

Outdoors/Parks

Farm Life

Gillis Hill Farm

Tour a real working farm. The Gillis family has farmed in Cumberland County for eight generations, since the 1700s. Learn about how changes in technology have affected farming and farm life. Take a wagon tour, enjoy some homemade ice cream, and see an animal show. Wagon tours are available for groups, self-guided tours are also available. 2701 Gillis Hill Rd. (910)867-2350

Fishing

Cape Fear River

Boats can access the Cape Fear River at the N.C. Wildlife Ramp, at the junction of US 301 & Old NC 87. (910)485-3161

You can utilize the ramp at Riverside Sports Center. \$3/24 hours a day. 1122 Person St. (910)483-1649 or (910)868-5003.

Fishing

Fresh water fishing for large-mouth bass, crappie, blue gill and perch is popular throughout the area. Please call for information about fishing permits, boat motor restrictions and special regulations.

Fort Bragg

Thirteen lakes are open to the public. Lakes over 20 acres include Big Muddy Lake (71 acres), Little Muddy Lake (25 acres), McArthur Lake (45 acres) and Mott Lake (96 acres).

Fort Bragg (910)396-7506

Glenville Lake in Mazarick Park

1368 Belvedere Ave. 433-1575

Hope Mills Lake

An 88-acre lake.
Main St. (910)424-4500

Lake Rim

A display depicting a tar kiln/naval stores operation and several artifacts from the Weed Lightwood Plant is located in the Visitors Center at the park. Evidence has been found that indicates Native Americans once inhabited this site. It is a popular place for walking and jogging. Ask us about nearby fishing locations.

Old Raeford Rd. (910)868-5003

Gardens

Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Consisting of 85 landscaped acres overlooking Cross Creek and the Cape Fear River, the grounds include a restored farmhouse, perennial gardens, a natural amphitheater, wildflowers, majestic oaks, nature trails, numerous species of native plants and a "water-wise" gardening exhibit. Displays of historical farming tools and techniques show how tobacco, cotton, and other southern crops were grown in the southeastern United States.

536 North Eastern Blvd (910)486-0221

Fayetteville Rose Garden

Established in the early 1970's at Fayetteville Technical Community College, this garden features more than 1,000 rose bushes and participates in the All American Selection.

Enjoy the beautiful gazebo, fountains, and flora - best times are from April until the first winter's frost. Rose talks can be given by an on-staff horticulturalist.

2201 Hull Road (910)678-8228

Hiking

Cape Fear River Trail

The Cape Fear River Trail is a 10 foot wide path that winds through a beautiful blend of trees, plants, and wildlife for 4.2 miles. The terrain is both flat and hilly, with bridges and spectacular views of the river. It is open to walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and others utilizing non-motorized transportation. There are more than 700 species of plants and trees, and 150 species of birds. The River Trail is home to an unusual combination and diversity of hardwood trees, some of which are found in the mountains. With the opening of this trail, Fayetteville is linked to the East Coast Greenway currently in development across the east coast; the East Coast Greenway will be the nation's first long-distance, city-to-city, multi-modal transportation corridor for cyclists, hikers and other non-motorized users.

Trailheads at Jordan Soccer Complex (910)433-1547

Clark Park Nature Center

Situated about two miles north of historic downtown Fayetteville, its eastern boundary fronts the Cape Fear River. The 4.2 mile Cape Fear River Trail can be accessed from this park. The nature center has a number of animal, plant, and environmental exhibits. It is a great place for bird watching and offers a variety of indigenous plant life. There are several scenic spots that overlook the river.

631 Sherman Dr. (910)433-1579

Horseback Riding

Fort Bragg Riding Stables

Open to the public, offering open riding, pony rides, riding lessons, trail rides and hay rides.

Building Q5340 Smith Lake Road (910)396-4510

Parks

Arnette Park

A popular place for walking and jogging, the park features several scenic spots that overlook the Cape Fear River. A variety of plants can be found, particularly along the banks of the river. Squirrel, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, fox and, on occasion, white tail deer often make appearances at the park. The park is also an excellent place for bird watching.

2165 Old Wilmington Road (910)321-6506

Christine Smith Park

Basketball courts, a baseball field, picnic shelter, splash pond, volleyball court, and recreation center.

500 Fisher Rd. (910)433-1572

Cross Creek Park

Features a magnificent central fountain, flower garden and statue of the Marquis de Lafayette.

Green St. (910)433-1547

East Side Park

Walking trail, picnic shelter, playground, basketball courts.

Shad Bush Lane (910)433-1547

Honeycutt Park

Includes a quarter-mile walking trail, children's play area, picnic area, three baseball fields and a recreation center.

Fort Bragg Rd. at 352 Devers St. (910)433-1568

Lake Rim Park

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2214 Tar Kiln Dr. (910)424-6134

Mazarick Park

Milton E. Mazarick Park contains 80 acres and a variety of activities for patrons. From fishing at Glenville Lake, to walking, to disc golf and picnics, this park meets many recreational needs.

1368 Belvedere Ave. (910)433-1547

MLK Park

Enjoy a picnic pavilion and open space as the beginnings for the 13 acres of land commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. An impressive sculpture of Dr. King reigns high over the park. Plans include a fountain, lighted spire, gardens, and walking trail.

739 Blue Street (910)488-5549

Nature Sites

To learn about nature study and other programs, call the City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Dept. at (910)433-1547, or the Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Dept. at (910)485-3161. Parks are open daily 8am-dusk unless otherwise noted.

Fayetteville (910)433-1547

Rowan Park

Features picnic areas, playground and tennis courts, as well as a bandshell, which hosts many community events and entertainment during the year.

W. Rowan St. (910)433-1547

Seabrook Park

Picnic shelter, baseball fields, swimming pool, and a recreation center.

708 Landgon St. (910)433-1572

Riverboat Cruises

Cape Fear River Boat Rides

Freddie Mims is licensed by the US Coast Guard and is Flotilla Commander for the local Coast Guard Auxillary. He offers 2, 4 and 8 hour rides on the Cape Fear River. His cruises start at Riverside Marine at Cambellton Landing. Prices vary depending on the size of the group. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Military and Senior discounts are available and children 12 and under are free. Call for more information. Cell: (910)391-1246 or (910)630-1475 (leave message).

Tennis

Fort Bragg Tennis Club

Six lit, hard courts. Open to civilians.
Normandy Dr., Bldg. #1-5426 (910)436-1171

Massey Hill Park

Two lit, hard courts.
1612 Camden Rd. (910)433-1547

Mazarick Park Tennis Center

Eight lit, hard courts.
1612 Belvedere Ave. (910)433-1576

Terry Sanford High School

Six lit, hard courts.
2301 Fort Bragg Rd. (910)433-1547

Tokay Park

Six lit, hard courts.
328 Hamilton St. (910)433-1547

Westover High School

Hard courts.
277 Bonanza Dr. (910)433-1547

Water Parks

Fantasy Lake

Fun for the whole family! Enjoy the water park with slides, volleyball and basketball, and horseshoes. A complete water park featuring paddle boats, trapeze swings, picnic areas with grills, video arcade and sandy beaches.
5869 Permastone Lake Rd. (910)424-9999

Smith Lake Recreation Area

Enjoy swimming, cable water-skiing, sandy beaches, paintball games, mountain bike trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, volleyball and basketball courts, paddleboats and a water ski pro shop.
Smith Lake Rd. Fort Bragg. (910)396-5979

Waldo's Beach

Enjoy beaches, picnic areas, paddleboat and canoe rentals, fishing, swimming pools and more.
Waldo's Beach Rd. (910)423-8701

Zoos

Jambbas Ranch

Enjoy a leisurely visit and see our buffaloes, llamas, elk, cows, deer, camel and a whole ranch full of friendly, domestic, exotic birds and animals. Scenic views and attractions include our Welcome Center, Covered Bridge, Fort Rest, No Chance Gold Mine, Swinging Bridge and the beautiful Cape Fear River.
5386 Tabor Church Rd. (910)484-2798