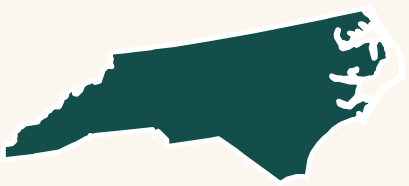
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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE TAR HEEL STATE

North Carolina Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about North Carolina for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to North Carolina!

Grab a pencil and feel the ocean breeze: we're exploring North Carolina! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the misty top of Mount Mitchell to the sandy Outer Banks. You'll meet a bright red cardinal, a plant that snaps shut on bugs, and the windy dunes where two brothers first flew an airplane. Ready for takeoff? Let's go, Tar Heels!



NORTH CAROLINA FAST FACTS

Capital	Raleigh
Largest city	Charlotte
Nickname	The Tar Heel State
Statehood	November 21, 1789 (the 12th state)
Region	South
State bird	Cardinal
State flower	Dogwood
State tree	Pine
State Mammal	Gray Squirrel
State Carnivorous Plant	Venus Flytrap
State Vegetable	Sweet Potato
Motto	Esse quam videri (Latin for "To be, rather than to seem")

For parents and teachers: This North Carolina pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

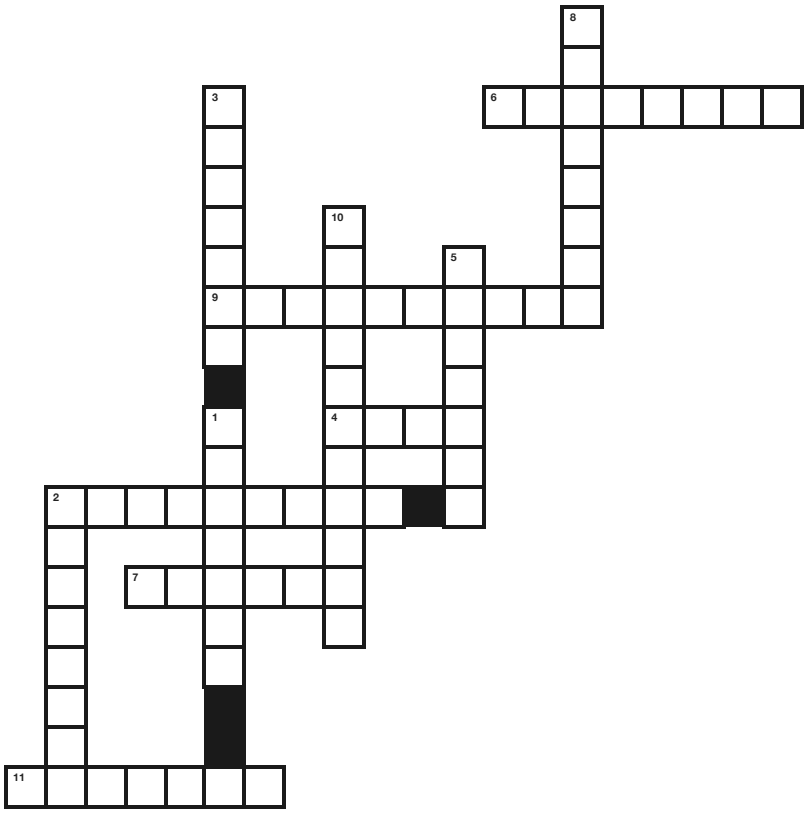
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

North Carolina Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

2. The largest city in the state

4. State tree whose sap once made tar

6. Mount ___, highest peak east of the Mississippi

7. Last name of the brothers who first flew here in 1903

9. Long chain of barrier islands along the coast

11. Venus ___, a plant that snaps shut on bugs

DOWN

1. The state capital, in the middle of the state

2. Bright red state bird

3. State flower that blooms white in spring

5. Nickname for a person from this state

8. Cape ___, home of the tallest brick lighthouse

10. Orange state vegetable grown on many farms

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

North Carolina Places to Explore

Cities, mountains, capes and islands from the Smokies to the sea

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

B	F	G	T	S	W	X	F	D	R	E	F	C	G	G
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M	A	M	G	N	V	E	S	L	N	O	U	R	L	C
Z	W	X	J	S	Q	M	S	L	D	K	R	U	L	N
B	K	Y	J	S	G	E	T	E	O	E	S	X	W	X

Word List

SMOKYMOUNTAINS
GRANDFATHER
CHAPELHILL
BLUERIDGE
BEAUFORT
WINSTONSALEM
GREENSBORO
ASHEVILLE
CAPEFEAR
DURHAM
FAYETTEVILLE
WILMINGTON
KITTYHAWK
OCRACOKE
BOONE

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPER PACK

20 more North Carolina puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The North Carolina Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Outer Banks lighthouses, the first flight, Blue Ridge waterfalls, sea turtles, colonial mysteries and mountain music. Twenty puzzles from the mountains to the sea, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	North Carolina Outer Banks	Word Search
2	North Carolina Farm Crops	Word Scramble
3	North Carolina Ocean Life	Word Fill-In
4	North Carolina Flight Fact	Cryptogram
5	North Carolina Mountains	Word Search
6	North Carolina State Symbols	Word Scramble
7	North Carolina Forest Animals	Word Fill-In
8	North Carolina Mountain Fact	Cryptogram
9	North Carolina Native Nations	Word Search
10	North Carolina Beach Day	Word Scramble
11	North Carolina Plants	Word Fill-In
12	North Carolina Gold Fact	Cryptogram
13	North Carolina Cities and Towns	Word Search
14	North Carolina Colonial Days	Word Scramble
15	North Carolina Rivers and Lakes	Word Fill-In
16	North Carolina Lighthouse Fact	Cryptogram
17	North Carolina First Flight	Word Search
18	North Carolina Music and Crafts	Word Scramble
19	North Carolina Sports and Outdoors	Word Fill-In
20	North Carolina Sweet Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying North Carolina so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

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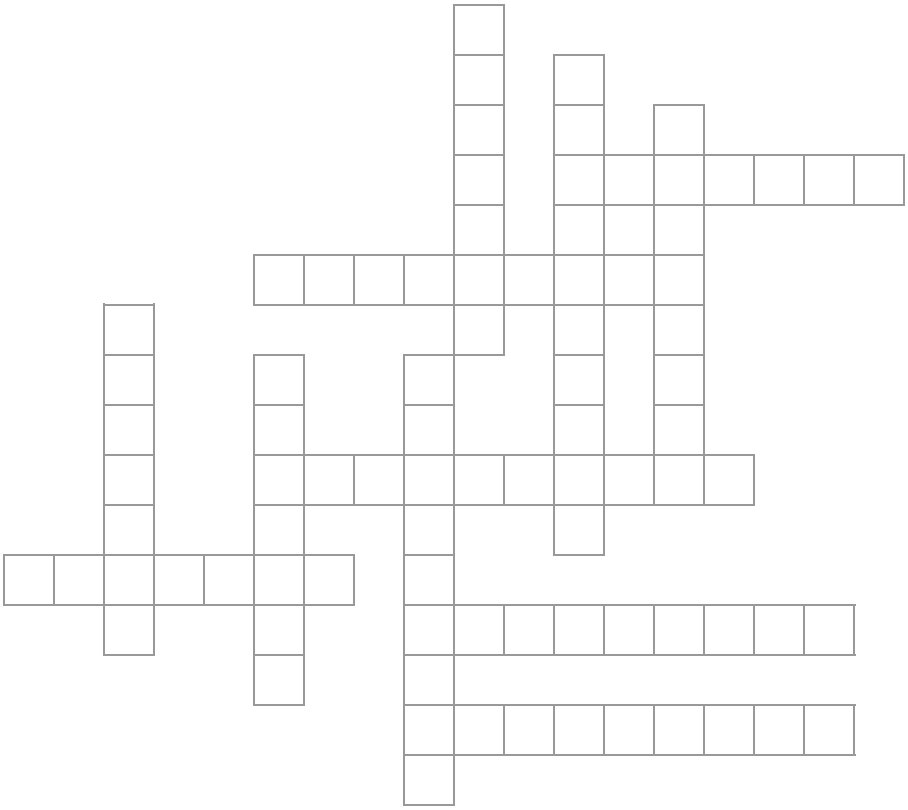
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

North Carolina Animals

Creatures of the mountains, the swamps and the coast

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

7 letters:	MUSTANG, OPOSSUM, PELICAN, REDDRUM, REDWOLF
8 letters:	HONEYBEE
9 letters:	ALLIGATOR, BLACKBEAR, BOXTURTLE, SEATURTLE
10 letters:	PLOTTHOUND, SALAMANDER

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

North Carolina Favorites

Things to eat and do in the Tar Heel State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: North Carolina words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	BABERECU	_____
2.	UHUHSPPPY	_____
3.	ISCBITU	_____
4.	STPUANE	_____
5.	KAKAY	_____
6.	INGIHK	_____
7.	CGGIONGL	_____
8.	GIEUHSHOTL	_____
9.	ISFIGNH	_____
10.	BJANO	_____
11.	CIINPC	_____
12.	ERRFY	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

North Carolina Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when North Carolina became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

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FINISH LINE

You did it, North Carolina explorer!

You solved your way across North Carolina, the Tar Heel State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about North Carolina. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Raleigh.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA

- North Carolina became the 12th state when it approved the U.S. Constitution on November 21, 1789.
- Charlotte is the largest city in North Carolina, with about 875,000 people at the 2020 Census.
- On December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers made the first powered airplane flights at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk.
- Mount Mitchell, at 6,684 feet, is the highest peak east of the Mississippi River.
- In 1799, a boy named Conrad Reed found a 17-pound gold nugget on his family's farm, the first documented gold find in the U.S.
- Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, about 198 feet tall, is the tallest brick lighthouse in the United States.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which North Carolina shares with Tennessee, is the most visited national park in the country.
- North Carolina grows more sweet potatoes than any other state, more than half of the nation's crop.
- Wild Venus flytraps grow only in a small part of North and South Carolina, mostly within about 75 miles of Wilmington.
- The Blue Ridge Parkway winds 469 miles through the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the North Carolina lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for North Carolina.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of North Carolina cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Raleigh and the Tar Heel State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a North Carolina word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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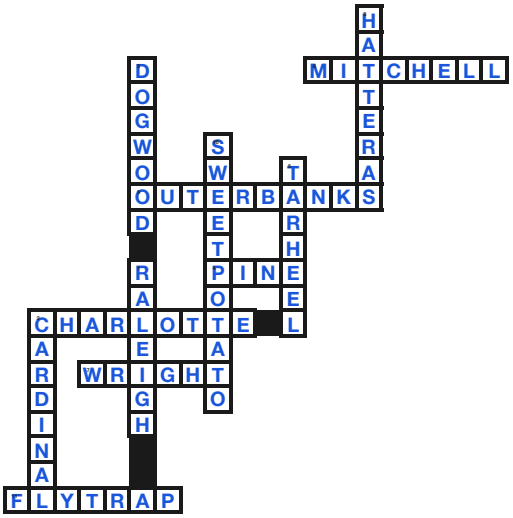
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for North Carolina facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. North Carolina Crossword (Crossword)

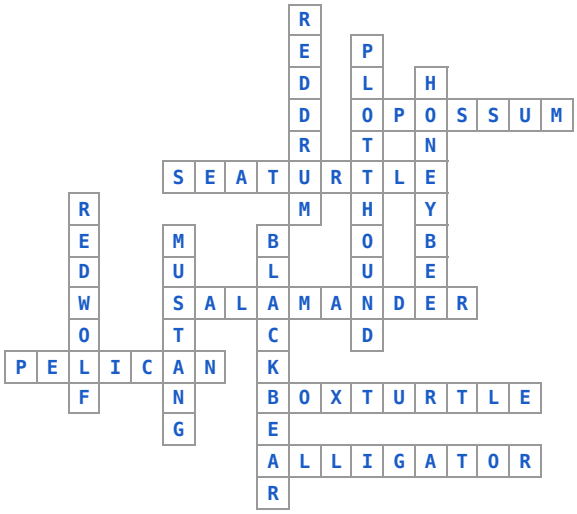


2. North Carolina Places to Explore (Word Search)

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B	K	Y	J	S	G	E	T	E	O	E	S	X	W	X

Answer Key

3. North Carolina Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. North Carolina Favorites (Word Scramble)

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2.	UHUHSPPPY	**HUSHPUPPY**
3.	ISCBITU	**BISCUIT**
4.	STPUANE	**PEANUTS**
5.	KAKAY	**KAYAK**
6.	INGIHK	**HIKING**
7.	CGGIONGL	**CLOGGING**
8.	GIEUHSHOTL	**LIGHTHOUSE**
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5. North Carolina Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

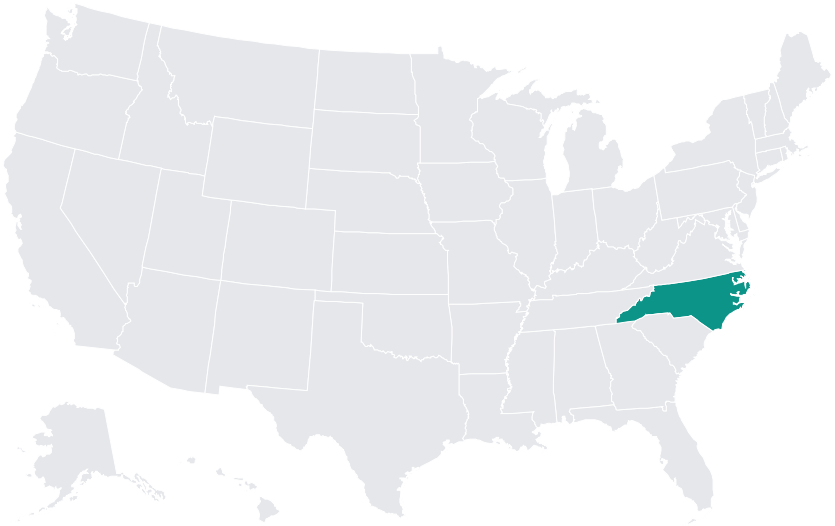
NORTH CAROLINA BECAME THE TWELFTH STATE ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FIRST, SEVENTEEN EIGHTY NINE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 12 of 50

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