Historic Sites

Alamance Battleground

Physical:

- No designated paved parking spaces. Accommodations can be made as necessary for easy access.
- Natural ground with grass. No paved paths. Some slopes. Benches near the restroom provide an area of rest.
- The visitor center entrance is level.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Visitors may drive or be driven to the Allen House (approx. 80 yards from the visitor center). Staff are available to assist visitors with mobility issues.

Hearing:

- Orientation video has volume control but is not captioned.

Vision:

- Restroom signs have Braille.
- Two plaques outside the visitor center are a map of the site with raised letters and shapes that visitors with vision loss can feel.
- Two monuments across the street also have raised letters.
Aycock Birthplace

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces: one at the visitor center and one at the picnic shelter.
- A concrete path at least 4 feet wide with slopes leads from the parking lot to the visitor center. An uneven dirt path leads to the schoolhouse and the home.
- The interior of the visitor center has a ramp and carpeted floors.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

Hearing:

- A video tour is available, but is not captioned.

Vision:

- 12 Braille copies of the site’s brochure are available (courtesy of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind).
- The site offers tactile tours that allow visitors to touch reproduction items.
- Restroom signs have Braille.
Battleship North Carolina

Physical:

- Marked accessible parking spaces are available.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The main deck of the ship provides the best access for visitors with mobility disabilities. The interior contains steps and ladders.
- The Back Porch Tour designed for groups with limited mobility gives them a taste without coming aboard through a 10-minute video, a tour of the Visitor Center and Exhibit Hall and a visit to the Observation Deck. Allow four weeks’ notice.

Bennett Place

Physical:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level. The Bennett House and kitchen house have steps.
- The picnic area has two wheelchair-accessible picnic tables and there is a walkway leading into the picnic area that is wheelchair friendly.

Hearing:

- The site’s two videos are not captioned.

Visual:

- Signs in the visitor center have large print with good contrast.

Bentonville Battlefield
Physical:

- One accessible parking area marked by a sign. The rest of the parking area is either gravel or grass.
- The visitor center and restrooms are at ground level. The historic structures have steps.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center, restrooms and Tour Stops are wheelchair-accessible.
- Photo book available for visitors with mobility disabilities to see historic structures.

Hearing:

- The audio-visual is not captioned.
- The site requires a request in writing two weeks in advance for a sign language interpreter.

Visual:

- Cellphone audio tours are available at 910-535-2008.

**Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson**

Physical:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Entrance to the site is level.
- Two manual wheelchairs are available.
- The path through the exhibits in the visitor center has a ramp. The path to the fort has a bench along the way as well as a ramp with handrails, and the boardwalk has a 40-footlong bench. Steel cable around the excavated foundations makes them visible at low heights.

Hearing:

- The orientation video in the visitor center is not captioned, but a script is available.
Visual:

- The site director will give a private tour to a visitor with vision loss who requests one.

**Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum**

The site asks groups when scheduling if there are special needs in order to help the site plan accommodations.

Physical:

- Ten marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.
- Five accessible restrooms.
- One building has an elevator.

Hearing:

- Orientation video is not captioned, but a script is available.
- The walking campus tour provides the material ordinarily offered in a guided tour in written form.

Visual:

- The orientation video provides a verbal overview of the site, and the guided tour offers visual details for visitors with vision loss.
**CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center**

**Physical:**
- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Tours of the CSS Neuse are accessible to all visitors. The Governor Caswell Memorial is fully accessible.

**Hearing:**
- The orientation film is not captioned.

**Visual:**
- The orientation film does not have audio description.
- Signs feature various font sizes on various backgrounds.

**Duke Homestead**

**Physical:**
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and the house are wheelchair-accessible. Historic buildings have steps.

**Hearing:**
- A script for the orientation video is available.
- Written materials are available for the historic area.

**Visual:**
- Orientation video does not include audio description.
**Fort Dobbs**

**Physical:**

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Accessible restroom facility on site.
- The nature trail is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

**Visual:**

- Fort Dobbs offers various objects that visitors with vision loss may touch, including a scale model of the fort and reproductions of period clothing and bullets. Tactile tours are offered.
Fort Fisher

Physical:

- Five marked accessible parking spaces in the museum lot and four at the oceanfront.
- One paved path, one concrete path, one boardwalk path and three dirt paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes. The paved and concrete paths have ramps.
- The visitor center entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two regular wheelchairs are available.

Hearing:

- A script of the orientation video is available.

Historic Bath

Physical:

- No marked individual spaces in the paved parking lot, but there is one reserved accessible parking sign near the Visitor Center entrance.
- Visitor Center entrance is level.
- The Van Der Veer House has a ramp with a slope no greater than 1:12. The guided tour homes (Palmer-Marsh and Bonner) have steps.

Hearing:

- A captioned version of the 15-minute orientation film is available upon request.

Visual:

- Visitor signs (restrooms and the orientation room) have Braille.

Historic Edenton
Physical:

- One marked accessible parking space in a gravel lot at the Visitor Center. The Barker House has a paved parking lot.
- The Visitor Center has a ramp. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and the Chowan County Courthouse both have a ramp. The Barker House has 10 steps, the Cupola House has three steps, and the Iredell House has five steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two wheelchairs are available for loan.
- The trolley has a wheelchair lift and space to anchor one wheelchair.

Hearing:

- A script is available for the audio-visual program.

Visual:

- A Braille copy of the audio-visual is available.

Historic Halifax

Physical:

- One marked accessible parking space with curb cuts near the visitor center.
- The entrance to the visitor center, the Tap Room tavern, the Jail and the archeological museum each has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.

Hearing:

- Demonstrations allowing visitors to see and try the demos themselves can be arranged with advanced notice.
- The orientation film is not captioned.

Visual:

- Guided tours and demonstrations such as buttermaking that allow participants to feel objects can be arranged with advanced notice.
• A Braille version of the film’s script is available.

Historic Stagville
The site makes every attempt to accommodate any visitor with a disability and is flexible to work with any group to resolve any issue surrounding touring the facilities.

Physical:
• Two marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center and two at the Bennehan House.
• The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.

Hearing:
• The orientation film is not captioned.

Visual:
• The orientation film does not contain audio description.

Horne Creek
Physical:
• Two marked accessible parking spaces.
• A ramp at the farmhouse’s rear entrance provides access to the first floor.
• Two accessible restrooms.
• The site is not fully wheelchair-accessible but will provide golf cart transportation and tours only to visitors with mobility disabilities and physical challenges and to expectant mothers upon request.
• An all-terrain wheelchair is available.

Visual:
- A Braille information brochure is available in the visitor center.

**House in the Horseshoe**

**Physical:**
- One marked accessible parking space.
- The entrance to the Alston House has steps, but a ramp leads to the sun porch. A ramp leads to the greeting station’s museum and gift shop.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

**Hearing:**
- A written walking tour brochure is available.

**NC Transportation Museum**

**Physical:**
- Eight marked accessible parking spaces at Barber Junction and two by the Roundhouse.
- The entrances to Barber Junction and the Mechanic’s Office have a ramp, and the entrance to the Roundhouse is level.
- Accessible restrooms in Barber Junction, the Mechanic’s Office and the Roundhouse.
- The train ride has a wheelchair lift available with 15 minutes notice and six spaces for wheelchair tie-downs.
- Wheelchairs are available.

**Hearing:**
- The orientation film is not captioned.

**Visual:**
- Many signs have large print and good contrast.
- The orientation film does not contain audio description.
Polk Historic Site

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp. The house and the kitchen have three steps each.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Visitors with mobility disabilities may need assistance on the path to the historic buildings.

Hearing:

- The film is not captioned.

Visual:

- A Braille version of the guided tour is available.
**Reed Gold Mine**

**Physical:**
- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center and the stamp mill have a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The stamp mill has an elevator.
- The underground tour is on a level gravel surface with the exception of a series of steps at the end. Visitors with mobility disabilities may elect to return from the tour using the level entrance.
- Two wheelchairs capable of going through the underground are available.

**Hearing:**
- The site has a written tour script for the general tour and the nature tour loop.

**Visual:**
- A Braille tour script is available; it is of the older tour script and may not contain the same information the newer scripts contain.

**Roanoke Island Festival Park**

**Physical:**
- Nine marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a boardwalk ramp with wooden handrails.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- The ship, Elizabeth II, is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

**Hearing:**
- The park does not provide sign language interpreters for the Performance series.

**Visual:**
• The park offers numerous hands-on activities.

• Large-print signs with good contrast.

**Somerset Place**

**Physical:**

• One accessible parking space marked by a sign near the visitor center.

• The entrance to the visitor center and each historic structure has steps. Only the entrance to the restrooms has a ramp. Portable ramps provide access to the visitor center.

• Two accessible restrooms.

**Visual:**

• Objects for visitors to touch include sedge brooms, baskets and ironware.
State Capitol

Physical:
- Five marked accessible parking spaces available in a visitor lot on the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- The first-floor men’s restroom is accessible. Women may request to use the accessible first-floor staff restroom.
- The building has an elevator.
- All areas except the third floor are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Hearing:
- Tour materials are available in writing.

Visual:
- With one week’s advanced notice, the staff will provide a touch tour. The grounds contain bronze objects that provide a tactile experience.

Thomas Wolfe Memorial

Physical:
- One accessible parking space in front of the Visitor Center.
- The visitor center is level with the ground. The historic house has steps, but a wheelchair lift provides access.
- One accessible restroom for each gender in the visitor center.
- Only the first floor of the house is accessible (stairs to the second floor).
- The visitor center is fully accessible.

Hearing:
- Printed supplemental handouts are available, including a script of the audio-visual in the visitor center.
**Town Creek Indian Mound**

**Physical:**
- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- The ramp to the mound and townhouse is 25 feet long with an incline of approximately 50 degrees.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- The burial hut and the visitor center/museum are wheelchair-accessible.

**Hearing:**
- The visitor center has an orientation movie that is captioned.
- Self-guided tour leaflets are available for touring the site.

**Visual:**
- Restroom signs have Braille.

**Tryon Palace**

**Physical:**
- Four marked accessible parking spaces at the North Carolina History Center and two in the Eden Street lot.
- Palace main building: ramp for first floor access. Palace Kitchen Office and Stables: ramps. Other houses: steps only. A photo album is available for visitors who cannot tour the second floor.
- One accessible restroom for each gender at the Way Station and the Palace Stables.
- Wheelchairs are available in the History Center.
- The gardens are accessible to all visitors, but some surfaces may be uneven.

**Hearing:**
- Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour or request a sign language interpreter.
Visual:

- Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour.

Vance Birthplace

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and picnic shelter are accessible to people with mobility disabilities.