Duke Homestead State Historic Site and Tobacco Museum encompasses the historic home, farm, and factory buildings of Washington Duke and his family as they lived on the property from 1852 until 1874. The site interprets the early farming life of the Duke family and the beginnings of their tobacco manufacturing business on the property after the Civil War.

**Location Information**

**2828 Duke Homestead Road | Durham, NC 27705 |**

**GPS: 36.036801, -78.921591**

*Facilities* – Visitors Center, Museum, Restrooms & Picnic Area

*Cost* - Free

*Contact Info* - (919) 627-6990 | duke@ncdcr.gov

*Hours* - 9:00am – 5:00pm | Tuesday through Saturday | Guided tours leave at 10:15am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm each day, unless otherwise posted

**Area Information**

**Considerations**

- The orientation film is offered 15-minutes before and after each hour, from 9:15am to 4:15pm.
- Guided tours are offered daily, as schedule and staffing allows
- Closed Sunday, Monday, and most major holidays
- Donations are welcome
Risk Management

The following risk management plan outlines potential hazards and how to decrease those hazards. This is only a list of potential hazards and does not include everything. You are responsible for your own safety and use your best judgment when making decisions. It is recommended to carry a first aid kit and inform a friend or family member of your planned location, activity, and when you will return.

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<td>Poor weather conditions including but not limited to thunderstorms, lightning, rain, wind, and/or snow</td>
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| Exposure to the Elements | • **Heat/Sun** – Wear sunscreen and reapply frequently. Drink hydrating liquids, get in the water to cool down, and take breaks in the shade  
• **Cold** – Wear appropriate clothing, stay hydrated, and warm up in sheltered areas |
| Environmental Hazards | • Always check trail conditions and stay on the trail. Be aware of dead branches and tripping hazards such as roots, rocks, and stumps |
| Flora and Fauna | • Be aware of poison ivy, wear bug spray to deter mosquitos, chiggers, and ticks, and be conscious of copperhead snakes |

Nearest Emergency Facilities

- Duke Regional Hospital | 3643 N Roxboro Street | Durham, NC 27704
Historic Information

The Duke Homestead was built about 1852 by Washington Duke, on a farm that was about 300 acres (120 ha) in size when the American Civil War broke out. During the war, the property was, like many others, looted by Union Army. With little left beyond a small supply of tobacco, the family shifted from tobacco farming to tobacco processing, introducing cigarettes in 1881 to compete with loose-leaf tobacco.

This property is where the Dukes did their early tobacco processing, eventually moving into downtown Durham in 1874. The Duke business was incorporated as the American Tobacco Company in 1890, and was the largest tobacco company in the world until an antitrust suit broke it up in 1911.

In 1931, the farm was purchased by Duke University, and in 1966, the Duke Homestead was designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. It became a North Carolina State Historic Site in 1974, administered by the North Carolina State Division of Archives and History.

Packing List

This is a suggested packing list. Please use your best judgment and check the weather when deciding what to pack.

- Reusable Water Bottles
- Map of the Area
- First Aid Kit
- Medication if Needed
- Camera
- Sun Hat
- Sunscreen
- Rain Jacket (weather dependent)
- Day Pack
- Sunglasses
- Food/Snacks
- Insulating Layer (weather dependent)
- Camera
- Day Pack

Resources

- Duke Homestead Website
- Duke Homestead Online Resources and Activities
- North Carolina Historic Sites
- Leave No Trace Seven Principles
Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history.

Therefore

We acknowledge that this space gathers on land that has long served as the site of meeting and exchange amongst a number of Indigenous peoples, historically the Shakori, Eno, and Catawba people.

It is also important to recognize the 8 tribes that currently reside in North Carolina, these include the Coharie, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi, Haliwa Saponi, Waccamaw Siouan, Sappony, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee. We honor and respect the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this territory on which we gather.

For more information please visit Native Land, Whose Land, and the Native Governance Center.