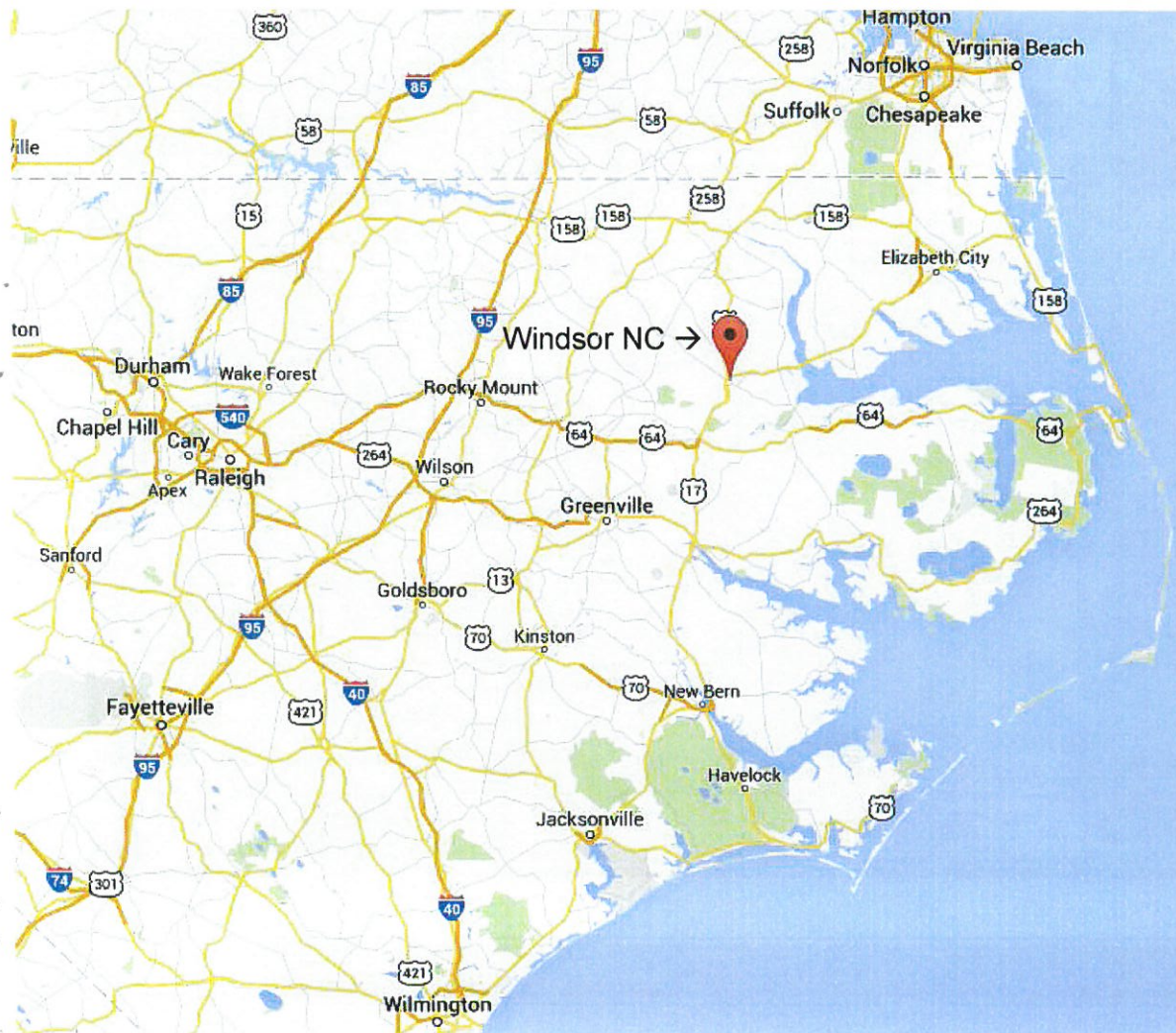


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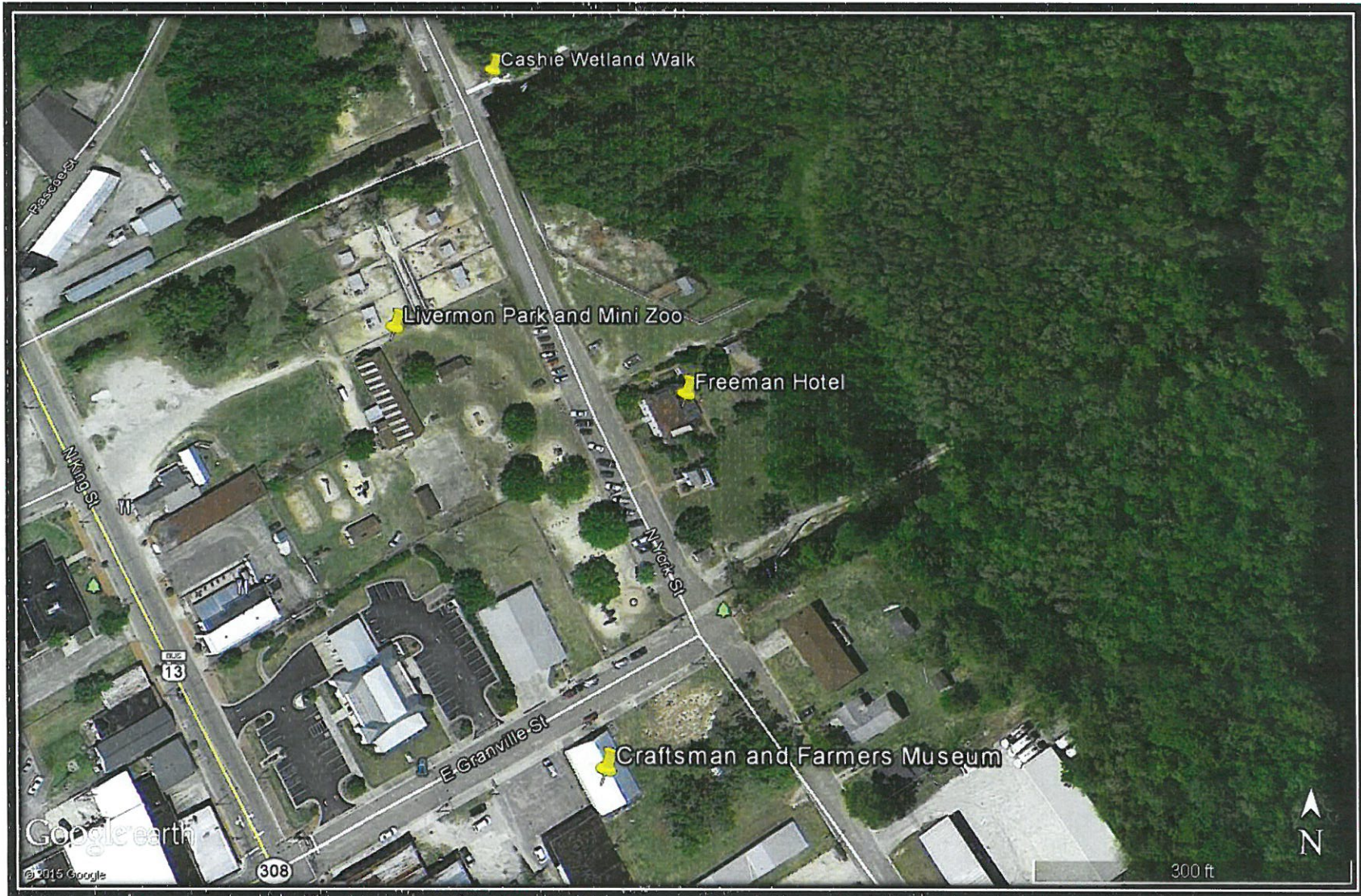
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Brief History of Windsor on the Cashie River

The Cashie River is place of tranquil unspoiled beauty, where Native Americans glided their canoes across the still black water. People can still enjoy the pristine nature and wildlife as the Tuscarora Indians that settled the area, once observed. Chartered 1768, the Town of Windsor is located on the Cashie River. The Town of Windsor serves as the County seat of Bertie County. By the early to mid-1700s the Cashie River had a large population and much trading activity around a site known as Gray's Landing. This site was part of the Rosefield Plantation and belonged to William Gray. A petition for a new town to be erected at Gray's Landing was presented to the Assembly of North Carolina. The committee returned a report favoring Gray's Landing and on January 8, 1768 the Assembly passed an act to create Windsor on the Cashie River. By the mid to late 1800's the Cashie River was being utilized as the primary means of shipping goods and supplies to and from the area. Shipping routes not only serviced the towns along the Roanoke, they also traveled to Norfolk, Virginia and points north to Baltimore, Maryland. Windsor was not spared the ravages of the Civil War because after the fall of Roanoke Island near Plymouth, several forces occupied the entire area. There were some small scrimmages in and around town between Union and Confederate forces. The 1900's brought railroads and better highways to move goods in and out of the town. Windsor has traditionally thrived with small industries and agriculture. Today Windsor is a small community that enjoys its heritage and shares many historical and natural resources with visitors. The Cashie River is the longest, deepest, river in the world starting and ending in one county. The slow moving non-tidal, dark waters of the 55 mile long Cashie River offer recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, power boating, water skiing, canoeing and kayaking.



Downtown Windsor, NC Parks & Recreation Department Facilities



Cashie Wetland Walk and Canoe Trail - 102 North York Street

The Cashie Wetlands Walk offers visitors a trip into in a natural wetlands environment with cypress trees and other swampland flora. The Wetlands Walk entrance is located on York Street adjacent to Livermon Park. The walk takes visitors to the edge of the Cashie River. The Cashie Wetlands Walk has an 1800 foot handicapped accessible walkway to the Cashie River and features a fishing pier at its end. The trees and shrubs in the Walk are labeled for identification. An observation deck allows views of several different species of endangered waterfowl as well as other swampland animals in their natural habitats. A historic One Room School House is on site for interpretation.

Freeman Hotel - 102 North York Street

Currently serving as the Parks and Recreation Department's office building this former Hotel was built in the 1840s. Freeman Hotel is a rare survival of an antebellum frame commercial building. From 1888 until 1936 the building served Windsor as a hotel of eight rooms and two dining rooms. The hotel did a very good business. About this time steamboats were commonplace in Windsor. Lumber mills shipped their goods by water as did many other businesses. Rail traffic was also significant. The region was economically strong. Windsor was well located in the region and with rail service and the deep Cashie River, the hotel business thrived. Several hotels flourished in town, but the Freeman was the most popular.

Many people throughout the state lodged here



Windsor Community Building - 201 South Queen Street

The Windsor Community Building offers services to the Citizens of Windsor through governmental agencies, civic organizations, family gatherings and church functions. It was designated to serve the people of the Town of Windsor with activities that provide education, improve relationships, and make the town a better community in which to live.

Tennis Courts

The Sutton Drive Tennis Courts are located on the corner of Nichols Street and Sutton Drive, behind the Windsor Community Building. The courts were rebuilt in 2008 and were resurfaced in July 2013. The site is regularly utilized by Lawrence Academy Tennis Team and The Windsor Tennis Moms.

Rotary Park

This one acre park is primarily a passive open space area available to the public. It is a very popular destination for shad anglers. The park is accessible via King Street and parking spaces are available across the street at Williford Park. The park is an ideal picnicking site, primarily for access by foot or bicycle. The property was the site of the original wooden bridge that crossed the Cashie River to bring commerce and visitors to the town.

Park at Gray's Landing

Windsor is listed in the Civil War Discovery Trail. A marker in the Park at Gray's Landing commemorates the Skirmish at Windsor when Union gunboats dispatched from Plymouth entered the town in the early hours of January 30, 1864, and faced a small regiment from the 42nd Georgia Calvary. A sturdy Boardwalk along the banks of the Cashie River leads from the Park to the Roanoke-Cashie River Center, which offers many exhibits that interpret the environment of the Albemarle estuary. The deep waters of the Cashie make Windsor a perfect ecotourism destination. Along the boardwalk visitors encounter the reconstructed root cellar uncovered in the 1999 excavation at Eden House which revealed a 17th Century settlement. A small house nearby has replicas of artifacts uncovered in that excavation.

Queen Street Fishing Pier and Public Access

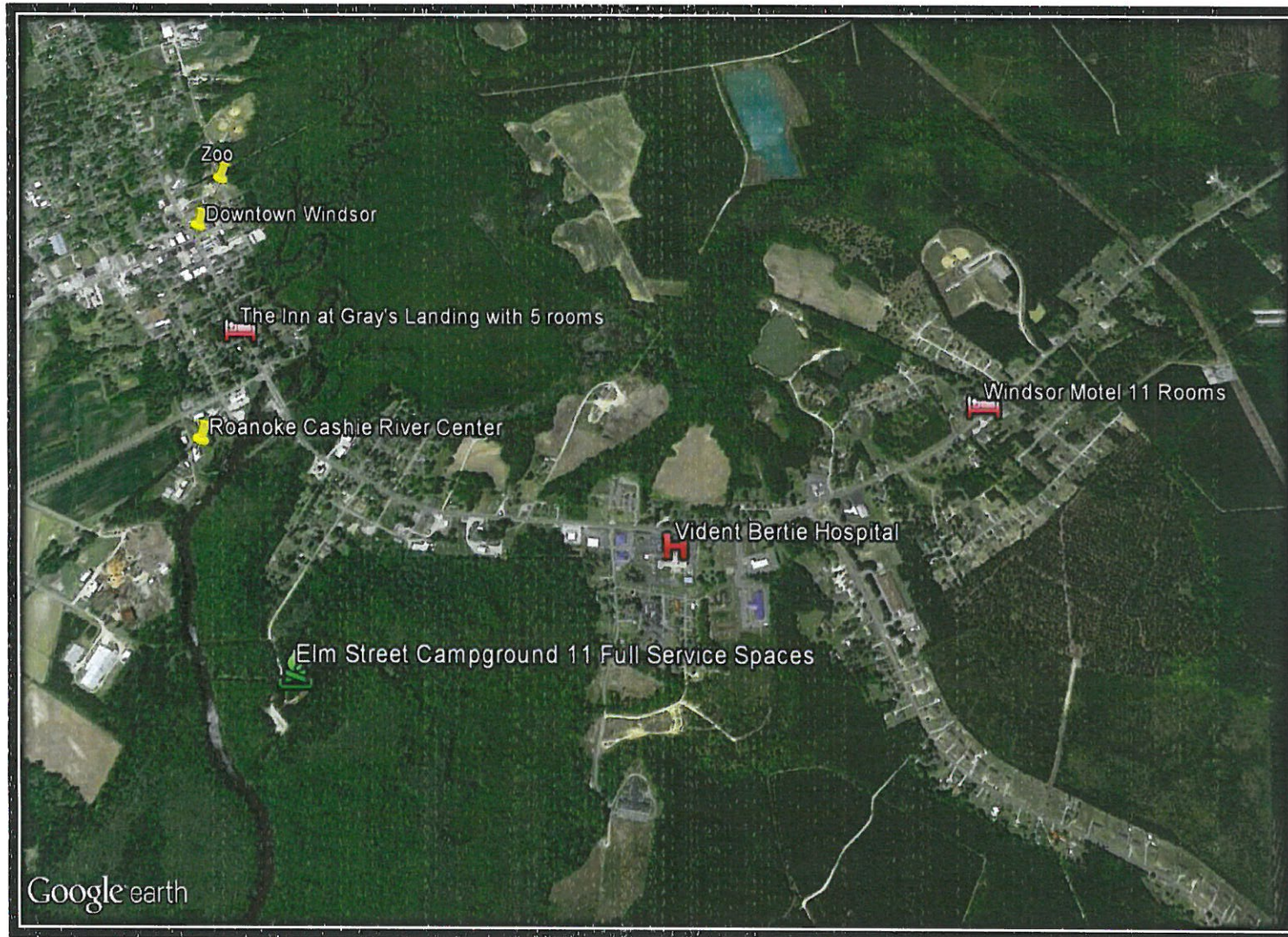
In collaborative partnership with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, the Town of Windsor will be constructing a new Cashie River public access and fishing pier in the summer of 2015. This ADAAG compatible access will offer passive recreational fishing opportunities with construction of a 10 foot wide by 90 foot long fishing pier. ADAAG compatible parking and access will also be provided.

Cashie River Disc Golf Course

With an ongoing effort to improve health and the quality of life, one of Windsor's newest parks is a disc golf course located between Elm and Maple Street; near the Cashie River Campground. The site offers 9 holes of disc golf spanning across a beautiful stretch of land with a combination of wooded and open terrains. All amenities are offered free to the public.



Lodging In Windsor, NC



The Roanoke/Cashie River Center - 112 West Water Street

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center, presently operated by the Partnership for the Sounds, offers a unique ecosystem of wetland ponds, riverfront boardwalk and hands-on exhibits. It has artifacts from the past and an ever-changing tranquil setting to observe nature. Onsite educational programming on the history, heritage, and natural resources of the Roanoke and Cashie River area are offered through the year. The center offers canoeing/kayaking rentals and free River Rambling Cashie River tours by reservation (252) 794-2001.

The Roanoke/Cashie River Center can be rented for private meetings, social functions, weddings, and other events. The Center can hold up to 50 people for seated indoor events. If your event is larger the Center can accommodate over 3,000 people for indoor/outdoor receptions. The Town of Windsor's 3rd of July celebration typically brings over 3,000 people to the Center every year. The site spans approximately 7.5 acres and includes water access to the Cashie River. The facility opened in 2000 and has a primary exhibits building, exhibit outbuildings on the grounds, and a boardwalk/boat ramp along the river available to the public at no charge. Serving as an outdoor classroom, it is available for educational opportunities or events. Both cultural and recreational opportunities are available to visitors of this site. Historic items on the center property, including an "in situ" brick vault, a 150-year-old grave marker, and an outbuilding from a historic home. These various artifacts allow for interpretation of Windsor's and the areas past.

Features include:

- Natural Area and Park
- Boardwalk along the Cashie River
- Small Boat Access to the Cashie River
- Amphitheater
- Queen Street Boat Launch
- Historical Artifacts
- Science and Nature Displays
- Exhibits



Bertie County Confederate Monument

"Location: The monument sits on the east side of Dundee Street at the intersection with South King Street.

Unveiling & Dedication: The monument was unveiled on August 13, 1896, with a reported four thousand people attending.

The welcome was given by General William Bate of Tennessee. Several generations of his forebears lived in Bertie County, and a public reception was given on the evening of the dedication to honor him. Two Bertie County survivors of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg were also on the speaker's stand at the dedication.

Landscape: The monument sits in a small brick plaza on the edge of the park at the intersection. A bench sits behind the monument, and the plaza is framed by shade trees" (Bertie County Confederate Monument | NCpedia. (n.d.).

://ncpedia.org/monument/bertie-county-confederate 2014).

Bertie County YMCA - 1102 North King Street

The Bertie County YMCA was founded in 1991. It may be the nation's smallest YMCA, but for over two decades it has provided a recreational basketball league for residents in rural Eastern North Carolina. The YMCA is dedicated to helping people enrich their lives physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, and to helping them grow as responsible members of the community in which they live. The YMCA Facility offers a variety of cardio machines, weight resistance machines and free weight space and equipment. Exercise classes are offered in Aerobics, Pilates, Toning, and 4 levels of Yoga. It is the focus of the YMCA to provide safe, affordable health and fitness activities for adults and children. The YMCA is available to all individuals regardless of ability to pay a membership fee or program fee. The Bertie County YMCA is an independent corporation which operates under the guideline of the YMCA USA.

Historic Homes, Structures, and Civil War Trail Markers

King Street is the heart of the nearby Historic District of Windsor, and includes many fine examples of 18th and 19th Century architecture. Visitors are encouraged to experience the self-guided Historic Downtown Windsor Walking Tour and Skirmish at Windsor Civil War Trail, featuring many registered structures. Windsor Castle, an antebellum plantation built by one generation was aggrandized by the next with an early 20th century, classical portico evoking the old glories of the South. Patrick Henry Winston, who came to Bertie County as a schoolteacher and became a successful lawyer, bought part of the old Gray family plantation in 1858, retained its nickname "Windsor Castle", and soon built the 2-story frame house in Greek Revival-Italianate style.

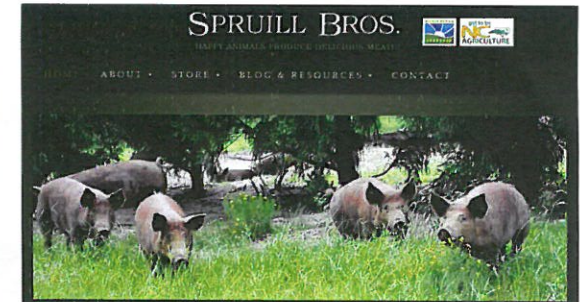
Cashie Golf & Country Club - 132 Country Club Road

A beautiful wooded golf course with 9 holes, carts, club house and swimming pool, somewhat open course has fairways that are tree lined. There are no water hazards or rough on the course. The average-sized greens are slightly sloped and have medium speed.

Historic Hope Plantation - 132 Hope House Road

Located just five miles from Windsor, Hope Plantation is home to the Hope Mansion, built in 1803 by Governor David Stone. Hope Mansion is a stunning example of an academic architectural combination of Federal and Georgian architecture.





Sans Souci Ferry

13 miles from Windsor, Sans Souci Ferry offers a free scenic crossing of the Cashie River. One of the last two-car inland ferries in the state, it is guided by a cable stretched across the Cashie River.

Scotch Hall Preserve

103 Scotch Hall Ct, Merry Hill, NC 27957

Scotch Hall Preserve is a coastal gated golf resort-style community offering a variety of experiences.

Spruill Bros.

(252) 489-9439 - 1042B Cooper Hill Rd

Farm Tours and Delicious Meat

The property consists of just over 400 acres of pasture and hardwood forest along the Cashie River in Bertie County, North Carolina. Spruill Bros. animals are raised without the use of antibiotics or hormones. The delicious meat Spruill Bros. produces for customers starts out as happy, healthy, ethically raised animals that were born on their farm.

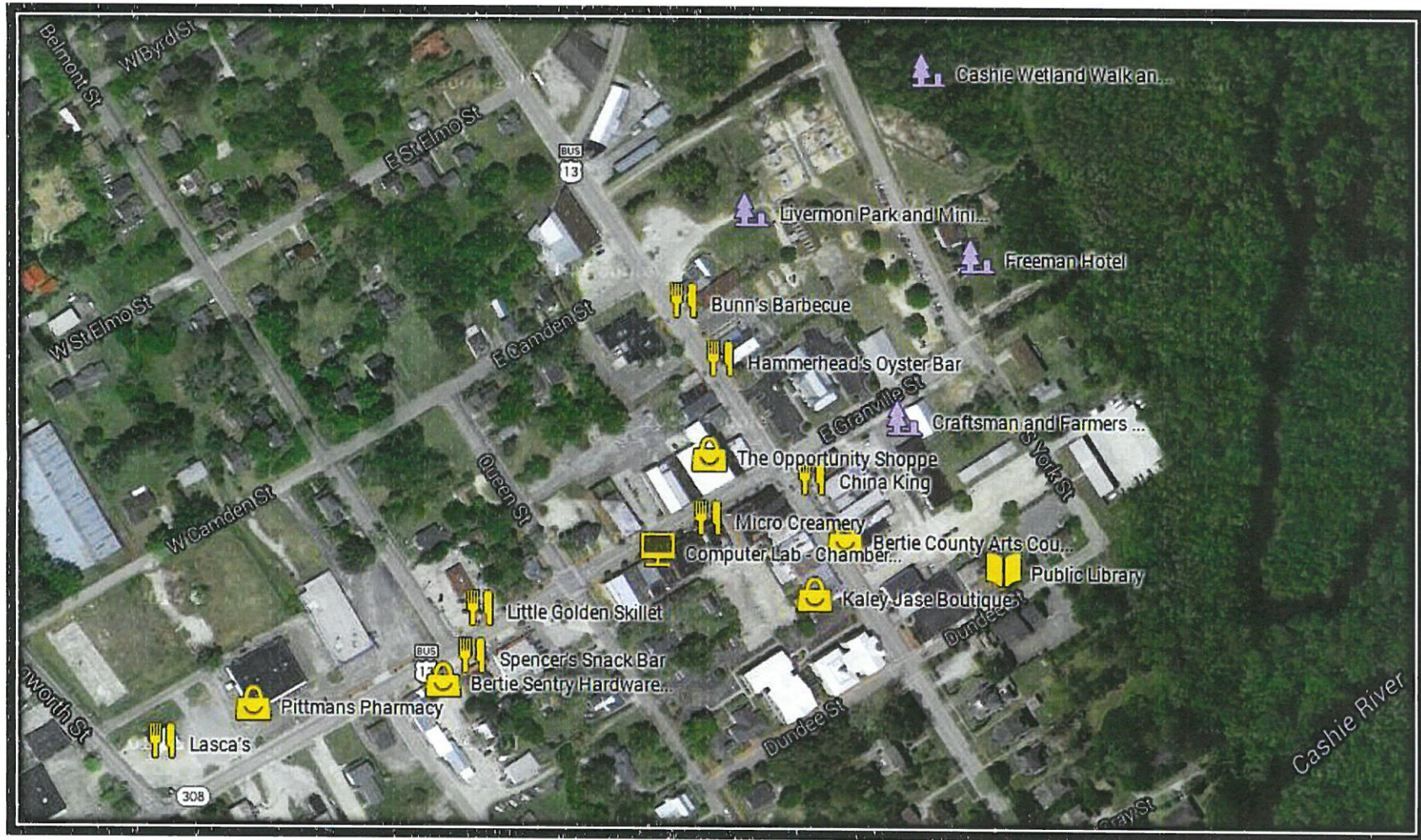
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Dining in Windsor, N.C. 27983

- **Bojangles** - 100 Carson's Alley
- **Burger King** - 107 US HWY 13 Bypass
- **Bunn's Barbecue** - 127 North King Street
- **China King Restaurant** - 108 South King Street
- **Ella's Café** - 448 US HWY13 North
- **Hammerhead's Oyster Bar** - 117 North King Street
- **Heritage House Restaurant** - 1303 South King Street
- **Inn at Gray's Landing Dining Room** - 401 South King Street
- **Lasca's Restaurant (Italian)** - 307 West Granville Street
- **Little Golden Skillet (Fried Chicken)** - 103 West Granville Street
- **Pittman's Soda Fountain** - 305 West Granville Street
- **Spencer's Snack Bar (Double Cheeseburger)** - 208 West Granville Street
- **Subway** - 112 US HWY 13 Bypass
- **Town House Restaurant** - 215 US HWY 13 Bypass
- **Windsor Micro Creamery** - 125 East Granville Street



Downtown Windsor



Fall:

- Blues, Brews and BBQ
- Halloween Spooktacular and 1 mile fun walk & 5k
- Ghost Walk
- Harvest and Craft Festival
- National Hunting and Fishing Day (For kids partnered with US Fish and Wildlife Service)

Winter:

- Owl Prowl
- Hoggard Christmas Lights
- Christmas Parade
- Mistletoe Ramble
- Christmas at Hope
- Christmas on the Streets/Carriage Rides
- Caroling and lighting the town's official tree
- Wreaths Across America Edgewood Cemetery
- New Year's Eve Peanut Drop

