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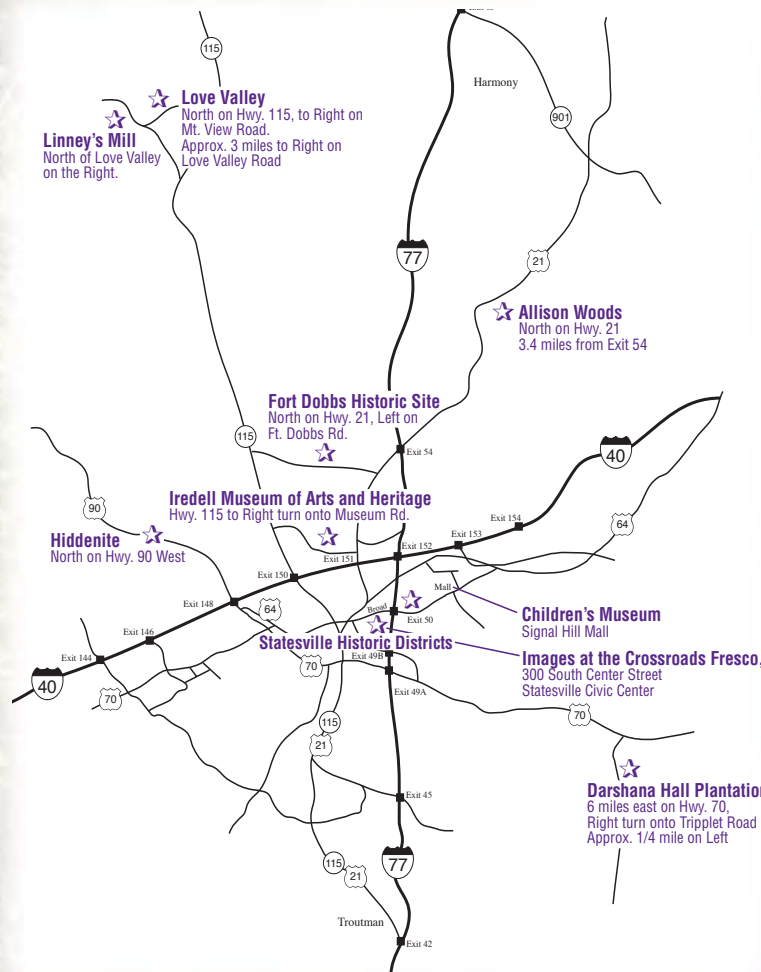
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877-531-1819 • 704-878-3480

Iredell County Driving Tour



Fort Dobbs, 704-873-5866

I-40 Exit 151 (Hwy 21 North) • www.fortdobbs.org
Once the site of a three-story log fort (1756) Fort Dobbs marked the Western frontier in America at that time.

Hiddenite • I-40 Exit 148 (Hwy 90 West)

www.hiddenitegems.com & www.hiddenitecenter.com
This quaint town features Hiddenite Gems/Emerald Hollow (828-632-3394) where the largest emerald in North America was found. The Historic Lucas Mansion, (828-632-6966) a Victorian home, houses art galleries and an antique toy and doll collection.

"Images at the Crossroads" Fresco • 704-878-3493

I-77 Exit 49-A (Hwy 70 West), 300 S. Center Street. • www.statesvilleciviccenter.com
Adorning a wall in the Statesville Civic Center, this fresco was crafted by world-renowned artist, Ben Long, a Statesville native.

Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage • 704-873-4734

I-77, Exit 50 (Broad Street West), 134 Court Street. • www.iredellmuseums.org
The museum houses visual art, local history and natural science exhibits. Also, a farmstead living history site with cabins and walking trails is located on Museum Drive (see map).

Children's Museum • 704-872-7508

I-77 Exit 50 (Broad St. East) Signal Hill Mall • www.iredellmuseums.org

Love Valley • 704-592-7451 & Linney's Mill • 704-592-2075

I-40 Exit 150 (Hwy 115 N) • www.lovevalley.com
The Town of Love Valley is a western resort town nestled in the Brushy Mountains, featuring shops and horse riding trails. Just north of Love Valley is Linney's Mill, a fully operational gristmill.

There is something for
everyone around
Statesville. Visit these
locations while you're
here.

Allison Woods 704-873-7633

I-77 Exit 54 (Hwy 21 North)
www.allisonswoodsevents.com
Allison Woods features original buildings from the 1760's and gardens on over 3,000 wooded acres.

Darshana Hall Plantation 704-872-3608

I-77 Exit 49-A (Hwy 70 East)
www.darshanahallplantation.com
Once the largest plantation in Iredell County, this is the oldest surviving inland structure in NC, built in 1753.

Downtown Statesville Historic Districts 704-878-3578

I-77 Exit 50 (Broad St. West)
www.statesvillehistoric.com
There are four Residential Historic Districts and the Downtown Commercial District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Residential tours can be arranged.



Historic Downtown Statesville A Walk Back in Time

Early Statesville History

The history of Statesville's name is vague, but it was originally named "the states vil." In January 1789, just after North Carolina joined the United States, Statesville was founded by an act of the General Assembly. The area was originally known as the Fourth Creek Settlement and was established as a "site for the courthouse and stocks." The site was in the midst of a settlement of Scotch Irish Presbyterians. The entire area had been part of Rowan County some 30 to 40 years earlier. By 1790, the first courthouse was built of logs, on a lot purchased from Fergus Sloan next to the Fourth Creek Presbyterian Meeting House. That courthouse site, at the intersection of Broad and Center Streets, is now called The Square. The lots surrounding the log courthouse were soon sold at a public auction for other businesses, and the growth of downtown Statesville had begun. Some two miles north of Statesville, Fort Dobbs was built in 1755 to defend the settlers' western frontier. It was built as a barracks for the militia and as protection against the Indians and French. Statesville was incorporated as a city in 1847.

In 1858, the Western North Carolina Railroad was the first railroad to reach Statesville as it linked Salisbury to Asheville. Shortly after the Western service began, the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad (ATO) started running the Statesville to Charlotte line. Originally there were two depots for the two separate lines, but both were burned down in the late 1800's during the Civil War. They were both rebuilt.

For Statesville, the greatest period of growth came between the 1860s and the 1930s. The railroad brought in finished and raw goods and exported products to be sold in other cities. People were now more connected to the rest of the country, and the trains brought visitors to town, as well. At the turn of the century, industries were based around three primary products: herbs, tobacco and liquor. Herbs were shipped from the Wallace Herbarium (site #22) on Meeting Street to all parts of the world. Liquor and tobacco money built many of the downtown buildings.

Today Statesville has five National Register of Historic Place Districts: Broad Street/Davie Avenue, Mitchell College, Academy Hill, South Race Street and the Downtown Statesville Commercial District.

Welcome to Statesville



The Downtown Walking Tour

Approximately 2 hours & 2.5 Miles

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| <p>1 Southern Railway Depot Visitors Center (1910-1911) 111 Depot Lane.</p> <p>2 Old Post Office (1892) 227 South Center Street.</p> <p>3 Holland Building (1919) 117 South Center Street.</p> <p>4 First National Bank Building (1890) 101-103 South Center Street.</p> <p>5 Carolina Motor Company (c. 1918) 128-132 East Broad Street.</p> <p>6 Sloan's Hardware Building (1880) 107-109 East Broad Street.</p> <p>7 Polk Gray Drug Building (1885) 101 East Broad Street.</p> <p>8 Montgomery-Ward Building (1925) 114 North Center Street.</p> <p>9 Henkel-Craig Livestock Company Building (1895) 123 North Center Street.</p> | <p>10 James Iredell Building (c. 1916) 113 North Center Street. (Also known as the Miller Annex)</p> <p>11 "Miller Block" Building (c. 1881-1885) 102-104 West Broad Street.</p> <p>12 Lazenby-Montgomery Hardware (1885) 110 West Broad Street.</p> <p>13 Crescent Movie Theatre, 122 West Broad Street.</p> <p>14 Federal Building & Post Office (1939) 200 West Broad Street.</p> <p>15 First Presbyterian Church (c. 1925) 125 North Meeting Street.</p> <p>16 Fourth Creek Burying Ground (c. 1750s) Corner of North Meeting Street and West End Avenue.</p> <p>17 Congregation Emanuel Temple (1892) 206 North Kelly Street.</p> | <p>18 Mitchell College (1854-1856) 500 West Broad Street.</p> <p>19 Statesville Friends Meeting House (1876) 439-A Walnut Street.</p> <p>20 Broad Street Methodist Church (1909) 315 West Broad Street.</p> <p>21 Lowenstein House (c. 1892) 221-231 Walnut Street.</p> <p>22 Plaza Apartment Building (1947) 120 South Meeting Street.</p> <p>23 Old County Jail (1909) 203 South Meeting Street.</p> <p>24 Walton-Gage Building (c. 1885) 205 West Broad Street.</p> <p>25 Merchants & Farmers Bank (1908) 113 West Broad Street.</p> <p>26 Wallace Building, also known as the Long-Marshall Building (c. 1895) 110 South Center Street.</p> |
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The Old Post Office, 1892
Brianna Pettit



The Sharpe House, 1860
Chad Goodson



The Lowenstein House, 1892
Stuart Briggs

- 27** Commercial National Bank Building (1908) 116 South Center Street.
- 28** Old County Court House (1899) 200 South Center Street.
- 29** Peoples Loan & Savings Bank (1914) 210 South Center Street.
- 30** Vance Hotel (c. 1918) 226 South Center Street.
- 31** Colonel Sharpe House (c. 1860) 402 South Center Street.

There are many historically significant properties in and around Statesville. Three that are close by, but not included on the walking tour are:

A City Fire Department site, at N. Center and Water Streets: location of the first city fire station (1875). It was "set back from the street with a big front lawn." Sammy, a Boston Bulldog and mascot of the Fire Department, was laid to rest in 1946 under the Fire Department's driveway on Center Street. A concrete marker is displayed in his memory. Sammy rode in the front seat of the fire chief's car. He is the only dog ever listed as a resident in the Statesville city directory.

B Key Memorial (1898) 150 East Sharpe Street. This Roman Catholic Chapel, built by Mrs. Phillip Barton Key as a memorial to her husband, was known as St. Phillips. In 1956 the sanctuary, which had been occupied by St. John's Lutheran Church, was purchased and renamed St. Pius X.

C Vance House (c. 1860) 501 West Sharpe Street. This is the house where Governor Zebulon Vance was living when he was arrested in 1865. He was taken to Salisbury in a carriage and to Washington, DC by

train, where he was jailed. The house originally stood on West Broad Street. It is one of the two oldest houses in Statesville.



Land and Legend Student Art Exhibit at the Southern Railway Depot



Clock Tower, 1890 • Bradley Messick

"Land and Legend of Iredell County... Where Do We Go From Here?"

represents an Arts in Education Project with major funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, 1998-1999. The vision for this project began with a partnership between the Downtown Statesville Development Corporation, the Iredell Statesville Schools and the Mooresville Graded School District. Fifty art students from five public high schools were selected by art teachers to work with Land and Legend resource personnel to create artwork integrating history, the visual experience and poetry.

In addition to celebrating the arts and our history, the project celebrates the individual and the individuals coming to understand and appreciate the concepts of working in community.

Project standards were inspired by the artworks of Robert G. Steele, who created a large body of work for the Land and Legend Benefit. Mr. Steele's artwork is on display at the Statesville Visitor Center in the Statesville Depot.

Inspiration for *A Walk Back in Time* came from Statesville historians, Mac Lackey and O. C. Stonestreet, III. We are grateful for their vision.



The subtle fire of a maple in October burns with poignant brevity. Then when it is again the season, nature relights the flame. The landmarks we build for a town seem to be more enduring than the colored leaves scattered in Autumn. Were nature to renew them as she does the maple they would indeed endure forever.

It is a high calling to build and keep a town worthy of our admiration. When we build noble landmarks we admirably express our vitality. When we renew these landmarks we renew that vitality. When we do not renew them, these expressions of ourselves and our forebears, nature takes them away forever.

Robert Gantt Steele



Historic Downtown Statesville markers are placed in the sidewalk at each site to identify each location. Follow the audio program and the markers as you tour Historic Downtown Statesville.