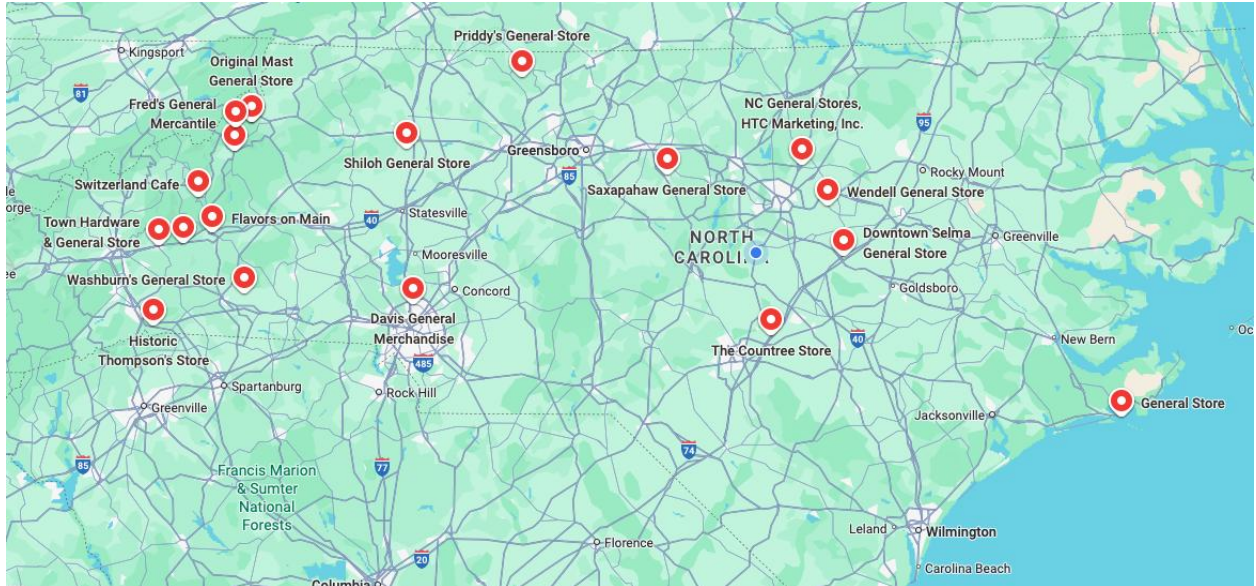


GENERAL STORE LIST

Curated based on historical value and recommendations obtained by Google with google search and reviews.



1. Saxapahaw General Store - Saxapahaw

Location: 555 Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Rd

Established: Early 1900s building (repurposed gas station and mill store)
Nestled in the historic mill village of Saxapahaw on the banks of the Haw River, this store is more than just a place to grab snacks or coffee. It's a community anchor-part grocery, part cafe, part gas station, and part cultural gathering space.

2. Mast General Store (Original) – Sugar Grove

Location: 3565 Hwy 194 S, 3565 Broadstone Rd, Sugar Grove, NC 28679

Established: 1883

Founded by Henry Taylor and later co-owned by W.W. Mast, this store became known as the "Taylor and Mast General Store" before Mast acquired full ownership in 1913. The store served as a community hub, offering everything from hardware to clothing. After closing in 1977, it was reopened in 1980 by John and Faye Cooper and has since expanded to multiple locations. The Valle Crucis location is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

3. Mast General Store (Annex) – Banner Elk

Location: 2918 Broadstone Rd, Banner Elk, NC 28604

(New building)

4. **Flavors on Main – Marion**

Location: 49 S Main St, Marion, NC 28752

Established: 2022

Historical Significance: Combines a general store with a fly-fishing shop, reflecting the town's outdoor heritage.

Must-Visit Reason: Its unique combination caters to both nostalgia seekers and outdoor enthusiasts.

5. **Davis Country Store & Cafe – Old Fort**

Location: 75 E Main St, Old Fort, NC 28762

Established: 2022

Historical Significance: A modern take on the classic general store, offering local artisan products and a community feel.

Must-Visit Reason: Its commitment to supporting local artisans and fostering community engagement makes it a contemporary homage to traditional general stores.

6. **The General Store – Beaufort**

Location: 515 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

Established: 1980

Historical Significance: Opened with antique features, it's known for its ice cream, fudge, and nautical gifts, capturing the maritime spirit of the town.

Must-Visit Reason: Its blend of traditional offerings and coastal charm make it a delightful stop for visitors.

7. **Historic Thompson's Store – Saluda**

Location: 24 E Main St, Saluda, NC 28773

Established in 1890 by George L. Thompson, this is the oldest grocery store in North Carolina. It features gourmet goods, a full-service meat market known for its signature Charlie's Sage Sausage, and a deli, all housed in its original location on Main Street.

8. **Town Hardware & General Store – Black Mountain**

Location: 103 W State St, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Founded in 1928 by Robert Lee Woodard, who was also the mayor of the town at the time, Black Mountain Hardware has been a cornerstone of the community. It offers a mix of hardware, gifts, and nostalgic items, maintaining its historic charm.

9. Fred's General Mercantile – Beech Mountain

Location: 501 Beech Mountain Pkwy, Beech Mountain, NC 28604

Established in 1979 by Fred and Margie Pfohl, Fred's serves as the heart of Beech Mountain, the highest town east of the Mississippi. The store offers groceries, hardware, clothing, and more, living up to its motto: "If we don't have it, you don't need it."

10. Old Hampton Store – Linville

Location: 77 Ruffin St, Linville, NC 28646

Dating back to 1920, this store was originally a stop for the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad (Tweetsie). Today, it features a BBQ restaurant, live music, and a selection of local artisan goods, all set within a historic gristmill.

11. Priddy's General Store – Danbury

Location: 2121 Sheppard Mill Rd, Danbury, NC 27016

Built in 1888, Priddy's has been operated by the Priddy family since 1929. This store offers a nostalgic experience with its vintage goods, live music on the lawn, and a welcoming atmosphere that transports visitors back to simpler times.

12. Washburn's General Store – Bostic

Location: 2426 Bostic Sunshine Hwy, Bostic, NC 28018

Founded in 1831 by Benjamin Washburn, this store began as a tavern, inn, and mercantile serving stagecoaches between Rutherford and Lincoln counties. It has remained in the Washburn family for five generations, making it the oldest continually run, family-owned retail business in North Carolina.

13. Switzerland Café - Little Switzerland

Location: 9440 Hwy 226A, Little Switzerland, NC

For over 30 years specializing in fresh, homemade sandwiches, soups and quiches. We have one of the largest wood fired smokehouses in the state, and our Applewood smoked trout and Hickory smoked Pork BBQ have earned us a place on the North Carolina Barbeque Trail. Our General Store offers picnic items, wine, beer and cheese as well as T-Shirts and souvenirs.

14. Shiloh General Store

Location: 5520 St Paul Church Rd, Hamptonville, NC 27020

Amish country store known for its handmade goods and home-style food, fresh-baked breads and fried pies to deli meats, cheeses, and sandwiches. For riders and travelers, it's a genuine back-road stop — a place to stock up on quality provisions and experience traditional craftsmanship done the old-fashioned way.

15. Davis General Merchandise

Location: 8940 Old Statesville Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

Entering this old-fashioned store is like entering into a parallel universe. Built in 1908 by two brothers, the legacy of its history remains today. You can choose from a wide variety of farm supplies, Carhartt gear, cookware, and locally made food.

16. Downtown Selma General Store

Sore built around 1975, sits in the heart of Selma's historic downtown, inside a restored building long tied to the town's commercial past. The store is especially known for preserving the iconic Creech Drug neon sign, a rare survivor from mid-20th-century Main Street America. More than a place to shop, it represents Selma's effort to keep its small-town character alive—making it a meaningful stop for travelers who value history, preservation, and the simple tradition of a good stop along the way.

17. Wendell General Store

Location: 28 N Main St, Wendell, NC 27591

Wendell General Store opened in 2014 in downtown Wendell on the site of the town's original Five & Dime, preserving the look and feel of an early-20th-century community shop. Stocked with local goods, nostalgic treats, and an old-fashioned ice cream bar, it's a welcoming stop that reflects the small-town character of Eastern Wake County and invites travelers to slow down and linger.

18. NC General Store (HTC Marketing)

Location: 150 S White St, Wake Forest, NC 27587

NC General Stores (HTC Marketing, Inc.) in Wake Forest, NC, is a welcoming local specialty store that champions North Carolina-made foods, artisan goods, and creative work. Rather than being a historic 19th-century general store, it's a modern corner market with deep local identity, curated to spotlight the flavors and arts of the state. Shoppers will find everything from gourmet snacks and regional specialties to handcrafted art — making it a delightful stop for visitors and riders who want to experience North Carolina's cultural and culinary roots in one place.

19. The Countree Store

Location: 7378 Main St, Wade, NC 28395

Locally owned rural country store that reflects the living tradition of North Carolina's back-road general stores. While not a preserved 19th-century mercantile, it functions much the same way these stores always have — a practical stop for supplies, conversation, and local knowledge. For riders and travelers exploring secondary roads around Wade and the Fayetteville area, it

matters because it represents the real, everyday commerce of rural communities: a place to pause, refuel yourself, and experience the kind of stop that still supports life along the road rather than catering only to tourists.