

# GASTON COUNTY HERITAGE TRAIL

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Experience the rich history and natural beauty of Gaston County on the Heritage Trail. Explore Revolutionary War sites, museums, and vibrant downtowns. Enjoy outdoor adventures at Crowders Mountain, the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, and the Catawba River.

## History Buffs

Delve into Revolutionary War history, notably the Battle of Kings Mountain at Kings Mountain National Military Park, commemorating the battle with monuments, a museum, and walking trails, and the Kings Mountain Historical Museum, which provides exhibits and artifacts detailing the local impact of the Revolutionary War.

Step into the town of Cherryville, and you'll find history intertwined with the evolution of transportation. The C. Grier Beam Truck Museum is not just a collection of vintage trucks and memorabilia. It's an interactive experience that takes you on a journey through the history of trucking, making it a must-visit for history enthusiasts.

Historic Dallas was crucial to the growth of the textile industry and drove much of the region's early economic development. Visitors will enjoy exploring the Gaston County Museum, which offers extensive exhibits on the local textile industry, including historical artifacts and narratives.

## Outdoor Adventures

Crowders Mountain State Park is Gaston County's crown jewel, offering stunning summit views and three trails for hiking enthusiasts. Nature lovers can explore the beauty of the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, located on 380 acres along Lake Wylie. This garden features spectacular gardens, fountains, and a conservatory. The Schiele Museum of Natural History is a Smithsonian affiliate and offers exceptional educational programs and exhibits.

Engage in flatwater paddling on the Catawba or South Fork River, or rent a jet ski or pontoon boat on the Catawba River leading to Lake Wylie for a fun day out. The Whitewater Center, the world's premier outdoor facility for thrill seekers, offers whitewater rafting, zip lines, and climbing.

## Vibrant Downtowns

Explore historical downtowns renovated for today in Belmont, Gastonia, Mount Holly, and Cramerton. Enjoy shopping, dining, and entertainment, walking through yesteryear with a modern twist.

**Kings Mountain National Military Park**  
2625 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC

**Kings Mountain Historical Museum**  
100 E Mountain St, Kings Mountain, NC

**C. Grier Beam Truck Museum**  
111 N Mountain St, Cherryville, NC

**Gaston County Museum**  
131 W Main St, Dallas, NC

**Crowders Mountain State Park**  
522 Park Office Ln, Kings Mountain, NC

**Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden**  
6500 S New Hope Rd, Belmont, NC

**Schiele Museum of Natural History**  
1500 E Garrison Blvd, Gastonia, NC

**Whitewater Center**  
5000 Whitewater Center Pkwy, Charlotte, NC

