



Tyrrell County Visitor's Center

The Tyrrell County Visitor's Center, at the foot of the bridge on US 64 in Columbia, offers visitor information for regional and state travel, restrooms, picnic areas, and an interpretive boardwalk along the Scuppernong River.

Along with welcoming over 400,000 people per year to Columbia, the Visitor's Center houses the Partnership for the Sounds' (PfS) corporate and administrative staff. PfS operates the TCVC for the NC Department of Transportation.

Fun Facts

- ▶ "Scuppernong" is an Algonquin Indian word that means "place of the sweet bay tree" - a reference to the many bay trees in local swamps.
- ▶ The Scuppernong River runs 26 miles through thick swamp forests before emptying into Bull's Bay on the Albemarle Sound. It is called a "blackwater" river because its waters are stained a dark tea color by tannins from decaying leaves in surrounding forests.
- ▶ Tyrrell is one of the oldest counties in the state and was one of the original precincts of North Carolina's Lords Proprietors.
- ▶ Tyrrell's major economy is derived from agriculture, livestock, logging and fishing.
- ▶ From Tyrrell's scuppernong vines come some of the finest grapes to be found anywhere, and from the abundance of this fruit comes the name for its Scuppernong River.





Hours of Operation

May 1 - October 31 | Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday, 1 - 5 pm

November 1-April 30 | Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

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