### Caswell No. 1 Fire Station Museum

118 S. Queen Street (252) 939-0171 Hours: Sat: 10am-5pm, other times by appointment. Admission: Free

The historic Caswell No. 1 Fire Museum building was constructed following a devastating fire that destroyed most of downtown Kinston in 1895. It is reported as the oldest brick building in Kinston. Exhibits include photographs of major downtown fires, vintage and antique fire-fighting equipment including helmets, ladders, fire extinguishers, nozzles, memorabilia and a 1922 American LaFrance Pumper.

#### **Civil War Battlefields**

#### Kinston Battlefield Park Memorial Site

One block south of US 70 East at the corner of Meadowbrook and Harriette Drive (252) 522-0540 or (252) 468-1424 Hours: 24 hours a day Admission: Free; guided tours by appointment www.historicalpreservationgroup.org

On December 14, 1862, Union forces under the command of Gen. John G. Foster launched their second attack on Confederate Gen. Nathan G. Evans at the First Battle of Kinston. Foster's men had approached Kinston the day before and came upon the Confederate defensive forces. After a heated exchange, Evans withdrew



to earthworks along Southwest Creek near the Neuse River and prepared for Foster's second attack. Evans positioned about 2,000 North Carolina and South Carolina troops in a semicircle. Supported by heavy artillery fire, the Union troops broke through the Confederate left flank. Evans ordered a retreat to Kinston, which was eventually abandoned by the Confederate troops as they retreated towards Goldsboro.

#### Kinston Battlefield Park Harriet's Chapel/Starr's Battery Site

Hwy 258 South, one quarter of a mile south of the intersection of Hwy 70 East and Hwy 258 South. (1/4 of a mile from the Kinston-Lenoir County Visitor and Information Center)

(252) 522-0540 or (252) 468-1424 Hours: Grounds Dawn to Dusk/church by appointment Admission: Free; guided tours by

appointment

Harriet's Chapel - Walk in the footprints of Civil War soldiers at the site of a 19th Century church where the heat of the battle took place. Harriet's Chapel was used as a defensive position before the battle. Imagine the horrendous scene in this area following the bloody battle. The church, an old barn-like structure, was perforated with bullet and cannon ball holes; bodies lay scattered on the ground. Following the battle, surgeons began treating the wounded and using the church as a hospital.

Starr's Battery Site - Captain Joseph Starr at this position commanded a crew operating six cannons surrounded by earthworks which exist today. A convenient Boardwalk and interpretive signs lead visitors to the battery site.

#### Battle of Wyse Fork Civil War Battlefield Map Marker

Hwy 70 East toward New Bern at the intersection of Hwy 70 East and British Road (252) 522-0540, (252) 468-1424 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Admission: Free; guided tours by appointment

The Second Battle of Kinston, often called the Battle of Wyse Fork, was fought March 7-10, 1865, near Southwest Creek. Confederate forces numbered 8,500 against 12,000 Union troops as the federal army advanced from New Bern toward Goldsboro. Their goal was to secure the New Bern-Goldsboro Railroad so it could supply Gen. William T. Sherman's army. The battle left 1,500 Confederate and 1,001 Union casualties.

Self-guided driving tour brochures and CDs for the Battle of Wyse Fork and the First Battle of Kinston are available at the Kinston-Lenoir County Visitor and Information Center, VisitKinston, and the CSS Neuse Interpretive Center.

Private Battlefield Tours available by appointment only. Contact (252) 522-0540, (252) 468-1424 or (252) 527-1131.



The Civil War Period was a time of change, fear, anger, loss, and bewilderment. There were splits among families and

friends. Many had no desire to secede from the Union while others were for secession. Lenoir County became the eastern front for the Confederacy after the fall of New Bern in the spring of 1862. Over the next three years the horrors of war came to this area numerous times. The Confederate army occupied Lenoir County for three years during the war. Numerous military camps were scattered around the country side.

#### **GI Joe's Military Museum**

1165 Suite B, NC-11 South (252) 686-5139 Hours: Wed-Sat: 9am-4pm Admission: Free www.salutevets.org

Walk through the history of this nation's conflicts and those who served our country.

#### Harmony Hall

109 E. King Street (252) 522-0421 Hours: Wed-Sat: 10am-4pm Admission: Free www.harmonyhallkinston.com

Jesse Cobb built this colonial showplace in 1772. four years before the American Colonies' War for Independence. Richard Caswell, Revolutionary War hero and the first governor of the state of North Carolina, once owned the house and for a brief time it became the state's capital, housing important records and accounts. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Harmony Hall has been lovingly restored and furnished with meticulous attention to detail. Many original features, such as brickwork and moldings, are examples of works by early Kinston craftsmen. A garden features flowers and plants indigenous to the area and appropriate to the age of the house. An early 20th century schoolhouse sits at the rear of the property, complete with desks and blackboard.

#### Heritage Place Genealogical Library

231 N.C. 58 South at the Lenoir Community College Learning Resource Center (252) 527-6223 ext. 504 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8am-5pm, Fri: 8am-3pm (closed on Fridays during the summer months) Admission: Free www.lenoircc.edu/heritageplace

Heritage Place is one of the leading genealogy research facilities in the state. It houses a special reserved collection of genealogical and local/ state historical materials including 19th century newspapers of the Kinston area, census records, church records, land grants, and other colonial records of counties in eastern North Carolina.



An animal exhibit, playground, train you can ride, picnic areas, a planetarium with activity center, museums and

waterparks gives a family places to interact and have a lot of fun.



#### Maplewood-Hebrew-Cedar Grove Cemeteries

East side of the 400 block of South Queen Street between Shine, Lincoln and Davis Streets (252) 939-3318 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Daily Admission: Free

Three cemeteries Maplewood, Cedar Grove and the Hebrew Cemeteries, are adjacent to each other. The cemeteries are a cultural landmark in the town.

#### The Walk of Honor

100 block on the west side of South Herritage Street in Tiffany West Park (252) 527-2953 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Daily Admission: Free www.walkofhonor.com

The Walk of Honor is a permanent commemorative walkway that is paved with bricks engraved with the names of honored men and women who have served our country in the military. It parallels the picturesque Neuse River.

## **FAMILY FUN**

#### **Big Daddy's Express**

401 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3302 Hours: June-August: Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 1pm-5pm (for hours during other months, please call) Admission: \$1.00 for 1 lap

Hop aboard the express and say "howdy" to Big Daddy Beaver, Rocky Raccoon and Penelope Possum. The leisurely ride rambles over 1200 feet of castor designed steel track. Approximately 40 children and/or adults can be accommodated each trip. Make sure the entire family visits the 1927 vintage B & O railroad caboose to purchase tickets and souvenirs.

#### Caswell No. 1 Fire Station Museum

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#### **Lions Water Adventure**

2602 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 939-1330 Hours: Mon-Sat: 11:30am-5:30pm, Sun: 12:30pm-5:30pm (Open Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend) Admission: \$9.95 weekdays \$11.95 weekends www.lionswateradventure.com

Have loads of fun and adventure with 32-foothigh water slides and a kiddie lagoon with 5,000 sq. ft. of play areas. A lazy river provides for relaxing experiences that stretches more than a football field in length. While floating along in the sun, you'll be cooled off by dump buckets and sprayers along the way. The 25-yard, eight-lane lap pool is perfect for the competitive swimmer, and the therapeutic pool is a 550-foot wellness pool that features wheelchair access. The pool is kept at a temperature of 90 degrees year-round, soothing to tired muscles. Lockers, showers and changing areas are available for your use at the park. You may bring a lock to secure your belongings or purchase one in our gift shop for a small fee. Please bring your own towels.

#### **Mitchell Street Pottery**

3014 Mitchell Street Hours: By appointment only Follow on Facebook for updates

Pottery made in Kinston for everyone to enjoy.

#### **Neuseway Nature Center**

401 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3367 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm Admission: Free www.neusewaypark.com

The Exchange Nature Center is filled with numerous exhibits of plants and animals indigenous to North Carolina, a touch tank, a climbing wall, a large playground and an underground cave. Adjacent to the center is an Education and Training Center with a full-service kitchen used for meetings, family reunions and birthday parties.

#### Neuseway Health & Science Museum

403 W. Caswell Street Phone: (252) 939-3302 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm, Sun: 1pm-5pm Admission: Free www.neusewaypark.com

Kids will love the fun and never realize they're learning as they crawl through a giant model of intestines, a mouth, a stomach, an underground tunnel of a blood vessel or play with the puppet theater. They'll remember the hands-on health and science exhibits designed to teach and amuse children of all ages.

#### **Neuseway Planetarium**

403 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3302 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm, Sun: 1pm-5pm Showtimes: Tues-Fri: 1pm & 4pm, Sat: 11am, 1pm, & 4pm, Sun: 2pm & 4pm Admission: Free www.neusewaypark.com

Planetarium shows are held daily and are formulated to follow the state's school curriculum guidelines. Groups need to reserve in advance. Call (252) 939-3302 for more information.

#### Pepsi Sprayground

800 Greenbriar Road (252) 939-3332 Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am-5:30pm, Sun: 1pm-5:30pm (During summer months) Admission: \$1 www.kinstonrec.com

Kids love the water, fun and excitement that awaits them at the Pepsi Sprayground.

#### West Water Park

1160 Strawberry Branch Road (252) 520-9378 Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun:1pm-5pm (Open Memorial Day through Labor Day) Admission: Full Day Pass: \$10 Half Day Pass: \$7 (Weekdays) \$8 (Weekends) (Half Day Passes are for 10am-12:30pm or 1pm-5pm)

The park includes two waterslides, a trapeze swing pool, a large swimming pool, an activity pool, and a beach volleyball court. Party packages are available.

## FARM LIFE & MARKETS

#### **Brothers Farm Experience**

Farm Location: 3697 Brothers Road, La Grange, NC 28551 (252) 361-2502 Produce Stand Location: Lenoir County Farmers Market (Herritage Street) Admission: Call for house and farm tour prices

The historic Brothers Farm was started in 1824. You'll find the farm in the heart of the beautiful La Grange outer community. The fertile soils have been producing crops for over two centuriesdelicious varieties of plums, figs, pears, and fortyseven varieties of vegetables, all grown naturally, without pesticides, in a traditional orchard unchanged by time and unspoiled by so-called 'advances' in modern farming. Warren Brothers enjoyed being the barefoot farmer featured on the award-winning hybrid cooking docuseries A CHEF'S LIFE as well as growing vegetables and fruit, making furniture, building houses, and raising livestock.





Kinston once had the finest and purist artesian water in the state. An old saying was if a visitor drank from the artesian wells they would always return to Kinston.

#### **Lenoir County Farmers Market**

100 N. Herritage Street (252) 560-1617 Hours: Tues & Sat: 8am-2pm www.klcfm.com

The Lenoir County Farmers Market is located along the scenic Neuse River in historic downtown Kinston. It is an open air market featuring farm fresh local produce, baked goods, meats and crafts. You'll find friendly, knowledgeable growers who will help you select produce at its peak of flavor from earliest spring until late winter. Get there early for the best selections.

#### **Porter Farms**

Farm Address: 5017 NC Hwy 58, Hookerton, NC 28538 **Produce Stand Locations:** Lenoir County Farmers Market (Herritage Street) Neuse Sport Shop (Hwy 70) 2325 Hwy 258 North (252) 522-3276

#### Hours: Sun: 10am-6pm, Mon-Thurs: 8am-6:30pm, Fri: 8am-6:45pm Sat: 8am-6pm

Established in Lenoir County in 2001, Porter Farms prides themselves on produce picked fresh daily! Porter Farms Motto - Good things aren't cheap and cheap things aren't good! Farm tours available upon request.

#### **Putnam Family Farm**

Farm Address: 2044 Lightwood Knot Road (252) 520-3330 Produce Stand Locations: Lenoir County Farmers Market (Herritage Street) Hours: Farm: Fri: 8:30am-4pm Farmers Market: Tue & Sat: 8:30am-2pm

Putnam Family Farm provides top quality produce to Kinston and the surrounding areas. They have "pick your own strawberries" as well as approximately 89 varieties of seasonal vegetables. They are family-owned & operated. Member of NC Strawberry Association and a Certified Farm Roadside Market. Farm tours available upon request.

#### **TC Smith Produce** Farm Address: 464 Smith Grady Road,

Seven Springs



**Produce Stand Locations:** TC Smith Farm (Smith Grady Road) Falling Creek Produce (Hwy 70 West) Lenoir County Farmers Market (Herritage Street) (252) 569-7011 or (252) 521-3503

Hours: Farm - Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Sat: 8am-5pm Falling Creek - Mon-Sun: 8am-6pm

Farmers Market - Tues & Sat: 8am-2:30pm

T.C. Smith Produce Farm, a Certified Roadside Farm Market, is an accomplished farm serving the Eastern North Carolina Area. The farm has a large variety of farm fresh produce including squash, sharp head cabbage, new potatoes, watermelons, strawberries, peaches, blueberries, corn, asparagus, mustard greens, pumpkins, turnips, tomatoes, cucumbers, sauces, jams, jellies and more.

## DISTILLERIES

**Mother Earth Spirits** 

302 Mitchell Street (252) 208-BIER (2437) Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm Admission: Free www.motherearthspirits.com



Mother Earth Spirits distills some of the best gin, whiskey and rum around. Gin, whiskey and rum all require their own unique and special processes. They develop a unique process for each that takes the raw materials and transforms them into something that's more than the sum of their individual parts. They distill each spirit in small batches, all the while taking our time to get the flavors just right. Mother Earth Spirits is all about small batch production. They make the finest Spirits using only the best ingredients. Delivering the most amazing flavor for our artisanal spirits. All LEED® Certified production in their hybrid copper pot still.

#### Social House Vodka

906 Atlantic Avenue (252) 468-0779 Hours: Mon & Fri: 8pm-5pm Admission: Free www.socialhousevodka.com

Vodka, distilled in Kinston, provides distillery tours by appointment. You will enjoy Social House Vodka with friends for a lifetime of memories. With ingredients from North Carolina farmers, distillers break down the corn's starches, producing fermentable sugar. After blending and filtering, distillers taste the vodka to make sure it's perfect for you and your friends.

## NIGHT LIFE

#### Dugout Sports Bar

674 Stratford Boulevard (252) 208-0304 Hours: Mon-Thurs 3pm-12am Fri-Sun 12pm-2am Admission: Free; cover charge with live entertainment **\$** 

Sports bar serving wings and entertainment.

#### The Herritage

200 N. Herritage Street (252) 622-8625 Hours: Tues-Fri: 5pm-12am Saturday: 11am-2am Sunday: 11am-9pm www.theherritage.com

Tap room with craft beer, wine and painting events.

#### J's Place

110 W. Blount Street (252) 268-0646 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 4pm-11pm Fri-Sun: 4pm-2:30am Admission: Mon-Fri Free, Sat & Sun after 11pm **\$** 

Relaxing atmosphere, playing top 50 music, live DJ every night, free chicken every night, catering to adults 25 and older, occasional live bands, three bars and a dance floor. Has an ATM machine, credit and debit cards are also accepted.

#### Mother Earth Brewing Tap Room and Beer Garden

311 N. Herritage Street (252) 208-BIER (2437) Hours: Mon-Thurs: 4pm-10pm Fri & Sat: 1pm-10pm Sunday: 1pm-7pm Admission: Free www.motherearthbrewing.com

Come visit Mother Earth Brewing when you're in town and enjoy one of the fine handcrafted brews straight from the tap. You'll always find four flagship beers on draft, as well as a number of limited release and experimental batches that are exclusive to the tap room. The brewery is housed in a building dating from the early 1900's. The old brick, wood, metal and steel were re-used in the brewery from the original structure, and the room is 100% solar powered by a 6-kilowatt solar array on the roof. The staff at Mother Earth looks forward to sharing the goodness of Mother Earth with you soon.



#### **North Street Live**

603 E. New Bern Road (252) 522-0056 Hours: Tues-Fri: 4pm-until Sat & Sun: 12pm-until www.northstreetkinston.com A night club with live music and dancing.

#### The Red Room

220 N. Herritage Street (252) 520-2000 Hours: Thurs-Sat after 7pm Admission: Free www.thered-room.com

The Red Room has become a destination in Eastern NC for the music scene, hosting some of the biggest names in the music industry. The Red Room is the perfect spot to see the best local musicians as well as the stars of tomorrow.

## SPORTS & RECREATION

#### **Barnet Disc Golf Course**

100 Sand Clay Road in Barnet Park (252) 523-7053 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Admission: Free www.kinstondiscgolf.com

Spend a morning or the entire day enjoying one of America's hottest new sports, disc golf! Barnet Park's 18-hole course winds through the woods around the park. You'll find downhill holes, doglegs, and one heavily obstructed hole, but most of what you will find is a day of great fun for all ages.

#### **Big Daddy's Express**

401 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3332 Hours: June-August: Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 1pm-5pm (for hours during other months, please call) Admission: \$1.00 for 1 lap

Hop aboard the express and say "howdy" to Big Daddy Beaver, Rocky Raccoon and Penelope Possum. The leisurely train ride rambles over 1200 feet of castor designed steel track. Approximately 40 children and/or adults can be accommodated each trip. Make sure the entire family visits the 1927 vintage B & O railroad caboose to purchase tickets and souvenirs.

## Bill Fay Park Par 3 Golf Course

(252) 939-3356 Open year round www.kinstonrec.com/facilities.html

Open to the public, includes a small club shack which is staffed in the summer on the weekends. They have a practice green. There are sand traps. Nice little public par 3, greens are bumpy enough to rate it as pasture golf, though it's pretty well maintained. Very laid back attitude. Drink machine behind an office building on the 6th tee. Restrooms are across the park near the ballfields and playgrounds.



Kinston is host to the annual baseball games between the Air Force Academy and the Navy Academy in February of each year.





#### **Galaxy of Sports**

4010 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 522-5179 - Bowling (252) 522-4656 - Skating Hours: Mon-Sun: times may vary www.galaxyofsportsnc.com

Our facility is dedicated to health, sports, and recreation. Visit our bowling center, go roller skating, or spend some time working out in our health and fitness club! Group prices are available. Banquet and meeting rooms are available.

#### **Ironclad Motorsports**

400 Fairgrounds Road (252) 624-9808 Admission: Varies www.ironcladmotorsports.com

The Ironclad Motocross & Extreme Dirt Track Racing facility, centrally located in Lenoir County at the Lenoir County Fairgrounds, is where you will find it...and you will be glad you did. Competitors come from all around not only to race against the best riders anywhere but also have the chance to face the IRONCLAD! Whether you face the thrill of the Supercrossstyle dirt bike track or the speed and fun of the ATV pro flat track, these tracks have it all...and only the strongest even dare to race them!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Kinston/Lenoir County has produced many famous sports figures that have played in the NFL,

the NBA and baseball major leagues. Basketball players – Brandon Ingram, Jerry Stackhouse, Cornbread Maxwell, Tony Dawson and Charles Shackleford; Football – Lin Dawson, Derik Rivers and Quinton Coples; Baseball players – George Suggs and Chris Hatcher

#### **Kinston Drag Strip**

2250 N.C. 11/55 South (252) 527-4337 or (252) 522-9551 Hours: Thurs-Sun: hours vary throughout the season Admission: Varies www.kdsmotorsports.com

The Kinston Dragstrip was originally built as a quarter-mile dragstrip in 1960. KDS MotorSports became IHRA-sanctioned in the mid 80's. The very first divisional points meet was held here in 1991. KDS is home to some of the most legendary names in all of motorsports such as Richard Petty, Don Nicholson, Hubert Platt, Ronnie Sox and Scotty Cannon, just to name a few. There have been several world records set here over the years as well!

#### **Lions Water Adventure**

2602 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 939-1330 Hours: Mon-Sat: 11:30am-5:30pm, Sun: 12:30pm-5:30pm (Open Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend) Admission: \$9.95 weekdays \$11.95 weekends www.lionswateradventure.com

Have loads of fun and adventure with a 32-foothigh Water Slides and a Kiddie Lagoon with 5,000 sq. ft. of play areas. A Lazy River provides for relaxing experiences that stretches more than a football field in length. While floating along in the sun, you'll be cooled off by dump buckets and sprayers along the way. The 25-yard, eight-lane lap pool is perfect for the competitive swimmer, and the Therapeutic Pool is a 550-foot wellness pool that features wheelchair access. The pool is kept at a temperature of 90 degrees year-round, soothing to tired muscles. Lockers, showers and changing areas are available for your use at the park. You may bring a lock to secure your belongings or purchase one in our gift shop for a small fee. Please bring your own towels.

#### Neuse Sport Shop Indoor Firearm Training Range & Indoor Archery Range

225 E. New Bern Road (252) 527-5058 Hours: Sun-Fri: 10am-9pm Sat: 8am-9pm www.nssnc.com

Neuse Sport Shop has an indoor firearm training facility. It includes 8-lanes fixed position shooting stalls with a granulated backstop. Gun rentals are available. There is also an indoor archery training range. It includes a 5-lanes fixed position firing line. The ranges are heated and air-conditioned. Call for more information and range fees.

#### Neuseway Health & Science Museum

403 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3302 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm Sun: 1pm-5pm Admission: Free www.kinstonrec.com

Kids will love the fun and never realize they're learning as they crawl through a giant model of intestines, a mouth, a stomach, an underground tunnel of a blood vessel or play with the puppet theater. They'll experience the hands-on health and science exhibits designed to teach and amuse children of all ages.

#### **Neuseway Nature Center**

401 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3367 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm Sun 1pm-5pm Admission: Free www.neusewaypark.com

The Nature Center is filled with numerous exhibits of plants and animals indigenous to North Carolina, a touch tank, a climbing wall, a large playground and an underground cave. Adjacent to the center is an Education and Training Center with a full-service kitchen used for meetings, family reunions and birthday parties.

#### **Neuseway Planetarium**

403 W. Caswell Street (252) 939-3302 Hours: Tues-Sat: 9:30am-5pm Sun: 1pm-5pm Showtimes: Tues-Fri: 1pm & 4pm, Sat: 11am, 1pm, & 4pm Sun: 2pm & 4pm Admission: Free www.neusewaypark.com

Planetarium shows are held daily and are formulated to follow the state's school curriculum guidelines. Groups need to reserve in advance. Call (252) 939-3302 for more information.

#### Pepsi Sprayground

800 Greenbriar Road (252) 939-3332 Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am-5:30pm, Sun: 1pm-5:30pm (During summer months) Admission: \$1 www.kinstonrec.com

Kids love the water fun and excitement that awaits children at the Pepsi Sprayground.

#### **Riverwalk**

Pearson Park area downtown (252) 939-3332 Hours: Dusk to Dawn Admission: Free

Stroll or ride a bike on the trail through Pearson Park and downtown Kinston. Take in the picturesque views of the Neuse River and learn a little of Kinston's history as the walk meanders through the Arts and Cultural District.

#### **Rotary Dog Park**

Near Intersection Hwy 11/55 South & 70 Bypass (252) 939-3332 Hours: Dawn to Dusk Admission: Free www.kinstonrec.com

Just down the road from the Neuseway Nature Park, your furry friend is the special guest at this park featuring a walking trail for two-and-four footed visitors. There are fenced in retrieving areas, an agility course and exercise area. The park also features large ponds used for AKC hunt tests each year. Restrooms are available.

#### West Water Park

1160 Strawberry Branch Road (252) 520-9378 Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun:1pm-5pm (Open Memorial Day through Labor Day) Admission: Full Day Pass: \$10 Half Day Pass: \$7 (Weekdays) \$8 (Weekends) (Half Day Passes are for 10am-12:30pm or 1pm-5pm) www.westwaterpark.net

The park includes two waterslides, a trapeze swing pool, a large swimming pool, an activity pool, and a beach volleyball court. Party packages are available.



The Neuse River runs through the heart of Lenoir County on its way to the coast and has a total length approximately 275 miles ongest river entirely contained in

making it the longest river entirely contained in North Carolina.

## **VISITORS CENTERS**

#### VisitKinston/Kinston-Lenoir County Convention and Visitors Bureau

301 N. Queen Street (252) 523-2500 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm; Fri: 9am-2pm www.visitkinston.com

Make VisitKinston your first stop! VisitKinston is just a short walk from downtown dining, the arts and historic sites. Local experts are available with answers to questions you didn't know you had. View brochures, maps, our Official Travel Guides and receive assistance in planning itineraries. Our staff is prepared to help you with finding lodging, meeting facilities, dining and catering and so much more.

#### Kinston-Lenoir County Visitors and Information Center

101 E. New Bern Road (252) 522-0004 Hours: Sun: 1pm-5pm; Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm; Sat 10am-5pm www.kinstonrec.com/visitors.html

Located on the First Battle of Kinston Battlefield, Indoor and outdoor displays represent the 1862 battle. Restroom facilities, pet facilities, vending machines, wireless internet and local, regional and state maps and brochures are available. There is a 50-seat auditorium with video showcasing Kinston and Lenoir County.



## Where To Shop

Enjoy small-town shopping at a leisurely pace. Shop downtown in locally-owned boutiques, art galleries, beautiful home décor and gift shops or an old-fashioned general store. Venture over to one of Eastern North Carolina's premiere sport shops offering a huge selection of hunting and fishing gear and an indoor shooting range. Designer clothing, gifts, home décor and much more for women can be found as well. Kinston offers something for everyone from fine men's clothing with in-store alterations, to an eclectic collection of antique, thrift and consignment shops.



#### Downtown Kinston - Queen Street

Queen Street is a collection of interesting architecture and welcoming merchants. Shops offering furniture, antiques, family clothing, and a host of other items line the wide street. You can stop for a cup of coffee and enjoy it at a sidewalk table. Explore the shops along Queen Street and the side streets. Find the perfect gift at one of the boutiques or great artwork from one of the galleries.

#### **consigned Designs** 132 N. Queen Street (252) 559-3956 Hours: Mon-Fri: 12pm-4pm, Sat: 10am-2pm

Used furniture with many uniquely painted pieces.

#### CSS Neuse Interpretive Center Souvenir and Gift Shop

100 N. Queen Street (252) 526-9600 Hours:Tues-Sat: 9am-5pm www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse

Souvenirs, books, prints, flags. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Echoes of Time Emporium

103 S. Queen Street (252) 527-7271 Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30am-5:30pm, Sat: 11am-2pm

Antiques, new and used furniture, household items and major appliances.

#### Galleria Gift Shop at the Kinston Arts Council

400 N.Queen Street (252) 527-2517 Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am-6pm Sat: 10am-2pm www.kinstoncca.com

Unique arts and crafts for all ages and art supplies. Credit and debit cards accepted.



**H. Stadiem, Inc.** 124 N.Queen Street (252) 527-1166

Hours: Mon-Sat: 9:30am-5:30pm www.hstadiem.com

The store's 26,000 square feet hold a large selection of quality men's and children's apparel and shoes for the entire family. Services include free alterations and tuxedo rentals. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Hawk's Nest Café and General Store

100 S. Queen Street (252) 686-6149 Hours: Mon-Sat: 7am-6pm www.hawksauce.com

1921 Style Café/Restaurant and general store promoting "Gotta Be NC". Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Mills International, Inc

801 S. Queen Street (252) 527-8083 or 1-800-347-8083 Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm Sat: 8:00am-12:00pm www.millsinternationalinc.com

Shop like others have for over 50 years at a family owned business for farm toys and t-shirts, lawn and garden mowers, tractors and tillers. Shop modern agricultural machinery and implements. Cub Cadet, Case IH and other brands.

#### **The Right Angle** 210 N. Herritage Street (252) 522-3885 Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-6pm Sat: 10am-2pm

Custom framing.

## Southern Heritage Folk Art and Antiques

115 N. Queen Street (252) 268-6629 Hours: Tues-Fri: 11am-4pm Sat: 11am-2pm www.folkart.20m.com

3,000 sq. ft. of unique vintage, antique and southern folk art treasures. Credit cards accepted.

### Herritage Landing -Herritage Street

Here's where you'll find an eclectic grouping of specialty shops and restaurants featuring home decor, art, women's fashions, farm-to-table cuisine, fresh seafood, breweries, pubs and distilleries. Here is the site of some of the city's oldest businesses, now reborn to fit the 21st century.

#### Chef & the Farmer Wine Shop

120 W. Gordon Street (252) 208-2433 Ext. 1 Hours: Tues-Sat: 5pm-9pm www.chefandthefarmer.com

Wine shop features boutique wines and craft beer. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Just Add Salt

204 N. Herritage Street (252) 522-5510 Hours: Tues-Sat: 12pm-7pm

Ladies boutique, gifts and accessories. Wi-fi enabled. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Lenoir County Farmers Market

100 N. Herritage Street (252) 560-1617 Hours: Tues & Sat: 8am-2pm www.klcfm.com

The Lenoir County Farmers Market is located along the scenic Neuse River in historic downtown Kinston and is a vibrant





and rewarding destination for fun, food and fascination. It is an open air market under a roof that has various vendors with fresh local produce, baked goods, meats and crafts. You'll find friendly, knowledgeable growers who will help you select produce at its peak of flavor and at prices that can't be beat anywhere. From earliest spring until late winter, North Carolina gardens provide Nature's bounty. Get there early for the best selections! Please note: our vendors may run out before the closing time. Please plan to visit us early for the best selection. Special events are planned throughout the year. Check Facebook for upcoming events for details, or subscribe to our newsletter for weekly updates.

#### **Leon Thomas Treasures**

118 W. North Street (252) 686-5060 Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-7pm

Located in the heart of downtown is an artisan shop offering clothes, pottery, and home décor. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

#### The Market

222 N. Herritage Street (252) 686-5255 Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-7pm

Grab-and-go food and gifts.

#### **Mother Earth Trading Post**

123 W. North Street (252) 522-8039 Hours: Tues-Thurs: 10am-6pm, Fri: 10am-8pm Sat: 1pm-9pm www.motherearthbrewing.com

A variety of Mother Earth gifts, t-shirts and souvenirs. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Parrott's General Store 300 N. Herritage Street

(252) 523-2254 Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat: 7:30am-12:30pm

Garden seeds and plants, feed, bulk candy, chicks, hardware, old time items and gifts. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Serenite Modern Apothecary

118 W. North Street, Suite B (252) 520-6707 Hours: Tue-Thurs: 11:00am-6:00pm Fri-Sat: 11:00am-until www.serenitemodernapothecary.com

Serenite Modern Apothecary offers a variety of natural products designed to bring a physical and emotional balance. Products include CBD tinctures, creams and edibles as well as artisan crafted soaps, body scrubs, candles, honeys and teas.



The Lenox Factory in Kinston is the only factory in the United States that makes bone china.





### Frenchman's Creek U.S. 70 East

Shop in an atmosphere of casual elegance. Whether you're looking for a special outfit or a toy for a new baby, you can find it in this unique collection of shops. People come from miles around to select sporting goods, home decor, ladies fashion, children's apparel or order a frozen treat.

#### **Neuse Sport Shop**

225 E. New Bern Road (252) 527-5058 Hours: Sun-Thurs: 6am-9pm, Fri: 6am-10pm, Sat: 6am-9pm www.nssnc.com

Since 1953 Eastern North Carolina's source for Hunting, Fishing, Marine, Paddle Sports, Fashion and Outdoor Sportswear, Home Décor, Firearms and Archery equipment. The operation is well staffed with friendly associates who participate in the sports and activities represented in the store. Open 7 days a week. Includes indoor pistol and archery range. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Pearson's/Bert's Surf Shop

201 East New Bern Road (252) 527-0845 Hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00am-6:00pm www.bertsurfshop.com

Shop Pearson's for juniors, misses, and plus sizes in sports apparel, dresses and special occasions. Bert's Surf Shop is your complete surf and skate shop including beach accessories too. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### The Villager

225 E. New Bern Road (252) 527-9603 Hours: Sun-Thurs: 6am-9pm, Fri: 6am-10pm, Sat: 6am-9pm www.nssnc.com

Offering fashion items, ladies accessories, jewelry and other brand name gift items. The Villager is a retail gift store with an amazing Christmas offering of décor and decoration items. Free elegant gift wrapping year-round. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### La Petite Boutique

225 East New Bern Road (252) 523-2229 Hours: Sun: 1pm-5pm, Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm www.lapetiteboutiquechildrenswear.com

The store offers quality children's clothing for all ages. Credit and debit cards accepted.



#### Kinston Plaza Shopping Center - Plaza Boulevard

Lunch? Have a Quesadilla, sub, or old fashioned burger. The choice is yours at Kinston Plaza. A variety of shops and businesses are located within a twoblock radius of the plaza.

#### Kinston Pointe Shopping Center - Highway 70 West

Beauty supplies to bicycles, Kinston Pointe is the place for you. It's always good to check out the location of the nearest Walmart...chances are they will have exactly what you need. Numerous dining and shopping options located in this area.

#### Vernon Park Mall Area

#### Belk

800 Hardee Road (252) 523-2800 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00 am-8:00pm Fri-Sat: 10:00am-9:00pm Sun: 12:00pm-6:00pm



MasterBrand Cabinet has celebrity line. This Kinston manufacturer builds a

fashionable line of Martha Stewart Living Kitchen Cabinets. Located within the Vernon Mark Mall, Belk department store offers families an array of modern fashions, shoes and accessories, home merchandise and more. Credit cards accepted.

#### M & D Gifts

805 B Hardee Road (252) 523-2800 Hours: Mon-Sat: 8:30am-5:30pm

Greeting cards, balloons, decorative flags, gift items and party supplies for all occasions. Credit cards accepted.

#### Once Again

803 B Hardee Road (252) 526-8137 Hours: Tue-Fri: 10am-5pm Sat: 9am-3pm

Home décor, furniture, clothes, shoes and jewelry. Credit cards accepted.

### Around the County

#### Horseware

1350 Cunningham Road (252) 208-0080 Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm www.horseware.com

Outlet Store for horse wear accessories, and sports clothing for men, women and children to wear for horseback riding. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Lenox Factory Outlet

1800 Dobbs Farm Road (252) 559-7373 Hours: Sun: 12pm-5pm Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm www.lenox.com



Don't miss the chance to visit the outlet store at America's most famous bone china manufacturer. Known worldwide for its quality dinnerware, ornaments, crystal and flatware, you can buy examples of Lenox products at 20 to 50 percent off. The selection varies day to day, so don't forget to return before you head back home. Credit and debit cards accepted.

#### Spice Bouquet Store

1200 US Highway 70 East (252) 527-7000 Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm Sat: 9am-3pm www.spicebouquet.com



Shop a broad line of fine rubs and seasonings to enhance your chicken, pork, fish, and beef dishes. They also work very well on vegetables and for making your own salad dressings and marinades. They work well whether you sear, fry, grill, or broil. A variety of lovely gift baskets, individual rubs or seasonings are offered. Credit and debit cards accepted.



## Where To Eat

Savor Kinston's culinary scene from world-famous Eastern North Carolina BBQ and locals' down-home favorites to innovative dishes prepared by local chefs and just plain good cooks; and of course, James Beard winner Chef Vivian Howard for outstanding TV personality/ host on her hit show "A Chef's Life". Farm-to-table is Kinston's history, thanks to generational and local farmers providing natural meats and fresh produce. From barbecue to oyster bars, pizzerias, pubs to a massive BBQ festival, locals and visitors alike know Kinston is a food destination.



## AMERICAN & REGIONAL

#### Byrd's Restaurant

(252) 523-3422 196 Hwy 58 South Casual "country cooking". Mon-Fri: B L Sat: B \$ [1] @

#### **The Captain's Corner** (252) 522-5559

711 Plaza Boulevard Family owned hot dog house also serving burgers, sandwiches, ice cream and milk shakes. Mon-Sun: B L D \$ 100 20 100

#### Chef & the Farmer

www.chefandthefarmer.com (252) 208-2433 Ext. 1 120 W. Gordon Street Upscale dining in a modern atmosphere. Tue-Sat: D

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Chef & the Farmer Wine Shop

www.chefandthefarmer.com (252) 208-2433 Ext. 1 120 W. Gordon Street Upscale selection of wine and beer. Tue-Sat: D

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#### East Coast Wings

www.eastcoastwings.com (252) 686-0922 3021 N. Herritage Street Lunch specials, wings, salads, burgers, unique appetizers. Mon-Sun: L D

#### LEGEND

\$ Less than \$10
 \$ Between \$10-15
 \$\$ More than \$15

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#### FatBaby's Country Cooking

(252) 527-9779 1215 Greene Haynes Road Home-cooked meals in a casual atmosphere. Mon-Sat: B L \$ (1) (2)

#### **Golden Corral**

www.goldencorral.net (252) 523-7585 4468 W. Vernon Avenue Family friendly environment with a wide variety of food on the buffet. Mon-Sun: L D Fri-Sun: B \$\$ 🚳 B

#### Hawk's Nest Café &

#### **General Store**

100 S. Queen Street (252) 686-6149 Upscale American burgers and hot dogs at an old-time lunch counter with a new twist. Mon-Sat: B L D

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#### Highway 55

www.hwy55burgers.com

• Herritage Plaza - (252) 526-5189

- 4130 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 522-2224
- 6018 Hwy 11 South, Pink Hill -(252) 568-2366

Cheesesteaks, cheeseburgers, orangeade, lemonade, and thick milkshakes. **Mon-Sun: L D** 

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#### Ken's Grill

(252) 566-4765 7645 Hwy 70 West, La Grange Casual grill serving pit-cooked barbeque available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Mon-Tue: B L Wed-Fri: B L D Sat: B L \$

#### King's Restaurant

www.kingsbbq.com 405 E New Bern Road- (252) 527-2101 910 W. Vernon Avenue - (252) 527-1661 2405 N. Queen Street - (252) 523-3303 Eastern Carolina barbecue and fried chicken with country buffet daily at Hwy 70 location. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### Kinstonian Family Restaurant (252) 527-7800

3700 W. Vernon Avenue Country cooking served buffet style. Mon-Sat: L D Sun: L \$ 🐼 B

### Jessie Bell's Soul Food Restaurant

(252) 686-5209 106 E. Vernon Avenue Country-style cooking with fried chicken and delicious sides.

Mon-Tue: B L D Thu-Sun: B L D \$

#### Lovick's Café

www.lovickscafe.com (252) 523-6854 320 N. Herritage Street Country-style dining with specialty "doughburgers." Mon-Fri: B L Sat: B \$ [10]



#### Ma's Hotdog House

(252) 527-0511 2515 US 258 South Nestled inside an old gas station, serving the best hot dogs, burgers and daily specials in town. Mon-Fri: B L D Sat: B L \$

#### Murray's BBQ and Seafood (252) 566-4161

123 Washington Street, La Grange Daily buffet with specials, salad bar.
Mon-Fri: L D Sun: L
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#### **North Street Live**

www.northstreetkinston.com (252) 522-0056 603 E. New Bern Road

A sit-down restaurant and night club with live music, dancing and all the burgers, wraps and salads you can enjoy.

Mon-Thurs: L D Fri-Sun: B L D

#### Rightway

(252) 523-0262 3001 N. Herritage Street Burgers, sandwiches, breakfast, baked goods and milkshakes. Mon-Sun: B L \$ [10] [20]

#### **Ruby Tuesday**

www.rubytuesday.com (252) 523-4067 3725 W. Vernon Avenue Casual dining restaurant featuring extensive salad bar. No checks accepted. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### Smith's Café

(252) 522-4040 2424 US 258 North Southern country cooking, cafeteria-style. Mon-Fri: B L Thurs: D Sat: B Sun: L \$ [1] 20 D

#### **Stacie's Grill**

(252) 566-4705 7823 US Hwy 70 West La Grange, NC Casual and friendly diner with breakfast and burgers. Mon-Sat: B L \$

#### **The Filling Station**

(252) 939-1505 2438 NC 11 South Family friendly with alternative menu. Mon-Sat: L D \$\$ 💿 🔐 🕅



The Mad Hatter (252) 686-5188 212 W. North Street Specialty burgers, sandwiches and tater tots. Mon-Sat: L D Sun: L \$ 🚳 🔐 🕅

Three C's BBQ (252) 550-0143 2792 Quinn Sawmill Road, Deep Run Whole-hog barbecue along with fish stew and chicken pastry served daily. Thurs-Sun: L D \$ (1)

Waffle House www.wafflehouse.com (252) 208-1920 601 East New Bern Road A variety of foods served 24 hours a day, with a breakfast focus and signature meals. Mon-Sun: B L D \$



The Neuseway Nature Center has a 16ft x 24ft

climbing wall, stocked fishing ponds, a 52-seat planetarium, a tepee that can be rented for overnight camping, and Big Daddy's Express, a train that seats 40.

### ASIAN

#### **Chen's Chinese**

(252) 520-0153 211 W. Vernon Avenue Authentic Chinese cuisine; eat-in or carry-out. Mon-Sun: L D \$

Golden China Buffet

(252) 523-6808 4147 W. Vernon Avenue Authentic Chinese cuisine served buffet-style. Mon-Sun: L D \$\$ 🚳

#### Hibachi Express

(252) 939-1816 2405 N. Herritage Street, Suite C Hibachi, Japanese, Sushi. Mon-Fri: L D \$

H.O.W. II (252) 686-8882

710 W. Vernon Avenue Serving Asian & American style Chinese in a casual atmosphere. Family, party and business meetings welcome in a private environment. Mon-Thu: D Sat: D

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#### Jin Jin

(252) 566-8828 304 E. Washington Street, La Grange Authentic Chinese food. Mon-Sun: L D \$

#### Main Moon

(252) 527-9600 909 W. Vernon Avenue Authentic Chinese food. Eat-in or carry-out. Mon-Sun: L D \$\$ 💿

#### Tokyo House

(252) 523-1888 1201 W. Vernon Avenue, Suite D Lunch menu, sushi, sashimi, soups, salads, desserts. Mon-Sat: L D \$

Wok & Roll

(252) 523-7400 2424 N. Herritage Street Asian cuisine served in a casual atmosphere. Eatin or carry-out. Mon-Sun: L D \$

## BAKERIES, SWEETS & COFFEE

#### **Brown's Sweet Treats**

(252) 527-3770 1604 W. Vernon Avenue Fresh baked pastries and desserts. Custom-made cakes. Mon-Fri: B L Sat: B \$

#### Middle Grounds Coffeehouse

(252) 686-4150 or (252) 560-0016 212 N. Herritage Street Local coffeehouse serving coffee all day.

Specializing in gourmet coffees and specialty drinks.

Mon-Sat: B L D \$ ጥ 💿

## **DELIS & SANDWICHES**

Aggie's (252) 208-1449 909 W. Vernon Avenue Steak subs along with a variety of hot and cold sandwiches. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### Arby's

www.arbys.com (252) 527-1085 4173 W. Vernon Avenue, Kinston Pointe Fast food restaurant specializing in Market-fresh sandwiches. Mon-Sun: L D



#### Creekside Café at Falling Creek Golf Course

www.fallingcreekcc.net (252) 522-1828 2359 Falling Creek Road Sandwiches and breakfast. Mon: B L Wed: B L Fri-Sat: B L \$ 🖤 📅

#### Mary Lou's Grill

(252) 523-7080 1945 US Hwy 70 E BBQ and all kinds of sandwiches. Mon-Sat: L \$

#### **Olympian Restaurant**

(252) 523-0333 601 W. Vernon Avenue Italian and Greek-style cuisine in a family friendly atmosphere. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### Peach House

(252) 522-2526 412 W. Vernon Avenue Sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts and daily features. Mon-Fri: B L



#### Queen Street Deli & Bakery

www.queenstreetdeli.com (252) 527-1900 117 South Queen Street Sandwiches, soups, gourmet coffee, cookies, snacks and juices. Mon-Fri: L

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#### Subway

- www.subway.com
  2405 N. Herritage Street -(252) 523-9188
- 4153 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 523-6913
- 4101 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 523-5414
- 401 E. New Bern Road (252) 523-2427
- 2719 Hwy 11-55 (252) 520-7770
- 5899 Hwy 11 S., Pink Hill -

#### (252) 568-9924 Made-to-order sub sandwiches, with many lowfat options.

Mon-Sun: B L D

#### Whiskey Pig

(252) 622-8625 214 N. Herritage Street

A deli restaurant and butchery all in one with soups, sandwiches, burgers and fresh meats from in-house.

Tue-Sat: B L D \$ 🔮 🔂

## **FAST FOOD**

#### **Bojangles**

www.bojangles.com

- 1028 W. New Bern Road -(252) 527-1664
- 3007 N. Herritage Street -(252) 559-2014
- 400 Vernon Avenue (252) 523-1783
- 7858 Hwy 70 West, La Grange -(252) 566-3425

Famous chicken and biscuits.

Mon-Sun: B L D

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#### **Burger King**

www.burgerking.com

- 2402 N. Herritage Street -(252) 939-1465
- 2015 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 523-1864

Fast food restaurant featuring charbroiled burgers.

Mon-Sun: B L D



#### **Chick-fil-A**

www.chick-fil-a.com/kinston 4499 Hwy 70 - (252) 208-0744 Chicken sandwiches, nuggets, and strips served with waffle fries or fruit salads. Mon-Sat: B L D



#### **Chicken Shack**

(252) 702-5906 602 N. McLewean Street Homemade chicken, fish and hamburgers. Mon-Sun: B L D \$

#### Hardee's

www.hardees.com
1344 Hwy 258 S - (252) 527-7925
4171 W. Vernon Avenue, Kinston Pointe - (252) 523-3323
Fast food chain featuring "Thickburgers" and fried chicken.
Mon-Sun: B L D

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#### **Kentucky Fried Chicken**

www.kfc.com (252) 527-6411 613 W. Vernon Avenue Fast food restaurant specializing in family style fried chicken meals. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### **McDonald's**

www.mcdonalds.com

- 612 E. New Bern Road -(252) 523-8925
- 110 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 523-6665
- 4194 W. Vernon Avenue -(252) 208-0045

Fast food restaurant specializing in hamburgers and french fries.

Mon-Sun: B L D \$ 🔞

#### Taco Bell

www.tacobell.com (252) 527-5555 1806 W. Vernon Avenue Fast food chain serving tacos, burritos and many other specialty items.

Mon-Sun: L D \$ 🔞 🦢



Mother Earth Brewing in Kinston ages some of their beer in Pinot Noir,

Chardonnay, Bourbon, and Brandy Barrels.

#### Wendy's

- www.wendys.com
- 4535 Hwy 70 West (252) 522-3050
- 2409 N. Herritage Street -(252) 527-5806

"Old Fashioned" hamburgers, specialty salads, and "Frostys."

Mon-Sun: L D \$ 🖗 🙋

### GREEK

#### **Olympian Restaurant**

(252) 523-0333 601 W. Vernon Avenue

Italian and Greek-style cuisine in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Mon-Sun: L D



#### **Pelican's Snoballs**

225 E. New Bern Road (Hwy 70 Bypass) Frenchman's Creek (919) 414-8170 Perfect blend of snow and 100 flavors, 15 Snow Cream flavors. Spring and Summer Mon-Sun: L D \$

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Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt 2405 N. Herritage Street

#### (252) 522-3764

Create your own combination of delicious, softserve premium frozen yogurt, then finish it off with any toppings you choose.

Mon-Sun: L D \$



The Inside Scoop (252) 686-5255 222 N. Herritage Street Hershey's ice cream in many flavors, milkshakes, sundaes and banana splits. Mon-Sun: L D \$

## ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

#### Barney's Pizzeria & Grill

(252) 686-8300 3647 W. Vernon Avenue Pizza, pitas, calzones, Stromboli, garlic knot appetizers, lunch specials. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### Domino's Pizza

www.dominos.com (252) 523-4422 1201 W. Vernon Avenue Made-to-order pizza for delivery or carry-out. Mon-Sun: L D \$

#### Lily's Subs & Pizza (252) 523-0011 2423 N. Herritage Street Homemade pizza, subs, pasta, and burgers. Mon-Sat: L D \$

#### Little Caesars Pizza

(252) 686-8018 111 W. Vernon Avenue All pizza is to go, carry out. Mon-Sun: L D \$

#### Little J's Pizza & Subs

- 2459 Hwy 258 North (252) 520-0025
- 402 E. Washington Street, La Grange -(252) 566-5044

Specialty pizzas and subs in a family-friendly environment. Eat-in or carry-out.

Mon-Sat: L D \$ 💿

#### Papa John's Pizza

www.papajohns.com (252) 527-8585 1004 W. Vernon Avenue Carry-out and delivery pizza restaurant. Mon-Sun: L D \$ 20 D

#### Pizza Hut

www.pizzahut.com (252) 523-1175 1802 W. Vernon Avenue Pan pizzas and many side dishes available. Eat-in, carry-out, or delivery options. Mon-Sun: L D

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#### **Pizza Plus**

(252) 568-2704 4149 Hwy 11, Deep Run Made-to-order pizza for eat-in, delivery or carryout, plus subs. Tue-Sat: L D \$ D

#### Pizza Villa

(252) 527-2260 1400 W. Vernon Avenue Family-friendly dining specializing in homemade pizzas, lasagna, burgers, subs and a salad bar. Mon-Sat: L D \$

#### Sugar Hill Pizzeria

(252) 686-8800 211 N. Herritage Street Made-to-order pizzas, pizza by the slice and classic Italian favorites. Mon-Sun: L D \$ 100

#### **Two Dogs Pizza**

(252) 568-6301 104 S. Kinston Boulevard, Pink Hill Pizza, subs, pizza buffet and salad bar. Mon-Sun: L D \$ 🔞 🚳 📷 B

### MEXICAN

#### **El Azteca**

2928 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 527-4100 Authentic Mexican cuisine. Mon-Fri: L D Sat: D Sun: L \$ 🕅 🚳 🚰

#### El Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant

(252) 566-2044 1701 W. Vernon Avenue Family Mexican Restaurant with focus on fresh Mexican food. Mon-Sat: L D Sun: L \$\$ 💿 🔐

#### El Norteno

(252) 523-4709 1701 W. Vernon Avenue Authentic Mexican cuisine. Mon-Sun: L D



#### El Nuevo San Juan

(252) 527-2519 2423 N. Herritage Street Traditional Mexican restaurant and cantina. Mon-Sat: L D Sun: L \$ [1] [2] [2] [3]

#### Sabor

(252) 208-2663 108 W. North Street Sabor means "flavor" in English. Offering Latin cuisine. Mon-Sun: L D \$ (1) (1) (1)

## SEAFOOD

#### Boiler Room Oyster Bar

boilerroomoysterbar.com (252) 208-2433 Ext. 2 108 W. North Street Oysters, burgers, & beer. Mon-Fri: D Sat-Sun: L D \$\$ M @ 5

#### LuLu's Oyster Bar

(252) 527-2101
405 E New Bern Road
Beer available at bar only. Big-screen TV.
Mon-Sat: D
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#### Sandpiper Seafood House and Oyster Bar

(252) 566-4067 7877 Hwy 70 West, La Grange Wide variety of seafood served in a casual environment. Wed-Sat: D Sun: L D \$\$ 🚳 🛐



**STEAKHOUSE** 

The Baron & The Beef

Fine dining steakhouse featuring deluxe salad bar.

(252) 527-6787

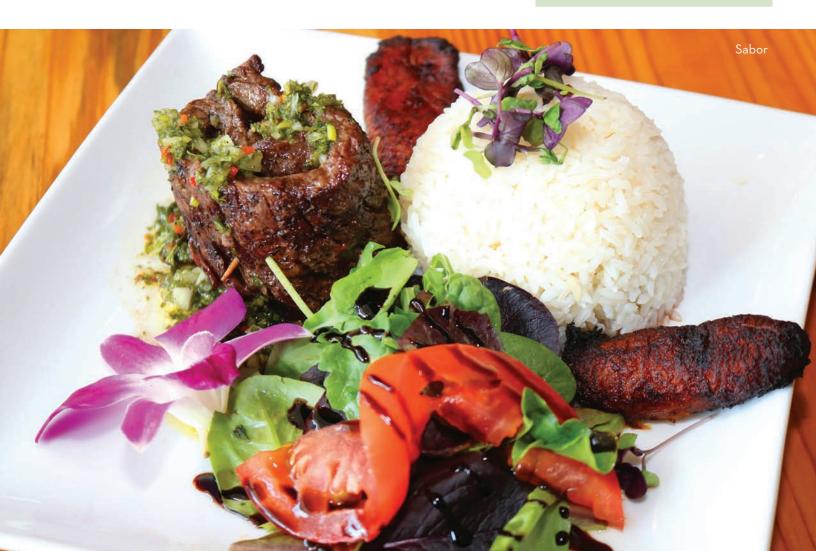
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Tue-Sat: D

1631 Hwy 70 East

The CSS Neuse is one of North Carolina's

largest artifacts and one of only three remaining Civil War ironclads. Kinston is the only city with a full size replica.



## Catering & Event Centers

Whether you're planning a conference, executives' retreat, wedding or family reunion, there are dedicated caterers, event planners and venues at your disposal downtown and beyond.

#### Community Council for the Arts

400 N. Queen Street (252) 527-2517 www.kinstoncca.com Capacity - 250

Art lovers won't want to miss a stop at the building now housing one of the finest arts centers in the state. The state-of-the-art 30,000 sq. ft. center is on the National Register of Historic Places. The perfect location for your next event.

#### Historic Harmony Hall

109 E. King Street (252) 522-0421 www.harmonyhallkinston.com Capacity inside seating - 75

Local tradition has it that this colonial showplace in 1772, four years before the American Colonies' War for Independence. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Harmony Hall has been lovingly restored and furnished with meticulous attention to detail. Many original features, such as brickwork and moldings, are examples of works by early Kinston craftsmen. A garden features flowers and plants indigenous to the area and appropriate to the age of the house. An early 20th-century schoolhouse sits at the rear of the property, complete with desks and blackboard. Book your event today! Call for more information.

#### H.O.W. II

710 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 686-8882 Capacity - 30

Enjoy Chinese and American cuisine inside H.O.W. II's event room. Located within the restaurant, the event room offers an area for parties, business meetings and more.

#### **The Exchange at Hometowne** 118 W. North Street (252) 686-5061 Capacity seated - 80

A unique 2,400 sq. ft. facility that can meet your needs from meetings to parties to catered events. Tables and chairs for 140 people and kitchen are available. This beautiful room has the original tin ceiling, exposed brick wall and the original wooden columns. Call and make your reservations. WiFi is available.

#### **King's Restaurant**

405 E. New Bern Road (252) 527-2101 www.kingsbbq.com Capacity seated - 300

Eastern Carolina barbecue and fried chicken. King's BBQ will hit the road for your special event - rehearsal dinner or wedding, graduation party,



football tailgate or family beach gathering - we'll bring the Eastern NC BBQ feast to you. King's covers an area from the Triangle to the coast.

#### **Upstairs at The Market**

222 N. Herritage Street (252) 521-3796 Capacity seated - 75

Monthly brunches, grab-and-go food and gifts. On-site catering for wedding parties, business meetings and other events.

#### **Olivia's Catering**

110 E. Caswell Street (252) 341-0993 Capacity seated - 250-300

On-and-off site catering for receptions, rehearsals, class reunions, business meetings, and other events. Call for more information.

#### Peach House

412 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 522-2526 www.peachhousenc.com Meeting room - 15-18

Sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts and daily features. Meats and cheeses by the pound.

#### Queen Street Deli & Bakery

117 S. Queen Street (252) 527-1900 www.queenstreetdeli.com 52 main dining room, 30 library, 50 in bar area

Sandwiches, soups, gourmet coffee, cookies, snacks and juices. Special pricing and catering menus that are perfect for any occasion.

#### **Kinston Community Center**

2602 W. Vernon Avenue (252) 939-1330 www.woodmencenter.com Capacity seated - 300

Unforgettable events in a state-of-the-art setting. Make a big impact with your next event by hosting it at the Kinston Community Center. Whether you're planning a meeting, party or wedding, we invite you to come take a look at what the KCC can offer.

Where	To	Stay
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The first registered elevator in North Carolina was in the Farmers and Merchant Bank. Today that building is known as The O'Neil, a boutique hotel with the elevator still in operation.

Whether you choose a boutique	elevator still in operation.																
hotel, nationally known chain, local B&B or choose to stay in your RV, Kinston has accommodations that will appeal to every taste and budget. So make yourself at home during your visit.	Number of Rooms	Banquet/Meeting Facilities	Comp. Breakfast	Internet/WiFi	Exercise Room	Indoor Pool	Microwave	Non-smoking Rooms	Outdoor Pool	Pets Allowed	Refrigerator	Voicemail	Double(s)	Queen(s)	Kings(s)	Suite(s)	Kitchenette
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<b>RED CARPET INN &amp; SUITES</b> 208 E. New Bern Rd • (252) 527-4155	50		•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		
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1800 Dobbs Farm Road Kinston, NC 28504 (252) 559-7373 Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm China dining sets & glass décor.





Spice Bouquet

1200 E New Bern Road Kinston, NC 28501 (252) 527-7000 Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm Spices, cooking lessons and recipes.

Vivian Howard Sauces and Rubs

120 W Gordon Street Kinston, NC 28501 (252) 208-2433 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 5pm-9:30pm Fri-Sat 5pm-10:30pm Closed Sunday Sauces, rubs & glaze made by Vivian Howard.

# Kinston Lenoir County







Horseware

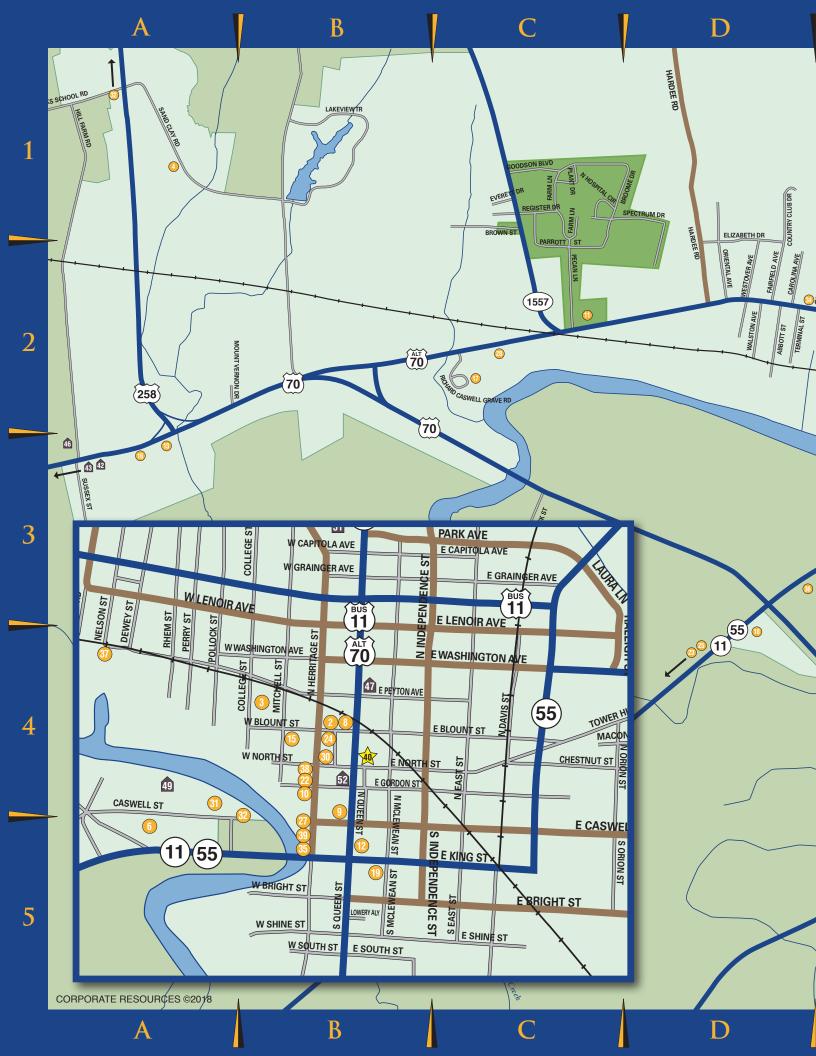
1350 Cunningham Road Kinston, NC 28501 (252) 208-0080 Hours: 9am-4pm Exercise rugs, boots, riding gear and horse accessories.

Hawks Sauce at Hawk's Mest

100 S Queen Street Kinston, NC 28501 (252) 686-6149 Hours: Mon-Sat: 7am-6pm Hawk's BBQ sauce and salsa sold in the restaurant.

Kings Restaurant

1800 Dobbs Farm Road Kinston, NC 28504 (252) 559-7373 Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm King's products, hushpuppy mix, bbq sauces, etc.









Historic Granger Statiant opened the gates for fails of baseban in April 2017 to enjoy food trucks, entertainment and their new team, the Down East Wood Ducks, five years after the stadium housed the Kinston Indians.

For more than a century, Kinston has been known as a baseball town. Professional baseball dates back in Kinston to as early as 1908 when the city hosted a squad in the Eastern Carolina League and was home field to farm clubs from 11 different Major League franchises and one Minor League club.

Now fans can enjoy games from the two-story Mother Earth Pavilion. Located behind outfield, the pavilion allows fans and visitors to have parties and events upstairs or just relax on the first floor with a nice cold Mother Earth beer. Whether you relax at the new pavilion or sit with friends behind home plate, you will enjoy the Down East Wood Ducks!

This historic stadium opens its gates for you and your family to experience the food, the entertainment and especially the DownEast WoodDucks.