



NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR QUICK GUIDE

STATE FAIR HOURS

Gates

Thursday, Oct. 17: noon - 11 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18 & Saturday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m. - midnight

Sunday, Oct. 20 - Thursday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 25 & Saturday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. - midnight

Sunday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Fairgoers must purchase admission tickets and be inside the gates prior to 9:45 p.m. There is no re-entry after 9:45 p.m.

Exhibit Halls

Oct. 17 – noon to 9:45 p.m.

Oct. 18-27 – 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Midway

Oct. 17 – noon to 11 p.m.

Oct. 18 & 19 and Oct. 25 & 26 – 10 a.m. to midnight

Oct. 20-24 & Oct. 27 – 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

MEDIA PARKING

Parking for staff and media is Gate C at Carter-Finley Stadium. The lot is available through a Gate C parking hang tag assigned to your media outlet by the Public Affairs Division. A shuttle will run every 15 minutes from Gate C to Fairgrounds Gates 3 and 12.

PRESS OFFICE

The press office is located on the 2nd floor of the Kerr Scott Building. Working space, Wi-Fi and restrooms are available for working members of the media. Hours are Oct. 14-16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 17-27, 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

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WEB RESOURCES | NCSTATEFAIR.ORG

Check out the Newsroom section of the website www.ncstatefair.org for high resolution photos, logos, and the latest blogs and news releases.

Follow the N.C. State Fair social media accounts for all the latest information on the fair and once it gets started, tune in for a live look at the action. The N.C. State Fair is on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X and TikTok @ncstatefair. #ncstatefair #homegrownhappiness

VENDOR WIFI PASSWORD

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2 to 5 p.m. **Great Pumpkin and Watermelon Weigh-Off**, Agri Supply Expo Center
- Thursday, Oct. 17, at noon – **Gates Open!**
- Thursday, Oct. 17 - Primetime with the Pack, **N.C. State Students can take advantage of \$8 admission with student ID**
- Friday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., **Opening Ceremony**, Tobacco Pavilion
- Friday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m., **Tobacco Stringing Contest**, Heritage Circle
- Sunday, Oct. 20, **State Fair accessAbility Day presented by Bandwidth**
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m., **Senior Fun Fest** proudly supported by Humana, Waterfall Stage
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, **Military Appreciation Day**, 10 a.m. parade; 10:45 a.m., ceremony, Waterfall Stage
- Thursday, Oct. 24, **Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day**, free admission with six cans of food
- Friday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m., **Mock Tobacco Auction**, Tobacco Pavilion, Heritage Circle
- Sunday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m., **Livestock Hall of Fame Ceremony**, Graham Building
- Sunday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m., **Junior Livestock Sale of Champions**, Graham Building



HOME GROWN MUSIC FEST

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

KYLE MULLINS
NICOLAS VERNON
AUTUMN NICHOLAS

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

WAKING APRIL
GET SAD Y'ALL
EMO DANCE PARTY
CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT
A TAY TAY DANCE PARTY
GARLAND MASON
CHARLY LOWRY

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

DWAYNE JORDAN QUARTET
MISS MINI & THE SANDMAN BAND
XOXOX
BOONE \$ CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

TRAVIS "BIG T" RUSSELL
THROWBACK COLLABORATION BAND
RYAN MULLANEY
PICKARD MOUNTAIN

MONDAY, OCT. 21

CHIP ROBINSON
ZOBURY
MORGAN CREEK BLUEGRASS

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

BAND OF OZ
WAGSTAFF ROAD
CHANDLER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

MILITARY DAY PROGRAM MUSIC
BEN JAMES

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

WAKE MOODY
THE NOMADS BAND
STUART, SPENCE & SHEBISH

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

22 STRINGS
UNLIMITED 7 BAND
EMILY MUSOLINO
VELVET RODEO

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

DANI KERR
RUNAWAY CAB
THE HOURGLASS KIDS
JARRETT RAYMOND
SWEET POTATO PIE

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

NOTASIUM SHOWCASE
CARRIE MARSHALL
JASON ADAMO BAND
ZACK KING

 CURTIS MEDIA
LIVE & LOCAL
WATERFALL STAGE

 N.C. STATE FAIR
HERITAGE CIRCLE
BLUEGRASS STAGE

20 YEARS OF FIELD OF DREAMS

- For two decades, children have been invited to spend time on the fair's miniature farm at Field of Dreams. Marking its 20th anniversary this year, the exhibit allows children to traverse specialty gardens to make connections between the food they see growing and the food they see on their plates.
- First, kids step into the boots of a farmer, harvesting the vegetables that are grown on the fairgrounds. They then take that food to market and reap the rewards of their labor – "Ag bucks" and a prize pack of North Carolina products.
- Also featured is a coloring contest, mini John Deere tractor rides, rabbits, a turkey and a photo area.
- The exhibit is located near Gate 1 and Dorton Arena.

FAIRGOER PARKING

- Getting to the fair is a hot topic of conversation, and everyone has their favorite way to travel, but here are our hints to avoid as much traffic as possible on your way to the fun!
- All parking in N.C. State Fair operated lots is free.
- Accessible parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis outside Gate 10 off Trinity Road, with overflow accessible parking inside Gate B at Carter-Finley Stadium.
- Free parking is available at Carter-Finley Stadium daily.
- Free parking is available at PNC Arena, except during events at the Arena.
- Free parking is also available at our satellite lots. The Cardinal Lot at 5766 Chapel Hill Road offers accessible trams straight to Gate 7. The Bandwidth Dogwood Lot at 4501 Reedy Creek Road offers accessible buses to the tunnel across the street from Gate 8 at Carter-Finley Stadium.
- Ride-share services, taxi transit and fairgoer drop off should use entrance off Hillsborough St. and enter the fair through Gate 1.
- Ride with GoRaleigh to the Fair! Park at Triangle Town Center and ride the bus to the fair. Round trip is \$5. Shuttle runs every 30 minutes and drops off at Gate 1.

PRICES

Prices	Advance	Gate*
Adult, ages 13-64	\$10	\$13
Military Adult	N/A	\$8
Youth, ages 6-12	\$5	\$7
Child, ages 5 & under	Free	Free
Senior Adult, ages 65+	\$5	\$5

*Advance tickets are available through Oct. 17 online and at Gate 9 at the State Fairgrounds. See website for other locations and discount packages.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first N.C. State Fair was held in 1853. We then moved to our current location in 1928 after being placed under the direction of the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

The first State Fair was just four days long and the highest attended day was 4,000 fairgoers. We've come a long way since then. The N.C. State Fair broke one million in attendance during its 11-day run in 2010 and has done it again four other times. In 2023, our attendance was 926,425 attendees.

In 1970 the fair hosted its first Century Farm Family Reunion to highlight that year's theme "Salute to Agriculture." This event is now held every four years. On Monday, Oct 21, at the Hunt Horse Complex the 2024 Century Farm Family Reunion will be held. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend.

FOR MORE STATE FAIR FUN CHECK OUT THE SCAVENGER HUNTS AND GAMES SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.

TOBACCO BARN MARKS 20 YEARS

- Step back in time at Heritage Circle and see a working tobacco barn as volunteers string, cure and auction the crop. The barn will be filled from noon to 5 p.m. on Oct. 18. The leaves will be strung on sticks and hung in the barn the same way it was done across the state for generations.
- A stringing contest will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 18 and a state champion will be named.
- Once the barn is loaded, the tobacco will be woodfire-cured for seven days, a sight fairgoers can stop by to see for themselves through the week. On Oct. 25 at 2 p.m., a mock tobacco auction will be held in the Tobacco Pavilion.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR DEEP FRIED BINGO

EAT: A CANDY APPLE	R/DC STATE FAIR FLYER	SEE: FIELD OF DREAMS	HEAR: HERITAGE MUSIC	SEE: GIANT PUMPKIN
WATCH: TRACTOR PULL	SEE: THE FLOWER SHOW	WATCH: EMBER FIRE ARTS	RIDE: FERRIS WHEEL	THANK: FIRST RESPONDER
HEAR: CLOGGERS DANCING	TASTE: ROASTED CORN		HEAR: PEOPLE LAUGHING	MEET AT: SKYGAZER
SEE: NIGHTLY FIREWORKS	VISIT: NC FOREST SERVICE	TASTE: A NEW FOOD	SEE: CATTLE SHOW	VISIT: CASEY'S CLUBHOUSE
THANK: A VENDOR OR STAFF	TASTE: LOCAL ICE CREAM	SEE: SMOKEY BEAR	VISIT: GOT TO BE NC PAVILION	RIDE: THE HIMALAYA

SNAP A SELFIE, OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

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N.C. STATE FAIR SELFIE CHALLENGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GOT TO BE NC BIG TRUCK | <input type="checkbox"/> MONSTER TRUCKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FARM ANIMALS | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVORITE FOOD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STATE FAIR WATER FALL | <input type="checkbox"/> FERRIS WHEEL RIDE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLOWER GARDEN CHAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> GIANT PUMPKIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASEY'S CLUBHOUSE | <input type="checkbox"/> TRACTOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE-DECKER CAROUSEL | <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE RIBBON WINNER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIG SMOKEY BEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> FIREWORKS |

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