Historic Sites

Alamance Battleground

Physical:

- No designated paved parking spaces. Accommodations can be made as necessary for easy access.
- Natural ground with grass. No paved paths. Some slopes. Benches near the restroom provide an area of rest.
- The visitor center entrance is level.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Visitors may drive or be driven to the Allen House (approx. 80 yards from the visitor center). Staff are available to assist visitors with mobility issues.

Hearing:

• Orientation video has volume control but is not captioned.

Vision:

- Restroom signs have Braille.
- Two plaques outside the visitor center are a map of the site with raised letters and shapes that visitors with vision loss can feel.
- Two monuments across the street also have raised letters.

Aycock Birthplace

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces: one at the visitor center and one at the picnic shelter.
- A concrete path at least 4 feet wide with slopes leads from the parking lot to the visitor center. An uneven dirt path leads to the schoolhouse and the home.
- The interior of the visitor center has a ramp and carpeted floors.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

Hearing:

• A video tour is available, but is not captioned.

Vision:

- 12 Braille copies of the site's brochure are available (courtesy of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind).
- The site offers tactile tours that allow visitors to touch reproduction items.
- Restroom signs have Braille.

Battleship North Carolina

Physical:

- Marked accessible parking spaces are available.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The main deck of the ship provides the best access for visitors with mobility disabilities. The interior contains steps and ladders.
- The Back Porch Tour designed for groups with limited mobility gives them a taste without coming aboard through a 10-minute video, a tour of the Visitor Center and Exhibit Hall and a visit to the Observation Deck. Allow four weeks' notice.

Bennett Place

Physical:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level. The Bennett House and kitchen house have steps.
- The picnic area has two wheelchair-accessible picnic tables and there is a walkway leading into the picnic area that is wheelchair friendly.

Hearing:

• The site's two videos are not captioned.

Visual:

• Signs in the visitor center have large print with good contrast.

Bentonville Battlefield

Physical:

- One accessible parking area marked by a sign. The rest of the parking area is either gravel or grass.
- The visitor center and restrooms are at ground level. The historic structures have steps.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center, restrooms and Tour Stops are wheelchair-accessible.
- Photo book available for visitors with mobility disabilities to see historic structures.

Hearing:

- The audio-visual is not captioned.
- The site requires a request in writing two weeks in advance for a sign language interpreter.

Visual:

• Cellphone audio tours are available at 910-535-2008.

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson

Physical:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Entrance to the site is level.
- Two manual wheelchairs are available.
- The path through the exhibits in the visitor center has a ramp. The path to the fort has a bench along the way as well as a ramp with handrails, and the boardwalk has a 40-footlong bench. Steel cable around the excavated foundations makes them visible at low heights.

Hearing:

• The orientation video in the visitor center is not captioned, but a script is available.

Visual:

The site director will give a private tour to a visitor with vision loss who requests one.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum

The site asks groups when scheduling if there are special needs in order to help the site plan accommodations.

Physical:

- Ten marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp, and the doors are at least 32 inches wide and easy to open.
- Five accessible restrooms.
- One building has an elevator.

Hearing:

- Orientation video is not captioned, but a script is available.
- The walking campus tour provides the material ordinarily offered in a guided tour in written form.

Visual:

• The orientation video provides a verbal overview of the site, and the guided tour offers visual details for visitors with vision loss.

CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Tours of the CSS Neuse are accessible to all visitors. The Governor Caswell Memorial is fully accessible.

Hearing:

• The orientation film is not captioned.

Visual:

- The orientation film does not have audio description.
- Signs feature various font sizes on various backgrounds.

Duke Homestead

Physical:

- The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and the house are wheelchair-accessible. Historic buildings have steps.

Hearing:

- A script for the orientation video is available.
- Written materials are available for the historic area.

Visual:

Orientation video does not include audio description.

Fort Dobbs

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Accessible restroom facility on site.
- The nature trail is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Visual:

• Fort Dobbs offers various objects that visitors with vision loss may touch, including a scale model of the fort and reproductions of period clothing and bullets. Tactile tours are offered.

Fort Fisher

Physical:

- Five marked accessible parking spaces in the museum lot and four at the oceanfront.
- One paved path, one concrete path, one boardwalk path and three dirt paths at least 4 feet wide with slopes. The paved and concrete paths have ramps.
- The visitor center entrance has a ramp.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two regular wheelchairs are available.

Hearing:

• A script of the orientation video is available.

Historic Bath

Physical:

- No marked individual spaces in the paved parking lot, but there is one reserved accessible parking sign near the Visitor Center entrance.
- Visitor Center entrance is level.
- The Van Der Veer House has a ramp with a slope no greater than 1:12. The guided tour homes (Palmer-Marsh and Bonner) have steps.

Hearing:

• A captioned version of the 15-minute orientation film is available upon request.

Visual:

• Visitor signs (restrooms and the orientation room) have Braille.

Historic Edenton

Physical:

- One marked accessible parking space in a gravel lot at the Visitor Center. The Barker House has a paved parking lot.
- The Visitor Center has a ramp. St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Chowan County Courthouse both have a ramp. The Barker House has 10 steps, the Cupola House has three steps, and the Iredell House has five steps.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- Two wheelchairs are available for loan.
- The trolley has a wheelchair lift and space to anchor one wheelchair.

Hearing:

A script is available for the audio-visual program.

Visual:

• A Braille copy of the audio-visual is available.

Historic Halifax

Physical:

- One marked accessible parking space with curb cuts near the visitor center.
- The entrance to the visitor center, the Tap Room tavern, the Jail and the archeological museum each has a ramp. Other buildings have steps.

Hearing:

- Demonstrations allowing visitors to see and try the demos themselves can be arranged with advanced notice.
- The orientation film is not captioned.

Visual:

• Guided tours and demonstrations such as buttermaking that allow participants to feel objects can be arranged with advanced notice.

Historic Stagville				
The site makes every attempt to accommodate any visitor with a disability and is flexible to work with any group to resolve any issue surrounding touring the facilities.				
Physical:				
• Two marked accessible parking spaces at the visitor center and two at the Bennehan House.				
The entrance to the visitor center has a ramp.				
Hearing:				
The orientation film is not captioned.				
Visual:				
The orientation film does not contain audio description.				
Horne Creek				
Physical:				
Two marked accessible parking spaces.				
 A ramp at the farmhouse's rear entrance provides access to the first floor. 				
Two accessible restrooms.				
 The site is not fully wheelchair-accessible but will provide golf cart transportation and tours only to visitors with mobility disabilities and physical challenges and to expectant mothers upon request. 				
An all-terrain wheelchair is available.				

• A Braille version of the film's script is available.

Visual:

• A Braille information brochure is available in the visitor center.

House in the Horseshoe

Physical:

- One marked accessible parking space.
- The entrance to the Alston House has steps, but a ramp leads to the sun porch. A ramp leads to the greeting station's museum and gift shop.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.

Hearing:

• A written walking tour brochure is available.

NC Transportation Museum

Physical:

- Eight marked accessible parking spaces at Barber Junction and two by the Roundhouse.
- The entrances to Barber Junction and the Mechanic's Office have a ramp, and the entrance to the Roundhouse is level.
- Accessible restrooms in Barber Junction, the Mechanic's Office and the Roundhouse.
- The train ride has a wheelchair lift available with 15 minutes notice and six spaces for wheelchair tie-downs.
- Wheelchairs are available.

Hearing:

• The orientation film is not captioned.

Visual:

- Many signs have large print and good contrast.
- The orientation film does not contain audio description.

Polk Historic Site

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp. The house and the kitchen have three steps each.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- Visitors with mobility disabilities may need assistance on the path to the historic buildings.

Hearing:

• The film is not captioned.

Visual:

• A Braille version of the guided tour is available.

Reed Gold Mine

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center and the stamp mill have a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The stamp mill has an elevator.
- The underground tour is on a level gravel surface with the exception of a series of steps at the end. Visitors with mobility disabilities may elect to return from the tour using the level entrance.
- Two wheelchairs capable of going through the underground are available.

Hearing:

• The site has a written tour script for the general tour and the nature tour loop.

Visual:

• A Braille tour script is available; it is of the older tour script and may not contain the same information the newer scripts contain.

Roanoke Island Festival Park

Physical:

- Nine marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center has a boardwalk ramp with wooden handrails.
- Three accessible restrooms.
- The ship, Elizabeth II, is not accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Hearing:

• The park does not provide sign language interpreters for the Performance series.

Visual:

- The park offers numerous hands-on activities.
- Large-print signs with good contrast.

Somerset Place

Physical:

- One accessible parking space marked by a sign near the visitor center.
- The entrance to the visitor center and each historic structure has steps. Only the entrance to the restrooms has a ramp. Portable ramps provide access to the visitor center.
- Two accessible restrooms.

Visual:

• Objects for visitors to touch include sedge brooms, baskets and ironware.

State Capitol

Physical:

- Five marked accessible parking spaces available in a visitor lot on the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets.
- The entrance has a ramp.
- The first-floor men's restroom is accessible. Women may request to use the accessible first-floor staff restroom.
- The building has an elevator.
- All areas except the third floor are accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities.

Hearing:

• Tour materials are available in writing.

Visual:

• With one week's advanced notice, the staff will provide a touch tour. The grounds contain bronze objects that provide a tactile experience.

Thomas Wolfe Memorial

Physical:

- One accessible parking space in front of the Visitor Center.
- The visitor center is level with the ground. The historic house has steps, but a wheelchair lift provides access.
- One accessible restroom for each gender in the visitor center.
- Only the first floor of the house is accessible (stairs to the second floor).
- The visitor center is fully accessible.

Hearing:

• Printed supplemental handouts are available, including a script of the audio-visual in the visitor center.

Town Creek Indian Mound

Physical:

- Three marked accessible parking spaces.
- The entrance to the visitor center is level.
- The ramp to the mound and townhouse is 25 feet long with an incline of approximately 50 degrees.
- One accessible restroom for each gender.
- The burial hut and the visitor center/museum are wheelchair-accessible.

Hearing:

- The visitor center has an orientation movie that is captioned.
- Self-guided tour leaflets are available for touring the site.

Visual:

• Restroom signs have Braille.

Tryon Palace

Physical:

- Four marked accessible parking spaces at the North Carolina History Center and two in the Eden Street lot.
- Palace main building: ramp for first floor access. Palace Kitchen Office and Stables: ramps. Other houses: steps only. A photo album is available for visitors who cannot tour the second floor.
- One accessible restroom for each gender at the Way Station and the Palace Stables.
- Wheelchairs are available in the History Center.
- The gardens are accessible to all visitors, but some surfaces may be uneven.

Hearing:

• Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour or request a sign language interpreter.

Visual:

• Please call ahead to arrange a special, personal tour.

Vance Birthplace

Physical:

- Two marked accessible parking spaces.
- The visitor center has a ramp.
- Two accessible restrooms.
- The visitor center and picnic shelter are accessible to people with mobility disabilities.