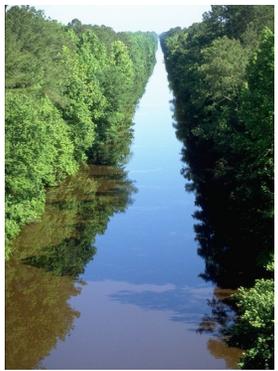




1846 Camden Courthouse



c. 1910 Camden Jailhouse



1805 Historic Dismal Swamp Canal



1862 Battle of South Mills

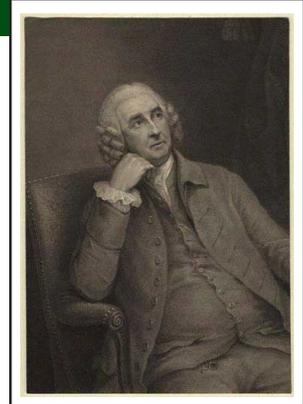


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Historic Camden County

Camden County was formed in 1777 and was named for Charles Pratt, First Lord of Camden. The historic Camden Jailhouse is a two-story brick structure, rebuilt after a fire in 1910, and home to our County Museum. The Camden Courthouse was built in 1847, in the Greek Revival Style, and is still in use today for county business. The historic Dismal Swamp Canal which opened in 1805 is the oldest continually operating man-made canal in the United States. The canal is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has been designated a National Civil Engineering Landmark and is part of the North Carolina and Virginia Civil War Trail. It is also recognized as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and today is part of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. The Battle of South Mills was fought to destroy this important supply link during the Civil War. The Dismal Swamp provided a formidable refuge for runaway slaves and later notorious moonshiners, who hid their recreational enterprises in the deep, vine covered canopies. Logging history also took place in this vast expanse of Atlantic White Cedars. Today the Dismal Swamp State Park provides exhibits and Ranger programs to educate the public about its colorful past.



Sir Charles Pratt

Points of Interest:

- Historic Sites
- Canoe and Kayaking Trails
- North Carolina State Park
- NC Birding Trail Sites
- Bicycling and Hiking Trails
- NC Civil War Trail Site Markers
- Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site



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History and natural beauty await you in Historic Camden County. It is a great place to visit and play with miles of waterfront along the Pasquotank River, the North River, and the Albemarle Sound. With large farms and wild swamps, Camden County offers a paradise for everyone.

See & Do

- Camden County's Historic Jailhouse & Courthouse
- Hiking, Biking, Birding, Paddling & Photography
- Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center
- Dismal Swamp Canal
- Dismal Swamp State Park
- Camping & Boating
- Antiques & Restaurants
- Farm Markets & Marinas



Highlighted Events

- Paddle For the Border
- Dismal Day
- Holly Days Festival

*One of the many sites on the Historic Albemarle Tour,
NC's oldest self-guided heritage trail.*



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Dismal Swamp State Park



Miles of biking
and hiking trails



Boating along miles of waterway



Dismal Swamp Welcome Center