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Welcome To Anson County



Anson County traces its roots to the mid-18th century, when Scotch-Irish and German settlers began stopping in the area on their treks west, between 1730 and 1750. The rich bottomland along the Pee Dee River, formerly occupied by Indian tribes such as the Catawbas, Waxhaws, Cheraws and Pee Dees, attracted settlers from the coast and the Philadelphia Wagon Road.

Of course, the Indians were ultimately forced out and the settlers came. Anson County was once the largest county in the state with a border on the Mississippi River. It was carved from Bladen County in 1750, and named for Lord George Anson, a British admiral.

Anson is now a largely rural area with 536 square miles and a population of approximately 25,000.

Today, as in the past, you're certain to find a warm welcome and plenty of things to see and learn about in Anson County, whether you're visiting for a hunting or fishing trip or traveling to a Carolina beach vacation or Carolina mountain retreat. How often have you been asked, "Where is Anson County?" only later to hear, "Oh, yes, we go through on the way to the coast?"

Traditionally, Anson County business has been largely agricultural and textile based. Both industries remain a part of the local economy, but the county is actively seeking to diversify through business relocations as well as expansions of existing firms.

Businesses or individuals seeking to locate in Anson County are assisted by an active and growing Chamber of Commerce and the Anson Economic Development team.

The 9,000-acre Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, which has a North Carolina Scenic Byway passing through it, provides both active and passive enjoyment of the outdoors.

The Pee Dee River forms the eastern border between Anson and Richmond counties. The Rocky River forms the border between Anson and Stanly counties to the north. The western border between Anson and Union counties runs almost due south to the South Carolina border, which serves as the southern border.

Anson uses the county manager form of government, with seven county commissioners representing districts in the county. Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms. The county has seven incorporated municipalities - Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro - as well as several small, close-knit communities.

Located near the geographical center of the county, Wadesboro is the county seat. Wadesboro was chartered in 1783 as New Town. Its 140 half-acre lots, donated by Patrick Boggan, were quickly sold for 40 schillings (\$9.60) each. Streets were laid out and the town was renamed Wadesborough in 1787 in honor of Revolutionary War Colonel Thomas Wade. The spelling of the town's name was changed to Wadesboro in 1868.

Religion plays an important role in Anson County. Many Anson congregations have a long and rich history. The oldest still-existing congregation in the county is Rocky River Baptist Church near Polkton, founded in 1776. Today Anson has many churches, representing a variety of denominations, with the largest being Southern Baptist.

By building on a solid economic base, a mild climate, plentiful water resources, an energetic and progressive community college, dual rail service and an improved airport, Anson County leaders hope to expand and diversify the county's economy.

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County Clerk: Bonnie Huntley, CMC (704) 994-3201
Chamber of Commerce: Lynn Edwards (704) 694-4181
County Attorney: Scott Forbes
The commissioners meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center. Information, 704-994-3201.

NC House District 55: Mark Brody (919) 715-3029 brodyla@ncleg.net
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US House District 8: Richard Hudson (910) 997-2070

Climate: Anson County is blessed with great weather, with four distinct seasons and extended falls and springs featuring temperate weather. Annual average temperature is 62 degrees. January's average is 37 degrees, June's average is 77 degrees. Average annual rainfall is 43 inches, and average annual snowfall is 2 inches or less.

Location: Anson County is 50 miles east of Charlotte, at the intersections of Highways 74, 52, 742 and 109.

Driving distance/times to major areas are:

- Charlotte - 50 miles / one hour • Raleigh - 120 miles / two and one half hours
- Greensboro - 100 miles / two hours • Wilmington - 140 miles / three hours
- Myrtle Beach - 120 miles / two and one half hours • Madison, Wisconsin - 950 miles / fifteen hours

Utilities & Services:

Water: Anson County Water Department with the Pee Dee River as the source. Maximum daily capacity is 13 million gallons, peak load is 9 million gallons, storage capacity elevated is 1 million gallons and ground is 4 million gallons.

Wastewater Treatment: Treatment plant is type 2 stage aeration. Capacity is 3.5 million gallons per day, available surplus is 800,000 gallons. Separate storm sewer system.

Electricity: Power supplier is Duke Energy. Power distributors are Duke and Pee Dee Electric Cooperative.

Natural Gas: Natural gas supplier and distributor is Piedmont Natural Gas.

Other Fuels: Fuel oil and LP gas are available from private businesses, such as Huntley Oil at 704-694-2144.

Population: 26,948 (2010 Census)

Land Area: Total acres in county: 341,210 acres.

Total forest land in county: 248,527 acres (200,564 acres of forest land owned by private owners).

Major Employers: Anson Correctional Center-71, Anson Community Hospital-410, Anson County-210, Anson County Schools-700, API-Security-75, Bonsal American-75, Brown Creek Correctional Institution-361, Carolina Apparel Group-100, CMH Flooring-120, Cobb-Vantress-60, Coffing Hoists-150, Cuddy Farms-300, B.V. Hedrick-53, Hildreth Wood Products-30, Hornwood-250, Medical Specialties-90, Pee Dee Electric-75, Premier Fibers-100, Southern Fabricators-90, South Piedmont Community College-160+, Triangle Brick-130, Universal Fiber Systems-160, Valley Proteins-100, Wade Manufacturing-150.

Labor Force: Average 10,500

Tax Rate (per \$100 valuation): County rate is 76.7¢. Ansonville - 25¢, Lilesville - 48¢, McFarlan - 29¢, Morven - 44¢, Peachland - 30¢, Polkton - 25¢, Wadesboro - 49.6¢.

Lodging: Anson County has four motels and three bed and breakfasts. The award winning Executive Inn here offers excellent rooms at very reasonable prices. They are located on Highway 74 in the Wadesboro business district and their telephone number is 704-694-7070. The beautiful Forever Inn Bed and Breakfast is located in uptown Wadesboro and their telephone number is 704-695-1304.

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