

Johnston County's Country X-Roads

We invite you to come along on a journey of history, food, culture, and of course amazing wine! Agriculture is a way of life in Johnston County. Learn about local farming and taste the delicious results at a local restaurant! Enjoy these "off-the-beaten-path" tours beyond the highway on Johnston County's country roads.

Here is a sample itinerary.



Smith's Nursery

SATURDAY: Morning

Smith's Nursery & Produce Farm

443 Sanders Rd Benson • 919-934-1700

www.smithsnurseryinc.com

Smith's Nursery is a family owned and operated nursery and produce farm committed to producing high quality fruit, vegetable and horticulture crops while maintaining the sustainability of farming in North Carolina. Groups will enjoy berry picking and pumpkin seasons as well as the year round garden center. *Free Admission.* Special Event and Group Fees, please call for details. **Hours:** Mon-Sat 8am – 7pm, Sun 11am – 5pm.

Gregory Vineyards

275 Bowling Springs Dr Angier • 919-894-7700

www.gregoryvineyards.com

This picturesque 120 acre farm showcases hills of planted vineyards. In the tasting room, ask for a sip of Mary Elizabeth, named for the proprietor's daughter. Enjoy sitting by the fireplace or grab a rocker on the front porch. *Admission:* \$5 includes tour, wine tasting, and glass. **Hours:** Wed-Sat 12pm-9pm, Sun 1pm-6pm.

SATURDAY: Lunch

Simple Twist

227 E Market St Smithfield • 919-938-0377

www.simpletwistnc.com

Enjoy a fresh lunch at Simple Twist in Smithfield. Owned and operated by Chef Nate Roby and his wife Colleen, Simple Twist has a varied menu filled with ingredients sourced from local farms, including Smith's Nursery.

Hours: Mon-Sat 6am – 8:30pm, Closed Sun.

SATURDAY: Afternoon

Hinnant Family Vineyards

826 Pine Level-Micro Rd., Pine Level • 919-965-3350

www.hinnantvineyards.com

Vintner Bob Hinnant invites you to take a gander at the oldest and largest Muscadine vineyard in the state, featuring over 100 acres. In the tasting room sip on Carlos, Bob's wine of choice! **Hours:** Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1pm-6pm.

Smithfield Ham Shop

204 N. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield • 919-934-8054

www.countrycuredhams.com

Farm families produced most all of their life's necessities right on their farm in the 19th century. One tradition that continues today is curing country hams. Johnston County Hams are award-winning, and are shipped around the world. Smithfield's Ham Shop offers visitors a viewing room of the last stage of "drying" the country hams. Other North Carolina Goodness Grows products are available in the gift shop. *Free Admission.* **Hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

SATURDAY: Dinner

Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood

3506 US Hwy 301 S., Smithfield • 919-934-0148

This local eatery is famous for their barbecue, lightly breaded seafood and country-style cooking. Enjoy hushpuppies and sweet tea with banana pudding for dessert. Meals may be served family style, perfect to satisfy a hungry bunch.

Hours: Mon 11am – 2pm, Tues – Sat 11am – 9pm, Closed Sun.

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