



NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR QUICK GUIDE

STATE FAIR HOURS

Gates

Oct. 12 – noon to midnight
 Oct. 13&14 and 20&21 – 9 a.m. to midnight
 Oct. 15-19 & 22 – 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Ticket Booths

Oct. 12 – noon to 9:45 p.m.
 Oct. 13-22 – 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Exhibit Halls

Oct. 12 – noon to 9:45 p.m.
 Oct. 13-22 – 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Midway

Oct. 12 – noon to midnight
 Oct. 13&14 and 20&21 – 10 a.m. to midnight
 Oct. 15-19 & 22 – 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 & 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 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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WEB RESOURCES | NCSTATEFAIR.ORG

Check out the Newsroom section of the website for high resolution photos, logos and the latest news releases. Also, check out our Deep Fried Blog, deepfried.ncstatefair.org for more story ideas from the Deep Fried Crew.

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 and X @ncstatefair. #ncstatefair #bestdayever

VENDOR WIFI PASSWORD

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2 to 5 p.m. **Great Pumpkin and Watermelon Weigh-Off**, Agri Supply Expo Center
- Thursday, Oct. 12, at noon – **Gates Open!**
- Thursday, Oct. 12 - Primetime with the Pack, **N.C. State Students can take advantage of \$8 admission with student ID**
- Friday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m., **Opening Ceremony**, Tobacco Pavilion
- Friday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m., **Tobacco Stringing Contest**, Heritage Circle
- Friday, Oct. 13, 5 to 8 p.m., **N.C. Beer Night**, NC Public House
- Saturday, Oct. 14, noon to 11 p.m., **In the Spirit of North Carolina presented by the Distillers Association of North Carolina**, purchase ready-to-drink cocktails from one of eight NC distilleries, East side Dorton Arena
- Sunday, Oct. 15, **accessABILITY Day presented by Bandwidth**
- Sunday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m., **Livestock Hall of Fame Ceremony**, Graham Building
- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m., **Senior Fun Fest** proudly supported by Humana, Waterfall Stage
- Wednesday, Oct. 18, **Military Appreciation Day**, 10 a.m. parade; 10:45, ceremony, Waterfall Stage
- Thursday, Oct. 19, **Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day**, free admission with six cans of food
- Friday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m., **Mock Tobacco Auction**, Tobacco Pavilion, Heritage Circle
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m., **Junior Livestock Sale of Champions**, Graham Building



HOME GROWN MUSIC FEST

THURSDAY, OCT. 12
 THE BLEEDING HEARTS
 THE PHOEBES BAND
 GRASSSTREET

FRIDAY, OCT. 13
 TEENS IN TROUBLE
 CHRISTIAN JAMES
 NICK AUTRY
 BOONE & CHURCH
 COURTNEY LYNN & QUINN

SATURDAY, OCT. 14
 CAROLINA AMBUSH
 LIE HEAVY
 THE NUBEING COLLECTIVE
 BILLY & THE KIDS BLUEGRASS
 EARLEINE

SUNDAY, OCT. 15
 SUNQUEEN KELCY
 COR DE LUX
 AZUL
 FIDDLEN' MIKE FERRY
 MASSIVE GRASS

MONDAY, OCT. 16
 JIM QUICK & COASTLINE
 REESE MCHENRY
 HIP HOP, BEATS & THANGS
 CAROLINA LINE BLUEGRASS BAND

TUESDAY, OCT. 17
 DWAYNE JORDAN QUARTET
 CYGNUS X-2
 ELORA DASH
 MORGAN CREEK BLUEGRASS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18
 440th ARMY BAND
 MEGAN DOSS

THURSDAY, OCT. 19
 DEAD FOX NO GROOVE
 XOXOK
 DUCK
 GARLAND MASON

**CURTIS MEDIA
 LIVE & LOCAL
 WATERFALL STAGE**

FRIDAY, OCT. 20
 DB EDMUNDS
 JAZZ XPRESSIONS FEATURING
 LYDIA SALETT DUDLEY
 RIGGSBEE ROAD
 THE COULDN'T BE HAPPIERS

SATURDAY, OCT. 21
 MARCEL PORTILLA BAND
 WHITSETT
 SUPER GRIT COWBOY BAND
 CHANDLER JAMES
 TINA & HER PONY

SUNDAY, OCT. 22
 NOTASIUM SHOWCASE
 THE TAN & SOBER GENTLEMEN
 BROOKE HATALA
 STRAWHOUSE
 THE GRASSMATICOS

**N.C. STATE FAIR
 HERITAGE CIRCLE
 BLUEGRASS STAGE**

COASTAL CREDIT UNION FAMILY FUN ZONE AT COTTON PARK

- Cotton Park received a facelift this year! Located between the Commercial/Education Buildings and Dorton Arena, the Coastal Credit Union Family Fun Zone at Cotton Park features new seating options, lights in the trees and four new food vendors: Magdalena's Chimney Cakes, Peach Cobbler Factory, Lawrence & Perry BBQ and Bulkogi Korean BBQ.
- The Coastal Credit Union Family Fun Zone at Cotton Park will host Casey's Clubhouse, the home of the N.C. State Fair mascot, Casey Cardinal. Casey will make multiple appearances daily. A kids' Fire Safety Show from the N.C. Department of Insurance Office of the State Fire Marshal will also occur.

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. This year's events during the N.C. State Fair include the Travis Scott concerts on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 & 14 and the Shania Twain concert on Wednesday, Oct. 18. PNC Arena will charge for parking for portions of the day on those show dates.
- 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 busses 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.

PRICES

Admission	Gate	Advance*
Adults	\$13	\$10
Military w/ ID	\$8	N/A
Children 6-12	\$7	\$5
Children 5 and under	Free	Free
Adults 65 and over	\$5	\$5

*Advance tickets are available through Oct. 12 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 2022, our attendance was 960,172 attendees.

Based on attendance, the N.C. State Fair was ranked 17th for top fairs nationwide in 2022.

For other cool trivia and facts check out State Fair Rabbit Holes Scavenger Hunt presented by North Carolina Rabbit Hole under the education tab at www.ncstatefair.org.

North Carolina State Fair DEEP FRIED BINGO

SEE: BIRD SHOW	TASTE: APPLE JACK	SEE: HERITAGE CIRCLE	HEAR: HORSES NEIGHING	SEE: 4-H HAY BALE COMPETITION
WIN: BLUE RIBBON	SEE: FLOWER SHOW	SEE: ROCK-IT the ROBOT	RIDE: FERRIS WHEEL	THANK: FIRST RESPONDER
HEAR: A NEW BAND	TASTE: FRESH LEMONADE	BEST: DAY, EVER! 	HEAR: CHILDREN SQUEALING	MEET AT: WATER FALL
SEE: NIGHTLY FIREWORKS	VISIT: NC NATIONAL GUARD	TASTE: A NEW FOOD	SEE: LAMB SHOW	SEE: GOURD TREE
THANK: A FARMER	TASTE: NC PRODUCT	SEE: NC FOREST SERVICE AIRPLANE	VISIT: FFA CHILDREN'S BARNYARD	RIDE: ROLLER COASTER

Snap a selfie, or it didn't happen!
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N.C. STATE FAIR SELFIE CHALLENGE

- Got to Be NC Big Truck
- Melody Farm Follies
- State Fair Flyer
- Favorite New Food
- State Fair Waterfall
- The Birdman
- Rock-It The Robot
- Dorton Arena
- Casey Cardinal
- Tractor
- Favorite Ride
- Blue Ribbon
- Big Smokey Bear
- Fireworks

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