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STATE PLANNER

Route 17 North Carolina State Planner

Cape Fear, river-town, Inner Banks, and Albemarle chapter: Wilmington arrival, New Bern reset, Edenton slow history, Elizabeth City handoff.

USE THIS FOR

Decide stop roles, route zones, backup pauses, overnight/reset posture, and what to verify before driving this state chapter.

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How North Carolina works on Route 17

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COASTAL GATEWAY Wilmington City-scale Cape Fear arrival and overnight anchor.	RIVER RESET New Bern Measured middle pause with room to breathe.
HISTORIC PAUSE Edenton Quiet waterfront-history stop.	NORTHERN HANDOFF Elizabeth City Albemarle gateway that prepares the Virginia entry.

Driving zones

1	Cape Fear entry	Wilmington gives the state a true city arrival.
2	River-city middle	New Bern prevents the state from flattening into one long drive.
3	Inner Banks pacing	Edenton slows the chapter into waterfront history.
4	Albemarle handoff	Elizabeth City makes the transition toward Virginia legible.

DECISION SHEET

Anchors, backups, and route decisions

Use the state page as a chapter map, not as a checklist of every town.

Useful support stops

- [] Leland - Wilmington-side logistics and river context.
- [] Jacksonville, NC - strongest full-service reset between Wilmington and New Bern.
- [] Washington - Pamlico River waterfront pause.
- [] Williamston / Windsor - Roanoke and Cashie river transition cues.
- [] Hertford / Camden / South Mills - Albemarle and Dismal Swamp approach support.

Decisions to make before the day

- [] Choose whether Wilmington is the main stay or simply the city launch.
- [] Use New Bern as the first deliberate reset.
- [] Give Edenton time only if the slower historic middle is part of the plan.
- [] Protect enough margin at Elizabeth City for a clean Virginia handoff.

Current-condition checks

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PLANNING SHEET

Build your North Carolina Route 17 day

Write the roles first, then add only the stops that support those roles.

Primary anchor	
Reset / backup	
Overnight / finish	
Direction (northbound / southbound)	
Must verify before departure	

Notes / route decisions

Cut-first rule

If the day runs long, cut optional support stops before cutting the primary anchor or the safe arrival margin.