

# Halifax County, NC:

## Worth Writing "Home" about

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### Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park

Travel around the world in 80 minutes! Discover the world's largest collection of rare and endangered waterfowl at Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park & Eco-Center in Scotland Neck. Once a private waterfowl breeding facility, Sylvan Heights is now affiliated with the North Carolina Zoo and gives visitors the opportunity to see over 1500 birds, especially ducks, geese & swans, from more than 170 different species, some of the rarest and most endangered in the world like the White-Winged Wood Duck from Sumatra.

Visitors of all ages and interests can walk-through six continentally-themed aviaries, including a multi-national aviary, experiencing the diverse beauty, color and sound of these creatures. Sylvan Heights also features other exotic birds such as crane, parrot, macaw, brush turkey, cockatoo, kookaburra, pheasant & currawong. A brand-new flamingo exhibit has just opened currently housing nine adult Chilean flamingoes with plans to add several more Lesser flamingoes in Spring. There is also a beautiful boardwalk across a natural wetland, and future plans include the construction of a handicapped accessible tree house.

Sylvan Heights offers regularly scheduled educational programming and special events. A gift shop, gallery of wildlife art, playground, camping area and picnic tables are also at your disposal.

**World's Largest!**



### Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail

Although not in the record books, don't miss what we call the world's longest museum—the Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail! Once you enter this museum you will quite follow the mighty Roanoke River and experience our national, state & local history of transportation, power generation & industrialization via the creation of the Roanoke Navigation Canal.

The Roanoke Canal Museum and Trail is a unique attraction, blending the preservation of the past through the history of the canal with a look at our community's future and where the canal has brought us with the development of hydroelectric power and industry. One of the best features of the museum is a DVD oral history presentation of local residents telling stories about the canal and the river, how the Roanoke River is truly the lifeblood of our region's culture. The museum also celebrates nature's beauty and bounty along the river, including the mighty Striped Bass or Rockfish as locals call them.

In addition to the museum, there is a 7.5-mile nature trail that follows the old navigation canal bed. The Roanoke Canal Trail has recently been designated as a site on the North Carolina Coastal Plains Birding Trail, and the trail, which can be used for hiking and biking, is rich with native wildlife and plants.



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# Carolina Crossroads Music & Entertainment District



## North Carolina's Newest!



Don't miss North Carolina's newest entertainment experience. Carolina Crossroads is a 1,000-acre music and entertainment district located along Interstate 95 (Exit 171) in Roanoke Rapids, NC.

The Roanoke Rapids Theatre, anchor of Carolina Crossroads, is the place to catch a star. From live music shows, featuring house band Jerusalem Ridge, to comedy to off-Broadway productions, the theatre offers something for the entire family to enjoy.

The outdoor concert venue at Carolina Crossroads will have an active schedule of concerts for Summer 2008 beginning with a Hot Air Balloon Festival, featuring comic genius Jeff Foxworthy, on May 17.

Top-quality accommodations and meeting space are available onsite at Carolina Crossroads with a 147-room Hilton Garden Inn. Soon to be under construction are shopping, amusements, and dining for a total package stay.

From a full vacation to an overnight stay to a simple stop along the way, make Carolina Crossroads and The Roanoke Rapids Theatre your next travel destination.

## The Roanoke Rapids Theatre Schedule of Events

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| Feb. 1-3 | Gospel Legends Series: The Blackwoods                         |
| Feb. 16  | Legends of the Beach & Holiday Band                           |
| Feb. 22  | John Conlee   |
| Feb. 27  | Gospel Legends Series: The Stamps & Chuckwagon Gang           |
| March 9  | Gospel Legends Series: Dottie Rambo & LuLu Roman              |
| March 29 | John Anderson   |
| April 2  | Gospel Legends Series: The Florida Boys & Imperials           |
| April 19 | BJ Thomas   |
| April 23 | Gospel Legends Series: The Kingsmen                           |
| May 10   | Sammy Kershaw   |
| May 14   | Gospel Legends Series: Mark Blackwood & The Blackwood Quartet |
| June 7   | Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers                            |