



ELIZABETH CITY AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU



# Choose Your Own Adventure

*Elizabeth City has a variety of things to keep you busy, with a beautiful waterfront downtown, interesting historical homes, a burgeoning arts scene, a regional museum and natural attractions.*

*Start exploring now!*

## The History Buff

**Discover the stories of our past as you meander around our city. Must see heritage stops include the Aviation Trail, Civil War Trail, Museum of the Albemarle, Underground Railroad sites, and self-guided historic district architectural walking tours.**



## The Art Lover

A man wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat and a light-colored t-shirt is seen from the side, focused on painting a landscape on an easel. The scene is outdoors, with a building and a striped awning visible in the background.

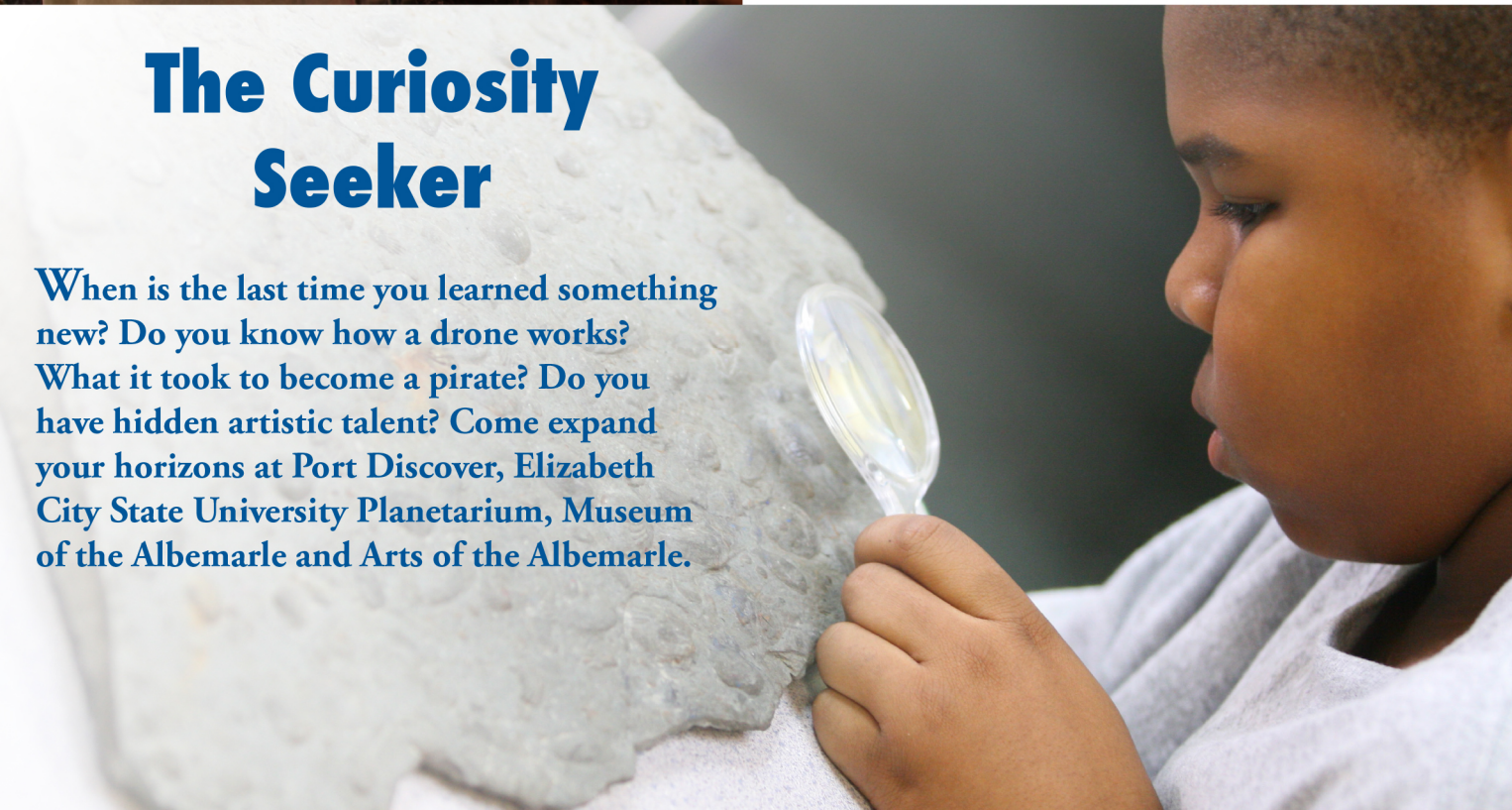
Our natural beauty has often stirred artists' souls. Indulge in our artsy side with art walks, exhibitions, theatrical performances and homegrown music at Arts of the Albemarle, College of the Albemarle Performing Arts Center and Elizabeth City State University Auditorium.

## The Outdoor Adventurer

Two people are kayaking down a river. They are wearing life jackets and caps, and are actively paddling. The water is slightly turbulent, and the background shows lush green trees.

Cypress trees rising up from the water and ospreys taking flight with their catch are just a few of the sights you can see in the area. Places you can hike, bike, paddle, fish and bird-watch include The Albemarle Paddling Trails, Albemarle Fishing Charters, Dismal Swamp State Park and Merchants Millpond State Park.

## The Curiosity Seeker

A close-up profile of a young child's face as they use a magnifying glass to examine a textured, light-colored rock. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt.

When is the last time you learned something new? Do you know how a drone works? What it took to become a pirate? Do you have hidden artistic talent? Come expand your horizons at Port Discover, Elizabeth City State University Planetarium, Museum of the Albemarle and Arts of the Albemarle.

# The Seafarer



Boaters stop at Elizabeth City because of our great location on the Intracoastal Waterway. Elizabeth City was made famous by the Rose Buddies in the 1980s and the legacy continues. We offer many amenities such as free wifi, showers, free 48-hour docking and complimentary bikes.

## Events

Apr

TarWheel Century Bike Ride

May

N.C. Potato Festival

May-Oct

Downtown Waterfront Market

Jun

Taste of the Albemarle

Jun

Juneteenth

Jun-Jul

Mariners' Wharf  
Film Festival

Jul

Fabulous Fourth Celebration

Jul-Sept

Music on the Green

Aug

Elizabeth City 300 Regional  
National Truck & Tractor Pull

Oct

Historic Ghost Walk

Oct

Albemarle Craftsman's Fair

Oct

Elizabeth City State University  
Homecoming

Nov

Downtown Holiday Celebration

Nov

Mistletoe Show

Dec

Christmas Parade



# WALK IT...

Key	
	Aviation Trail Sites
	Civil War Sites
	National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site
	Walking Tour Sites



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## Museum of the Albemarle

The museum's *Our Story* exhibit chronicles the lives of Native Americans, colonists, privateers, farmers, watermen, Civil War soldiers, lifesavers and history makers in the 13 counties surrounding the Albemarle Sound. Kids will love the hands-on Discovery Room. Admission is free.

[MuseumOfTheAlbemarle.com](http://MuseumOfTheAlbemarle.com)

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We're here to help! Please stop in for travel brochures, self-guided tours and maps. Conveniently located inside the Museum of the Albemarle. [DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://DiscoverElizabethCity.com)



## Aviation Trail

Learn about the visits that the Wright Brothers made to Elizabeth City during their quest to make their dream of taking flight become reality.

Download a tour brochure at:  
[DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://DiscoverElizabethCity.com)



## Civil War Trails

The "Civil War Trails in Elizabeth City" self-guided tour weaves together the history of Union occupation in Elizabeth City through real-life accounts of arson, ambush and guerrilla warfare.

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## The Center at Arts of the Albemarle

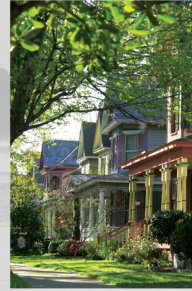
The Center is the focal point for a vibrant visual and performing arts scene. It presents a full schedule of art exhibitions, concerts, plays, workshops, classes and performances. Don't miss the 1st Friday ArtWalk series, held the first Friday of every month. Admission is free; fees for ticketed events. [ArtsAOA.com](http://ArtsAOA.com)



## Elizabeth City Historic Walking Tours

There are six National Register historic districts in Elizabeth City, and therefore, many opportunities for seeing historic homes, tree-lined streets and stately government structures. Guidebooks are free.

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## Mariners' Wharf

During the summer months, catch the Mariners' Wharf Film Festival and Music on the Green series. May through October, shop the Downtown Waterfront Market for locally-grown fruits, veggies, crafts, baked goods and more.



## National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Sites

More than 200 years ago, African American freedom seekers used the Pasquotank River and the Dismal Swamp as routes to escape slavery. The National Park Service designated the Pasquotank River site at Waterfront Park as part of its National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.



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## Port Discover Hands-on Science Center

If you're traveling with children, head to Port Discover where kids can explore their curiosity! Learn about becoming a doctor or be a pilot for the day (all in the name of science, of course). Admission is free; fees for some programs. [PortDiscover.org](http://PortDiscover.org)



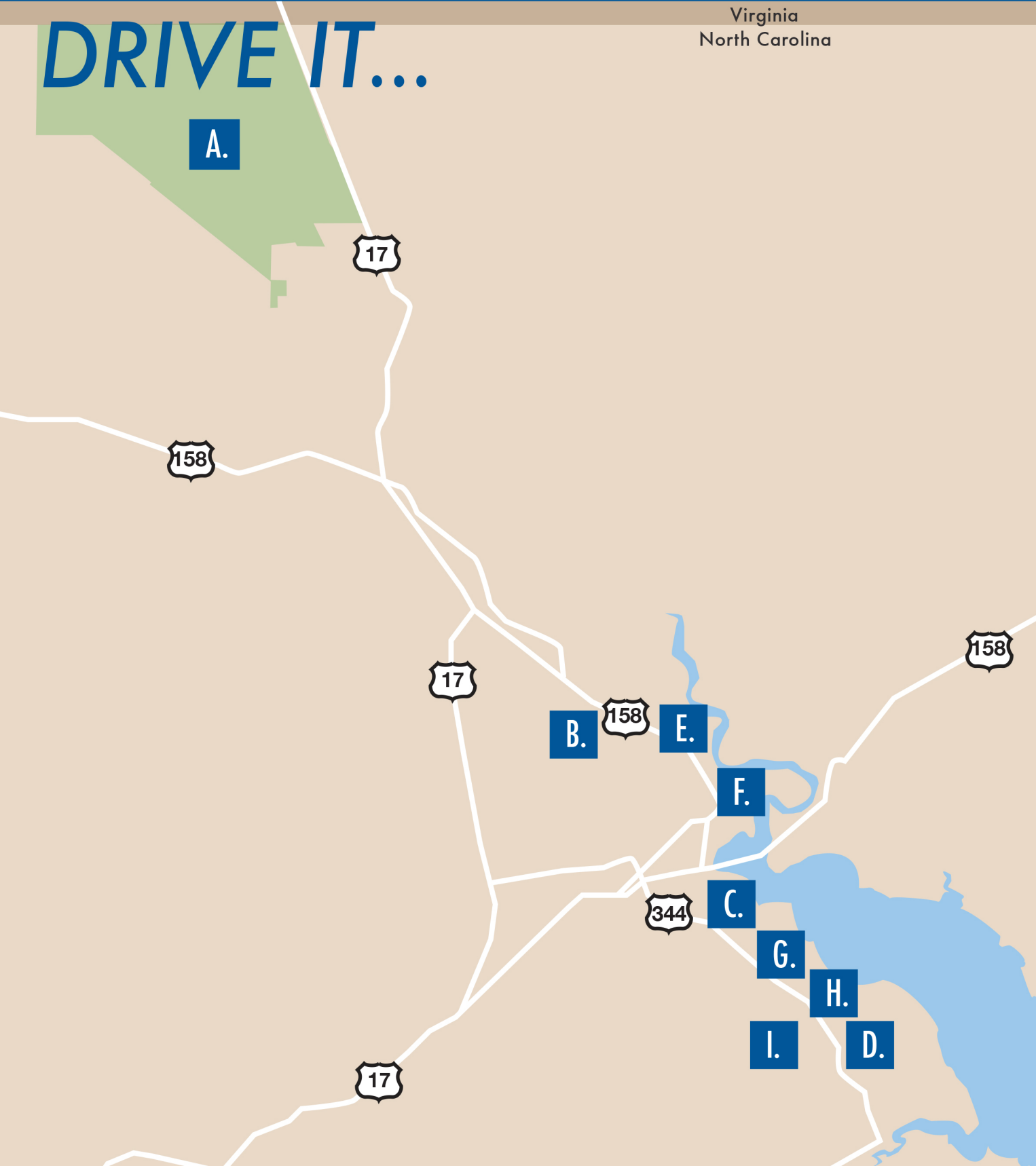
## Shopping and Dining

Choose a one-of-a-kind treasure from a variety of shops, boutiques, galleries and specialty stores. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, you'll find a smorgasbord of great restaurants.



# DRIVE IT...

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North Carolina



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# DRIVE IT...



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## Dismal Swamp State Park

Tour the visitor center exhibits, then hike, bike, paddle and bird-watch!

[NCParks.gov](http://NCParks.gov)



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## The Pines Golf Course

Enjoy championship play on this Tom Clark-designed course.

[ThePinesEC.com](http://ThePinesEC.com)



C.

## Elizabeth City State University Robinson Auditorium

Be inspired by regular performances at this 1,000-seat music hall.



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## U.S. Coast Guard Base

Elizabeth City is a designated Coast Guard city.

[USCG.mil/BaseElizabethCity](http://USCG.mil/BaseElizabethCity)



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## College of the Albemarle's Performing Arts Center

See live theater and music performances at this 1,000-seat art center.



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## Knobbs Creek Park

This park has a 15,800 square foot recreation center, senior center, a nine hole par-3 golf course and a baseball field.



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## ECSU Planetarium

See free star shows and presentations (for groups by advance reservation).

[ECSU.edu/Planetarium](http://ECSU.edu/Planetarium)



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## River Road Soccer Complex

Featuring five soccer fields and one football field.



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## South Park Sports Complex

Attracting NC and VA tournaments, South Park offers five youth baseball/softball fields for individual, team and league play.

# STAY A WHILE...

## Hotels/Motels

Best Western Plus  
252.331.7751

Comfort Inn  
252.338.8900

Days Inn  
252.335.4316

EconoLodge  
252.338.4124

Fairfield Inn  
252.333.1003

Hampton Inn  
252.333.1800

Quality Inn  
252.338.3951

Queen Elizabeth Motel  
252.338.3961

Travelers Inn  
252.338.5451

Whistling Pines Motel  
252.335.0817

## Bed & Breakfast/Inns

Culpepper Inn  
252.335.9235

Elizabeth City Bed & Breakfast  
252.338.2177

Foreman House Bed & Breakfast  
252.562.6539

Grice-Fearing House  
Bed & Breakfast  
252.333.1792

The Pond House Inn  
252.335.9834



# Not Far to New Adventures

*Elizabeth City is conveniently located just an hour from both Norfolk, VA and the Outer Banks--making it an ideal spot to launch day trip ventures.*

## Elizabeth City, Adventures Await...

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