

Roseboro Heritage Trail

a self-guided walking tour 1.2 miles

Directions:

The Walking Tour begins at the Veteran's Monument located in the center of town diagonally across Roseboro Street (NC Highway 242) from the Railroad Depot. To start the tour: Cross West Railroad St. heading west and continue on the sidewalk with Roseboro St. on your left. At the intersection with Broad St., cross Roseboro St. heading south, and go approximately 1/2 of the block. At the end of the sidewalk, cross to the other side of Broad St. and head in the opposite direction north. With Broad St. on your right, cross Roseboro St. and continue heading north on the sidewalk next to Broad St. Where the sidewalk ends at Butler St., cross Broad St. and take the sidewalk north to the old Railroad Bed at the conjunction of Broad, Culbreth, and East Railroad Streets. Turn right and follow the old Railroad bed with East Railroad St. on your left. After crossing Clinton St., you will follow the brick walkway one (1) block, arriving back at the Veteran's Monument.

The section of the Walking Tour along Roseboro St. and the old Railroad Bed are also part of the Mountains to the Sea Trail (MST) that bisects the Town of Roseboro on its path from the Mountains to the Coast.

Portions of the Heritage Trail abut and cross public streets. Please obey all traffic laws and be aware of the dangers of traffic on the streets while walking the Heritage Trail.

Fun Facts of Historical Sites

1-Monument/ MST Engraved Brick: The engraved bricks honor, memorialize and recognize individuals, groups, and events significant to Roseboro. The bricks have been donated by citizens, families, friends, and businesses.

2 -Downtown: Downtown Roseboro has been home to butcher shops, furniture and electronic stores, and the well-known Tart and West drug store. It was built in the 1920s.

3 - Beatitude House: The building was once home to the first hospital in Sampson County, under the leadership of Dr. James Brewer and Dr. Plato Starling. The healthcare team served all members of the Roseboro community. The building was donated to the Beatitude House Ministry, which is known for its "hand-up" not a "hand-out" ministry.

4 - Roseboro Public Library: Due to the efforts of the Athena-Lanier and Two Arts Clubs Roseboro gained a branch under the Sampson-Clinton Library system. The brick sign was a local Girl Scout Silver Award project.

5-Leola Babson Kindergarten Building: Mrs. Babson's house is now the office of Vision Source. The small building in the backyard housed a kindergarten in the early 1950s.



6 ~ Marion Butler Birthplace: The house was moved from Salemburg in 1991 and was the birthplace of U.S. Senator Marion Butler. The single-story farmhouse was built in 1860.



7 ~ Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School: A school has been on this site since the late 1890s.

8 ~ Howell-Butler House: Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, the house has elaborate interior woodwork. Once the Hollingsworth Hotel, teachers lived there in the early to mid-1900s. The house was built in 1900 in the Greek Revival style.

9 ~ Dan E. Caison, Sr. House: Historic home in the bungalow/craftsman style, built in 1924; the home was added to the National Register of Historic

Places in 1986.



10 ~Troy Herring House: Historic home built in 1912. The house is similar to the one built by Troy Herring's cousin Robert Herring in Clinton. This is the childhood home of World War II Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, R. Geddie Herring. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and is a classical revival style.



11 ~ Brick Cone Silo: The only remains of the Troy Isaac Herring Company, which was established before 1910. It may have been the first lumber operation in Sampson County.



12 ~ Roseboro Masonic Lodge No. 585: Chartered through the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, AF&AM, which the United Grand Lodge of England recognizes.

13 ~ Locally known as the Hewitt House: the first house built in Roseboro about 1896.

14 ~ Early Post office: The small light blue wood frame building at 108 E Railroad St. was one of Roseboro's earliest post offices.



Enjoying the trail?

