



# **EXPLORE DOWNTOWN FARMVILLE**

FARMVILLE'S ART TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS FARMVILLE'S MANY PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS AND ARTS

**ORGANIZATIONS.** Beginning and ending at Farmville Public Library (4276 West Church Street), the 1.2-mile Art Trail meanders through downtown Farmville to showcase larger-than-life murals, ghost signs, sculptures, galleries, and studios, with opportunities to shop and eat along the way.

Each stop along the Art Trail is accompanied by an audio recording by artists and local experts, making the public art come to life. To listen to the audio recordings, scan the trail's QR code found on this map, or use your smartphone to scan the QR codes that have been strategically placed on utility poles along the trail by each Point-of-Interest using the number sequence provided for each stop.

## ART TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### A1 - BAITBALL SCULPTURE

A wind-powered rotating sculpture by artist David Riemer made of copper and brass in 2017. Part of the Pitt County Arts Council's 2021 DownEast Sculpture Exhibition. Sponsored by the Farmville Community Arts Council.

#### A2 - FARMVILLE LICENSE PLATE MURAL

Adaptation of a larger-than-life traditional "FARMVILLE" license plate by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A3 - EAST CAROLINA RAILWAY MURAL

A ghost sign that preserves the original signage for the East Carolina Railroad Freight Depot dating to 1925, which was at the center of the Eastern Belt Tobacco Trade. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A4 - ORANGE BICYCLE RACK

An example of creative place making, this artistic bicycle rack located outside of the East Carolina GlasStation was created by faculty and students from the ECU School of Art & Design.

#### **A5 - EAST CAROLINA GLASSTATION**

A glass art studio operated by East Carolina University that offers programming for undergraduate art students at ECU and Pitt Community College as well as the public. Public demonstrations will resume once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Located at 3732 West Wilson Street. Contact the GlasStation at (252) 328-6665 or glass@ecu.edu, or follow @ECUGlasStation on social media.

#### **A6 - PURINA CHOWS MURAL**

A ghost sign reminiscent of a sign placed on the structure dating back to 1934 with several artistic enhancements. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A7 - MARBLES FOR GLASS MURAL

This mural lends a nod to the ECU GlasStation with larger-than-life glass marbles and was created by faculty and students from the ECU School of Art & Design.

#### **A8 - JAZZ TRIBUTE MURAL**

This mural pays tribute to the live music that is often heard in this space. Created and designed by a graduate of the ECU College of Fine Arts.

#### A9 - FARMVILLE COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Located in the historic Turnage Theater, the FCAC offers musicals, theater productions, musical performances, and art exhibits. Located at 3723 North Main Street. Contact the FCAC at (252) 753-3832 or visit farmville-arts.org.

#### A10 - BICYCLE BUILT FOR FIFTEEN MURAL

An example of creative place making, this mural depicts a 15-seat bicycle that was designed and painted to honor the hundreds of cyclists pedaling through Farmville as a part of the Mountains-to-Coast bicycle ride in October 2019. Painted by faculty and students from the ECU School of Art & Design. Sponsored by Linda Adele Goodine and The Farmville Group.

#### A11 - FIND IT FIRST IN FARMVILLE MURAL

A ghost sign dating back to 1969 that was originally sponsored by Farmville's Downtown Merchants Association. The intent was to brand a slogan to encourage folks to shop local. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

### A12 - R.L. & B.S. SMITH HORSES AND MULES FOR SALE MURAL

A ghost sign recognizing the structure in which it resides: B.S. Smith Stables. Originally built in 1902, this building was home to one of Farmville's first entrepreneurial enterprises and remained a vibrant business throughout the first half of the 1900's. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A13 - THE PLANK ROAD MURAL

This mural pays homage to the significant local history of the Plank Road, which allowed travelers from years gone by to safely traverse this area. Painted by artist and historian Roger Kammerer. Sponsored by the Plank Road Steak House.

#### A14 - EAST CAROLINA ARTSPACE GALLERY

An art gallery focused on being a platform for Eastern North Carolina artists in mediums from painting and drawing, to ceramics, metalwork, glass art, and photography. Includes works from the GlasStation and the NC Furniture School. Located at 3749 South Main Street. Open Wednesday through Friday, 11 am to 4 pm, and varying hours on Saturday. Contact the ArtSpace at ecasgallery@gmail.com.

#### A15 - WONDERBOX GALLERY

Located outside of Woodside Antiques, the WonderBox Gallery utilizes a large, glass-enclosed display case to showcase a rotating collection of artwork by both ECU School of Art & Design students and Farmville citizens, and to serve as a place for performance, installations, and conversation. Follow @thewonderboxgallery on social media for updates on exhibits.

#### A16 - A.C. MONK & CO. LEAF TOBACCO MURAL

For many years, Farmville found its identity as a center of activity in the tobacco industry and as being the home to A.C. Monk & Co. This mural pays homage to that history. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A17 - H.B. SUGG CELEBRATION MURAL

This mural was designed in concert with the H.B. Sugg Foundation to honor the history of the H.B. Sugg School in Farmville. It is located at the center of a park honoring the School, its leaders and alumni. Painted by artists Andrew Wells and Vincent Li. Sponsored by The Farmville Group.

#### A18 - HISTORIC JACK COBB'S BARBECUE MURAL

This mural preserves the history of the iconic barbecue restaurant that was located in this building from 1971 to 2019. Painted by faculty and students from the ECU School of Art & Design. Sponsored by Linda Adele Goodine and East Carolina University.

#### A19 - JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE LOOKING GLASS

A 10-foot cast iron and steel sculpture that was created by artist Kyle Lusk in 2017. Part of the Pitt County Arts Council's 2021 DownEast Sculpture Exhibition.

#### **A20 - MEMORIAL BIRDBATH SCULPTURE**

Installed at the Susan Howard Wyre Cable Memorial Garden at the May Museum & Park. Located at 3802 South Main Street. Tours available by appointment. Contact the May Museum at (252) 753-6725 or museum@farmvillenc.gov.

If you enjoyed Farmville's Art Trail, check out Pitt County Arts Council's DownEast Sculpture Exhibition for the full line-up of sculptures across Pitt County. Scan the QR code to get started.



