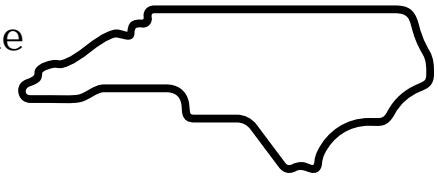
NORTH CAROLINA

State Nickname: Old North State/Tar Heel State



The Capitol of North Carolina is Raleigh.

The state tree is the Pine tree.

The state bird is the Northern Cardinal.

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FUN FACTS:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina is one of the largest military centers in the world, with around 55,000 military stationed there.

The first public university in the country was The University of the North Carolina in Chapel Hill, founded in 1789.

It's illegal to visit the cemetery after midnight in North Carolina.

North Carolina's state motto is "Esse quam videri," which is Latin for "To be, rather than to seem." It means it's better to be truly good and honest than to just pretend to be.

The state flower is the Dogwood.

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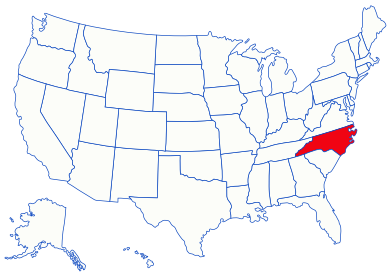
Established: November 21, 1789

The North Carolina flag has two dates on it that remind people of important events in the state's history. It has a bright red, white, and blue design with a star and the letters "N" and "C" for North Carolina.

STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 53,819**
- **28th Largest State**
- **Largest City: Charlotte**
- **34 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 6,684 feet, Mount Mitchell**



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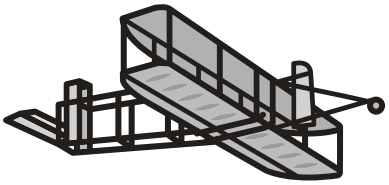
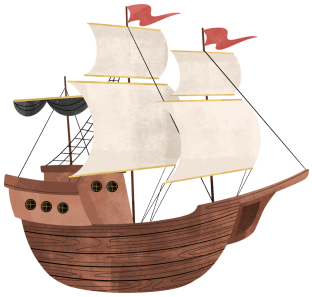
NORTH CAROLINA HIGHLIGHTS:



The Wright brothers made the first powered airplane flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.

The famous Krispy Kreme doughnuts started in Winston-Salem in 1937.

North Carolina is home to America's largest house, the Biltmore Estate, with 250 rooms—that's like a giant castle!



So many ships have sunk in the seas around the Outer Banks that the area has been named the Graveyard of the Atlantic.