

Drive Overview

Fall brings a brisk energy that entices us to experience the splendor of the season. Glorious Fall color will line your drive through the hidden towns of North Carolina. These scenic byways offer a road less traveled

Tar Heel Trace

Length: 53 miles

Driving Time: One hour

Counties: Wilson, Edgecombe, Martin

This byway begins in the midst of the Toisnot Swamp. From NC 42 and US 301 interchange east of Wilson in Wilson County, follow this scenic byway across the coastal plain to Williamston.

Three-tenths of a mile after crossing the Wilson/Edgecombe County line, turn right onto NC 124. Follow NC 124 for 3.5 miles to the town of Macclesfield.

Cross Bynum Mill Creek as you leave town and continue east for 5.5 miles crossing US 258 before reaching the intersection of NC 124 with NC 42. Turn right onto NC 42. Follow it for two miles to Old Sparta.

Cross the Tar River immediately after passing through Old Sparta. Continue on NC 42 for almost six miles passing through vast farms to the town of Conetoe. Follow NC 42 across US 64 for about eight miles to the Martin and Edgecombe County line.

2.5 miles to NC 42/142 intersection with NC 11. Go straight at the stop sign and follow NC 142 for 2.5 miles to the community of Hassell.

Continue on NC 142 through Hassell for another 3.5 miles to the intersection of NC 142 with NC 125. Turn right at the stop sign onto NC 125 and continue for nine miles to the Willimaston city limits in Martin County where the route ends.

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