

SMITHFIELD, NC

Artistic Heritage

Cemetery Stroll

Museums

Veterans Memorial

Authors and Literary Landmarks

Courthouses in the USA

RiverWalk America

Walking Europe in the USA

Johnston County

10 Km HISTORIC TOWN WALK YR1986

Triangle Trailblazers

START POINT: Super 8 Motel
735 Industrial Park Dr.
Smithfield, NC
919-989-8988

HOURS: Daily, dawn to dusk

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TRAIL: Rated 1 Suitable for strollers, medium difficulty for wheelchairs. The trail begins on an asphalt trail along the bank of the Neuse River, passes through an historic cemetery and then into neighborhoods of Victorian-era and early 20th century homes. Continue through historic downtown Smithfield featuring the Johnston County Courthouse and the Ava Gardner Museum which houses memorabilia of one of the glamour stars of Hollywood's Golden Age.

HOW TO GET THERE: From Raleigh, take I-40 to US70E to Bus 70 into Smithfield. Turn left on Industrial Park Dr. just before reaching the junction of I-95. From I-95 south of Wilson, take Exit 95 and go west (from the north turn right; from the south turn left onto Bus 70). Turn right at the first light which will be Industrial Park Dr. Super 8 is located on the left at 0.9 miles.

Register here and then drive approximately two miles to start location at the Neuse River boat landing. There are no restrooms at the boat landing.