



Exhale...life's different beyond the water.

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## The Granville Experience

The Granville Experience is an alternative to what you have - **A yin, to the everyday yang.** Yet this alternative is not far away, but in your own back yard – steps away.

We are not a location, but a place. A place where you can **gather, relax, inhale/exhale, create your own space, and then become part of that space.** We are not a destination at which you “arrive” – but a destination in which you insert yourself and interact. Becoming not just a tourist, or guest, but part of our community. A community where quaint gives a nod to eclectic, where small town embraces the heart and soul of hometown, and where rural translates to space and time to find yourself.

The Granville experience is based on self. We will not exhaust you with an agenda of activities, but rather provide you the opportunity to escape. The opportunity to define and create your own unique Granville County Experience.

For we are not like where you came from...we are **uniquely Carolina.** A Carolina that melds the endearing heart of hometown living with (individual) space, and easy accessibility – a rare fusion that allows you to define “experience” and “gathering” on your terms.... and compels you to come and take a breath, **yet be only steps away.**



Parks created by Mother Nature...  
 not a zoning board.



You say “I Do”...  
 Your guests say “Oh Wow!!”



“Hey welcome back” versus...  
 “Party of Four”

Given our farming heritage, it is not a surprise that agri-tourism is very much part of our DNA. We have multiple “pick-your-own” farms that bring visitors for everything from strawberries to hot peppers (oh those hot peppers). Additionally, many of our farms have converted into event venues – above is Carlee Farms – one of our wedding venues featured in this year’s Bridal Show.

Many visiting our community are looking to “get-away-and-gather.” For those that classify eating, drinking and shopping as their “get-away” interest, we offer a number of unique stops, including Tobacco Woods Brewery in Oxford – the first female, veteran-owned brewery in the state.

**Outdoors and Space:** Granville County is comprised of over 537 square miles of land and water, providing endless opportunity for recreation. You can enjoy your own space on 5 tranquil lakes, countless hiking trails and bike routes, or you can escape into the Tar River Land Conservancy.



**Shops and Commerce:** Granville County is widely recognized for its oak tree lined streets and stately colonial architecture. Our picturesque communities offer ideal locations for shops, restaurants, galleries, and more. Cedar Creek Gallery is a must see during your trip to Granville. Located right on the outskirts of Wake and Durham counties, this family-run gallery has been producing hand-made pottery, blown glass and other fine art for 50 years. It features over 250 U.S. artists, and hosts multiple arts festivals each year.

**Parks and Recreation** – Top notch recreational facilities exist throughout our tri-city (Butner, Creedmoor, Oxford) area to host youth and adult tournaments from baseball and softball to pickleball. The quality of our facilities and our proximity to the Triangle makes for an ideal weekend retreat for teams and families.

**Festivals & Events:** Granville County festivals and events are unique and, Uniquely Carolina. Our events are not just for attending, but for engaging with, and becoming part of, our community.

**Butner Chicken Pickin'** - Get things started in June with live music in downtown Butner and then head out to Central Ave for a day full of good food, live music, arts & crafts, and one of the best antique car shows around. It's the perfect event for the whole family.



**Creedmoor Music Festival** - Take a stroll down Main Street in downtown Creedmoor where fair food aficionados and music lovers converge once a year in September. Multiple stages offer music from top notch local and regional bands and plenty of activities for the kids!

**Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival** - Every October, Oxford welcomes home all of its Masonic Home for Children Alumni. It is a celebration of North Carolina's oldest & first home for children. The festival features the largest Shriners parade in North Carolina, and a Masonic BBQ cook-off.



## NC Hot Sauce Festival



Held the beginning of September (when the peppers are ripe), the Hot Sauce Festival is about engagement. Try the sauces, learn recipes, try the peppers.... Dare to try the peppers.

This festival is all about the foodie in you – all from North Carolina. From hot peppers to cool treats, you can walk the streets of Downtown Oxford and taste until your heart is content - all in ONE day. Even the little ones can have their very own adventures in different tastes, smells and fun.



And at the end of the day, you dance off all the great food in the middle of Main Street. Throw in an arts & crafts fair, breweries, wineries, carnival rides, local restaurants and shops and you have set yourself up for a day full of unique experiences that haven't taken you far from home.

