



# PINEHURST SOUTHERN PINES ABERDEEN AREA

THE HOME OF AMERICAN GOLF

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On behalf of the CVB Board of Directors and our dedicated staff, welcome to the Home of American Golf!

Our destination has been welcoming people to the Sandhills region of North Carolina for more than 125 years, and for the millions of visitors that have made the pilgrimage to the Pinehurst area from around the world, this place is like “coming home.” In fact, CEO of the United States Golf Association (USGA) Michael Whan used those exact words when the organization chose us to construct its second headquarters at Golf House Pinehurst.

But while the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen area is globally recognized as one of the finest golf destinations in the world with nearly 40 courses within a 15-mile radius, we are so much more than the game that is deeply rooted within our culture.

Among the majestic longleaf pines you will find a destination abundant in natural beauty, a place where you can stretch your legs, sit a spell in a rocking chair on a grand veranda, or take a leisurely stroll through quaint villages and along downtown streets that will remind you of a Hallmark postcard.

Our dining and shopping scene is vibrant and eclectic. We now boast breweries, a cider house and a destination distillery. We celebrate our small towns throughout Moore County every day, as each contributes to the unique experiences our visitors and residents enjoy in our tranquil paradise. With more than 250 annual events, there is something for everyone.

We hope our destination guide informs and inspires you to plan your first or 40th trip to the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen area. The common denominator in our destination: more than 6,000 workers employed in the tourism industry who live to make your stay remarkable and memorable with impeccable and incomparable Southern hospitality.

We are the Home of American Golf, and so much Moore! Welcome home!

Warmest Regards,

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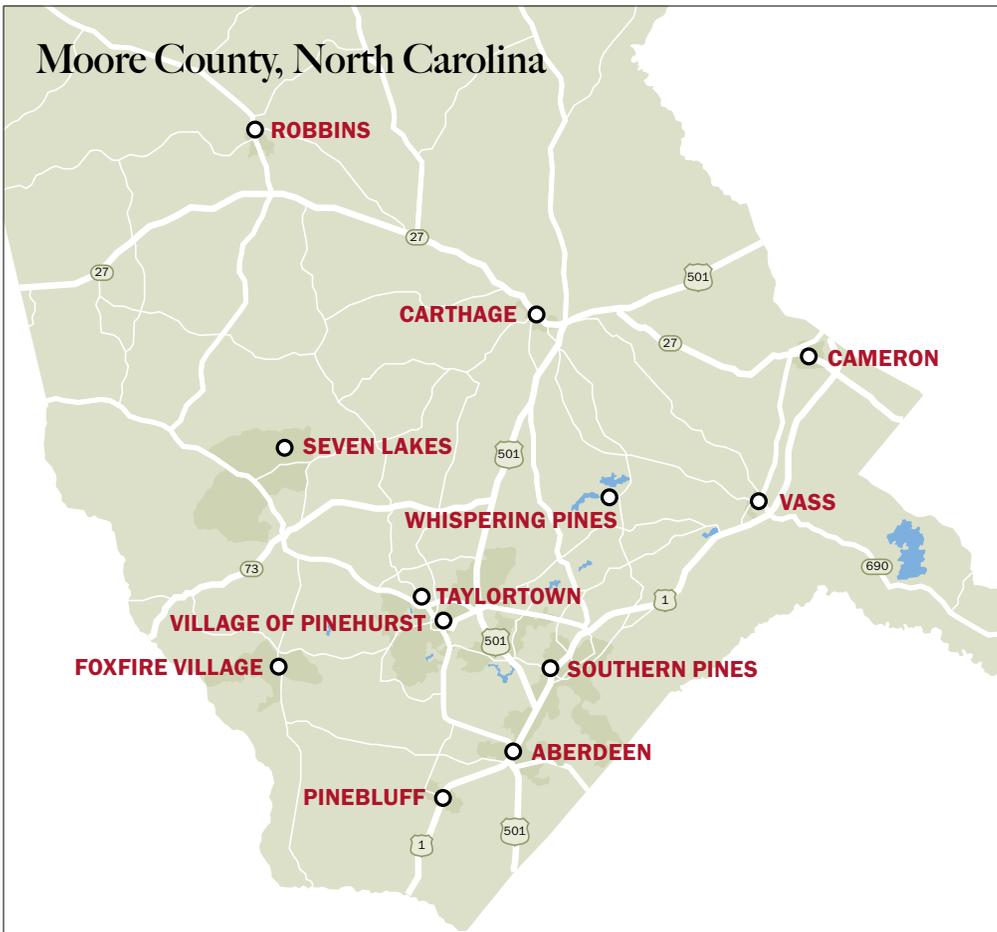


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# Moore County, North Carolina



## GETTING AROUND

The ways of getting to the Sandhills are almost as numerous as the fun things to do when you arrive.

### PLANES

It is landing gear down for flights coming in to the Moore County Airport or to nearby Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Fayetteville Regional Airport, Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and Piedmont Triad International Airport.

### TRAINS

All aboard for a scenic train ride with Amtrak. Daily service to the area ensures you can stay and play as long as your schedule allows.

### AUTOMOBILES

Whether you rent a car, hire a service or drive your own, seeing Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and all of Moore County from behind the wheel provides amazing views. Just remember to stop often and stretch your legs along our scenic streets and nature walks.

## Getting Here

Whether you are driving or flying, we're looking forward to your visit. To assist with your planning, we've compiled a list of local resources.

- ▶ A 5-pronged traffic circle where **N.C. 211**, **U.S. 15-501**, **N.C. 2** and **Midland Road** meet marks the hub of the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen area.
- ▶ Go north on **15-501** toward Carthage, east on **Midland** toward Southern Pines or south on **211** toward Aberdeen.
- ▶ Available within a 70-minute drive are airports in Raleigh/Durham and Fayetteville, and within 90 minutes from Greensboro.
- ▶ The **Moore County Airport (KSOP)** can handle private aircraft up to BAC III.
- ▶ **Amtrak** provides daily service directly to and from the downtown Southern Pines Train Station.

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**CHARLOTTE-DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CLT)**  
704-359-4910, cltairport.com

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910-433-1160, flyfay.com

**PIEDMONT TRIAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (GSO)** Greensboro, NC  
336-665-5666, flyfrompti.com

**RALEIGH-DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RDU)**  
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# *Celebrate* SMALL TOWNS

*“Our family recently relocated to Aberdeen, and we’re delighted to explore the charming downtowns of Moore County. Saturday mornings spent wandering through the Village of Pinehurst, stopping in for a coffee and browsing local boutiques for unique gifts have quickly become our favorite routine.”*

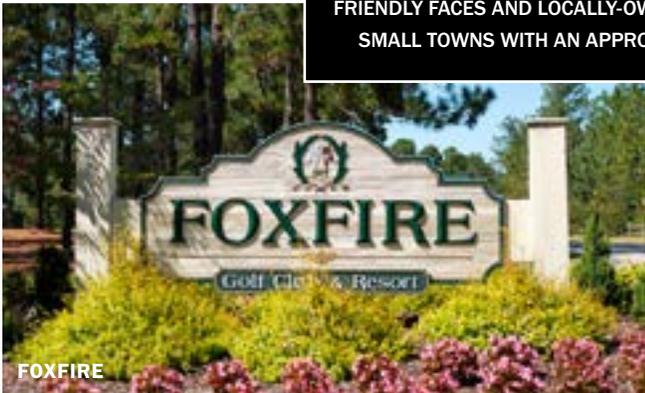
— Kayla Boyter  
Moore County resident

Village of Pinehurst



VILLAGE OF PINEHURST

*Welcome to the* **NEIGHBORHOOD**  
FRIENDLY FACES AND LOCALLY-OWNED SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS FILL MOORE COUNTY'S  
SMALL TOWNS WITH AN APPROACHABLE AND WELCOMING SENSE OF AUTHENTICITY.



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# Home of American Golf

*“I believe whole-heartedly in golf. I consider it a game of honor. It does more to bring out the finer points in a man’s character than any other sport.”*

— **Donald J. Ross**,  
professional golf course  
architect who designed  
four Pinehurst courses,  
including the famous No. 2.

# PARADISE *in the* PINES

MOORE COUNTY IS HOME TO LEGENDARY GOLF COURSES  
AND A HISTORY OF ICONIC CHAMPIONSHIPS. | *By Lance Elko*



**Top:** The 15th hole of Pinehurst No. 2  
**Above:** U.S. Open Trophy

When the Bostonian visionary James Walker Tufts purchased a large tract of scrubby land in 1895 to create a health retreat, one of his best moves came five years later. In 1900, Tufts hired a young Scottish golf pro, Donald Ross, who went on to famously design or co-design more than 400 courses in North America.

Ross's initial effort, a remake of the roughly conceived Pinehurst No. 1, was followed by his first 18-hole course: Pinehurst No. 2. And it was there that the seeds of a golf mecca were planted.

The world's best golfers have played here — Bobby Jones, Babe Zaharias, Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Johnny Miller, Tom Watson, Payne Stewart and Michelle Wie West. Pinehurst No. 2 has the distinction of hosting more single golf championships than any other course in America. It has hosted the men's and women's U.S. Opens, most recently in 2024. And the beat goes on: The U.S. Open championship will return in 2029, 2035, 2041 and 2047.



Bryson DeChambeau reacts to winning the 2024 U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort.

**GET A GRIP AT GOLF PRIDE'S RETAIL LAB**

Just inside the entrance to Pinehurst No. 8, you can't miss **Golf Pride's** headquarters. It's the home of the company's Retail Lab, and here, a team of experts are committed to improving your game by creating the optimal grip for your clubs.

Founded in 1949, Golf Pride recently jumped onto an innovative new fast track thanks to a fresh vision and the use of cutting-edge technology. Under the leadership of Jamie Ledford, company president, the Retail Lab is the first of its kind.

To begin a visit, the on-site team leads guests through a grip selection process to find the one that feels best, one that fits the unique hand of the golfer. Once the ideal grip is determined, guests are free to

browse the facility, try a nine-hole putting green and check out other Golf Pride products while their clubs are being re-gripped.

In the Rapid Prototyping Lab, Golf Pride uses its proprietary rubber compounds, tools and molds to create physical prototypes within hours. Depending on drop-off time, players can expect a same-day turnaround.

When asked why Golf Pride chose this location, Ledford says that the world of golf flows through Pinehurst. It's like few other places in the world, he adds – "rich in history and always a draw for players from all over the globe."

For information, call 833-890-4039 or visit [golfpride.com](http://golfpride.com).



**Playing a Favorite**

When actively touring and recording, Grammy Award winning musician Darius Rucker has little down time. But when he does, the former front man for Hootie & the Blowfish and award-winning country music artist likes to play one of his favorite courses, Pinehurst No. 10, not far from his residence in the Village of Pinehurst.



**Larger Than Life**

From its position by the 18th green of Pinehurst No. 2, the bronze Payne Stewart statue by sculptor Zenos Frudakis immortalizes the champion golfer's iconic fist-pump. Don't miss this opportunity for a triumphant photo opp.



Top: Photography © USGA / Jeff Haynes; Darius Rucker by PXG



**Top:** Mike Trostel conducts a tour  
**Above:** The World Golf Hall of Fame

# World Golf Hall of Fame

IN 2023, THE WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME RETURNED TO ITS BIRTHPLACE AT PINEHURST RESORT, WHERE THE GAME'S HISTORY COMES TO LIFE. | *By Alex Podlogar*

Tucked between Pinehurst Resort's Carolina Hotel and its Main Clubhouse, a gleaming 9,000-square-foot USGA Experience building houses some of golf's most valuable treasures. We caught up with Mike Trostel, director of the World Golf Hall of Fame, who shared some of his exhibits — and their impact on the sport's history.

### PAYNE STEWART'S RAIN VEST

In the 1999 U.S. Open, golfer Payne Stewart delivered one of the most dramatic endings in major championship history, sinking a 15-foot putt on the final hole to secure a one-stroke victory at Pinehurst No. 2.

“When unexpected weather during the final round called for a rain jacket that Stewart felt was too restrictive, he cut off the sleeves with a borrowed pair of scissors — first at the elbows, then at the shoulders,” says Trostel. “His rainproof ‘vest’ proved perfect for the conditions, and remained on from his first drive to his final 15-foot par putt that won him the championship.”

**Where to see it:** The “Style and Substance: The Life and Legacy of Payne Stewart” exhibit (on display through September 2026) features more than 100 artifacts. The sleeves and scissors are also on display in the main hallway of Pinehurst Resort’s clubhouse.

### BRYSON DECHAMBEAU'S SAND WEDGE

In the final round of the 2024 U.S. Open at Pinehurst, golfer Bryson DeChambeau used this wedge to get up and down from the front greenside bunker at the 18th hole. He hit the 55-yard bunker shot to 4 feet, setting up his winning par putt.

“He was the only player to get up and down from that front greenside bunker in the entire championship,” Trostel says. “You also may notice some turf on the sole of the club. That is because he also used this same wedge for his hole-in-one challenge, where he hit golf balls from a mat over his house to a green in the back yard. He made an ace with his 14th shot on the 16th day. These videos garnered more than 80 million views on TikTok.”

**Where to see it:** In the USGA Championships Gallery, the wedge is on display along with DeChambeau’s final-round scorecard from the 2024 U.S. Open.



### NANCY LOPEZ'S BARBIE DOLL

Golfer Nancy Lopez’s father promised to buy her a Barbie doll if she played well in her first golf tournament.

“As a child, Lopez’s routine was to come home from the golf course and play with her Barbies,” says Trostel. “This incentive paid dividends over the years as she built up her collection.”

**Where to see it:** The “Nancy Lopez: The Making of a Champion” exhibit is on display through March 2026.

### TIGER WOODS' HAVEMEYER TROPHY

Of all his accomplishments, golfer Tiger Woods’ unprecedented run of winning three consecutive U.S. Junior Amateurs — immediately followed by three consecutive U.S. Amateurs — may be the most impressive.

“Starting in the 1994 U.S. Amateur, Woods won 18 consecutive matches in that championship to claim those three straight Havemeyer Trophies,” Trostel says. “In each of his three 36-hole championship matches, Woods trailed by significant margins. He was six down to Hank Kuehne in 1994 at TPC Sawgrass, three down to Buddy Marucci in 1995 at Newport C.C., and five down to Steve Scott in 1996 at Pumpkin Ridge.”

**Where to see it:** One of Woods’ personal Havemeyer Trophies is on display in his World Golf Hall of Fame locker.

### LLOYD MANGRUM'S PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Golfer Lloyd Mangrum received a Purple Heart for his World War II service, which included being wounded during the Battle of the Bulge. He was also wounded in Normandy.

“Just months after being discharged, Mangrum won the 1946 U.S. Open in a playoff over Byron Nelson and Vic Ghezzi,” says Trostel. “He went on to win 30 more times on the PGA Tour in the decade he returned from war.”

**Where to see it:** In addition to the Purple Heart medal on display in his World Golf Hall of Fame locker, Mangrum also earned another Purple Heart, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and four battle stars during his service.



# ALWAYS PINEHURST, *Always Better*

FOR A PLACE THAT HAS HOSTED MORE SINGLE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS THAN ANY SITE IN AMERICA, PINEHURST REFUSES TO REST ON ITS HISTORICAL LAURELS.

*By Alex Podlogar*



**Top:** Pinehurst No. 2 - 9th hole  
**Above:** Michelle Wie West wins the U.S. Open in 2014

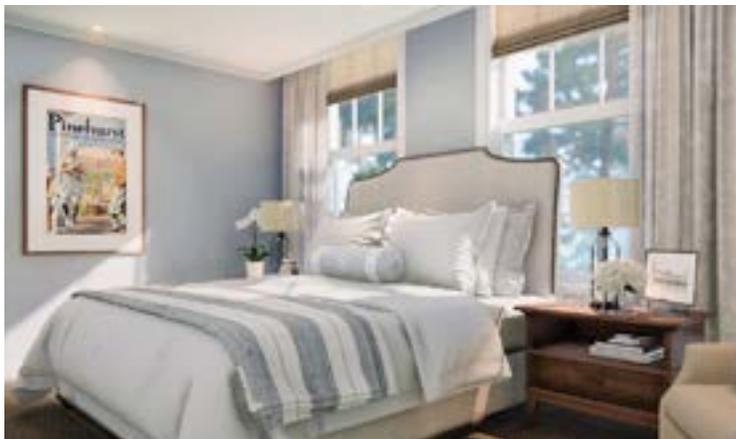
**W**hen Michelle Wie West hoisted the trophy following her triumph in the **2014 U.S. Women's Open**, it closed a fortnight of golf that had never been seen. A week before, Wie West was in the gallery on the very same course, joining other LPGA Tour stars following Martin Kaymer as he cruised to his second major championship after winning the U.S. Open. Both majors were played on the venerable **Pinehurst No. 2** in consecutive weeks, a feat never attempted in major championship golf, and one, though wildly successful,

that has not been done since.

And yet, what has followed in Pinehurst Resort's growth in the 10 years since might be even more impressive — all of it bookended by the decade between U.S. Opens, which returned to No. 2 for the fourth time in Pinehurst's history in June 2024.

"There's a line I like to think about, and that's 'Always Pinehurst, always better,'" says Pinehurst Resort CEO Bob Dedman Jr.

In April, Pinehurst opened its first original golf course in nearly three decades after tapping one of the era's greatest



**Clockwise from top left:**  
The Carolina Hotel guest room; Titleist Shop at Padgett Center; Cottages at Pinehurst No. 8; Bailey Davis at the 2025 U.S. Women's Open  
**Opposite:** Pinehurst No. 2

architects, Tom Doak, to build **Pinehurst No. 10** on a slice of 900 acres the Resort has acquired south of its main clubhouse. The site features dramatic elevation changes, natural sandy areas, three lakes and dramatic remnants of an early 20th century sand mining operation.

“No. 10 starts fairly gentle, then it starts going into the old quarry works where it gets downright crazy for a little bit, then the course gets up on the hill and there’s a beautiful, sweeping view,” Doak says. “All of the holes coming in are challenging, even when you move down into the gentler terrain. It’s a dramatic golf course; more than I originally thought.”

Pinehurst’s new golden age began with the restoration of No. 2 by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw. From there, the march was on — and is ongoing.

**The Deuce** opened in 2016 in the main clubhouse, overlooking the 18th green of No. 2. A year later, renowned golf architect Gil Hanse crafted **The Cradle**, Pinehurst’s wildly popular par-3 short course. In 2018, Hanse redesigned **Pinehurst No. 4**, helping

one of Pinehurst’s now 10 championship courses vault back into numerous Top 100 course rankings. That same year, **Pinehurst Brewing Co.** debuted to great acclaim among guests and locals alike.

Pinehurst continues to invest in its present and future. In 2024, Pinehurst completed the final phase of a three-part renovation of its signature hotel, **The Carolina**, revitalizing all of its rooms and the lobby, working carefully to enhance the charm of yesteryear with all of the comforts guests expect today. Also, the **Carolina Vista Lounge**, a stylish new restaurant unlike any other in Pinehurst, opened in the renovated space that was the Ryder Cup Lounge.

In 2025, Pinehurst offered guests luxury accommodations with golf course views in the expansive **Cottages at Pinehurst No. 8**. The Resort also partnered with Titleist to open what *Global Golf Post* described as an “Apple store” for golf: **Titleist Shop at Padgett Center**. This immersive fitting and retail experience is steps away from Pinehurst

No. 2’s iconic 18th green.

Pinehurst has fully welcomed the home to its second headquarters. Its research and development center and the return of the **World Golf Hall of Fame** are now a signature part of the Resort’s thriving main campus.

“Pinehurst is not a time capsule,” says Tom Pashley, Pinehurst Resort’s President. “This is not a place where you come and just look at how things used to be and celebrate the past. You can do that here, but you’re also celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future.”

And, to think, the **U.S. Open** and **U.S. Women’s Open** return in 2029. At Pinehurst, there is always more to come. “I’d like to think the golden days of Pinehurst are ahead of us,” Dedman says. “When I think about the future of Pinehurst, thinking about looking back 20 years from now, I hope we’re even closer to achieving our purpose. And that’s where we honor timeless traditions and inspire legendary stories, one smile, one round, one moment at a time.”



# *Your Guide to* Pinehurst Dining

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOLFER TO ENJOY AS WIDE A VARIETY OF DELECTABLE DINING OFFERINGS AS YOUR HEART AND TASTES ASPIRE. PLAN TO STAY AWHILE.

*By Alex Podlogar*

It's not just the food that fuels Pinehurst Resort's executive chef Thierry Debailleul, affectionately known as "Chef T."

For all the myriad of dishes and cocktails on a menu, for all the choices that run from bountiful breakfasts to casual lunches to fine dining to nightcaps, it's the natural setting that inspires him.

"That's the beauty of Pinehurst," Debailleul says. "We're not a high-rise tower. We're not stuck downtown. We're kind of in a semi-wilderness in the pines, and I think it's fun to utilize that and express that for a lot of people."

Many of those people are golfers. But just like Pinehurst's evolution over the last decade has signaled an earnestness to make the game that has been a bedrock for the North Carolina Sandhills more accessible and fun to more people, so, too, has it placed an added emphasis on its dining options.



*Chef Thierry Debailleul*



**Clockwise from right:**  
Villaggio Ristorante  
& Bar; Station 21;  
Carolina Vista Lounge;  
The Deuce  
**Opposite:**  
North & South Bar

It's a dining scene that doesn't need a car. Perhaps a resort shuttle is helpful, but it's not necessary. Imagine, in one day:

Start with a Southern-style breakfast buffet. In the stately "Queen of the South" dining room in **The Carolina Hotel**, a glorious breakfast has been dubbed "the best breakfast in golf" by Golf Channel. Dine under sparkling chandeliers and amidst a live pianist.

Have lunch at Pinehurst's main clubhouse. In **The Deuce**, a pub with large windows that open behind the bar and onto the club's east veranda, diners breathe in the pine-scented breeze while overlooking the 18th green of famed Pinehurst No. 2. Choose from casual entrees like Southern salads, burgers and handhelds.

"What's important, as we have a lot of casual restaurants, is that there's something unique in every one of them," Debailleul says. "Every dish is uniquely made. We don't have the same burgers everywhere, the same Reubens everywhere.

"You can be rushing between two rounds of golf, but whatever we can do to

make your lunch special, we'll do it. The speed of service will be phenomenal, the burger will be amazing, everything cooked to order, spot on. That's what we're after. It's always an experience."

Enjoy fine dining, white tablecloth Italian fare at **The Magnolia Inn's Villaggio Ristorante & Bar**.

Or return to The Carolina for the stylish and festive **Carolina Vista Lounge**, which features a dazzling bar in the center and a nightlife that spills onto the veranda wrapping the hotel.

Retreat to the Village's winding streets a short walk away. At the cozy **Holly Inn**, choose the intimate dinner fare of **The Tavern** or its wood-paneled fine dining neighbor, the **1895 Grille**. Tucked a few steps down from The Holly's lobby, the 1895 Grille's ingredients are brought straight from Carolina farms to the kitchen and transformed into award-winning delights day after day. Nightly specials assure a unique experience on each visit, though no one will blame you for ordering the triple chocolate soufflé at the close of dinner here.

**Pinehurst Brewing Company** is more than just its 10 beers brewed on-site; it's a smokehouse full of options.

Just up the hill inside **The Manor**, the **North & South Bar** is a whiskey and bourbon bar unlike any spot in Pinehurst, with more than 70 spirits along with traditional and inspired cocktails on the menu.

"To be in culinary, you have to be passionate. You have to have a love for it," says Chef T. "Cooking is not an act of feeding yourself — it's an experience."

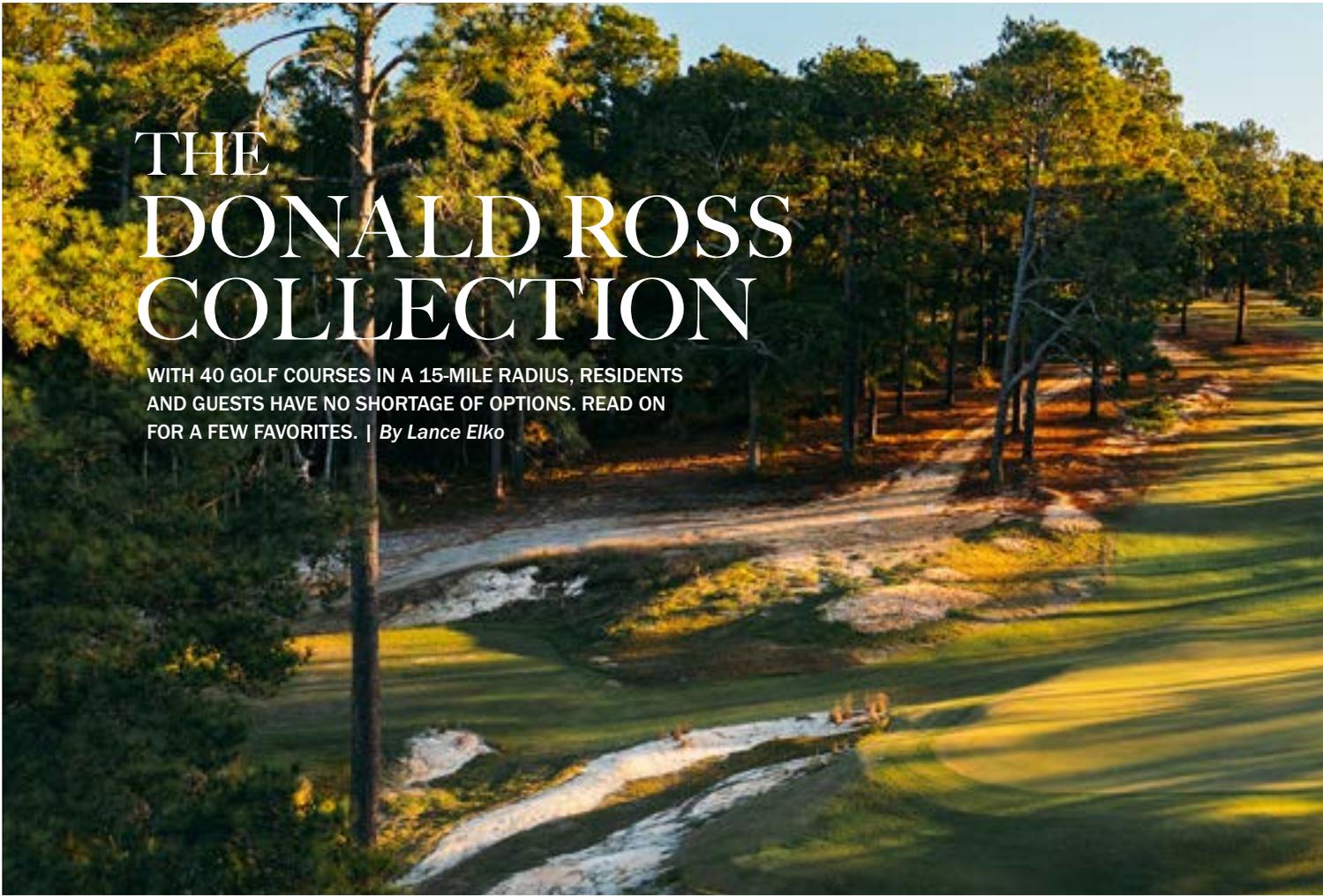
As Pinehurst Sandmines continues to evolve in Aberdeen, **Station 21**, its new restaurant and bar, offers an inspired Southwestern grill fare, creating curated dishes such as Stuffed Poblano Peppers, Smoked Brisket Tacos, Peach Orchard Salads, Texas Hill Country Quail Knots, Carne Asadas, Tamales, Breakfast Burritos and Chilaquiles.

In 2026, Pinehurst Resort plans to open **Wiregrass**, a distinct farm-to-table restaurant, in the main clubhouse.



# THE DONALD ROSS COLLECTION

WITH 40 GOLF COURSES IN A 15-MILE RADIUS, RESIDENTS AND GUESTS HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF OPTIONS. READ ON FOR A FEW FAVORITES. | By Lance Elko



**Top:** Southern Pines - 3rd hole  
**Above:** Donald Ross  
**Right:** Southern Pines - 11th hole

## SOUTHERN PINES GOLF CLUB

After a major renovation in 2021, the Southern Pines Golf Club graduated to whole new level of play. The original Donald Ross design — the third in his storied career — was dramatically enhanced over the course of 18 months by Kyle Franz, who previously transformed the courses at Pine Needles and Mid Pines.

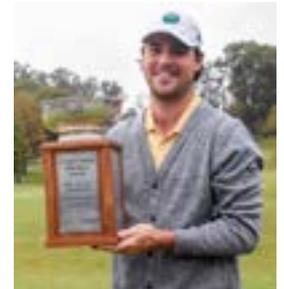
Franz removed trees, reworked bunkers, and added new greens and sandscapes. At the same time, he retained the native character of Ross' original design. That change was a long time coming.

The Southern Pines Golf Club opened in 1906, and decades later saw some of golf's greatest, like Sam Snead and Ben Hogan, play here. In 1951, the Southern Pines Elks Club bought the course and held it until 2019, when they sold it to an investment group in partnership with Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club and

Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club. The move brought together three Ross courses in close proximity, where they now share programs and resources.

Stay and Play packages are available. The Summer Ultimate Golf Package, for example, offers Mid Pines accommodations (although the Inn is closed for renovations, Mid Pines offers course-side lodging and nearby hotel rooms); 36 holes at Pine Needles, Mid Pines and Southern Pines; breakfast, lunch and dinner; and carts, unlimited range balls and club storage.

Southern Pines Golf Club is a public course that's also home to club members and their guests. Golfers can play every day year-round except for some holidays and maintenance days. Peak season runs from mid-March to mid-May, and from mid-September through October. [southernpinesgolfclub.com](http://southernpinesgolfclub.com)



## Making History

Southern Pines Golf Course was the site of high drama last September when Cyrus Stewart won the 32nd Annual Mid-Amateur Championship after a seven-hole playoff match against Zach Edmondson. The competitors were tied for first at -8 after all three rounds. In his final round, Stewart shot seven birdies and an eagle. He tied the course record set by Sam Snead in 1946 with a final round score of 63.



## THE DONALD ROSS COLLECTION



**Top:** Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club - 3rd hole  
**Above:** In the Rough Lounge

### PINE NEEDLES LODGE AND GOLF CLUB

Minutes away from the Village of Pinehurst and the town of Southern Pines, this resort boasts outstanding course action, hospitable accommodations, professional instruction, and gourmet and casual dining.

The 18-hole course at **Pine Needles** was designed by golf legend Donald Ross in 1927. In 2017, the course was painstakingly restored, with hills and bunkers reflecting the spirit of Ross's imaginative design. The highly regarded 7,000-plus yards course — rated fourth in the state by *Golfweek* — was the first in the nation to be awarded four U.S. Women's Open Championships.

Before teeing up on Hole 1, you'll appreciate a well-conceived warm-up course called The Loop. Here is where you can practice your short game with three Par 3s and a Par 4.

Pine Needles is known for its special golf events. Beginning Feb. 26 through March 1, 2026, the annual Pine Needles Invitational brings together competitive amateurs. The tournament is so popular that the 2026 field is closed to all but past players.

In early November, the annual Couples Jamboree is host to a friendly Quest for the Bell competition that's geared to socializing and a bounty of good food. The event, which draws couples from across the U.S. and Canada, has been going strong for more than 50 years.

The resort's accommodations include a number of amenity-filled rooms in chalet-style lodges that can hold groups large or small.

Guests can enjoy fireside gourmet fare at the **Crest Dining Room** or more casual fare at **In the Rough Lounge**. [pineneedleslodge.com](http://pineneedleslodge.com)

# Transforming a GRAND OLD DAME

The grand, Georgian-style **Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club** has welcomed golf royalty since it was built in 1921. Three-time major champion Julius Boros once made this his home base, and Sam Snead could often be seen at the inn and on the course.

But last fall, the historic Mid Pines Inn began a new life. The stately inn, which looms over the 18th hole of the Donald Ross-designed Mid Pines course, began a major renovation to preserve the inn's esteemed heritage.

The reimagined Mid Pines Inn, part of the Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, will include all-new guest rooms, renovated food and beverage centers, and a brand-new swimming pool. Renovations are under the direction of Marine & Lawn Hotel

& Resorts, a company whose work includes specializing in restoring old properties around the world and most recently in the UK. This venture is the company's first in the United States.

The course, which today befits the inn's original grandeur, was restored in 2013 and named #3 Best Public Course in North Carolina in 2024 by Golfweek. Mid Pines was designed to offer some challenges, but largely to invite friendly competition for club members and guests.

During the makeover, the golf course will remain open, and food and beverages will be available. The resort is a short drive south of downtown Southern Pines. [midpinesinn.com](http://midpinesinn.com)





LEGACY



MID SOUTH CLUB



TALAMORE GOLF RESORT



ABERDEEN'S LEGACY PROVES GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES.

By Brad King

When Talamore Golf Resort acquired Legacy, a Nicklaus-design course located in Aberdeen, the investment represented a significant addition to the growing portfolio of top-tier golf course packages in the Sandhills.

Legacy holds a rich tradition of hosting prestigious tournaments, including the 2000 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, famously played by then 10-year-old Michelle Wie West.

Golfers can expect a blend of classic Legacy design with fresh improvements, aligning the course with Talamore's other premier offerings. Enhancements in 2025 included new cart paths and bridges, a complete bunker renovation, and extensive drainage and grassing improvements.

Talamore's acquisition of Legacy creates yet another stellar trio of courses in the Pinehurst area. Much like the famous Pinehurst Nos. 2, 4 and 8, and the historic Pine Needles, Mid Pines and Southern Pines Golf Club trio, the combination of **Talamore Golf Resort, Mid South Club** and now **Legacy** positions the resort as a must-visit destination for golf enthusiasts.

The trio offers a wide variety of challenges and playing styles, from Talamore's visually stunning Rees Jones design to the Arnold Palmer signature course at Mid South, and now the Jack Nicklaus II course at Legacy.

Since opening in 1991, Legacy has impressed golfers with its unique design features, such as strategically placed bunkers and water hazards that challenge even the most seasoned players. Talamore plans to make subtle modifications to enhance playability without compromising the character that defines the course. The resort is also focusing on improving the turf quality, which will ensure pristine playing conditions year-round.

All these upgrades will align Legacy with the high standards set by Talamore and Mid South, ensuring a cohesive, luxurious experience across all three properties. The enhancements, along with Talamore's renowned hospitality, will make Legacy a standout option for golfers visiting the Pinehurst area.

[talamoregolfresort.com](http://talamoregolfresort.com)



Left: Talamore Golf Resort

Above, top to bottom: Mid South Club; Legacy Clubhouse; Legacy

# 18 BEST

DISCOVER MOORE COUNTY'S TOP 18, MUST-PLAY HOLES, ACCORDING TO A ROUNDUP OF LOCAL GOLF EXPERTS. | *By Ron Green Jr.*

**W**ith so much golf in the Pinehurst area, it's inevitable that discussions ensue about which is the best course, which is the best group of courses, and, naturally, which are the best holes.

In that sense, golf is no different than comparing favorite restaurants. Some prefer a steakhouse. Others lean toward Italian. Still others like sushi. Within each of those groups, there are favorite dishes, just as there are favorite holes at favorite golf courses.

The task of choosing 18 holes fell to a group of 10 voters with extensive backgrounds in the game and familiarity with the region.

The goal was to create a traditional par-72 course — four par 3s, three par 5s and 12 par 4s — chosen from courses both public and private in the area.

Like golf, it is an imperfect process but one built on a foundation of finding holes that challenge and inspire, while exemplifying the Pinehurst experience.

For those who know the area, the list will likely have them shaking their heads in approval about many of the holes, while raising their eyebrows at some others. For prospective visitors to the area, it's a bucket list of sorts.



COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA (DOGWOOD) – 13TH HOLE



LEGACY – 18TH HOLE



FOREST CREEK GOLF CLUB NORTH COURSE – 17TH HOLE



MID PINES INN &amp; GOLF CLUB – 12TH HOLE

## 1 COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA (CARDINAL) 15TH HOLE

Par 5 | 521 Yards

This is a classic risk-reward par 5 that gets increasingly more challenging as players approach the green. Bunkers right, water left and a two-tiered green make accuracy critical.

## 2 COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA (DOGWOOD) 13TH HOLE

Par 3 | 166 Yards

Ellis Maples designed many of the favorite courses throughout the Carolinas, and CCNC represents his best work. When Kris Spence updated the Dogwood, he enhanced an already demanding hole.

## 3 DORMIE CLUB 3RD HOLE

Par 4 | 298 Yards

Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw created a classic, short par 4 here while making it look like it has been there forever. Playing downhill then up to a knobby green, it's a delight.

## 4 FOREST CREEK GOLF CLUB NORTH COURSE 17TH HOLE

Par 4 | 361 Yards

The culmination of a three-hole run around a lake in the Tom Fazio-designed course. The tee shot must carry water and avoid a fairway bunker before dealing with a pot bunker in front of the green.

## 5 LEGACY 18TH HOLE

Par 4 | 432 Yards

This finishing hole is nicknamed "The Bear" — and not just because Jack Nicklaus designed it with his son, Jack Jr. It's a brute of a finishing hole that doesn't surrender many birdies.

## 6 MID PINES INN & GOLF CLUB 15TH HOLE

Par 5 | 478 Yards

Another example of Donald Ross's design ingenuity, this par 5 offers multiple challenges. A good tee shot that avoids fairway bunkers allows longer hitters to reach the green in two.

## 7 MID PINES INN & GOLF CLUB 12TH HOLE

Par 4 | 380 Yards

This is a beautiful example of Sandhills golf. It's not overly long or threatening, but it rewards good shots, penalizes misses and forces players to stay below the hole on the sloping green.

## 8 MID PINES INN & GOLF CLUB 4TH HOLE

Par 4 | 330 Yards

Another exceptional short par 4 that showcases Ross design features, this hole is about position rather than power. Keeping the ball to the left off the tee and into the green becomes the challenge.

## 9 MID SOUTH CLUB 18TH HOLE

Par 4 | 399 Yards

The finishing hole on this Arnold Palmer design is a serious challenge. It is cut into a hillside, there is water down the right, and a good tee shot still leaves a difficult approach before getting to the clubhouse.

## 10 **PINEHURST NO. 2** **18TH HOLE** Par 4 | 366 Yards

A strong hole that plays uphill from tee to green, this is where Payne Stewart made history and golfers now strike their own pose for photographs. Making par on this hole makes the post-round beverage taste even better.

## 11 **PINEHURST NO. 2** **9TH HOLE** Par 3 | 148 Yards

The essence of Ross' genius with brilliant bunkering around a two-tiered green that demands precision. It was beautifully restored by Coore and Crenshaw.

## 12 **PINEHURST NO. 8** **14TH HOLE** Par 4 | 363 Yards

The challenge starts at the tee where players must determine how much of the marsh to challenge on this Fazio design. The more aggressive the tee shot, the easier the approach shot.

## 13 **PINEHURST NO. 10** **8TH HOLE** Par 4 | 385 Yards

This hole is like playing down the spine of a dragon; there's no other hole at Pinehurst like it. The tee shot plays over a 25-foot dune into a landing area of a two-tiered fairway, and the punchbowl green is partially hidden by a dune in front.

## 14 **PINEHURST NO. 2** **5TH HOLE** Par 5 | 462 Yards

Long considered one of the greatest par 4s in the world (only 29 percent of the field hit the green in the 1999 U.S. Open), it has been converted to a par 5 while still featuring one of the most dangerous crowned green complexes anywhere.

## 15 **PINE NEEDLES LODGE & GOLF CLUB** **2ND HOLE** Par 4 | 438 Yards

This is a testament to simple but outstanding design. After a tee shot to the crest of a hill, the approach is often played from a downhill lie to a green that runs away.

## 16 **SOUTHERN PINES GOLF CLUB** **8TH HOLE** Par 4 | 388 Yards

SPGC is a Donald Ross original, renovated in recent years by rising-star course designer Kyle Franz. The 8th hole starts from the highest point of the golf course and calls for a fade off the tee — but don't go too far right. Well-placed bunkers and a pond farther to the right could be described as scenic but diabolical.

## 17 **TALAMORE GOLF RESORT** **18TH HOLE** Par 4 | 400 Yards

This dogleg left has water and a row of bunkers that split the dual fairway. Players must decide how aggressive to be off the tee, knowing a bailout leaves a more challenging shot to the green.

## 18 **TOBACCO ROAD GOLF CLUB** **14TH HOLE** Par 3 | 178 Yards

Designer Mike Strantz was also an artist, and he created a beauty with this short hole that incorporates water, sand and wispy grasses. It's no wonder players snap photographs of this hole.





## WOODLAKE COUNTRY CLUB

This gated community has established itself as a welcoming oasis in rural Moore County.

A semi-private club that offers a meticulously managed 18-hole golf course, driving range, large pool, fitness center, racquet sports facilities and much more, Woodlake is all about amenity-filled leisure that includes good food at the heralded Maples Grill.

Friendly golf tournaments among members on the course winding around a 12,000-acre spring-fed lake are held seasonally. The lake offers boating, marina docking, water skiing and fishing. The social center for the club is the stately Historical Oates House. Built in 1792, the house was transported from Fayetteville, then renovated and expanded.

Stay and Play packages with accommodations in homes or condos coupled with a complete roster of recreational amenities are available.

Woodlake Country Club, located in Vass, is a 15-minute drive east of Southern Pines, 20 minutes from Pinehurst and 40 minutes west of Fayetteville. [woodlakecountryclubnc.com](http://woodlakecountryclubnc.com)



Foxfire Clubhouse

# Time for Renewal

MAJOR CHANGES IN A PAIR OF LONG-STANDING GOLF COURSES ARE SURE TO MAKE GOLFERS IN THE PINEHURST AREA HAPPY. | *By Lance Elko*

**A** new look and a new owner: That's what the courses at the **Country Club of Whispering Pines** and the **Foxfire Country Club** are getting. Each club is home to two 18-hole courses built more than 60 years ago.

Located about 5 miles north of Pinehurst, Whispering Pines courses were designed in 1959 by Ellis Maples, a member of the Carolinas Golf Hall of Fame. Both the Pines Course and the River Course feature Champion Bermuda Greens and a lightly rolling terrain. They were created to offer challenges to experienced players but to be accessible for any skill level. Golfers will have to negotiate around the lakes and streams on the back nine of the River Course.

Foxfire, located about 6 miles southwest of Pinehurst, offers the Red Fox and Gray Fox courses. Often cited as the club members' favorite, the Red Fox is the more difficult. Success on the Gray Fox depends on players' shot accuracy. Both courses are surrounded by mature trees and present undulating fairways. A memorable water hazard, Lake MacKenzie will test golfers in the early holes of both courses.

Last July, the newly formed Rolling Pines LLC announced the acquisition of both clubs. Kelly Miller, managing partner of Rolling Pines, pledged to make significant improvements

to the four courses. Noting that new golf development in Moore County has been stagnant for the past 20 years, Miller said that "North Carolina is growing, and Raleigh, Sanford and Fort Bragg seem to be getting closer and closer to us."

Both Whispering Pines and Foxfire need attention to detail, says Miller. "Moore County is projected to add more than 60,000 people by 2050. And there really hasn't been anything out there that's kind of affordable for folks that are coming in," says Miller. He adds that Rolling Pines is making a long-term commitment that will employ golf architect Kyle Franz, who over the past 12 years oversaw major restorations of the Pine Needles, Mid Pines and Southern Pines courses.

Rolling Pines operates under the parent company Mid Pines Development Group, owners of the popular Pine Needles, Mid Pines and Southern Pines golf clubs. Although all five clubs are under the same umbrella, the new Whispering Pines and Foxfire operations will operate separately from the existing membership structure.

[countryclubofwhisperingpines.com](http://countryclubofwhisperingpines.com)  
[foxfireresortandgolf.com](http://foxfireresortandgolf.com)





# Pinehurst's New Golden Age: *A Sandmines Renaissance*

WITH THE EMERGENCE OF PINEHURST SANDMINES, PINEHURST RESORT UNVEILS NEW ACCOMMODATION AND DINING OPTIONS. | *By Alex Podlogar*



Sandmines Photography courtesy Pinehurst Resort

At Pinehurst Resort, history never rests. Neither does the future. That's never been more evident than with the continued evolution of Pinehurst Sandmines.

Just a few months after opening, No. 10 was named as the Best New Public Course of 2024. A name rooted deeply into local history, Pinehurst Sandmines covers more than 900 acres in Aberdeen, about 4 miles south of the Resort's main clubhouse. Doak's masterful layout features dramatic elevation changes, natural sandy areas and dramatic remnants of an early 20th century sand mining operation.

After a year of maturity, Pinehurst No. 10 already showcases the site's striking topography, set against the dramatically sloping northwest ridge.

A 6,000-square-foot golf shop and clubhouse now anchor the landscape, while Station 21, a vibrant new restaurant and bar, has become one of the area's most popular dining destinations.

What comes next is equally ambitious. In 2025, Pinehurst announced that legendary architects Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw will design and build Pinehurst No. 11, set to open in Fall 2027 alongside No. 10. Future development plans for the property also include a short course and a new lodge, further establishing Sandmines as one of golf's most distinctive destinations.

"It's such a wonderful site, just because of its inherent character," says Coore. "That character was essentially created, not all of it is natural, but it has

all been reclaimed by nature. This land is left over from all that mining from the 1930s. The spoil piles are here, and Mother Nature provided the trees, and it's all incredible. It's not too often you get that kind of combination, and it creates a site that is extraordinarily interesting for golf."

It's another era of Pinehurst's new golden age, which began with the restoration of famed Pinehurst No. 2 by Coore and Crenshaw. From there, the march was on, with the last 15 years a testament to the bold vision of CEO Bob Dedman Jr. and the Dedman family to set into motion a new era at Pinehurst.

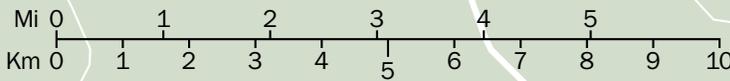
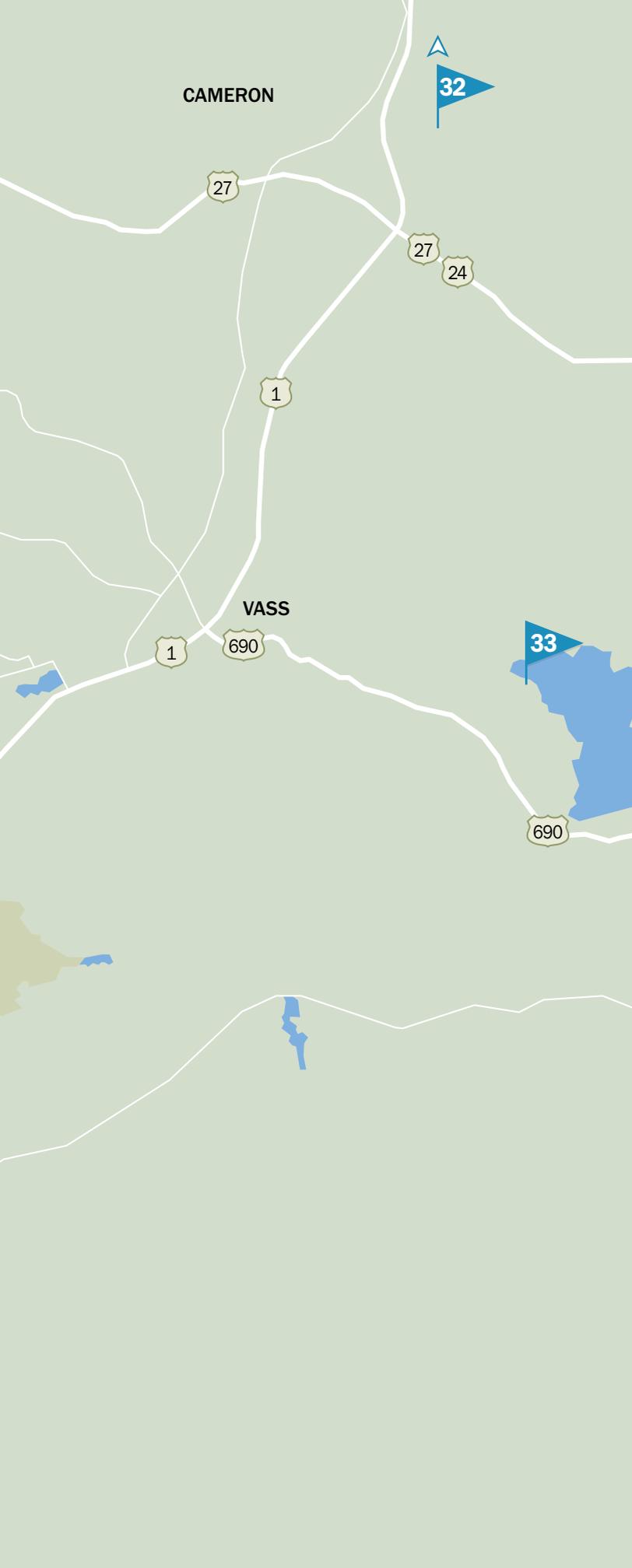
Yet Sandmines also honors the humble beginnings of the North Carolina Sandhills. Starting in the 1920s, this land was home to thriving mining operations, notably Pleasants Sand and Supply, which shipped sand from Aberdeen along the adjacent rail line for construction projects across the country — including another North Carolina landmark, the Blue Ridge Parkway.

When the mining operations closed in the mid-1970s, the dunes, mounds and berms left behind were slowly reclaimed by nature. Decades later, that same rugged landscape is being reimagined beneath the towering pines that restored it.

"Pinehurst's past, present and future is right here in the sand," says Tom Pashley, Pinehurst Resort President. "We look forward to seeing what more can be mined in this area."

# AREA GOLF COURSES



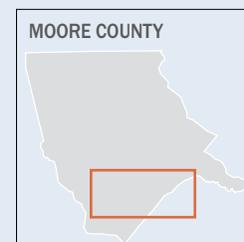


## Courses & Resorts

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| 1. Pinehurst No. 1   Pinehurst  | 25. Hyland Golf Club<br>115 Fairway Ave.<br>Southern Pines                           |
| 2. Pinehurst No. 2   Pinehurst  | 26. Whispering Woods Golf Club<br>26 Sandpiper Dr.<br>Whispering Pines               |
| 3. Pinehurst No. 3   Pinehurst  | 27. Foxfire Resort & Golf Club<br>9 Foxfire Blvd.<br>Foxfire Village                 |
| 4. Pinehurst No. 4   Pinehurst  | 28. Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club<br>238 Longleaf Dr.<br>Seven Lakes              |
| 5. Pinehurst No. 5   Pinehurst  | 29. 7 Lakes Golf Club<br>124 Devonshire Ave.<br>Seven Lakes                          |
| 6. Pinehurst No. 6   Pinehurst  | 30. Tot Hill Farm Golf Club<br>3185 Tot Hill Farm Rd.<br>Asheboro                    |
| 7. Pinehurst No. 7   Pinehurst  | 31. The Country Club of<br>Whispering Pines<br>2 Clubhouse Blvd.<br>Whispering Pines |
| 8. Pinehurst No. 8   Pinehurst  | 32. Tobacco Road Golf Club<br>442 Tobacco Rd.<br>Sanford                             |
| 9. Pinehurst No. 9   Pinehurst  | 33. Woodlake Golf<br>& Country Club<br>245 Woodlake Blvd.<br>Vass                    |
| 10. Pinehurst No. 10   Pinehurst  |  |
| 11. Deercroft Golf Club<br>30000 Deercroft Rd.<br>Wagram                        |  |
| 12. Mid South Club<br>610 Palmer Dr.<br>Southern Pines                          |  |
| 13. Midland Country Club<br>2205 Midland Rd.<br>Pinehurst                       |  |
| 14. Longleaf Golf and Family Club<br>10 N. Knoll Rd.<br>Southern Pines          |  |
| 15. Talamore Golf Resort<br>48 Talamore Dr.<br>Southern Pines                   |  |
| 16. The Dormie Club<br>270 Dormie Dr.<br>West End                               |  |
| 17. Legacy<br>12615 U.S. Hwy. 15-501<br>Aberdeen                                |  |
| 18. Forest Creek Golf Club<br>100 Forest Creek Dr.<br>Pinehurst                 |  |
| 19. The Country Club of<br>North Carolina<br>1600 Morganton Rd.<br>Pinehurst    |  |
| 20. Knollwood Fairways<br>& Driving Range<br>1470 Midland Rd.<br>Southern Pines |  |
| 21. Pine Needles Lodge<br>& Golf Club<br>1005 Midland Rd.<br>Southern Pines     |  |
| 22. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club<br>1010 Midland Rd.<br>Southern Pines             |  |
| 23. Pinewild Country<br>Club of Pinehurst<br>6 Glasgow Dr.<br>Pinehurst         |  |
| 24. Southern Pines Golf Club<br>290 Country Club Cir.<br>Southern Pines         |  |

### GOLF POINTS OF INTEREST

- 34. **The Tufts Archives**  
Contains unique golf history
- 35. **Carolina Golf Association**  
Houses The Golf Hall of History
- 36. **Golf Pride Global Headquarters**
- 37. **Golf House Pinehurst and the World Golf Hall of Fame**  
USGA 2nd Headquarters
- 38. **Wee Pines Mini Golf**
- 39. **Titleist Shop at Pinehurst**



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Mid South Club

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*golf7lakes.com*  
124 Devonshire Avenue, Seven Lakes  
910-673-GOLF (4653)

### **Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club**

*beaconridgecc.com*  
238 Longleaf Drive, West End  
910-673-2950

### **Country Club of North Carolina**

*ccofnc.com (Private)*  
1600 Morganton Road, Pinehurst  
910-692-6565

### **Country Club of Whispering Pines**

*countryclubofwhisperingpines.com*  
2 Clubhouse Boulevard, Whispering Pines  
910-949-3000

### **Deercroft Golf Club**

*deercroft.com*  
30000 Deercroft Drive, Wagram  
910-369-3107

### **Dormie Club**

*dormieclub.com (Private)*  
6033 Beulah Hill Church Road, West End  
910-215-4587

### **Forest Creek Golf Club**

*forestcreekgolfclub.com (Private)*  
100 Meyer Farm Drive, Pinehurst  
910-693-1996

### **Foxfire Resort & Golf Club**

*foxfireresortandgolf.com*  
9 Foxfire Boulevard, Foxfire Village  
910-295-5555

### **Hyland Golf Club**

*hylandgolfclub.com*  
115 Fairway Avenue, Southern Pines  
910-692-6400

### **Knollwood Fairways & Driving Range**

*knollwood-midland.com*  
1470 Midland Road, Southern Pines  
910-692-3572

### **Legacy**

*legacygolfnc.com*  
12615 U.S. Highway 15-501 South, Aberdeen  
910-944-8825, 800-344-8825

### **Longleaf Golf & Family Club**

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### **Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club**

*midpinesinn.com*  
1010 Midland Road, Southern Pines  
910-692-9362, 800-323-2114

### **Mid South Club**

*talamoregolfresort.com*  
610 Palmer Drive, Southern Pines  
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### **Midland Country Club**

*knollwood-midland.com*  
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910-295-3241

### **Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club**

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1005 Midland Road, Southern Pines  
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### **Pinehurst Resort**

*pinehurst.com*  
1 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst  
866-221-1518

### **Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst**

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6 Glasgow Drive, Pinehurst  
910-295-5145, 800-523-1499

### **Southern Pines Golf Club**

*southernpinesgolfclub.com*  
290 Country Club Circle, Southern Pines  
910-692-6551

### **Talamore Golf Resort**

*talamoregolfresort.com*  
48 Talamore Drive, Southern Pines  
910-692-5884, 800-552-6292

### **Tobacco Road Golf Club**

*tobaccoroadgolf.com*  
442 Tobacco Road, Sanford  
919-775-1940, 877-284-3762

### **Tot Hill Farm Golf Club**

*tothillfarm.com*  
3185 Tot Hill Farm Road, Asheboro  
336-857-4455

### **Whispering Woods Golf Club**

*whisperingwoodsgolfclub.com*  
26 Sandpiper Drive, Whispering Pines  
910-949-4653

### **Woodlake Golf & Country Club**

*woodlakecountryclubnc.com*  
245 Woodlake Boulevard, Vass  
910-556-1273



Pinehurst Resort

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*goamegolf.com*  
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910-295-6444

### **Deercroft Golf Packages**

*deercroft.com*  
30000 Deercroft Drive, Wagram  
910-369-3107

### **First Tee Golf Packages**

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P.O. Box 4358, Pinehurst  
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### **Foxfire Resort & Golf Club**

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*littleriver.com*  
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910-684-4324, 866-994-7682

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*maplesgolf.com*  
48 Talamore Drive, Southern Pines  
800-889-5323

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*pinehurstnationalrealty.com*  
20 Cochrane Castle Circle, Village of Pinehurst  
910-295-0012

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1 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst  
910-295-6811, 800-ITS-GOLF,  
800-487-4653

### **Ring The Pines**

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520 Little River Farm, Carthage  
910-684-4324

### **Sandhills Rentals, LLC**

*sandhillsvacationrentals.com*  
130 Turner Street, Suite B, Southern Pines  
910-684-5050

### **Southern Pines Golf & Travel**

*southernpinesgolftravel.com*  
P.O. Box 3891, Pinehurst  
910-688-7414

### **Talamore Golf Resort**

*talamoregolfresort.com*  
48 Talamore Drive, Southern Pines  
910-692-5884, 800-552-6292

### **Tobacco Road Golf & Travel**

*tobaccoroadtravel.com*  
442 Tobacco Road, Sanford  
877-284-3762

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*tothillfarm.com*  
3185 Tot Hill Farm Road, Asheboro  
336-857-4455



Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities Gardens



# OUT *and* ABOUT

*“As Moore County has grown in population, it has also grown in culture. From the visual and performing arts to lectures on humanities and history, visitors can always find an opportunity to expand their knowledge and experience what this county has to offer.”*

— **Danie Herbst**  
Director of Membership  
and Visitor Experience,  
Weymouth Center for  
the Arts & Humanities

# HOT *to* TROT

SADDLE UP AND CELEBRATE THE REGION'S RICH EQUESTRIAN HERITAGE. | *By Laura Lee*





## PRO TIP

► Pick up a walking map at the Southern Pines Welcome Center and post a photo with your favorite pony. #CHPaintedPonies

### PAINTED PONIES ART WALK

February to April

Admire the work of more than a dozen local artists along the downtown streets of Southern Pines. Each style and theme is different than the last, ranging from realistic to fantastical, from whimsical to regal, and from colorful to monochromatic. At the annual auction, the highest bidder takes home their own painted pony. All proceeds go toward the Carolina Horse Park, a not-for-profit organization hosting equestrian competitions and free community programs.

[carolinahorsepark.com/painted-ponies](http://carolinahorsepark.com/painted-ponies)

### SPRING MATINEE RACES

April

Grab your picnic basket and gather 'round the historic Pinehurst Harness Track to see which horse and sulky will cross the finish line first. The 111-acre track has been a winter training center since 1915. Witness the hard work of Standardbred horses and their drivers with six exciting races.

[facebook.com/pinehurstharness](https://facebook.com/pinehurstharness)

### BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS

November

A time-honored tradition since 1914, the Moore County Hounds are renowned throughout the state. Gather in Cameron's Meadow on Thanksgiving morning for the Blessing of the Hounds, a ritual dating back to the Middle Ages that commemorates the start of fox hunting season. Watch the regal parade of horses, their red-cloaked riders and the famous pack of Penn-Marydel hounds as they head off on their hunt.

[moorecountyhounds.com](http://moorecountyhounds.com)



Top to bottom: Painted Ponies; Races at Pinehurst Harness Track; Blessing of the Hounds

## Event-Worthy

### CHURROS & CHUKKAS

May 8-10

Southern Pines

USA takes on the UK in a highly competitive polocrosse mixed test match leading up to the World Cup. Invented in Australia in the 1930s, this exciting equestrian sport combines polo and lacrosse and is played in eight periods called chukkas.

[carolinapolocrosse.com](http://carolinapolocrosse.com)

### POLOCROSSE IN THE PINES

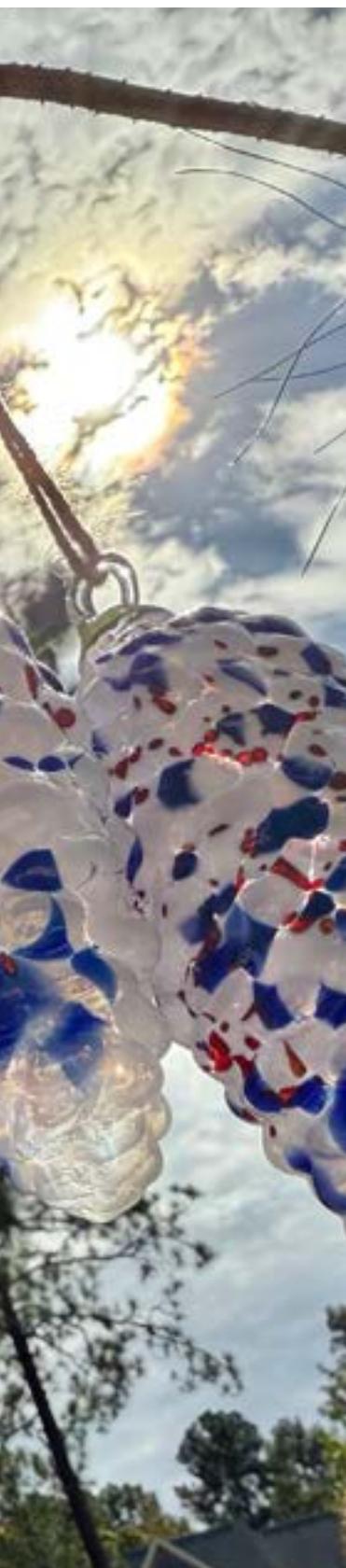
May 22-24

Pinehurst Harness Track

Carolina Polocrosse Club, one of the largest clubs in the country, hosts this annual tournament on their home turf. Come early to tailgate with local food trucks then stay for the action. Free admission.

[carolinapolocrosse.com](http://carolinapolocrosse.com)





# Found TREASURES

EVEN IF YOU DON'T SNAG A PINECONE HANDCRAFTED BY LOCAL ARTISANS, YOU'LL FIND ADVENTURE AND NATURAL BEAUTY. | *By Robin Sutton Anders & Elizabeth Ferrelli*

**N**ow in its fourth year, the Pinecone Pathways Program is a community-wide scavenger hunt that celebrates Moore County's trails. Starting on the first day of spring, each week for a five-week period, designated "pinecone hiders" tuck hand-blown, four-inch works of art on or along designated Moore County trails, nestled at the base of trees or peeking out under pine straw.

This year, in honor of America's 250th birthday, treasure-seekers have an opportunity to uncover something extra special — and to be eligible to win a prize. "As in years past, these hand-crafted pinecones are forged through the expertise of Starworks' glassblowers," says Phil Werz, Convention and Visitors Bureau president and CEO. "But this year, 25 of the 100 glass pinecones will be red, white and blue."

Werz believes Pinecone Pathways is a fun way to join the America 250 celebrations across the country. "It's not just the Revolutionary War we're remembering, but the history that led us to where we are — how we've evolved 250 years as a people, as a country, as Moore County. Our natural and cultural resources are a very important part of our history."

Starworks, a glassblowing studio in Star, offers rental space for glass artists, workshops for the public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. The trails where these glass pinecones are hidden are announced via social media so hunters know how to direct their search.

When lucky finders uncover a handmade pinecone, they register it using a QR code and unique number, found on an attached tag. Then, the pinecones become one-of-a-kind mementos.

"We had no idea that the Pinecone Pathways Program would take off and become as viral as it did," says Werz. "We've seen people visiting from several states to try and find a rare glass pinecone. The thrill of the hunt, coupled with knowing you cannot just go out and buy one, made it a 'must have' for everyone taking the time to be part of the search."

*homeofgolf.com/pinecone-pathways*

## Find a Trail

*Moore County's extensive network of 32 trails gives novice and experienced hikers plenty of reasons to get out and explore. Here are three locals' favorites.*



### **PINEHURST GREENWAY TRAIL**

Stretching about 6 miles, the Pinehurst Greenway Trail winds through **Rassie Wicker Park** — complete with a splash pad and an arboretum — and **Cannon Park**. Take time to visit Cannon Park's **Camelot Playground**, where children can explore a Medieval-style castle.

### **SOUTHERN PINES GREENWAY LOOP**

Head to **Reservoir Park** for an easy 2-mile loop. In less than an hour, you can explore the lake's waterfront, stopping to watch turtles lounge on the lily pads or hummingbirds dart and flit across your path.

### **BEAR CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM**

For a diverse sampling of the Bear Creek terrain, start your 6.5-mile hike at the Elise or Water Plant trailheads in Robbins, and follow the "Super Loop" arrows. Or take the shorter, 1-mile **Bear Cat Loop Trail** from the Elise trailhead, and tack on a round of disc golf. Find more trails at *homeofgolf.com/moore-trails*.



**Clockwise from top:** Aberdeen Lake Park;  
Weymouth Woods visitor center; Bear Creek  
**Opposite:** Biking at Reservoir Park

# FUN COMES *Naturally*

WELCOMING PARKS GIVE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS A NATURAL HAVEN FOR FUN AND RELAXATION. | *By Laura Lee*

At every turn, the Sandhills feels like a magical place. Shaded woods with dappled sunlight invite leisurely walk. Well-manicured trails with twists and turns appeal to adventurous mountain bikers. At parks and nature preserves throughout the county, kids and kids-at-heart have one objective: Get outside and play.

## **ABERDEEN LAKE PARK**

Situated on Pages Lake, this community gathering place features a playground, walking trails and green spaces as well as special events like Fourth of July fireworks and family movie nights. 301 Lake Park Crossing, Aberdeen [townofaberdeen.net](http://townofaberdeen.net)

## **BEAR CREEK TRAILS**

Hike the Reservoir Loop Trail, challenge yourself on the beginner, intermediate and expert mountain biking trails, or launch your canoe or kayak. 150 Water Plant Drive, Robbins [wlrmcduffie.wixsite.com/foothillsoutdoors](http://wlrmcduffie.wixsite.com/foothillsoutdoors)

## **PHILLIPS MEMORIAL PARK**

This 26-acre nature park in Cameron is home to a playground, pond for fishing and well-maintained walking trails. If you're visiting on a warm, sunny day, pack a picnic to enjoy under oak-shaded picnic tables. 189 Carthage Street, Cameron [townofcameron.com](http://townofcameron.com)



## **RASSIE WICKER PARK**

Entertain the kids with a game of tennis, bocce ball or shuffleboard, before sending them to cool off in the splash pad. Families also love the close proximity to Village Arboretum and Camelot playground, a short walk away. 10 Rassie Wicker Drive, Pinehurst [vopnc.org](http://vopnc.org)

## **RESERVOIR PARK**

This scenic spot is centered around a 95-acre lake, which you can get out and enjoy thanks to the WakeRack. Here, you can rent stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, paddles and even life jackets. If you're in the mood for a land activity, explore 12 miles of hiking and biking trails, or try your hand at disc golf, with 18 targets set up throughout the trees. 300 Reservoir Park Drive, Southern Pines [southernpines.net](http://southernpines.net)

## **WEYMOUTH WOODS**

### **SANDHILLS NATURE PRESERVE**

This state park is home to the oldest living longleaf pine — more than 475 years old! Bring the kids and the family dog to explore the trails, and look for red-cockaded woodpeckers, fox squirrels and the insect-eating purple pitcher plant. On Saturday, July 26, join in the country's 250th birthday festivities at the visitor center, where you'll learn what the Sandhills would have looked like during the Revolutionary Era. 1024 N. Fort Bragg Road, Southern Pines [ncparks.gov](http://ncparks.gov)



# A Place to Play

FIND “MOORE” WAYS TO ENJOY LIVELY ATTRACTIONS AROUND THE COUNTY. | *By Laura Lee*

**H**ave a close encounter with exotic animals or experience the thrill of a NASCAR race. If relaxation is more your speed, come hang with the locals at Red’s Corner, a two-acre beer garden and food truck park in Southern Pines.

## **ALOHA SAFARI ZOO**

Discover more than 300 animals from tigers, monkeys and giraffes to snake and alligator exhibits. A drive-thru zoo allows passengers to encounter deer, camels, zebras and emus up close and personal! During the holidays, the zoo comes to life after dark with 2 million twinkling lights. [alohasafaripark.com](http://alohasafaripark.com)

## **DOUBLE EAGLE INDOOR GOLF & LOUNGE**

Don’t let a rainy day spoil your golfing plans. Head to this sports bar for state-of-the-art golf simulators. Book your own private bay and choose from the most iconic courses in the world. [doubleeaglenc.com](http://doubleeaglenc.com)

## **REC ROOM BAR & ARCADE**

This bar and arcade knows how to have a good time. Weekly events range from 21+ up to family-friendly and include pinball tournaments, dance parties, yoga with puppies and more. [recroomsouthernpines.com](http://recroomsouthernpines.com)

## **RED’S CORNER**

Relax on the porch, kick back and listen to music or cozy up by the fire pits on cool nights. Choose from 12 beers on tap and six food trucks on rotation, from farm-to-table fare and Carolina barbecue to sweet treats for the kids. [redscornersp.com](http://redscornersp.com)

## **ROCKINGHAM SPEEDWAY**

North Carolina’s storied racetrack is back and better than ever. NASCAR returns to “The Rock” in April 2026. Just 20 miles from the Village of Pinehurst, you’ll find exciting amateur events such as the MB Drift Series and Crown-9 Champion Series. [rockingham-speedway.com](http://rockingham-speedway.com)

## **WEE PINES MINI GOLF**

The whole family can work on their putting skills here. Choose from two courses featuring 18 holes complete with water features, whimsical elements and accessible designs. [weepines.com](http://weepines.com)



**Clockwise from top:** Rockingham Speedway;  
Double Eagle Indoor Golf & Lounge; Aloha Safari Zoo  
**Opposite:** Wee Pines Mini Golf





## FROM PETALS *to* PINES: *A Garden Lover's Paradise*

**T**ucked behind Sandhills Community College, the **Sandhills Horticultural Gardens** is a lush, colorful and peaceful Moore County treasure. Established in the 1970s, today's 32-acre showstopper is all thanks to the hard work of college horticulture students, staff and community volunteers.

One of those students, Lee Bunch, is now the executive director. With a focus on education, Bunch oversees care of well-established spaces from the formal Sir Walter Raleigh Garden and Hillside Garden to the Desmond Native Wetland Trail Garden and the Holly Garden, which put Sandhills Horticultural Gardens on the map.

As visitors stroll through the holly garden, they have to look twice to believe these are actually hollies. Trees with 40-foot-tall canopies shade walking paths that yield glimpses of berries whose colors defy expectations: yellow, orange, black and magenta berries prove that holly bushes don't have to be the prickly red variety. "The peach tree holly has such a cool leaf," says Bunch. "Nobody thinks it's a holly."

Admission is free, and you'll discover vibrant blooms every month of the year, from roses, camellias and daffodils to crepe myrtles, azaleas, and, of course, hollies. [sandhills.edu](http://sandhills.edu)

### Other Gardens to Explore

#### **Weymouth Gardens**

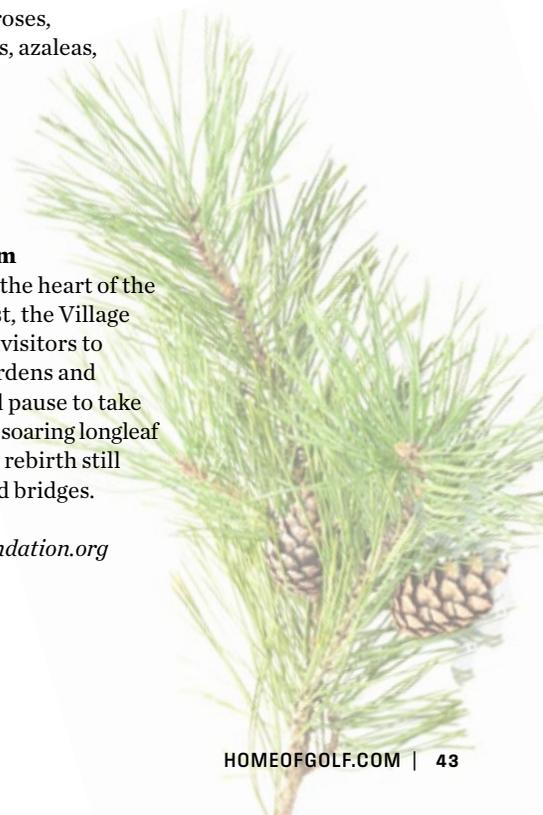
Designed by landscape architect Alfred B. Yeomans, the gardens beyond the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities reflect every bit of the beauty and creativity represented in the cultural programming that takes place in the Boyd House and on its grounds. Flowers spill from raised beds, hydrangeas frame events and weddings, perennials and annuals attract pollinators and boxwoods define formal gardens. Free admission. [weymouthcenter.org](http://weymouthcenter.org)

#### **The Healing Garden at the Clara McLean House**

This place of respite was designed especially for the visitors of the Clara McLean House, part of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. The garden features a cascading water feature, fairy houses, garden art, and checker and chess boards. "It also provides a peaceful destination for those who simply appreciate the beauty of nature," says Lynda Acker, one of the garden's co-designers and co-creators. [claramcleanhouse.org](http://claramcleanhouse.org)

#### **Village Arboretum**

A natural haven in the heart of the Village of Pinehurst, the Village Arboretum invites visitors to admire the lush gardens and flowering trees and pause to take in the beauty of the soaring longleaf pines. The modern rebirth still leans into trails and bridges. Free admission. [villageheritagefoundation.org](http://villageheritagefoundation.org)



# Let the GAMES Begin

ACROSS THE COUNTY, SPORTS VENUES  
AND PARKS GIVE RESIDENTS AND  
TRAVELING ATHLETES A PLACE TO PLAY.  
By Eleanor Spicer Rice



Since 2020, the number of American pickleball players has tripled – and the trend is no different in Moore County. Enter **The Pickle Place** in Seven Lakes, a climate-controlled, indoor facility with four pickleball courts with a cushioned surface. Not sure what all the fuss is about? Sign up for a lesson or clinic to learn the rules and improve your game. Online court reservations and ball machine rentals make it easy to get started.

Located in Southern Pines on Morganton Road between South Bennett Street and U.S. Highway 1, **Memorial Park** is a local-favorite for family outings, birthday parties, reunions, company outings and group meetings. In addition to playground equipment, visitors can reserve a shelter with a grill and picnic tables.

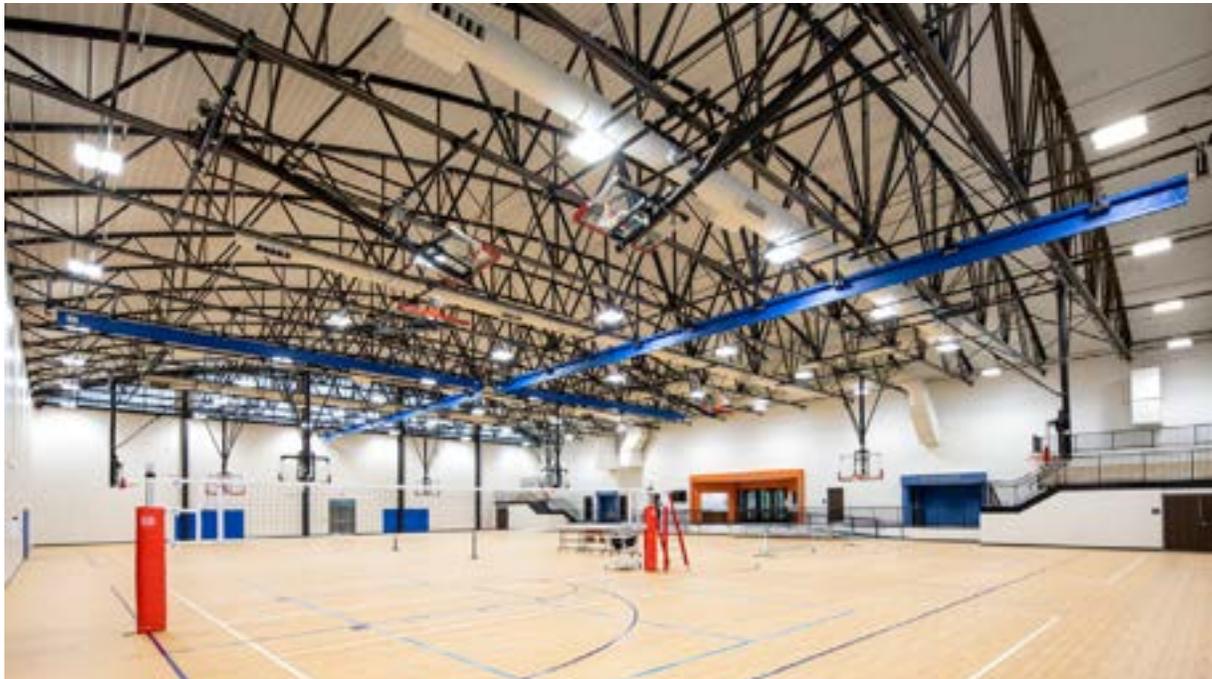
Memorial Park is also home to the **Southern Pines Recreation Center's** gyms, lighted tennis courts, lighted basketball court, two lighted outdoor racquetball courts, shuffleboard courts, two pickleball courts and three baseball/softball/football fields. There are also 16 horseshoe courts and a sand volleyball court.

When Moore County's first public skatepark, the **Elaine T. Baillie Skatepark**, opened in Memorial Park, skaters embraced the all-concrete 7,000-square-foot park, complete with a bowl, fly box, pyramid and handrails.

Also in Southern Pines, the **Morganton Road Sports Complex** contains the Armory softball/baseball field, the Optimist baseball field, and four soccer fields perfect for multi-team tournaments, company sponsored-games and events. The fields, plus a playground, are open from dawn to dusk.

The **National Athletic Village** is home to 80 acres of adventure. With multiple Bermuda grass fields, an indoor multi-sport court, 3-D archery range, airsoft field, performance gym and a Spartan-like obstacle course, there is something for everyone. Don't miss the Beer Garden and Beach, complete with sand volleyball courts.

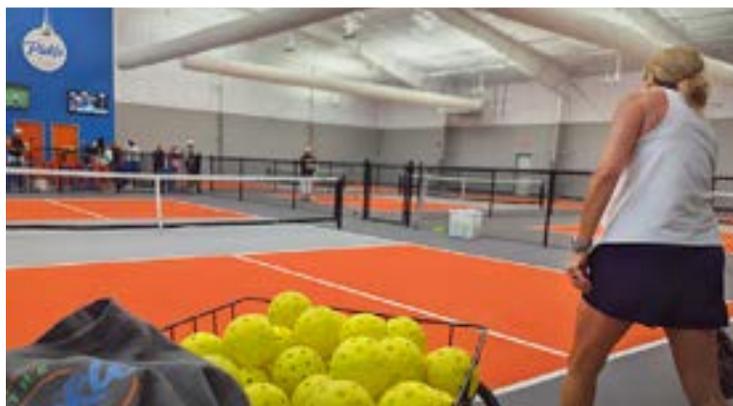
The 32-acre Aberdeen **Ransdell Sportsplex** on U.S. 15-501, complete with a concession stand and restrooms, is a frequent host to Parks and Recreation sports leagues. And the **Moore County Sports Complex**, also located off U.S. 15-501 in Carthage, offers playgrounds, four multi-purpose sports fields and a splash pad. The complex also houses a recreation center with a gymnasium containing two full-size high school basketball courts, four volleyball courts and four pickleball courts.



### A Better Bogey

*Bring your whole family to root for Moore County's home team at the Sandhills Community College ballpark. Here, the Sandhills Bogeys face their wooden bat league opponents while you kick back and partake in ballpark favorites like hot dogs, popcorn and nachos. Grab a beer from the third baseline Beer Garden and enjoy the game.*

[www.sandhillsbogeys.com](http://www.sandhillsbogeys.com)



**Top to bottom:** Moore County Sports Complex; Memorial Park; The Pickle Place  
**Opposite:** Morganton Road Sports Complex



First Bank Stage at the Sunrise Theater

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# Arts & CULTURE

*“To really get a feel for this wonderful area, experience its artistic side, which includes the best in music, visual arts, theater, dance and pottery. Come get creative with us!”*

— Chris Dunn  
Executive Director of the  
Arts Council of Moore County

*“Visiting the studios and seeing pottery being made is such a unique experience you can’t find other places.”*

— Ben Owen III

# THE CENTER *of the* POTTERY WORLD

FOR MILLENNIA, PEOPLE HAVE TURNED SANDHILLS CLAY INTO POTTERY. HERE’S HOW TO EXPERIENCE THAT HISTORY. | *By Laura Lee*

**M**ulti-generational ceramicist Ben Owen III has been throwing pottery for as long as he can remember, first under the guiding hand of his grandfather. After studying design in college then ceramics in Japan, he returned to Seagrove to carry on his family legacy. Home to just 300 residents, Seagrove has molded generations of artists, earning its reputation as the nation’s Pottery Capital.

“We’re called the Sandhills region but if you go down below the sand, you find really good clay,” Owen says. “Most of our ingredients for our clay bodies come from the region. As an artist, Seagrove is a great natural, as well as cultural, environment to be in.”

Native Americans relied on Seagrove’s abundance of clay for millennia, followed by early American settlers who made water jugs, bowls and other useful containers. But in the

early 20th century, potters put a different spin on the ancient art form.

“My grandfather’s generation started with the foundation of functional pots and took a more artistic approach,” says Owen. “They began using more colorful glazes, making aesthetic changes and creating more ornate designs that were inspired by other cultures, like Southeast Asia and the Middle East.”

Word got out about their innovative work, and soon collectors from around the country wanted a coveted piece of Seagrove pottery. Today, more than 80 potters ply their trade in a 20-mile area — the highest concentration of practicing potters in the country. Visitors are invited inside some 50-area studios, along with the North Carolina Pottery Center, to admire and purchase a variety of pottery, from historic reproductions and tableware to museum-quality decorative pieces.



## Event-Worthy

► **19th Annual Celebration of Seagrove Potters & Studio Driving Tour**  
Nov. 20-22, 2026

*Stop by the historic Lucks Cannery and peruse booths from over 30 Seagrove potters who present their best works. Then wind around the community to visit renowned studios and experience the people and pottery that make Seagrove special.*



# ARTS *take* CENTER STAGE

DISCOVER A VIBRANT WORLD OF PERFORMING ARTS, FEATURING THEATER,  
MUSIC, DANCE AND LOCAL TALENT. | *By Eleanor Spicer Rice*



The poet and playwright Oscar Wilde said it best: “Art is a means of union among men, joining them together in the same feelings, and indispensable for the life and progress toward well-being of individuals and of humanity.” In Moore County, arts organizations give the community plenty of reasons to come together in a celebration of beauty and talent.

From their home on the Sandhills Community College campus, four venues make up **Bradshaw Performing Arts Center**. There’s Evelyn’s Courtyard, an outdoor space designed for small performances; Owens Auditorium, a recently renovated 595-seat performance hall where the North Carolina Symphony and Carolina Philharmonic perform; McPherson Theater, an 80-seat intimate, black-box experience; and McNeill-Woodward Green, a large outdoor space nestled in the heart of campus.

Moore County’s only professional theater company, **Judson Theatre Company** produces five shows a year, including plays and musicals performed at Owens Auditorium. In the summer, they put on three productions in the McPherson Theatre.

In Southern Pines, **Encore!** features educational

programs and performing arts, ranging from dance and music to theater. If you’re interested in taking art classes, ask about their weekly offerings, where students explore art techniques and mediums to create original works of art. Classes are offered for ages 6-8, 9-12, and pupils 12 and up.

On stage at the charming **Sunrise Theater** in the heart of Southern Pines are all the shows, movies and performances that make you happy: classic movies, live pickin’ and grinnin’, and community theater.

**Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities** has always celebrated cultural exchange and novel experiences. Their community and special events include Yoga and Soundbaths in the Gardens, the annual Party for the Pine, Ladies Wine Out, and Women of Weymouth monthly meetings and speakers.

Since it was built more than 100 years ago as part of the original Boyd mansion, the **Campbell House** has been a beacon of civic life. Today, surrounded by a 14-acre public park and garden, the Campbell House’s first floor is home to the Arts Council’s Visual Arts Programs galleries. Stop by to view artwork by local, regional and national artists in a variety of media.



**Clockwise from left:** Judson Theatre Company; Encore!; Bradshaw Performing Arts Center  
**Opposite:** Campbell House



## Come Sunday Jazz

Against the serene backdrop of the Weymouth Center’s historic grounds, the Come Sunday Jazz Series offers an unforgettable blend of rhythm and soul beneath the pines. Among the gardens on the Great Lawn of the Boyd House, talented artists and groups entertain concertgoers of all ages. From the vintage swing of Sidecar Social Club to the lyrical brilliance of Virginia MacDonald, each performance brings a distinct flavor to Sunday afternoons in Southern Pines. The series achieves an artful blend of tradition and innovation — six Sundays of music that move both heart and spirit.

# GOOD VIBRATIONS

THE SOUND OF MUSIC IS SWELLING IN A SMALL MOORE COUNTY TOWN AND EVERYONE'S LISTENING. | *By Lance Elko*



With an average age of 39, Southern Pines runs on a youthful energy. Since it was established in the late 1800s, the town's residents have lauded its easy demeanor, charm and commitment to historic preservation.

But the growing buzz is all about music, and the centerpiece is the Sunshine Theater. Across the street from the quaint downtown Amtrak station, where the train runs twice daily, this impeccably restored, history-rich venue is drawing listeners from all over Moore County and beyond.

Walking in, the Sunrise is immediately impressive: polished wood, wainscoting and a care to detail that testifies to the devotion and care of the theater. Perhaps most striking is the intimacy afforded to the audience. The theater seats 361 with 71 in the balcony. The surround sound system, a newer addition, complements what Executive Director Tim Russell says is an "acoustically perfect auditorium." For a modestly sized venue, the stage is deep and wide, accommodating a generous array of players and instruments.

In Southern Pines' first brick building, the Sunrise began as a hardware store in 1898. After years of changes — a furniture company, grocery store, a meeting place for fraternal clubs — the owner in 1941 extended the building to create a movie theater with a balcony.

The theater survived through fits and starts into the late 1990s until interest waned and demolition was imminent. A new lease on life was granted when citizens formed a Save Our Sunrise campaign, which gave birth to the Sunrise Preservation Group. After years of refurbishments, increasing donations, and a state-of-the-art projector, the theater returned to showing films.

Sunrise has been a flurry of activity under the management of the personable Russell, who took the helm in 2024. A Boston native, Russell moved to Southern Pines with his wife Natasha in 2017. Their equestrian interests drew them to the area, and they quickly became patrons of the Sunrise to see films and plays.

While live music is the main attraction for the theater, Sunrise also offers selected movies and unique cinematic experiences, including live simulcasts from the Met in New York and the Paris ballet, among other streamed performances from the likes of Springsteen, Josh Groban and Grateful Dead archival shows.

The Sunrise also entertains outdoors. The theater owns a large adjacent lawn with a sound stage that's active on First Fridays from May to November. The event, says Russell, is all about live music, community, food and libations — and the green space fills quickly.

Russell uses the theater's website, the marquee and large posters at the Sunrise entrance to announce coming events. Last year, says Russell, "We had live music at least three times a month on average. This year, I anticipate we will have a signature event nearly every weekend."



**Left:** Baxter Clement  
**Below:** Acoustic guitars



## Note Worthy

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, GUITARISTS TUNE IN TO A SOUTHERN PINES SHOP. | *By Lance Elko*

If the Sunrise Theater is the hub of live entertainment, Casino Guitars is where the musicians hang out. The brainchild of the free-spirited Baxter Clement, a professional musician and engaging raconteur, the shop is a guitarist's wonderland. For electric or acoustic players, Casino is a showcase of some of the most desirable guitars under one roof. Fender, Gibson, Gretsch, PRS, Martin, Taylor and other top-of-the-line names adorn the walls. And the shop's guest policy is a boon to anyone with a pick — take a guitar off the wall, have a seat and play.

First impressions dazzle in the main showroom. To the left, right and in front, the varied colors and shapes of the electric guitars festooning the walls are aesthetic pleasures. Sofas, chairs and a house puppy offer a warm welcome. Down a long hall toward the back, smaller rooms off to the side hold acoustic guitars and seats, inviting players to hear some of the best money can buy.

"I have always dreamed of a guitar shop different from the model of the big box," says Clement, who bought the building (once an actual casino) in 2006, created teaching studios a year later and then opened the showroom in 2015.

As interest in the shop grew, so did the inventory and the staff — "everyone who works here is a musician," Clement says. Casino's reputation as a guitar mecca is reinforced by its YouTube channel, which boasts more than 71,000 subscribers. The Shop Tour and Behind the Scenes video on the channel is a journey every guitar player should take.

Casino makes much of its sales — guitars, amps, pedals, and accessories — online and ships all over the world.

In a town as small as Southern Pines, the size and energy of the burgeoning music scene seems almost incongruous. "This town has a fountain of talent. I think there is a bit of magic in the air here, honestly," says Clement.

# HEAR *it* LIVE

WHETHER YOU WANT TO DANCE LATE INTO THE NIGHT OR CHILL UNDER THE STARS, YOU'LL FIND A LIVE MUSIC EXPERIENCE TO SUIT YOU IN A TRIO OF SANDHILLS TOWNS. | *By Jimmy Ryals*

Few have seen more of Moore County's music scene than **Mary Stone** (@sopinesscene), a singer-songwriter known for her country tunes. As a resident of Southern Pines, she's an all-around booster for live music in Pinehurst, Southern Pines and the Sandhills.

"This is not like other towns," she says. "It's a great date-night place. As a bar scene, it's fun and it's very safe."

On any given Thursday, Friday or Saturday night, you can catch live music at more than a dozen bars in downtown Pinehurst or Southern Pines. Stone keeps tabs on all of them at her Instagram and Facebook pages. She offers suggestions to suit every vibe.

Looking for a mix of rock and pop covers in a cozy, living room-like environment? Check out the downstairs bar at **Neville's Club** (130 W. New Hampshire Ave., Southern Pines). Interested in concerts under the stars? Check out the outdoor stages at **Bell Tree Tavern** (155 NE Broad St.) and **1901 Lounge at the Jefferson Inn** (150 W. New Hampshire Ave.) in Southern Pines.

Also in Southern Pines, the grassy lawn at **Red's Corner** invites folding chairs, picnic

blankets (find a plethora of food and beer at the food trucks and beer garden) and a knee-slapping good time brought to you by talented acts ([redscornersp.com](http://redscornersp.com)).

If a day on the links leaves you looking for music close to Pinehurst, you've got options. **Dugan's Pub, Drum & Quill, Villaggio Ristorante & Bar** and **Pinehurst Brewing Co.** host bands most Friday and Saturday nights, and they're all located in a tight, quarter-mile loop downtown.

At all of these venues, you'll see local bands and singers playing covers that cross genres. But most of them have big dreams and a trove of original songs that they'll play if you ask.

## HEAR IT FOR YOURSELF

*Whether it's rock, country, jazz or bluegrass, the music is always close by.*

O'Donnell's Pub  
Wine Cellar and Tasting Room  
Maxie's Grill and Tap Room  
Lake House Bar & Grill  
Pine Crest Inn  
Brad Halling American Whiskey Ko. (BHAWK)  
Broad Street Bar & Grill



## Homegrown Talent

Moore County's own Julia Golden is fulfilling her life's dream. Since she was a young teen, she wanted to sing and to write music. Last year's CCMA Winner for Best Emerging New Artist, Julia performs on the east coast but most frequently in the area. The singer/songwriter considers herself "a country-rock singer/songwriter, but I like to blend eras and genres to create my own sound."

Casino Guitars' Baxter Clement has high hopes for the young artist. "I cannot say enough about how much talent she has," he says. "Keep an eye out for her."



Red's Corner



# Tufts Luck

A VISIT TO TUFTS ARCHIVES, NESTLED IN THE BACK OF THE GIVEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY, REVEALS DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES AND INSIGHTS INTO THE HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST. | *By Robin Sutton Anders*

Walking around the Village of Pinehurst feels like a dream — picturesque storefronts, flower-lined sidewalks, rocking chairs shaded by pines and oaks. In the heart of it all, the brick Given Memorial Library with its stately white columns stands as a living, breathing monument of the town's literary heritage.

The Village of Pinehurst actually was a dream, says Audrey Moriarty, from the Tufts Archives in the library's back wing. It was the dream of **James Walker Tufts**, who arrived from Boston with a dream of building a health resort. Enamored by the Sandhills' "pine ozone," and fresh, clean water, he bought 6,000 acres and set about building a resort modeled off of a traditional New England village.



**James Walker Tufts**  
Village of Pinehurst  
founder

At the Tufts Archives, Audrey Moriarty and her staff tells his family's story. Visitors learn how James made millions from the Arctic soda fountain and accompanying equipment he invented (the beautiful marble behemoth with silver-plated knobs is on display). They see old drawings and maps of early village and golf course designs. And they can set off on a 2-mile historic walking tour, which includes highlights like the Holly Inn, Pinehurst's first hotel, and the Theatre Building.

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

The Tufts Archives is free and open to the public. For hours of operation and other information, call 910-295-3642 or visit [tuftsarchives.com](http://tuftsarchives.com)

## Archival Treasures

*Peruse items from the Village of Pinehurst's early days.*

▶ A trophy from the 1910 **Secretary's Cup** harkens back to some of the first golf tournaments.



◀ Original maps and notes from architect **Donald J. Ross** show his expertise in course design.



▶ James W. Tufts' original 19th-century marble and silver **soda fountain** represents Tufts' entrepreneurial roots.





# Down MEMORY TRAIL

THE MOORE COUNTY MURAL TRAIL PRESERVES THE HISTORY AND PROJECTS THE SPIRIT OF SIX COMMUNITIES. | *By Jimmy Ryals*

**A** moment only happens once. We can't experience the town of Carthage's heyday as a hub of the bustling cart-and-buggy industry or Cameron's moment at the top of the dewberry industry.

But in Moore County, a collection of larger-than-life artworks captures the spirit of the past, present and future of six towns on the Moore County Mural Trail. More than 25 paintings range in size from knee-high fire hydrants to panoramic building sides.

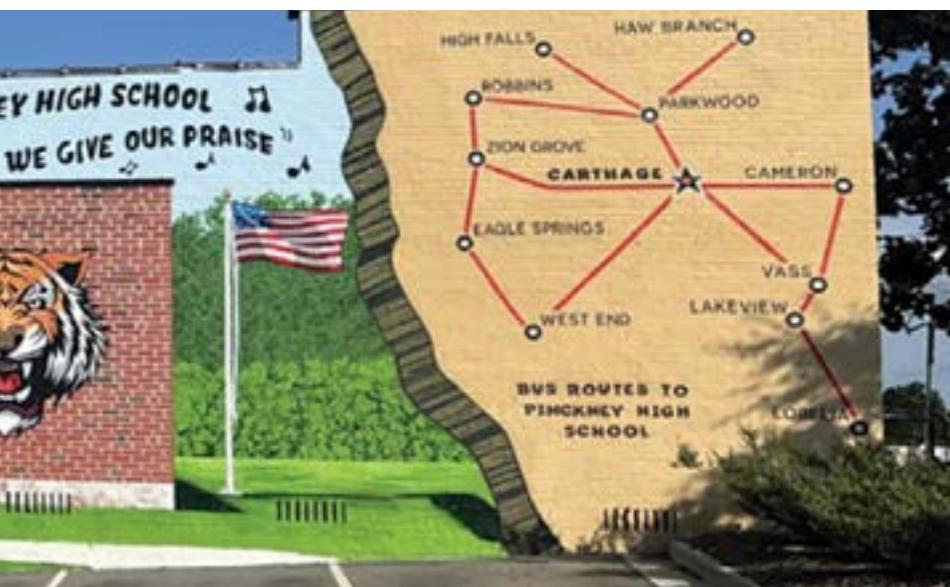
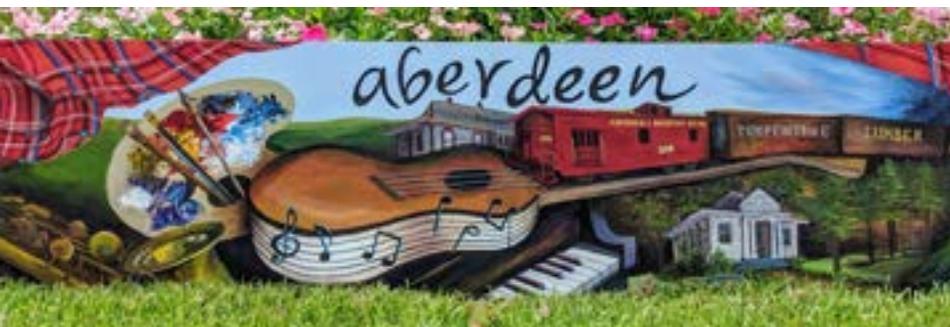
Some murals honor people who made outsized contributions to their communities. In Robbins, a painting on a South Middleton Street building captures astronaut Charles E. Brady, who set a record for most days in space in 1996.

Other murals are, themselves, pieces of history. The oil-on-canvas mural in the Southern

Pines Post Office lobby dates to 1943, when the building and painting were both created as part of the New Deal. Two blocks away, a massive American flag has graced the side of The Pilot newspaper's offices since just after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Several murals pay homage to the area's rich agricultural and equestrian traditions. Murals in Cameron and Carthage reference those town's dewberry and tobacco crops, respectively. Horses appear in at least four scenes, with two in Southern Pines devoted to the Sandhills' horse history.

And some of these paintings are dedicated to the here and now. Artist Lacey Crime, a military veteran, painted a pair of red, white and blue angel wings and the words "Be fearless" on the furniture of the Pines building in Aberdeen, a celebration of the town's persistent spirit.



## Get the Full Story

*Carthage boasts the highest concentration of murals on the trail. It's also the first town in North Carolina to create a digital trail. The town adds plaques with QR codes to each of its murals. Each code links to a video that offers deeper information on the people and scenes depicted.*

[homeofgolf.com/digital-mural-trail](http://homeofgolf.com/digital-mural-trail)



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## *Eat &* **DRINK**

*“The farm-to-table movement has really blossomed here — everybody in town has something local on their menu. We’re in this great spot in the middle of the state where we have access to mountain trout and North Carolina seafood; apples in the fall, strawberries in the spring and peaches in the summer.”*

— Ashley Van Camp  
Owner of Ashten’s Restaurant  
in Southern Pines

# *The* BEAN SCENE

PERK UP AT ONE OF THE AREA'S HOTTEST COFFEE SHOPS, FROM A COZY COTTAGE CAFE AND BOOKSTORE TO COOL REPURPOSED BUILDINGS AND BELOVED COMMUNITY HANGOUTS. | *By Laura Lee*





**Clockwise from left:** Brim; Buggy Town Coffee  
**Below:** Amor Ciego  
**Opposite:** Maisonette

### AGORA BAKERY & CAFE

It's all about family and community at Agora, known as "a gathering place," in ancient Greece. This Pinehurst bakery offers everything from açai smoothie bowls and kid's toast with Nutella and strawberries to hearty soups, salads and sandwiches. [agorabakery.com](http://agorabakery.com)

### SWANK

Don't miss this eclectic and inviting cafe on the main drag in downtown Southern Pines. Savor a homemade treat from Pine Scone Cafe with a Golden Latte, featuring turmeric, honey, ginger and almond milk. Decaf frappes are perfect for little ones. [swankcoffeeshoppe.com](http://swankcoffeeshoppe.com)

### THE JAVA BEAN ROASTING COMPANY

There's room for everyone at this darling cottage cafe going strong for nearly 20 years. Head to the patio with a Bee's Knees, an iced tea with lemonade and housemade lavender syrup, or warm up inside with a praline latte with salted caramel and hazelnut. 910-695-2326

### AMOR CIEGO

Meaning "blind love," Amor Ciego has won the hearts of Southern Pines with its warm homemade croissants, craft coffee and specialty drinks like the strawberry hibiscus latte and cold brew cherry soda. [facebook.com/amorciegocoffee](https://facebook.com/amorciegocoffee)

### HIGH OCTANE

Refuel at this hip Aberdeen hangout inside a 1930s-era gas station, complete with nostalgic music and décor. Order the custom Cactus Creek Coffee blend, splurge with a cake pop, or drink your dessert with the South & Sycamore, blended with chocolate, caramel and peanut butter. [highoctanegirls.com](http://highoctanegirls.com)

### MAISONETTE

Inspired by her time stationed in Paris, owner Amanda Reeves opened this Southern Pines coffee shop to give guests a sense of home where they can connect with community members over an expertly crafted coffee treat. [maisonettesp.com](http://maisonettesp.com)

### BUGGY TOWN COFFEE

From their cozy Carthage shop, owners Darryl and Meg Russell feature guest roasters from around the country. Savor a cup, and check out their classes to learn more about the finer points of coffee and tea. [buggytowncoffee.com](http://buggytowncoffee.com)

### BRIM

In the heart of downtown Pinehurst, the newly opened Brim serves up more than expertly crafted lattes — it's a gathering place for comfort and community. Warm wood tones and natural light create a calm, modern feel, perfect for slow mornings or creative afternoons. Locals love the signature Italian cream soda and fresh pastries sourced from nearby bakeries. [instagram.com/brimpinehurst](https://instagram.com/brimpinehurst)

### THE FOX BREW COFFEEHOUSE

Tucked within the quiet charm of Foxfire Village, Fox Brew Coffeehouse blends small-town hospitality with big flavor. Known for their iconic, made-to-order waffles and friendly service, it's a favorite stop for golfers and locals. Inside, cozy nooks and rustic décor make it feel like a hidden gem. [thefoxbrew.com](http://thefoxbrew.com)

### PONY ESPRESSO

Small but mighty, Pony Espresso, located at Red's Corner, is a drive-up coffee shack serving top-notch espresso with a smile. Perfect for busy mornings, this roadside stop offers quick service without sacrificing quality. From classic cappuccinos to seasonal favorites, it's Moore County's go-to for caffeine on the go. [facebook.com/ponyexpressosp](https://facebook.com/ponyexpressosp)





# GOURMET *Getaway*

DELIGHT YOUR SENSES AT THE AREA'S FINEST RESTAURANTS FEATURING SEASONAL INGREDIENTS, GLOBAL INFLUENCES AND LOCAL PERSONALITY.

*By Laura Lee*

**C**hef Warren Lewis and his wife, Marianne opened this Southern Pines bistro in 1998. Their creative fusion menu, featuring everything from classic French cuisine to North Carolina swordfish and pork schnitzel with mac 'n' cheese gives guests an opportunity to explore and try something new. The area is brimming with outstanding restaurants, so thanks to dedicated chefs who put their heart and soul into their craft, there's tons of great food here.

Recently, Chef and his wife decided to eye their next course in life and sold the establishment to Amy and Ray Helvig. The Helvigs and executive chef Joe Novobilski say they plan to honor the legacy and environment that initially drew them to the Lewises and Chef Warren's.

"For Ray and I, kindness is the most important value, and Warren and Marianne just embody that in everything that they do, how they treat people, how they treat their employees – I hate to even call them employees because it's a family," said new co-owner Amy Helvig. "And each family that keeps on coming in for dinner there, I hate to call them regulars or patrons, because it really is so much more. It embodies the value of breaking bread and sitting down to actually talk to people and put the world on pause for a minute. "It's one reason why the name of the restaurant will remain Chef Warren's", said Helvig, to honor what the Lewises have built and the Helvigs' intention to continue that tradition.

## **Chef Warren's**

215 NE Broad St., Southern Pines

[chefwarrens.com](http://chefwarrens.com)



## MORE FINE DINING

### Ashten's Restaurant

Opened by two sisters more than 25 years ago, this Southern Pines mainstay offers global cuisine with a Southern perspective. Don't miss the Heritage Farm Pork Chop braised with local bourbon, or the Moore Farmer Bowl with heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers and root vegetables. [ashtens.com](http://ashtens.com)

### Elliotts on Linden

Chef Mark Elliott works with 20 local farms to bring the freshest ingredients to the table. Indulge with specialties like duck egg poutine, North Carolina shrimp, lamb ragu pappardelle pasta and grass-fed beef. If you can't make dinner, grab lunch from Elliotts Provision Co., next door. [elliottsonlinden.com](http://elliottsonlinden.com)

### PL8TE, Southern Table

Regional flavors take center stage with menu items like shrimp and grits with roasted succotash and barbeque-glazed pork chops with Cheerwine sauce. The restaurant is attached to course No. 8, convenient for lovers of golf and beautiful views. [pinehurst.com/dining/pl8te-southern-table](http://pinehurst.com/dining/pl8te-southern-table)



### Southern Prime Steakhouse

At Southern Prime Steakhouse, your favorite cut is aged at least 21 days and chargrilled at 1400 degrees. Top with truffle butter or hollandaise, and pair with wine from their expansive collection. [southernprimesteakhouse.net](http://southernprimesteakhouse.net)

### Tartare

Settle in for a special evening of traditional French fare and musical excerpts by Chef George, who's also an accomplished violinist. Be sure to start with one of the signature tartare dishes, from avocado to beef, scallops and tuna. [tartareofficial.com](http://tartareofficial.com)

### Villaggio Ristorante & Bar

Enjoy fine Italian cuisine and live music on the patio of the 19th century Magnolia Inn. Pastas and breads are made daily in-house, and the freshest fish, chicken, veal and steak are perfectly prepared. [villaggoristorante.net](http://villaggoristorante.net)

### Wolcott's

This charming eatery in Southern Pines offers continental cuisine in three categories: from the sea, of the land and up from earth. [wolcottsrestaurant.com](http://wolcottsrestaurant.com)



#### Top to bottom:

Elliotts on Linden; Villaggio Ristorante & Bar; Southern Prime Steakhouse  
**Opposite, left to right:**  
 Tartare; Chef Warren's

# DINING *Alfresco*

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO EXPERIENCE MOORE COUNTY'S GOOD-HEARTED NATURE IS BY DINING IN THE FRESH AIR — CHECK OUT THESE RENOWNED RESTAURANTS TO RELAX OVER A GREAT MEAL. | *By Laura Lee*



Photography by Chip Henderson



**Top to bottom:** The Sly Fox;  
The Deuce; Ironwood  
**Opposite:** Villaggio Ristorante & Bar

### 195 AMERICAN FUSION

Settle in on the porch for an exceptional culinary experience in Sandhills. Dishes like the Indian butter chicken, sweet chili shrimp and tuna tacos with wasabi aioli play on the palate and pair well with an expertly prepared craft cocktail.

*195americanfusion.com*

### THE DEUCE

Score a reservation at Pinehurst No. 2's 18th-hole eatery, written up in *Golf Inc.* magazine. Start with the Tater Man Tots or Southern pimento cheese before cutting into the prime rib. Mocktails and cocktails give a nod to golf with fun names like the Mulligan Summer and Birdies and Bubbles.

*pinehurst.com/dining/the-deuce*

### IRONWOOD

Magnolia blooms, twinkle lights and a fiery fountain set the mood on this lovely brick patio. Linger with mimosas during Sunday brunch or come for dinner featuring American favorites with a twist — like the potato-crust sea bass or the Angry Mac and Cheese with lobster and spicy mornay sauce.

*ironwoodpinehurst.com*

### LISI ITALIAN

On Lisi's quaint brick patio in the heart of the Village of Pinehurst, you feel both a part of the Theatre Building action and gently tucked away from it all. Lisi is known for its mouthwatering pizzas and pastas; save room for cannoli.

*lisitalian.com*

### THE SLY FOX

Snag a seat on the patio of this festive Southern Pines gastropub. Enjoy the best of Britain and the Carolinas with specialties like the Scotch Egg, Low Country Shrimp and Grits and shepherd's pie. Wash it down with one of the many beer on tap or a pint of Guinness.

*theslyfoxpub.com*

### VILLAGGIO RISTORANTE & BAR

On weekends, live music and twinkling lights set the mood at this historic Magnolia Inn restaurant in the Village of Pinehurst. With a world-class cocktail, beer and wine menu; antipasta; insalata and zuppa; pasta; and, of course, dolci courses (we recommend the tiramisu), you'll have plenty of reasons to enjoy the patio for hours.

*villaggoristorante.net*



# 18 Essential Eats

LIKE ANY GOOD SOUTHERNER, WE BELIEVE THE WAY TO YOUR HEART IS THROUGH YOUR STOMACH. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN OLD-TIMEY BREAKFAST, A QUAIN SPOT FOR LUNCH, AN UPSCALE DINNER OR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MEAL, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED. | *By Laura Lee*

## 1 BURGER AT DRUM & QUILL

The gourmet burgers at this Irish Public House-inspired pub in the Village of Pinehurst are famously never frozen and made from Certified Angus Beef. Keep it classic with the house special, or shake things up with the Black & Blue, featuring blue cheese, smoked remoulade and arugula. [www.drumandquill.com](http://www.drumandquill.com)

## 2 FRIED SEAFOOD AT HOUSE OF FISH

This food truck is a go-to for fresh, made-to-order seafood, especially its fried platters of shrimp, flounder and oysters, served with hushpuppies and coleslaw. [thehouseoffish.com](http://thehouseoffish.com)

## 3 MARIE ANTOINETTE AT BETSY'S CREPES

Choose from more than a dozen crepes in downtown Southern Pines. The Marie Antoinette with Nutella and strawberries is a sweet start, while the savory Popeye features eggs, bacon and spinach. [betsys-crepes.club](http://betsys-crepes.club)

## 4 BLUEBERRY PANCAKES AT PINEHURST TRACK RESTAURANT

Thanks to coverage by the Golf Channel, this unassuming mom-and-pop is now known nationwide for its blueberry pancakes and the perfect perch for watching the horses outside. [pinehursttrackrestaurant.com](http://pinehursttrackrestaurant.com)



Opposite, clockwise from top left: Lisi Italian; Pinehurst Track Restaurant; The Bakehouse; Drum & Quill Above: House of Fish; Betsy's Crepes

## 5 BARBECUE AT PIK-N-PIG

For three generations, this Carthage family has maintained their reputation for serving the best slow-cooked barbecue, smoked for 10 hours over sweet hickory coals. [pik-n-pig.com](http://pik-n-pig.com)

## 6 BISCUITS AT MASON'S RESTAURANT & GROCERY

Savor the best biscuits, from regular buttermilk to the Train Wreck, loaded with fried chicken, bacon, egg, cheese and sausage gravy. [eatatmasons.com](http://eatatmasons.com)

## 7 SOUP AT THE SOUP COMPANY

A husband and wife duo make everyone feel at home in their Carthage diner. Daily specials feature chicken tortilla, roasted red pepper, loaded potato with bacon, lobster bisque and more. [thesoupcompanycarthage.com](http://thesoupcompanycarthage.com)

## 8 PASTA AT LISI ITALIAN

Named for the owner's grandmother, Lisi is known for authentic Italian dishes in the Village of Pinehurst. Topped with broccoli rabe and spicy sausage, the orecchiette is molto bene! [lisiitalian.com](http://lisiitalian.com)

## 9 WOOD-FIRED PIZZA AT PIZZERIA GRAZIA

Savor Neapolitan-style pies in downtown Aberdeen. Kids gravitate toward the Margherita and pepperoni while adventurous eaters might try the Funghi with mushrooms, caramelized onions and rosemary. [pizzeriagrazia.com](http://pizzeriagrazia.com)

## 18 Essential Eats

### 10 BREAKFAST AT KENNY'S COUNTRY RESTAURANT

Nobody leaves hungry at this Pinebluff favorite, open six days a week at 6 a.m. Try a custom omelet with grits, the biscuits and gravy or a stack of pancakes. Cash or check only. 910-281-4029

### 11 MAC AND CHEESE AT WORKSHOP TAVERN

This quaint Main Street bar in Aberdeen may be best known for its 150-plus bourbon choices, but here's a local secret: The mac 'n' cheese bowls (topped with favorites like pulled pork, pickles and house-made honey barbeque sauce) can't be beat. [theworkshoptavern.com](http://theworkshoptavern.com)

### 12 CHEESEBURGERS AT CAGLE'S DINER

Get a blast from the past at this family-owned diner in Seagrove where you can still get a great homemade cheeseburger for under \$5. 910-464-3863

### 13 BANANA SPLIT AT THE ICE CREAM PARLOR RESTAURANT

This Southern Pines corner diner has been hitting the sweet spot since 1976 with old-fashioned floats, sundaes, malts and the classic banana split. [icecreamparlorrestaurant.com](http://icecreamparlorrestaurant.com)



**Top to bottom:**  
The Villager Deli;  
Pizzeria Grazia;  
Roast

### 14 CAKE AT THE BAKEHOUSE

Don't leave town without a slice of cake baked by a sixth-generation baker. Favorites include the Black Forest cherry, coconut pineapple, fresh strawberry, hazelnut and pear amaretto. [thebakehouseofaberdeen.com](http://thebakehouseofaberdeen.com)

### 15 CHICKEN SALAD AT THE VILLAGER DELI

From the heart of the Village of Pinehurst, their motto, "nothing fancy, just fantastic," is how we'd describe the homemade chicken salad plate, too, served with a hard boiled egg, pineapple and cottage cheese. [villagerdeli.com](http://villagerdeli.com)

### 16 BEST GOURMET SANDWICH AT ROAST

Slow-roasted meats, fresh breads and inventive flavor pairings make lunch an experience, not a routine. Locals swear by the steak house black angus brisket. [roastnc.com](http://roastnc.com)

### 17 BEST LOWCOUNTRY BOIL AT COAST

Southern comfort meets coastal charm, as shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes come together in a perfectly seasoned feast. Paired with local ownership and a relaxed atmosphere, it's a taste of the sea right in Moore County. [coast-nc.com](http://coast-nc.com)

### 18 DEWBERRY SALAD AT DEWBERRY CAFE

Housed in a renovated 1920s red-brick building, this café is known for its salad namesake: crisp greens, a multitude of fruits and house-made dressing that locals swear by. After your meal, take a gander upstairs; the Old Hardware Vintage Depot sells Sandhills-themed gifts. 910-882-3690



## SWEET TOOTH

SATISFY YOUR CRAVINGS AT ONE OF THE AREA'S BAKERIES.

### AGORA BAKERY & CAFE

Loyal customers gather here for house-made goodies like croissants, cinnamon rolls, macarons and gourmet sandwiches. [agorabakery.com](http://agorabakery.com)

### THE BAKEHOUSE

This Aberdeen bakery is known for its fresh bread, decadent cakes and other European-style treats. [thebakehouseofaberdeen.com](http://thebakehouseofaberdeen.com)

### BRAVORY BAKEHOUSE

Founded by Erin and Nicholas Vandre, a portion of all online sales helps to support military families nationwide. The cookies are gourmet: massive, soft in the center and loaded with personality — just like the space itself, where bold color and good energy meet in every bite. [bravorybakehouse.com](http://bravorybakehouse.com)

### C. CUPS CUPCAKERY

Savor a small-batch cupcake while supporting cancer research — the owner is a breast cancer survivor. [thecupscupcakery.com](http://thecupscupcakery.com)

### G. CHARLES BAKERY

The owner learned to bake in the Navy and loves making bread, pies, cookies and cakes for the community. [gcharlesbakery.com](http://gcharlesbakery.com)

### DELUCIA'S BAKE SHOP

Located in Seven Lakes and owned by U.S. Army veteran Dena DeLucia, this bakery's Italian pastries and cookies are made with a hint of European flavor. [facebook.com/DeLuciasBakeShop](https://facebook.com/DeLuciasBakeShop)

### CYPRESS BEND VINEYARDS

Celebrating 20+ years, this local winery is known for its muscadine wines as well as Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. Come for Jazzy Fridays or September's Harvest & Grape Stomp Festival. [cypressbendvineyards.com](http://cypressbendvineyards.com)

### SANDHILLS WINERY

This Seven Lakes hangout hosts trivia nights, live music and wine tastings. [facebook.com/sandhillswinery](https://facebook.com/sandhillswinery)

### SANTÉ

Book a seat at the next wine dinner or simply toast to good times at this beautiful Southern Pines cafe. [santesouthernpines.net](http://santesouthernpines.net)

### WINE CELLAR

Find a great bottle with help from the sommelier or stay for a glass of wine, craft beer and live music. [thewinecellarandtastingroom.com](http://thewinecellarandtastingroom.com)

### WATERING CAN WINES

Located in the historic Tyson Sinclair Building, this establishment serves as both a fine wines boutique and gift shop. The historic venue is the perfect two-in-one refresher while you take in all that downtown Carthage has to offer. Plan your stop around their daily wine tastings that offer a plethora of regionally sourced varieties. [wateringcanwines.com](http://wateringcanwines.com)

### STANDING ROOM ONLY

Folks who claim bigger is better haven't been to North Carolina's smallest wine shop. From its charming nook on Broad Street in Southern Pines, Standing Room Only sells wine by the bottle and glass. Grab a seat at one of the cheerful red cafe tables spilling onto the tree-lined brick sidewalk. 910-639-5591

### THE VILLAGE WINE SHOP

Stock up on local craft beer, bar essentials and carefully curated wines from small family vineyards. [thevillagewineshops.com](http://thevillagewineshops.com)

## Wine Down

WINERIES AND WINE BARS INVITE YOU TO SIT BACK AND RELAX.



Top: Agora Above: The Village Wine Shop



# *Fresh* FROM THE FARM

EXPERIENCE THE ABUNDANCE OF MOORE COUNTY  
WITH YOU-PICK FARMS, SEASONAL PRODUCE STANDS  
AND POPULAR FARMERS MARKETS. | By *Laura Lee*



► Download the Visit NC Farms app to find farms, markets and itineraries for Moore County farms.

**Left to right:** Local produce; Sandhills Farmers Market  
**Opposite:** White Hill Farms

#### IN-TOWN

##### **Moore County Farmers Market**

Going strong for nearly 50 years, this Southern Pines market has become a Saturday morning tradition for families across the region. A variety of vendors all come from within a 50-mile radius. [moorecountyfarmersmarket.com](http://moorecountyfarmersmarket.com)

##### **Sandhills Farmers Market**

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, local farms set up shop in Tufts Park in the Village of Pinehurst. [facebook.com/SFGMarket](https://facebook.com/SFGMarket)

##### **Willabee Market**

Shop zero-waste dry goods and refillable cleaning products as well as raw milk and eggs from local farms. Then treat yourself at The Nectary, with fresh flowers and baked goods sweetened with local Willabee honey. [willabeemarket.com](http://willabeemarket.com)

#### ON THE FARM

##### **Blueberries of Cameron**

These blueberries are extra plump and pesticide-free. Purchase a pint or pick your own to enjoy, freeze, or make jams and jellies. 910-366-3310

##### **Carter Farms**

While owner Billy Carter grows everything from squash, sweet potatoes and corn, he's especially known for his strawberries, which you can pick on your own in season. 910-673-7730

##### **Chappell Peaches**

Peaches are just the start at this fourth-generation family farm's roadside stand in Eagle Springs. Fill your basket with apples, blueberries, tomatoes, sweet corn and sweet potatoes. [chappellpeaches.com](http://chappellpeaches.com)

##### **Highlanders Farm**

This 6th generation family farm sells seasonal vegetables and fruits, including you-pick strawberries. Don't leave without trying the homemade ice cream in fresh flavors like lemon lavender and peach. [highlandersfarmnc.com](http://highlandersfarmnc.com)

##### **Kalawi Farm and Ben's Ice Cream**

Many things are delicious at this fresh produce and homemade ice cream stand, but their banana pudding ice cream served in a waffle cone has garnered a truly devoted following. The Eagle Springs farm offers fun and interactive seasonal activities for families. [facebook.com/kalawifarm](https://facebook.com/kalawifarm)

##### **Karefree Produce**

Stock up on your favorite fruits and veggies along with a variety of jams. The shop also features local crafts, delicious pies and a seasonal ice cream stand. [facebook.com/KarefreeProduce](https://facebook.com/KarefreeProduce)

##### **Lazy Fox Lavender Farm**

Experience the sweet, simple life on this veteran-owned family farm. Shop lavender products in the store or book their tea service to savor lavender lemonade, farm-fresh honey and whipped lavender butter. [lazyfoxlavenderfarm.com](http://lazyfoxlavenderfarm.com)

##### **Misty Morning Ranch**

Gaby, the owner of this 60-acre farm in Robbins, helps ostriches live their dream lives. Book a tour to learn her sustainability secrets. [mistymorningranchnc.com](http://mistymorningranchnc.com)

##### **Olde Carthage Farm**

Pick your own organic strawberries, blueberries, muscadine grapes or colorful flowers at this friendly family farm. [facebook.com/OldeCarthageFarm](https://facebook.com/OldeCarthageFarm)

##### **White Hill Farms**

Come to Cameron in the summer for sweet cantaloupe, strawberries, corn and watermelons or visit in the fall for pumpkins and a festive corn maze. [whitehillfarms.com](http://whitehillfarms.com)



# EXCELLENT SERVICE

FILL YOUR CUP AT VETERAN-OWNED DISTILLERIES AND BREWERIES.

By Laura Lee

With Fort Liberty, formerly known as Fort Bragg, just 30 miles away, many Army veterans have set up shop in the Sandhills. Military-owned artisan distilleries and craft breweries are especially spirited places to visit and celebrate the service of the brave men and women who have served our country.

## **BHAWK**

At their Southern Pines distillery, Army veterans Brad and Jessica Halling invite patrons to raise a glass to the American spirit. BHAWK, which stands for Brad Halling American Whiskey Kompany, is also a nod to “Black Hawk Down,” a film about the 1993 military mission in Somalia, where Brad served and survived. His new mission is to make the most of his second chance at life and show his gratitude to the extraordinary men he served beside. His-and-hers bottles include the Sergeant’s Valor and Madame Colonel and can be dedicated to a loved one. After sipping smooth blends of bourbon, whiskey and rye, visit the Gratitude Room, a living museum of military service and sacrifice. [hallingwhiskey.com](http://hallingwhiskey.com)

## **RAILHOUSE BREWERY**

Railhouse Brewery in downtown Aberdeen is owned by Army, Navy and Air Force veterans. Hang out in the lively taproom and choose from more than a dozen varieties, from Vanilla Porter to Pineland Pale Ale. Beer with their iconic American Flag bottle caps can also be found in South Carolina and Georgia as well as South Korea. [railhousebrewery.com](http://railhousebrewery.com)



Left: Railhouse Brewery;  
Below and opposite: BHAWK



# Pinehurst BREWING COMPANY

BREWING TRADITION AND INNOVATION, THIS LOCAL FAVORITE  
SERVES UP CRAFT BEERS IN A HISTORIC SETTING. | *By Alex Podlogar*



The latest in luxury amenities — heat and electricity — welcomed The Holly Inn’s guests when they arrived on New Year’s Eve in 1895.

In the century that followed, steam produced by the Village Power House powered the hotels and cottages of Pinehurst until it was shuttered in the 1990s and, at one time, slated for demolition. In 2018, following a full renovation by Pinehurst Resort to recapture the character of the century-old building, the steam plant reopened to bring a new kind of energy to the Village. Enter Pinehurst Brewing Company.

Perhaps no other dining venue in Pinehurst draws as hearty a mix of local residents, resort guests and golfers. With up to 10 beers brewed on-site by head brewmaster Hunter Downing and an array of smoked meats like North

Carolina barbecue, brisket, wings — and, on Mondays and Tuesdays, a ribs special — it’s not surprising Pinehurst Brewing Company has become a favorite watering hole.

So much of that ambiance emanates from the building itself. The brewhouse’s walls remain blackened from the decades it housed massive steam boilers. Its exterior brick corbeling, rarely seen in architecture today, is preserved, and the vintage arches and windows are restored.

The plant’s smokestack was rebuilt using its original base, returning a lost but defining feature of the Village’s early landscape. Inside, table legs, light fixtures and other accoutrements are made up of parts salvaged from the ruins of the plant, creating a space and an experience unlike any other in Pinehurst.



**Left:** Ann Marie and David Thornton  
**Above:** Big Dipper Cider

## James Creek Cider House

A MOORE COUNTY COUPLE CREATES CIDERS THAT REFLECT THE FRUIT, THE SEASON AND THE LAND. | *By Liz Ferrelli*

When Ann Marie and David Thornton planted their first 60 heirloom apple trees in January 2009, they were chasing a hobby and a dream. What began as a 7-acre passion project has since grown into James Creek Cider House, one of North Carolina's leading craft cider makers. Today, with orchards in Moore County and a tasting room in Cameron, James Creek has become a destination for cider lovers and curious first-timers.

From James Creek's tasting room, guests can sip cider on a wraparound porch with beautiful orchard views, wander the orchard itself or relax in the outdoor cider garden. The atmosphere is family- and dog-friendly, and often includes local food trucks, live music and community events like Music Bingo on Thursdays, and the first and third Sunday Farmers' Market.

James Creek produces two distinct cider lines. Their own James Creek label includes traditional-style, harvest-based

ciders like the Summer Gold and Harvest Moon. The Stargazer label embraces modern creativity with fruit-infused and barrel-aged ciders, made from their own apples blended with locally sourced juices such as blueberry basil or peach.

Stargazer's flagship Big Dipper, a "lightly sweet carbonated cider," has earned national attention, with James Creek recently ranked the seventh best cider in the United States by USA Today's 10 Best.

Like any orchard, James Creek has faced challenges from weather, pests and the unpredictability of farming. But their dedication to quality fruit and craft methods has kept them resilient. Over time, the Thorntons expanded to a larger farm in Cameron, giving them the space to increase their apple acreage and build out cider production facilities.

They now cultivate more than 65 varieties of heirloom and cider apples, many tracing their roots to England, France and Spain. They also grow peaches, blueberries, muscadines, pears and persimmons. Meanwhile, their commercial cider production has expanded from local to statewide distribution, and now ships to 38 states across the country.

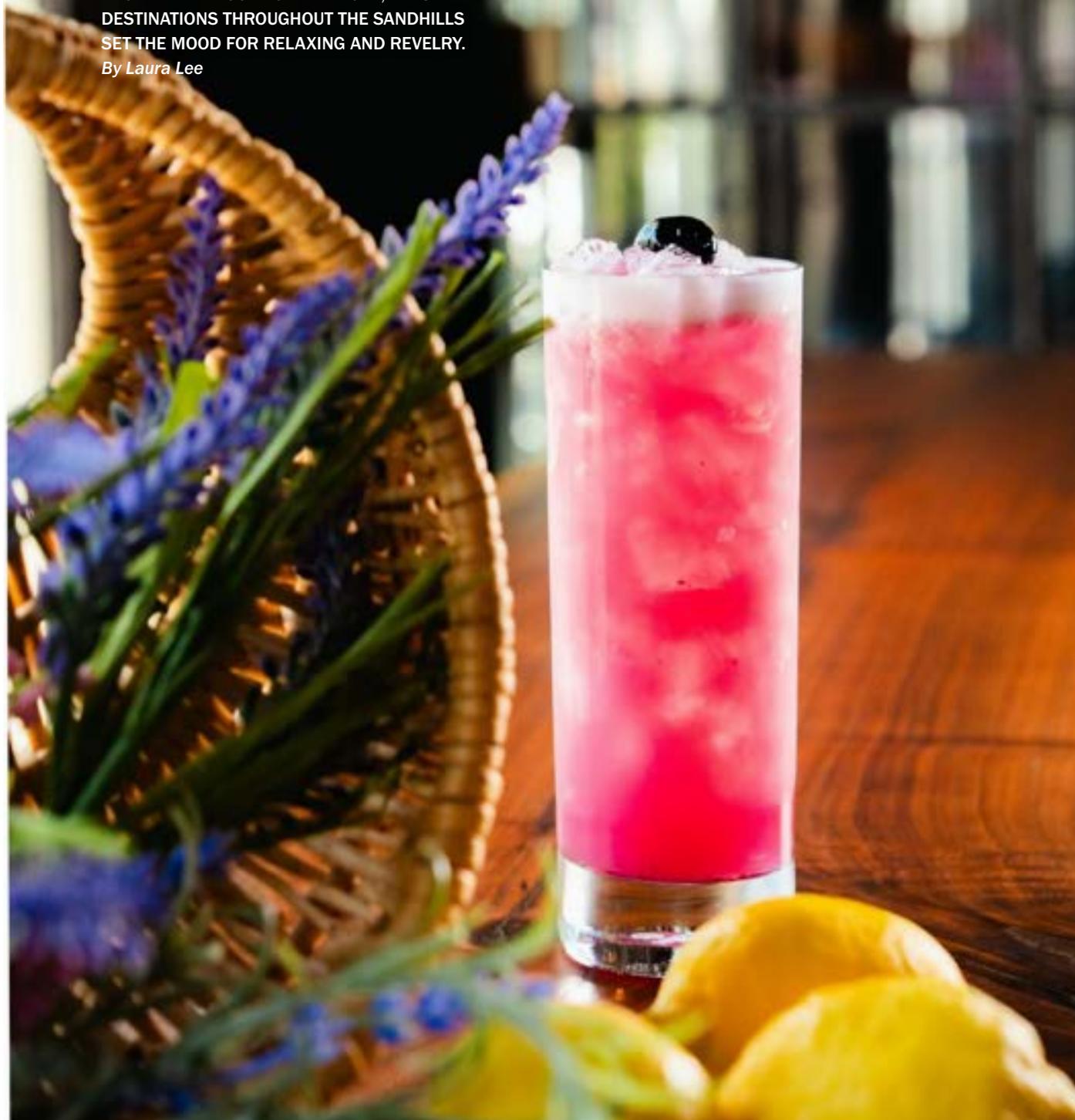
"Our crew makes the experience fun," says team member Amanda Marcum. "Sampling cider isn't just about the drink, it's about the people you share it with."

For Ann Marie and David Thornton, that's exactly the point. What started as a handful of apple trees has become a place where community, agriculture and craft come together — proof that with patience and passion, the seeds of an idea can grow into something extraordinary and delicious.

# Grab a DRINK

FROM HAPPY HOUR TO LATE NIGHT, THESE  
DESTINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SANDHILLS  
SET THE MOOD FOR RELAXING AND REVELRY.

*By Laura Lee*



Photography by Matt Gibson



### AUGIE'S ROOM

Cocktails are elevated to works of art at this bar with speakeasy vibes in the old Pinehurst Theatre Building.

[lisiitalian.com/augies](http://lisiitalian.com/augies)

### BELL TREE TAVERN

With locations in Southern Pines and Whispering Pines, this warm and inviting tavern serves mouthwatering bar food like fish and chips and chicken tenders, plus cocktails, beer and wine.

[thebelltreetavern.com](http://thebelltreetavern.com)

### CAROLINA VISTA LOUNGE

Grab a seat at the bar in the legendary Carolina Hotel, once dubbed Queen of the South. Drinks like the November Nine play off the town's golf legacy while the Sharpshooter honors legendary resident Annie Oakley.

[pinehurst.com/dining](http://pinehurst.com/dining)

### CHAPMAN'S FOOD & SPIRITS

Settle in at this neighborhood spot, complete with a classic bar, chef-driven menu and charming sidewalk seating in Southern Pines.

[chapmansfoodandspirits.com](http://chapmansfoodandspirits.com)

### CORK

"Spirits: it's a feeling more than a beverage," believe Pat McKee and Janeen Driscoll, the Southern Pines locals behind this cocktail bar that invites connections and conversation.

[corksopi.com](http://corksopi.com)

### DRUM & QUILL

Once a pharmacy and soda fountain, this historic building now houses this popular Pinehurst pub dedicated to sportswriters. Order a classic cocktail or enjoy a Bloody Mary, offered all day long.

[drumandquill.com](http://drumandquill.com)

### DUGAN'S PUB

If you're looking for a festive watering hole in Pinehurst, you're in luck. This Irish pub has been around for more than 25 years with sing-along karaoke, live music and cold pints.

[facebook.com/duganspubpinehurst](http://facebook.com/duganspubpinehurst)

### JAMES CREEK CIDER HOUSE

Sip some cider from 65 varieties of heirlooms and cider apples as well as peaches, blueberries and muscadines, all grown on the Cameron orchard.

[jamescreekciderhouse.com](http://jamescreekciderhouse.com)

### LAKE HOUSE TAVERN

Relax, unwind and watch the game where everybody knows your name. Catch live music every Thursday and Saturday night.

[lakehousetavernnc.com](http://lakehousetavernnc.com)

### MAXIE'S GRILL AND TAP ROOM

Visitors are treated like locals at this Pinehurst spot. Come for one of their drink specials and stay for barroom favorites like soft pretzels, potato wedges, wings and burgers.

[maxies.net](http://maxies.net)

### MR. B'S PUB

Nestle in to the bar at the historic Pine Crest Inn, and order a local-favorite app: the Port Wine Relish Tray, with port wine cheese, salumi, sweet pepper relish, banana peppers, okra, celery and crackers.

[pinecrestinnpinehurst.com](http://pinecrestinnpinehurst.com)

### SOUTHERN PINES GROWLER COMPANY

Fill a growler with beer or kombucha to go, or head to the brick patio with your choice from dozens of beverages on tap.

[spgrowler.com](http://spgrowler.com)

### THE WORKSHOP TAVERN

You'll have plenty of reasons to stay awhile at this rustic tavern in downtown Aberdeen that specializes in bourbon and whiskey.

[theworkshopavern.com](http://theworkshopavern.com)

### Left to right:

Bell Tree Tavern; Southern Pines Growler Company; Dugan's Pub

Opposite: Augie's Room

# ON A ROLL

MOORE COUNTY FOOD TRUCKS ARE DRIVING THE CULINARY SCENE.

By Laura Lee



Red's Corner

Any given evening at **Red's Corner** in Southern Pines, you'll usually find a crowd. Military families, golfers, friends, neighbors, couples, tourists and dogs all gather on the back porch of the Sandhills.

"When there's great food, live music and a beautiful sunset — it's just about as close to nirvana as you can get," says Scott Bertrand, Red's Corner owner/operator.

Since opening in 2022, the food truck park, beer garden and live music venue has become a local favorite. Red's Corner features six food trucks each day, and the lineup rotates throughout the week.

"Variety is the spice of life," says

Bertrand. "This truly is the big leagues of food trucking. You can find something recognizable like a hot dog, wood-fired pizza or a really good smash burger, but you'll also find some really amazing and unique gourmet foods to try."

While you can always rely on Red's Corner for its lively scene, the area's food trucks also roll up at weekly events and year-round festivals like Live After Five; First Fridays; Eats, Beats and Brews; the Food Truck Rodeo; AutumnFest and more.

Lindsay O'Reilly opened her food truck, Tanglewood Farms, about a year ago. She's been blown away by the community's

overwhelming support.

"We have so many food trucks for a town this size, and there's enough business to go around," she says. "We live in such a unique place, that's charming and different, where locals really support small businesses."

O'Reilly says because owning a food truck is more accessible than opening a brick-and-mortar restaurant, a plethora of chefs are able to showcase their skills and garner a loyal following. "There's a lot of talent and creativity here," she says. "You'd think we'd all be in competition with one another, but nobody acts that way. We're a family."



## 12 Tasty Bites

*Look for these popular menu items at a food truck near you:*

1. Taco Arepa's birria tacos
2. Cheesesteak eggrolls at **Boba & Bites**
3. Barbecue at **House of Odell and Luella**
4. Tanglewood Farm's bacon jam burger
5. Xavi Davi's Puerto Rican Taino Bowl
6. Hot honey wings from **Saucy Cravings**
7. Meat and Greek's gyros
8. Coconut tamarind pork belly bowl at **GR Fil-Am Grill**
9. Wood-fired pizza at **BareBakedPizza**
10. Crawfish quesadilla at **Bayou in the Pines**
11. Crazy Fire Noodles from **Drunken Noodle**
12. Ice cream sandwiches from **Cookies-n-Moore**



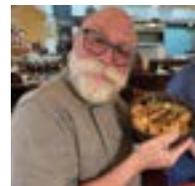


**Left to right**  
 Ashten's Restaurant; Pik-n-Pig;  
 C. Cups Cupcakery;  
 195 American Fusion

# Chefs DISH

From golf and travel magazines to *USA Today*, *Southern Living* and *Our State*, everyone is talking about the vibrant culinary scene at our historic resorts, farm-to-table restaurants and chef-owned kitchens. To guide you to the top spots in town, we've asked a few of our headlining chefs to share where they go when they're off the clock.

By *Laura Lee*



**CHEF  
 WARREN LEWIS**

**Chef Warren's**  
 Southern Pines  
[chefwarrens.com](http://chefwarrens.com)

**Where to get a drink**

Jefferson Inn & Restaurant is a great place for a cocktail. Order whatever the bartender suggests.

**Best ethnic food**

El Patron in Aberdeen. Their chicken soup is amazing, and the burritos are also fabulous.

**Best comfort food**

The mac-n-cheese and Cuban sandwich at Workshop Tavern.

**Best barbecue**

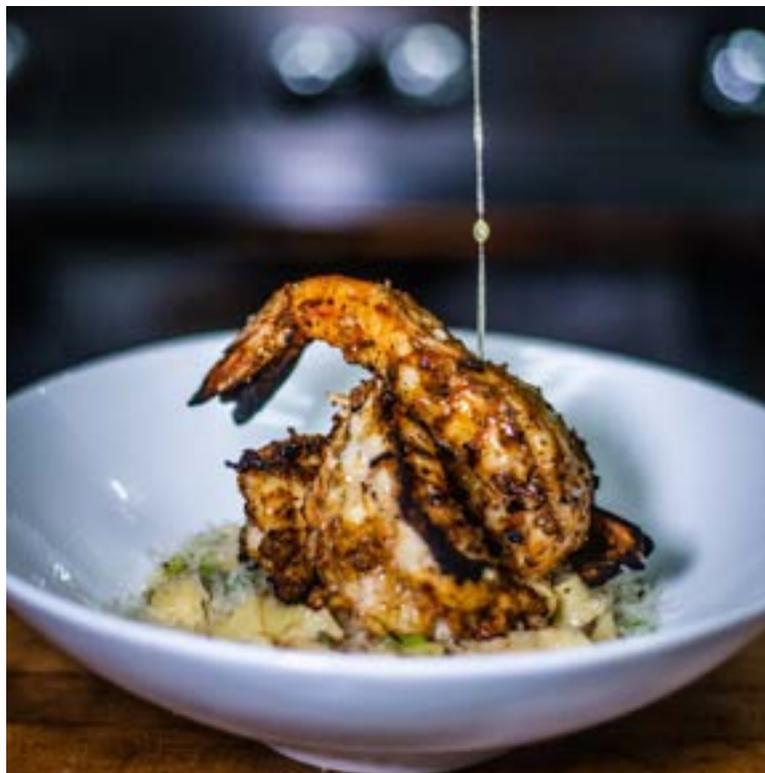
Pik-n-Pig by the airfield. You get a real sense of history with the planes and memorials, and their Pepsi-Cola chocolate cake is to die for.

**Special occasion spot**

Ashten's Restaurant and Bar in Southern Pines — it's comfortable yet elegant.

**Best foodie tip**

Don't miss the Moore County Farmers Market Saturdays in Southern Pines. The whole town shows up there — it's a good place to sit and chat with people.

**CHEF BRIAN HAINLEY**

**Mason's Restaurant & Grocery**  
Aberdeen  
[eatatmasons.com](http://eatatmasons.com)

**Describe the culinary scene**

Each town has its own charm and feel. We're rooted in Southern hospitality and tradition, but with lots of creative things going on.

**Favorite restaurant**

195 American Fusion. I love their sweet chili shrimp, hand-cut truffle fries, fresh salads and fish specials.

**Best spot for a beer**

The Sly Fox Pub has a great international beer list, and we have great local breweries like The Railhouse.

**For a fun night out**

The Rec Room is an arcade with a full bar, and Red's Corner is super popular.

**Best cup of coffee**

Maisonette in downtown Southern Pines knows good coffee and has a great pistachio-filled croissant.

**Best foodie tip**

Don't leave town without first having grits, fried green tomatoes and Carolina barbecue.

**CHEF MEG CHURCH**

**Private Chef**  
[pinehurstprivatechef.com](http://pinehurstprivatechef.com)

**Best breakfast**

I love grabbing an avocado toast from Agora Bakery. It's really fresh and healthy.

**Special occasion spot**

For my husband's birthday we went to Tartare. The chef does really classical French cuisine and comes out and plays violin. I don't know how he manages to do both! It's a very European vibe.

**Best ethnic food**

I love going to Neco Thai & Sushi in Pinehurst for the Tuna Madness roll.

**Best hidden gem**

Vito's Italian in Southern Pines has really good pizza like what you'd find in Italy.

**Biggest indulgence**

My 10-year-old daughter loves C. Cups Cupcakery in Southern Pines and Sweet Carolina, an ice cream parlor in Aberdeen.

**Best foodie tip**

Open yourself up to new experiences, be adventurous and try new cuisine — especially on vacation.

**CHEF MARK ELLIOTT**

**Elliotts On Linden**  
Pinehurst  
[elliottsonlinden.com](http://elliottsonlinden.com)

**Most surprising menu item**

Our crudo bar and caviar. We get seafood deliveries six days a week.

**Best pizza joint**

Vito's and SoPies in Southern Pines.

**Best place for a beer**

O'Donnell's Pub. It's a great place to sit outside with friends after a bike ride.

**For a quick lunch**

The BLT at Villager Deli in Pinehurst.

**Favorite cocktail or wine bar**

Cork and The Wine Cellar.

**Special occasion dining**

Chef Warren's.

**Best coffee**

I'm lucky to have Pine Scone Cafe right inside our building.

**Best foodie tip**

Eat and eat often. For such a small area, we have a huge concentration of independent restaurants.



Village of Pinehurst



# Shop Local

*Visitors could spend days meandering through the dozens of locally owned shops in Moore County's charming downtown districts and landmark destinations. For the ultimate shopping spree, use our four itineraries as your guide to one-of-a-kind shops. Whether you're updating your wardrobe, refreshing your home, adding to your collection or upping your game in the kitchen, no matter where you look, you'll find something fabulous.*

By Laura Lee



# DRESS IN *Style*

## COOPER & BAILEY'S

Trendy and timeless come together at this mother-daughter owned shop in Pinehurst Village, featuring designer names like Alden Adair as well as custom Pinehurst T-shirts, hats and athleisure wear. [cooperandbaileys.com](http://cooperandbaileys.com)

## GENTLEMEN'S CORNER

Founded in 1978, this Pinehurst mainstay offers premium sportswear, fashionable swimsuits and high-end footwear. [thecorner.com](http://thecorner.com)

## IKONIC

Who knew stylish clothes could be so comfortable? The selection at Ikonik Collection in Pinehurst will make you excited to switch from PJs to work wear. [ikonikcollection.com](http://ikonikcollection.com)

## MARIE & MARCELE BOUTIQUE

From shoes, jewelry and hats to dresses and jackets, you'll find just the piece you're looking for. [marieandmarcele.com](http://marieandmarcele.com)

## MONKEE'S OF THE PINES

Known for its upscale fashion and designer clothes and accessories, this carefully curated store will invigorate your wardrobe. [monkeesofthepines.com](http://monkeesofthepines.com)

## RIVER JACK

Warm and welcoming, Southern Pines' premier outdoor trading company offers everything to outfit your next adventure. [riverjack.com](http://riverjack.com)

## R. RIVETER

Named for Rosie the Riveter, the Southern Pines shop was founded by two military wives, who offer canvas and leather bags and American-made apparel. [rriveter.com](http://rriveter.com)

## IMPERATIVE SHOP

Alongside its curated collections, the shop's charm bar offers a personalized touch, letting customers design bracelets and necklaces that tell their own story. [imperativeshop.com](http://imperativeshop.com)



**Top to bottom:** Gentlemen's Corner; R. Riveter; Monkee's of the Pines; Old Sport & Gallery  
**Opposite:** Cooper & Bailey's

# BUILD YOUR *Collection*

## CASINO GUITARS

Get the guitar you've always wanted with help from the expert staff in Southern Pines. Shop Martin, Fender and Gibson guitars along with meticulously constructed instruments with the finest materials. [casinoguitars.com](http://casinoguitars.com)

## LITTLE TOY SHOP

No matter what children are into — board games, sports, science experiments, arts and crafts — they'll find the perfect complement to their passions at this Southern Pines wonderland.

## OLD SPORT & GALLERY

Find rare and one-of-a-kind golfing collectibles and fine art at this renowned Pinehurst corner shop. Each item comes with a Certificate of Authenticity. [oldsportgallery.com](http://oldsportgallery.com)

## THE COUNTRY BOOKSHOP

There's nothing quite like a hometown bookstore, and this Southern Pines spot is extra special. Founded in 1953, the store is known for its well-versed staff and wonderful collection of books and gifts. [thecountrybookshop.biz](http://thecountrybookshop.biz)



# SET YOUR Scene

## AGAINST THE GRAIN

Pick up a piece of fine pottery or art, or select a hand-poured candle. This Southern Pines gem is dedicated to sourcing its products from North Carolina. [againstthegrainshoppe.com](http://againstthegrainshoppe.com)

## ELOISE TRADING COMPANY

At this Aberdeen lifestyle store, elevate your home with fresh décor and furnishings in a variety of styles, colors, patterns and price points. [eloisetradingco.com](http://eloisetradingco.com)

## OPULENCE

Luxury bed linens, decorative pillows, soft women's sleepwear: Shop here for all you need to give your bedroom a makeover. [opulenceofsouthernpines.com](http://opulenceofsouthernpines.com)

## THE OLD HARDWARE VINTAGE DEPOT

For more than 35 years, this Cameron landmark has featured two floors of furniture, accessories, stoneware, art and period pieces. 910-882-3690

## DAHR

Dahr's mix of fashion, décor and design feels carefully tailored rather than constructed. In the adjoining design studio, inspiration moves easily from concept to home, translating ideas into realities. [dahrinterior.com](http://dahrinterior.com)

## MADE & FOUND

In Aberdeen, Made & Found embodies the beauty of discovery. Every object — handcrafted jewelry, vintage accents and quality home goods — balances nostalgia with modern design. Each piece tells a story, and style feels personal rather than prescribed. [shopmadeandfound.com](http://shopmadeandfound.com)



**Top to bottom:** The Pinehurst Olive Oil Company; Made & Found; Against the Grain; DAHR  
**Opposite:** Eloise Trading Company

# ROUND YOUR Table

## DUNROVIN COUNTRY STORE

Travelers have stopped here on Route 1 in Vass for decades. Load up on natural organic foods, old-fashioned candy and soda, Amish baked goods and homemade fudge. [dunrovincountrystore.com](http://dunrovincountrystore.com)

## THE PINEHURST OLIVE OIL COMPANY

Sample from a selection of 40 olive oils as well as flavored and balsamic vinegars imported from Italy. Then take home your own bottle to enhance your cooking and delight your senses. [thepinehurstoliveoilco.com](http://thepinehurstoliveoilco.com)

## TYSON SINCLAIR BUILDING

What looks like a storefront from McReynolds Street in Carthage quickly gives way to a one-of-a-kind shopping experience in the historic Tyson Sinclair Mansion. You could spend half a day exploring nearly 20 shops, restaurants, and markets housed in the mansion's individual rooms. The Practically Posh antique store, for example, boasts an impressive selection of indoor and outdoor furniture. [tysonsinclairnc.com](http://tysonsinclairnc.com)







The Old Church of Pinehurst

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## Accommodations

*“Moore County has such a strong sense of community and timeless charm – it felt like the perfect setting to create something that invites people to slow down and connect. We fell in love with the character of the building and the idea of bringing new life to a historic space.”*

— Dean Keane  
Owner, The Old Church of Pinehurst



# HISTORIC STAYS

FILLED WITH STORIES AND LOADED WITH CHARACTER, THESE HISTORIC INNS WELCOME VISITORS WITH ONE-OF-A-KIND CHARM AND SPECIAL AMENITIES.

*By Laura Lee*

## **1878 BED AND BREAKFAST**

A short stroll to downtown Cameron, this Victorian bed-and-breakfast was meticulously restored in a French provincial theme to offer three bedrooms, each with a private bathroom.

*1878bedandbreakfast.com*

## **DUNCRAIG MANOR & GARDENS**

Rise and shine with a decadent three-course breakfast in this beautifully restored English Tudor estate built by the Quaker Oats chairman in 1928. Stroll through the English gardens, lounge by the pool, bike through Weymouth Woods or settle in with a good book by the fireplace.

*duncraigmanornc.com*

## **THE JEFFERSON INN**

Nestled in the Downtown Historic District of Southern Pines, this property was lovingly restored in 2023. Relax in the outdoor courtyard or have a drink inside the 1901 Lounge, a speakeasy-style bar with signature cocktails.

*jeffersoninnsouthernpines.com*



**Clockwise from left:**  
The Old Buggy Inn; Tanglewood Farm; Duncraig Manor & Gardens  
**Opposite:** The Jefferson Inn

**THE OLD BUGGY INN**

This restored Queen Anne Victorian in Carthage honors the town’s past as a major player in the carriage business. Borrow a board game, relax in your thoughtfully furnished room and refuel in the morning with a full breakfast complete with Buggy Town Coffee. [theoldbuggyinn.com](http://theoldbuggyinn.com)

**THE OLD CHURCH OF PINEHURST**

Guests at the Old Church Airbnb in Pinehurst Village like the balance of grandeur and comfort. With a total of 5,300 square feet, the space invites family and friends to spread out, share meals, laugh late into the night and retreat to their own cozy corners. [oldchurchpinehurst.com](http://oldchurchpinehurst.com)

**PINE CREST INN**

Located in the Village of Pinehurst, this landmark property has hosted Bobby Jones, Annie Oakley, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and many more esteemed guests since opening its doors in 1913. While breakfast and dinner are offered daily, the bar is a favorite hangout where patrons can chip golf balls into the fireplace. [pinecrestinnpinehurst.com](http://pinecrestinnpinehurst.com)

**SOLOMON’S INN**

This charming inn reflects the welcoming vibe in its Robbins home. Expect comfortable rooms, friendly service, and easy access to local attractions. [solomonsinnrobbins.com](http://solomonsinnrobbins.com)

**TANGLEWOOD FARM**

Stay on a 10-acre horse farm in Southern Pines in your own private apartment — the Tally Ho, Horse & Hound or the Fox Den Suite. Enjoy peaceful accommodations, sweet treats from the cottage bakery and weekend breakfast delivered to your room. You can even bring along your horse thanks to the on-site stabling services. [tanglewoodfarmbandb.com](http://tanglewoodfarmbandb.com)

**THE MAGNOLIA INN**

Established in 1896 and updated in 2023, this charming boutique property is a stone’s throw away from the lively shops and cafes of Pinehurst Village. Guests especially love the Southern porches, personal Nespresso coffee maker, complimentary continental breakfast and dinner at Villaggio Ristorante & Bar. [pinehurst.com](http://pinehurst.com)

## MOTELS, HOTELS & INNS

► The **BringFido** mobile app provides free on-the-go access to pet-friendly accommodations. You can even filter results to browse hotels that don't charge a pet fee.

### Best Western Sure Stay Plus

*bestwestern.com*  
1675 U.S. Highway 1 South, Southern Pines  
910-704-0100, 800-780-7234

### The Carolina Hotel

*pinehurst.com*  
80 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst  
855-235-8507

### The Carolina Pine Inn

*carolinapineinn.com*  
175 Persimmon Drive, Pinebluff  
910-969-1080

### Clarion Inn & Conference Center Southern Pines & Pinehurst

*choicehotels.com*  
805 South West Service Road,  
Southern Pines  
910-692-8585

### Comfort Inn Pinehurst

*choicehotels.com*  
9801 U.S. Highway 15-501, Pinehurst  
910-215-5500

### Courtyard by Marriott Southern Pines Aberdeen

235 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen  
910-637-0085

### Duncraig Manor & Gardens

*duncraigmanorc.com*  
790 East Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines  
910-610-1084

### Econo Lodge

*choicehotels.com*  
408 West Morganton Road, Southern Pines  
910-692-2063

### Hampton Inn & Suites

*hamptoninn.com*  
200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen  
910-693-4330

### Hilton Garden Inn

*hilton.com*  
155 South Hill Road, Aberdeen  
910-692-0801

### Holiday Inn Express

*ihg.com*  
155 Partner Circle, Southern Pines  
910-693-2280, 800-465-4329

### The Holly Inn

*pinehurst.com*  
155 Cherokee Road, Pinehurst  
844-330-1664

### Homewood Suites by Hilton

*olmstedvillage.homewoodsuites.com*  
250 Central Park Avenue, Pinehurst  
910-255-0300, 888-842-9530

### The Jefferson Inn

*thecarolinaexperience.com*  
150 West New Hampshire Avenue,  
Southern Pines  
919-893-4424

### Magnolia Inn

*themagnoliainn.com*  
65 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst  
910-295-6900

### The Manor

*pinehurst.com*  
5 Community Road, Pinehurst  
844-330-1671

### Microtel Inn & Suites

*microtelinn.com*  
205 Windstar Place, Southern Pines  
910-693-3737, Fax 910-693-7944

### Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club

*midpinesinn.com*  
1010 Midland Road, Southern Pines  
910-692-9362, 800-323-2114

### The Old Buggy Inn

*theoldbuggyinn.com*  
301 McReynolds Street, Carthage  
910-947-1901

### Pine Crest Inn

*pinecrestinnpinehurst.com*  
50 Dogwood Road, Pinehurst  
910-295-6121, 800-371-2545

### Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club

*pineneedleslodge.com*  
1005 Midland Road, Southern Pines  
910-692-7111, 800-747-7272

### Quality Inn - Pinehurst Area

*choicehotels.com*  
1405 North Sandhills Boulevard, Aberdeen  
910-757-0321

### Residence Inn by Marriott

*marriott.com/fayph*  
105 Brucewood Road, Southern Pines  
910-693-3400

### Solomon's Inn

*solomonsinnrobbins.com*  
101 S. Middleton Street, Robbins  
910-898-0286

### SpringHill Suites by Marriott

*marriott.com/faysh*  
10024 U.S. Highway 15-501, Pinehurst  
910-695-0234

### The AmeriVu Inn & Suites

*amerivuinnc.com/aberdenn*  
1408 North Sandhills Boulevard, Aberdeen  
910-637-0128

### TownePlace Suites by Marriott

*marriott.com/faysp*  
205 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen  
910-246-5080

## CONDOS, VILLAS & HOMES

### The Carolina Villas

*pinehurst.com*  
80 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst  
844-886-9081

### The Cottages at No. 8

*pinehurst.com*  
Centennial Boulevard, Pinehurst  
844-330-1664

### The Condos at Pinehurst

*pinehurst.com*  
Lake Pinehurst Villas Road, Pinehurst  
844-886-9081

### Forest Creek Golf Club

*forestcreekgolfclub.com/real-estate/rentals*  
200 Meyer Farm Road, Pinehurst  
910-295-9000

### The Lodges at Mid South Club

*talamoregolfresort.com*  
610 Palmer Drive, Southern Pines  
910-692-1070, 800-552-6292

### Maples Golf Packages

*maplesgolf.com*  
48 Talamore Drive, Southern Pines  
800-889-5323

### Midland Country Club/Knollwood Village

*pinehurstarearealty.com*  
Midland Road, Pinehurst/Southern Pines  
910-295-5011, 800-633-8576

### National Realty Company at No. 9

*pinehurstnationalrealty.com*  
20 Cochrane Castle Circle, Village of Pinehurst  
910-295-0012

### Old Pinehurst Village (Craddock LLC)

*oldpinehurstvillage.com*  
580 SW Broad Street, Southern Pines  
910-334-1330

### Sandhills Rentals, LLC

*sandhillsvacationrentals.com*  
130 Turner Street, Suite B, Southern Pines  
910-684-5050

### Village of Pinehurst Rentals, LLC

*voprentals.com*  
19 Chinquapin Road, Pinehurst  
910-420-1045, 800-334-6613



Magnolia Inn

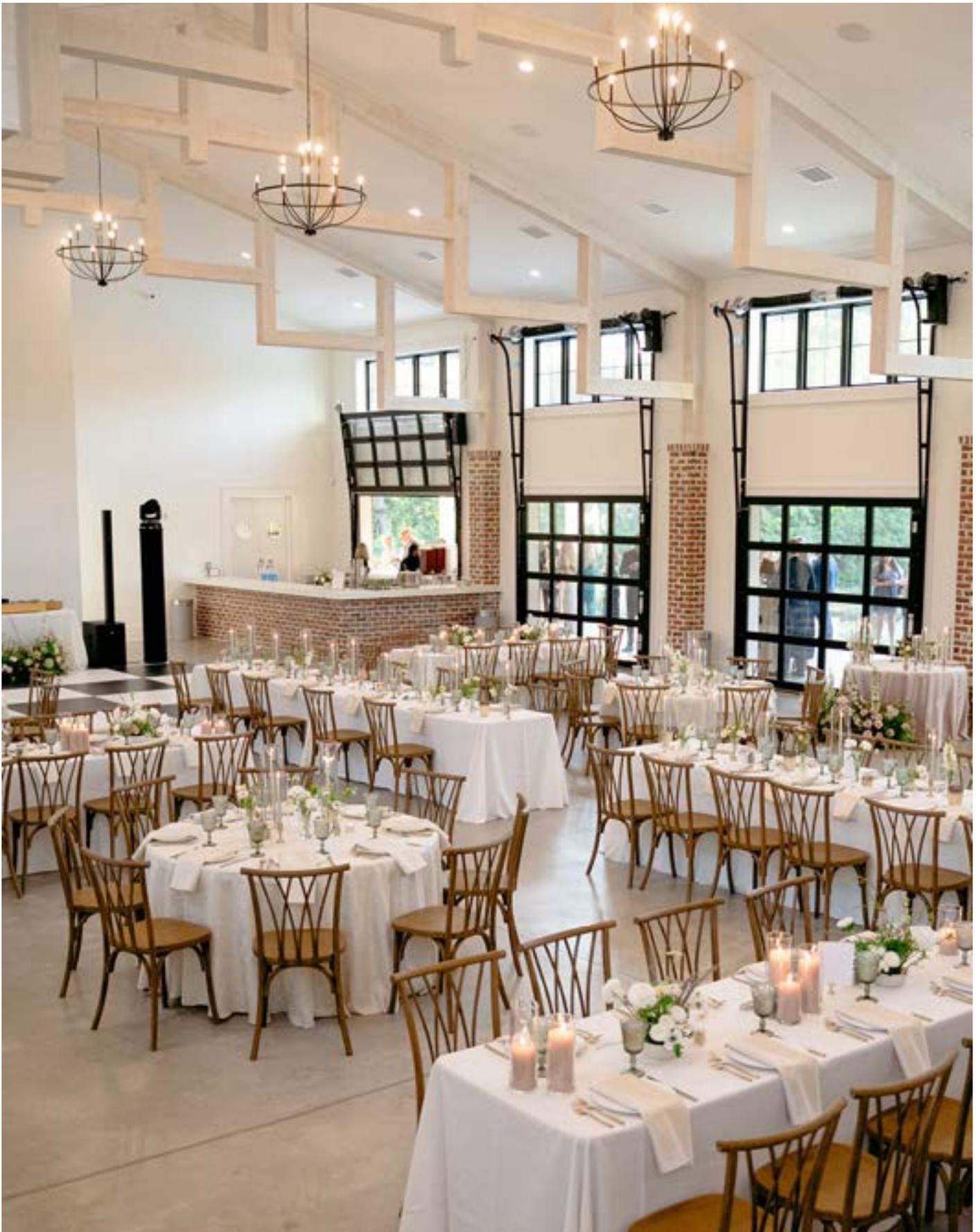


The Fair Barn



# *Plan* **YOUR VISIT**

*Built in 1917 for the Sandhills Fair, today's Fair Barn building in the Pinehurst Harness Track is one of many historic Moore County buildings that have been given new life, welcoming visitors and locals to gather for weddings, parties and corporate events.*





# Special EVENTS

WITH FABULOUS VENUES AND SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY, MOORE COUNTY IS THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT. WHETHER HOSTING A CORPORATE OUTING, FAMILY REUNION OR THE WEDDING OF YOUR DREAMS, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN OUR SPECIAL SPOT UNDER THE PINES. | *By Laura Lee*

## DUNCRAIG MANOR & GARDENS

This beautifully restored English Tudor estate can accommodate 24 overnight guests as well as large parties on the lush grounds.  
[duncraigmanornc.com](http://duncraigmanornc.com)

## THE FAIR BARN

The historic, mission-style Fair Barn is tucked in the state's oldest, continuously operating equine sports complex. With its soaring ceilings, the rustic yet light-filled space is the ideal gathering place for functions requiring a large, flexible space, from exhibitions and concerts to receptions and art shows.  
[thefairbarn.com](http://thefairbarn.com)

## PINEHURST RESORT

The area's keystone property encompasses hotels, event venues, restaurants, golf courses and attractions. Guests can take advantage of shuttle services as well as walk to the lively village next door. Popular venues include the Pinehurst No. 9 Clubhouse, Carolina Hotel and Holly Inn, to name a few.  
[pinehurst.com](http://pinehurst.com)

**Top:** Event lawn at Pinehurst Resort No. 9 Clubhouse  
**Opposite:** Village Pine Venue

## RUBICON FARM

An 1820s farmhouse provides an idyllic backdrop, from the weathered barn and covered terrace to the 6-acre lawn shaded by Southern magnolias.  
[rubiconfarmnc.com](http://rubiconfarmnc.com)

## SOIRÉE ON SOUTH

This historic building in Aberdeen was brought to life in 2021 as a boutique venue for bridal showers, retirement parties and intimate weddings for 100 people. Exposed brick and archways add character while expansive windows bring in natural light.  
[soireeonsouth.mystrikingly.com](http://soireeonsouth.mystrikingly.com)

## VILLAGE PINE VENUE

From a grand room with sweeping ceilings to intimate courtyards, towering pines and a scenic pond, this new venue in Carthage has it all.  
[villagepinevenue.com](http://villagepinevenue.com)

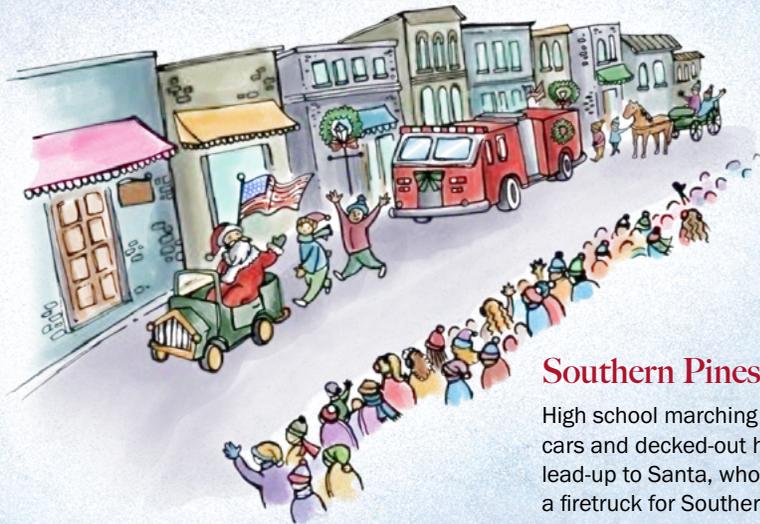
## WEYMOUTH CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

A writers retreat for 40 years, this storybook setting will enchant your guests. The 26-acre estate offers stunning spaces for groups of every size, from the intimate library and garden room in the 1922 Georgian Manor House to the expansive lawns.  
[weymouthcenter.org](http://weymouthcenter.org)



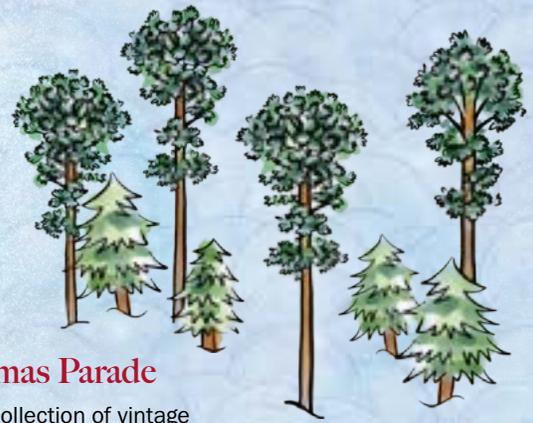
## Bride of the Pines

Stepping into Bride of the Pines in downtown Aberdeen feels like a breezy walk through the clouds, surrounded by pale, pink skies. Local wedding photographer Kaitlyn Blake's new bridal shop offers a luxurious and welcoming shopping experience, whether you're looking for a wedding dress, mother-of-the-bride gown, prom attire or the perfect accessory.  
[brideofthepines.com](http://brideofthepines.com)



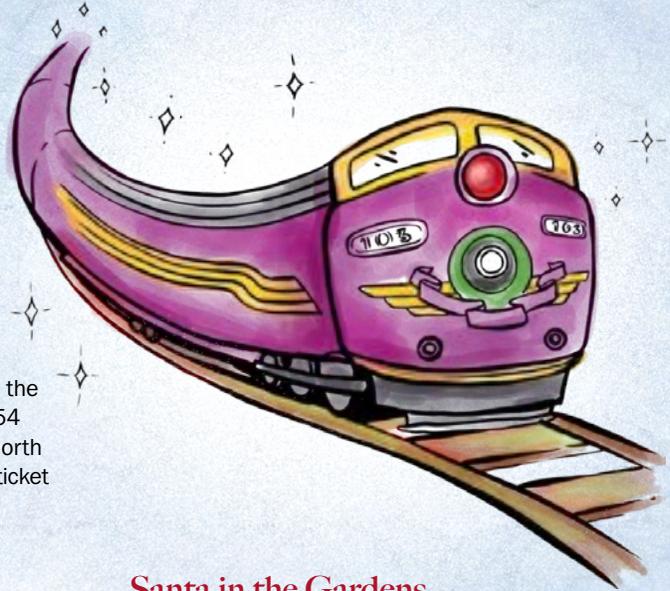
### Southern Pines Christmas Parade

High school marching bands, a collection of vintage cars and decked-out holiday floats: It's all a magical lead-up to Santa, who swaps his fleet of reindeer for a firetruck for Southern Pines' Christmas parade. Revelers start at the Sunrise Theater before heading south down Broad Street to Massachusetts Avenue. After crossing the train tracks, they travel up North Broad Street and end at Connecticut Avenue.



### Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway's Christmas Train

All aboard! With almost an hour-long train ride through the heart of the Sandhills, you'll go back in time in the 1954 double diner car or experience a 360-degree view of North Carolina's twinkling lights in the summit view car. Each ticket includes a complimentary hot chocolate and a cookie.



### Santa in the Gardens

Whisper your Christmas dreams to Santa when the Sandhills Horticultural Society presents a holiday gathering in their beautiful garden. Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet you, and you can even post a letter straight to the North Pole. Indulge in snacks while you're there, and take home reindeer food for Christmas Eve.





### Weymouth Wonderland

Shop for everyone on your list at this three-day outdoor holiday festival and market. Hosted by the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, this festival has all sorts of local vendors selling vintage Christmas decorations, food, drinks, arts and crafts. Standing at the center of the festivities, the Boyd House is decorated with Christmas cheer, Weymouth Center-style: welcoming, bold, creative, dynamic and inclusive.

### Village of Pinehurst Christmas Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season in the Village of Pinehurst with local food and beverage vendors, a chance for kids to meet Santa, and, of course, lighting the giant Christmas tree in Tufts Memorial Park. Take a free trolley ride from Cannon Park Community Center straight to downtown.



# Hallmark Holiday

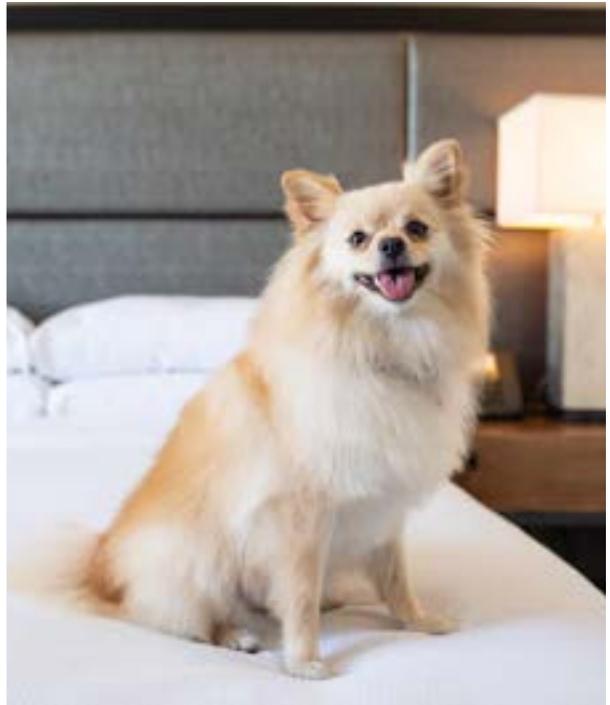
This December, plan to join in the magic of Moore County's annual holiday traditions.

*By Breyton Hill  
Illustration by Janis Dougherty*



### Annual Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Concert

A community of students and adults welcomes you to celebrate 20 years of their hard work. Relax at Pinecrest High School's R.E. Lee Auditorium, and enjoy a collection of Christmas harmonies. Tickets are free, and donations help fund the program and scholarships.



**Clockwise from top:** Sly Fox;  
Homewood Suites by Hilton;  
Aberdeen Lake Park; Red's Corner

# Moore DOGS

DREAMING ABOUT A WEEKEND GETAWAY BUT DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOUR FURRY FRIEND AT HOME? WITH PLENTY OF OUTDOOR DINING OPTIONS, PET-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS AND WIDE, OPEN SPACES, MOORE COUNTY IS YOUR PERFECT DESTINATION. | *By Breyton Hill*

## OUTDOORS

### Tufts Memorial Park

Nicknamed "Village Green," this park is the perfect place to let your dog enjoy a walk on the giant green lawn and through the woody trails.

### Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve

With more than 7 miles of hiking trails, Weymouth Woods is sure to tire your dog out while you get to enjoy the southeastern landscape of longleaf pines forests.

### Aberdeen Lake Park

Get outside and walk around the lake in Aberdeen, complete with a fountain in the middle. There are plenty of tables and grills around the park for a picturesque picnic spot with your dog.

## PET-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

### Drum & Quill

It's fitting that this restaurant, voted "most authentic pub," offers an outdoor patio dogs, too, find irresistible.

### Villager Deli

Open for both breakfast and lunch since 1982, the Villager Deli is the perfect spot to start you and your pup's adventure.

### Sly Fox

Find a place at the patio and order a classic British meal. While you dine, your dog will enjoy the outdoorsy ambiance.

### Betsy's Crepes

At this Southern Pines favorite for sweet and savory breakfast and lunch crepes, pets are welcome inside or out.

### Buggy Town Coffee

With a mission "to make your day better," Buggy Town Coffee is embracing novelty with a new coffee every week with local family recipes and guest roasters from all around North Carolina. You can make your dog's day better by ordering them a pup cup and getting a seat out on the patio.

## PET-FRIENDLY BREWERIES

### Pinehurst Brewing Company

With a warm welcome for pets, brunch on the weekends, and live music on Friday and Saturday nights, this is a fantastic place to wind up after exploring the trails and parks of Moore County with your dog.

### Brad Halling American Whiskey Ko. (BHAWK)

With a commitment to honoring and expressing gratitude to those who have served our nation, husband and wife Brad and Jess Halling have created a one-of-a-kind whiskey distillery experience for visitors and their furry friends.

### Railhouse Brewery

Honored to be Moore County's oldest craft brewery, Railhouse Brewery welcomes family, friends, and pets, and remains determined to find your new favorite beer.

## PET-FRIENDLY HOTELS

### Aberdeen

Hampton Inn and Suites  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Southern Pines Aberdeen  
Super 8  
TownePlace Suites by Marriott

### Pinehurst

Homewood Suites by Hilton

### Southern Pines

Clarion Inn & Conference Center  
Southern Pines & Pinehurst  
Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham  
Residence Inn by Marriott

## PET-FRIENDLY HOMES

### Pinehurst

National Realty Company at No. 9 rents out houses located in the gated golf community of Pinehurst No. 9.

### Southern Pines

Stay at a bed and breakfast, and wake up to the beautiful views of the 10-acre horse farm that is Tanglewood Farm B&B.

# LOCAL EVENTS

THINGS TO DO IN MOORE COUNTY, ALL YEAR LONG



## JANUARY

**First Day Hike**  
(Southern Pines)

**Standardbred Training Season**  
(at Pinehurst Harness Track)

**Best of Our State Weekend**  
(at Pinehurst Resort)

## FEBRUARY

**Painted Ponies Art Walk**  
(Feb-April)

**Hounds on the Grounds**  
(at Weymouth Center)

## MARCH

**Pinecone Pathways Program**  
**Young People's Fine Art Festival**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
(Village of Pinehurst)

**Viking Dash**

**Southern Pines Horse Trials**  
(at Carolina Horse Park)

## APRIL

**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
(Town of Aberdeen)

**NASCAR Easter Weekend Classic**  
(at Rockingham Speedway)

**Springfest**  
(Southern Pines)

**Seagrove Potters Spring Kiln Opening**

**Pinehurst Triathlon Festival**  
**Spring Matinee Races**  
(at Pinehurst Harness Track)

**Longleaf Pine Horse Trials**



**Top to bottom:** Sandhills Motoring Expo;  
Hounds on the Grounds; Cameron Antiques Fair  
**Opposite:** Village of Pinehurst Independence  
Day Parade

## MAY

**Cameron Antiques Fair**  
(Spring)

**Carthage Buggy Festival**  
**Sandhills Motoring Expo**

**Blue & Brews Festival**

**Carriage Classic in the Pines**

## JUNE

**Men's North and South Amateur  
Golf Championship**

**Juneteenth Celebration**

**Seagrove Wood Fire NC**

**National Yard Games Day**  
(at NAV Southern Pines)

## JULY

**Fun Family Fourth of July**  
(Town of Aberdeen)

**Village of Pinehurst  
Independence Day Celebration**

**N.C. Peach Festival**  
(Candor)

**Peach Week**  
(Moore County)

**U.S. Kids Golf World  
Championship Parade of Nations**

**U.S. Kids Golf World**

**U.S. Teens Golf World**



**AUGUST**

- Robbins Farmers Day**
- Pinehurst Barbeque Festival**
- Arts Council of Moore County's Fine Arts Festival**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Malcolm Blue Festival**
- Southern Pines Garden Club's Home and Garden Tour**
- Moore County Kennel Club Dog Show**  
(at Pinehurst Harness Track)
- Shaw House Heritage Fair and Treasure Sale**

**OCTOBER**

- Great Trails State Day Pottery Pinecone Hunt**
- Cameron Antiques Fair**  
(Fall)
- AutumnFest**  
(Southern Pines)
- Aberdeen Sardine Festival**
- Holly Arts & Crafts Festival**
- Oktoberfest**  
(Village of Pinehurst)
- Prancing Horse Annual Horse Farm Tour**
- Moore County Agricultural Fair**



**Peach Week**

Every July, Moore County goes full-on peach mode. Peach Week is a 10-day celebration featuring an immersive "whodunnit" murder mystery, car shows, trolley tours, live music and peach-inspired menu takeovers at dozens of local restaurants. As part of the celebration, Peach Pathways invites nature-and art-lovers to embark on a scavenger hunt across Sandhills hiking trails. The treasure (if you're lucky!): one-of-a-kind glass peaches, blown by local artists at the local Starworks Gallery. Grab your running shoes and hit the footpaths!

**Drums of Liberty**

In celebration of **America 250**, the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities is hosting a series of events, including a Revolutionary War encampment, kids' crafts and historic games, lectures by local speakers and professors, and tours of the 1922 Boyd House — home of James Boyd, author of "Drums," a historical fiction about a North Carolina family during the American Revolution. *June 27, 2026*

**NOVEMBER**

- Blessing of the Hounds**
- Celebration of Seagrove Potters**
- Town of Cameron Christmas Open House**
- Festival of Trees**
- Ederville: 100+ Years of Progress**
- Southern Pines Parade of Trees**
- Southern Pines Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Veterans Day Parade**

**DECEMBER**

- Aberdeen Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Southern Pines Christmas Parade**
- Moore County Driving Club Christmas Carriage Parade**
- Malcolm Blue Farm's Old Fashioned Christmas**
- Candlelight Tour of Homes**
- Holiday Pops Concert**
- Village of Pinehurst Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Aberdeen Christmas Parade**
- First Eve**  
(New Years Eve - Downtown Southern Pines)

Visit [homeofgolf.com/events](http://homeofgolf.com/events) for updates and additional information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dates, times and locations subject to change.

**PINEHURST  
SOUTHERN PINES  
ABERDEEN AREA**  
*Home of American Golf*

