

A Quick Course in History

As the birthplace of Brightleaf tobacco, Durham's colorful and unique history is inextricably tied to the tobacco trade and the industries that grew up around it. The following historic sites provide a quick dose of Durham history.

► Head west on W Chapel Hill St. towards Duke University Rd. and turn right onto Chapel Dr. (5 min. from Downtown Durham.)

1 Duke University Chapel

401 Chapel Dr, Durham, NC 27708 | (919) 681-9414 | www.chapel.duke.edu

Just a five minute drive from Downtown Durham lies Duke Chapel, the cathedral-like centerpiece of Duke University's West Campus. Built in 1930, the structure soars 210 feet and is one of the last great collegiate Gothic projects in the United States. The chapel hosts interdenominational services and recitals throughout each week and is open daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (**Allow one hour.**)

► Take 15-501 S from Cameron Blvd. toward Chapel Hill; at I-40 turn left toward Raleigh and take exit 273A, turning right onto Hwy. 54; then take an immediate right onto Farrington Rd. (25 min.)

2 Patterson's Mill Country Store, Inc.

5109 Farrington Rd, between NC Hwy 54 & Old Chapel Hill Rd | (919) 493-8149

Patterson's Mill Country Store, a historic landmark and turn-of-the-century county store featuring displays of pharmaceutical Americana and tobacco marketing memorabilia, is located just 30 minutes from Duke Chapel off of I-40. A fascinating step back in time, Patterson's Mill Country Store is patterned after the original store of the 1870s with collectibles and North Carolina Gifts for sale. The store is open Tu-Sa, 10am-5:30pm; Su, 2pm-5pm. (**Allow one hour.**)

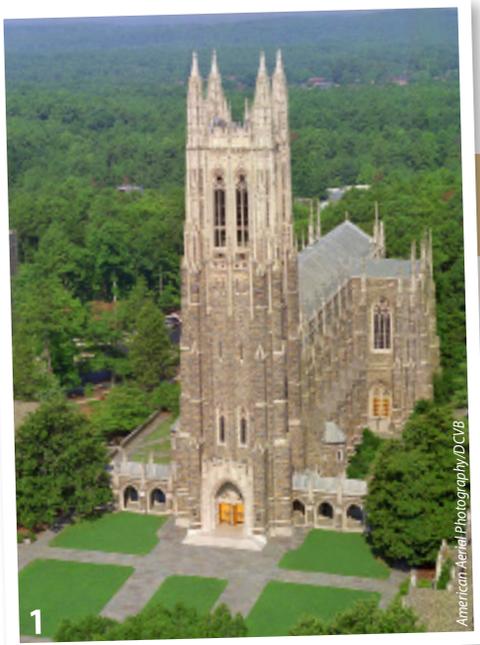
► Return via Farrington Rd to Hwy. 54 and turn left. Turn left onto Leigh Farm Rd. (10 min.)

3 Leigh Farm Park

370 Leigh Farm Rd | (919) 489-0900

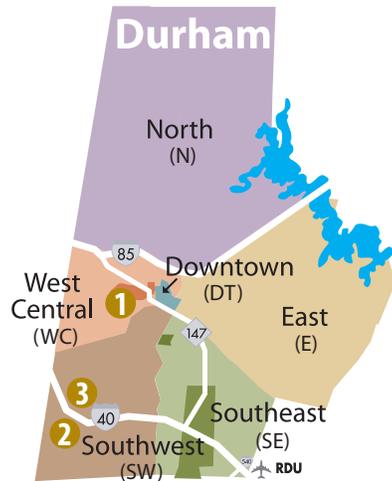
Nearby, Leigh Farm Park provides an opportunity to delve even deeper into Durham's rich cultural history. Just 10 minutes from Patterson's Mill, just north of the NC 54 and I-40 interchange, lies the seven-acre, historic Leigh Farm Park area, including Leigh House (circa 1835), an early 19th-century dairy, and a mid-19th-century slave cabin, among other historically significant structures. Visitors to Leigh Farm are invited to enjoy the cultural history programming as well as picknicking, fishing, hiking, and outdoor nature study. The park is open year round from sun-up to sun-down. (**Allow one hour.**)

Got An Appetite for More? Find a spot for a great meal, additional historic places of interest, and more at www.durham-nc.com. Or, stop by our Visitor Information Center at 212 W Main St #101



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212 W Main St #101, Downtown Durham
(919) 687-0288 or (800) 446-8604

Visitor Information Center Winter Hours

(November-March): Open 6 days a week except major holidays: Mon: 9am-5pm; Tues-Fri: 9am-6pm; Sat: 10am-6pm. (After-hours information bins and a computer kiosk are also available evenings and weekends.)

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