

Welcome TO THE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

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SHUTTLE SERVICE

Every Saturday / January - Labor Day
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. / Lunch Break 1 - 1:30 p.m.



MAP LEGEND

- P** PARKING LOT
- T** TRAIN BOARDING
- COOL** COOLDOWN AREA
- GS** GIFT STATION
- PIC** PICNIC AREA
- REST** RESTROOM
- V** VENDING MACHINE

SITE BUILDINGS

- A** BARBER JUNCTION
- B** BACK SHOP
- C** MASTER MECHANIC'S OFFICE
- D** STOREHOUSE #3
- E** FLUE SHOP- Bumper to Bumper Exhibit
- F** ROUNDHOUSE / TURNTABLE
- G** WHEEL BALANCING SHED

SAFETY WARNINGS

- TRACKS ARE SLIPPERY. LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING. TRAIN IS IN OPERATION.**
- REMAIN 5 FEET AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE TURNTABLE PIT. LISTEN TO STAFF FOR INSTRUCTIONS.**
- HIGH NOISE AREA.**

SENSORY FRIENDLY BACKPACKS

ARE AVAILABLE FOR COMPLIMENTARY USE DURING YOUR VISIT. CHECK ONE OUT AT BARBER JUNCTION VISITOR CENTER.

RULES FOR A SAFE VISIT

- NCTM IS A LIVING MUSEUM, WATCH FOR MOVING TRAINS
- WATCH FOR SAFETY HAZARDS AND DO NOT RUN
- DO NOT CLIMB ON TRAINS, CARS, OR EQUIPMENT

OTHER SPENCER SHOPS BUILDINGS (Not open to the public)

- 1** Paint Shop (1902)
- 2** Power House (1896)
- 3** Car Repair Shed (1917)
- 4** Oil House (1913)
- 5** Icehouse
- 6** Radio Shop
- 7** Roundhouse Office (pre-1940's)
- 8** Sand House (1913)



Learn more about the museum & upcoming events, become a member & more!



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NCTM Audio Tour

- Download the app using the QR codes.
- Follow the prompts and enjoy the tour!



Visit The Gift Station

The Gift Station offers a wide variety of transportation-themed items. Visit in the Master Mechanic's Office (Building C).

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The History Of Spencer Shops

Construction of Spencer Shops began in 1896, and the new facility was named in honor of the first president of Southern Railway, Samuel Spencer.

Southern's fleet of freight, passenger, and switching locomotives were all maintained at Spencer Shops. A large freight car switching yard, a Roundhouse for the daily service of locomotives, a Back Shop for heavy overhauls, a Power House to provide electricity and steam for the operation, store houses, administrative offices, and a paint shop were all eventually part of the complex.

During its peak, Spencer Shops employed nearly 3,000 people, which directly and indirectly provided most of the jobs for the towns of Spencer, East Spencer and other surrounding Rowan County communities. Not only that, the site was an integral part of the transportation infrastructure for the southeastern United States during the first half of the 20th century.



Spencer Shops, however, was a repair yard for steam locomotives. With the advent of diesel locomotives, which could travel farther with far less maintenance than steam engines, the shops went into decline. The repair facility closed in 1960, but the classification (freight) yard remained open until the late 1970s.

In September 1977, Southern Railway donated four acres of the site, including three buildings, to the state of North Carolina. A second donation in 1979 included several additional historic structures and land, eventually leading to the creation of the N.C. Transportation Museum.

