

ROMANCE COFFEE

TRAIL OF

North Carolina

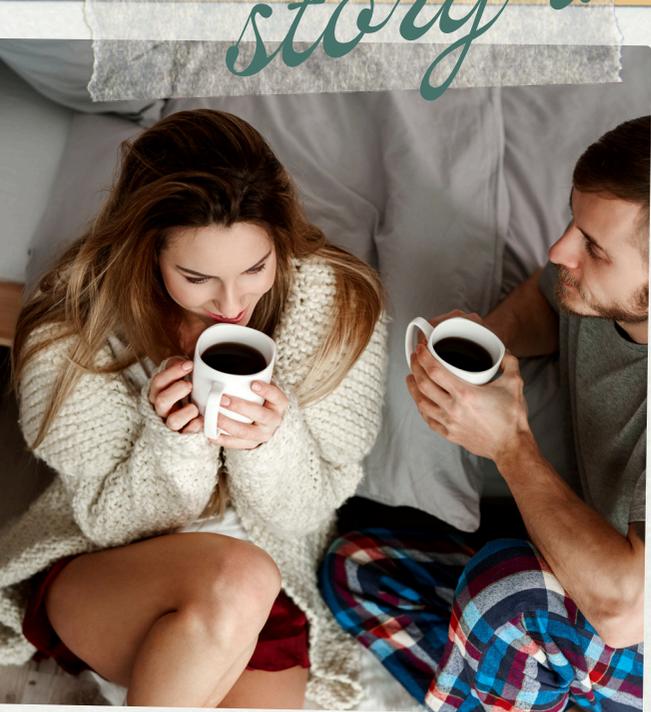


A cozy collection of small-town coffee shops from Raleigh to the Carolina coast, worthy of your next meet-cute & hand-picked by the characters who treat coffee like a love language.

OVER 40 COFFEE SHOPS

Curated by author
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Because every love
story involves coffee



EVERY GREAT LOVE STORY STARTS SOMEWHERE...AND IN MY BOOKS, THAT SOMEWHERE ALMOST ALWAYS INVOLVES COFFEE AND A BEACH. FROM MORNING STROLLS ON THE BOARDWALK TO WATCHING BOATS COME IN ON THE DOCKS, COFFEE IS WOVEN INTO EVERY SWOON, EVERY LAUGH, EVERY HEART THUMPING MOMENT.

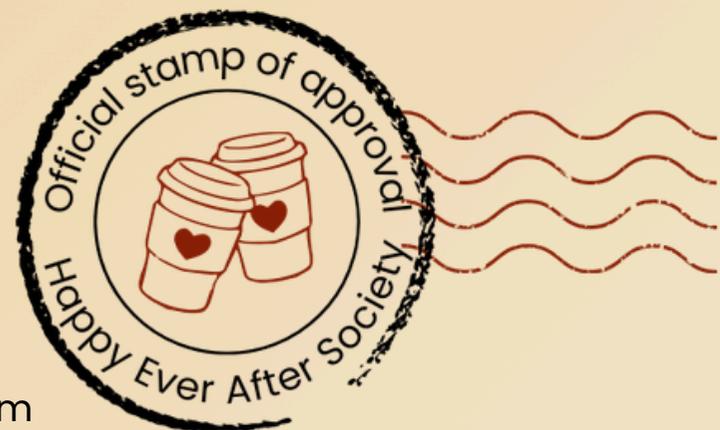
THAT'S WHY MY CHARACTERS INSISTED ON HELPING ME CREATE THIS ROAD TRIP GUIDE. ALONG WITH ME, THEY'VE SIPPED, ENJOYED, AND EXPLORED EVERY CUP AT SOME OF THE COZIEST COFFEE SHOPS FROM RALEIGH TO THEIR FAVORITE COASTAL TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND WANTED TO SPILL THE (SECRET) BEANS TO READERS LIKE YOU.

WHETHER YOU'RE PLOTTING YOUR NEXT READING SESSION, A FIRST DATE, OR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS JUST WANT TO WANDER LIKE A MAIN CHARACTER FOR THE AFTERNOON, THESE STOPS ARE FULLY APPROVED BY ALL THE CHARACTERS OF MY OFFICIAL "HAPPY EVER AFTER SOCIETY."

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY EVERY SIP!

Courtney

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THE OFFICAL LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS

THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

1

Apex

- The Mocha Room
- Common Grounds

2

Beaufort

- Marmalade Cafe & Bakery

3

Benson

- Cornerstone Cafe & Coffee

4

Bunn

- Southern Magnolia Coffee Company

5

Calabash

Coffee Cottage



THE OFFICAL LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS

THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

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Cary

- Esteemed Coffee

7

Chapel Hill

- 1922 by Carolina Coffee Shop

8

Clayton

- BLVD West
- Ziggi's Coffee

9

Clinton

- Simply Brewed

10

Edenton

- The Kracken Coffeehouse
- Edenton Coffeehouse



THE OFFICAL LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS

THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

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Elizabethtown

- Barefoot Brew

12

Fuquay-Varina

- The Mill
- Cultivate Coffee Roasters

13

Garner

- Full Bloom Coffee Roasters
- Ugly Mug Bean & Brew
- The Muse Coffee Co.

14

Gibsonville

- The Hive

15

Holden Beach

- Ocean Boulevard Coffee
- Cafe Ahora



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THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

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Knightsdale

- Unhinged Coffee Co.

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Manteo

- Charis Coffee Company

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Mount Olive

- Southern Ground Coffee Shop

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New Bern

- Crema Brew

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Ocean Isle

- OIB Surf & Java
- Drift Coffee Shop
- 59 Causeway



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THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

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Oak Island

- OKI Coffeehouse
- Island Jo Coffee & Cafe

22

Rocky Mount

- Books & Beans Cafe

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Selma

- Coffee on Raiford

24

Smithfield

- The Gilded Pear

25

Southport

- Port City Java



THE OFFICAL LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS

THAT DESERVE THEIR MEET-CUTE MOMENT

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Sunset Beach

- Coastal Grounds

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Wake Forest

- Wake Forest Coffee Company
- Summer Moon Coffee

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Washington

- River Walk Coffee Co.

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Wendell

- Sonder Coffee
- 41 North
- Parallax Coffee Lab

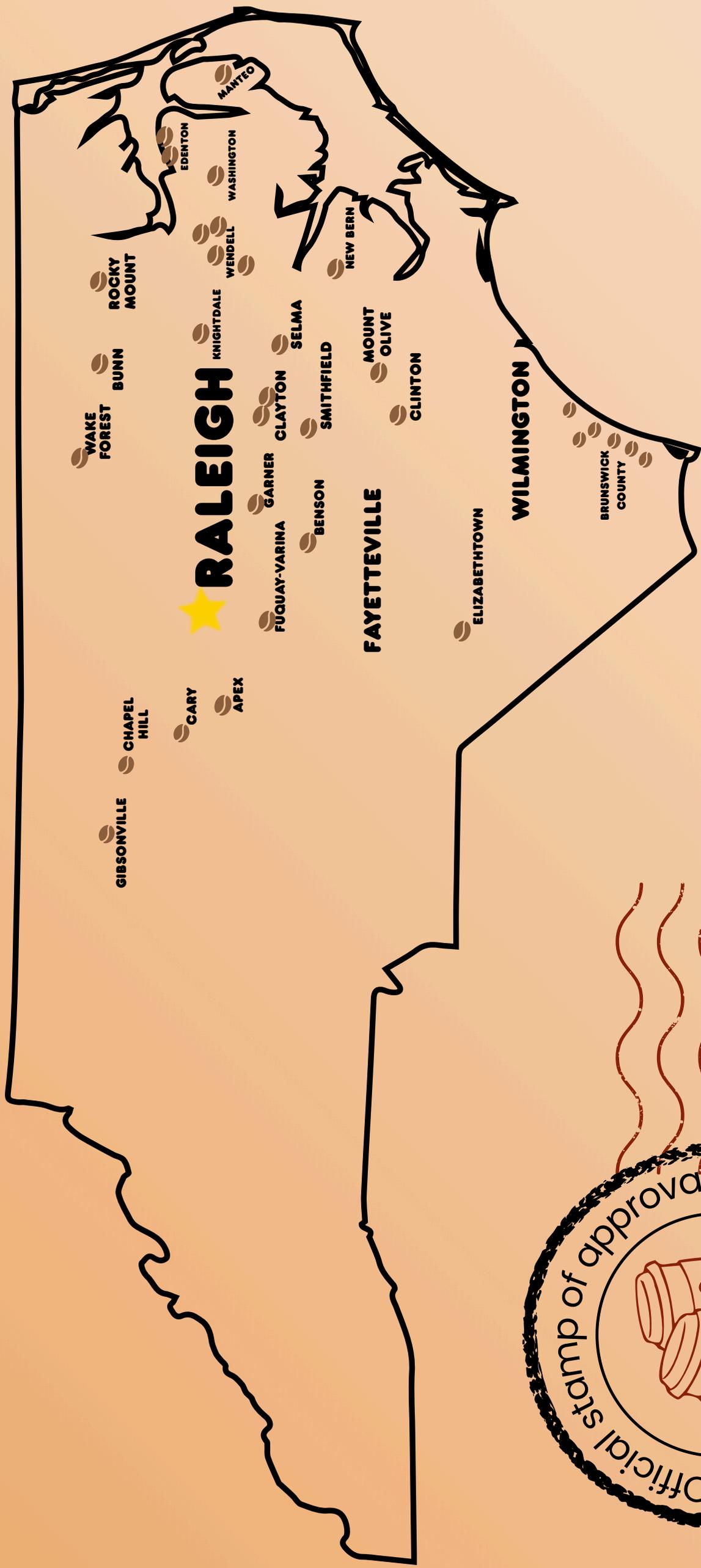
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Zebulon

- The Creative Cup



THE OFFICIAL LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS MAP



Meet the Members of the Happy Ever After Society

Veronica

Blue Haven
Cozy Mysteries



Rylan

Holding on to
Georgia



Quinn

The Women of
Seaglass Bay



The Women of
Seaglass Bay

Charlie



Annie

The Women of
Seaglass Bay



Haylie

Tear Stained
Beaches



Gemma

Blue Haven
Cozy Mysteries



EVERY GREAT ROMANCE BEGINS WITH A SINGLE MOMENT...
A DECISION TO STEP OUT THE DOOR. A NEW PLACE. A DRINK
IN YOUR HANDS. A STORY WAITING TO UNFOLD.
THIS ISN'T JUST A LIST OF COFFEE SHOPS.

IT'S YOUR INVITATION TO BUILD YOUR OWN EPIC LOVE STORY
—ONE COZY COFFEE SHOP & ONE PERFECTLY POURED LATTE
AT A TIME.

Romance Coffee Trail Photo Challenge

- Photo of the shop exterior before you walk in (the opening scene).
- Your drink beside the book you're reading (instant romance aesthetic).
- Coffee by a window with outside light / street / rain / beach view.
- Overhead table shot: coffee + pastry + notebook (total setup before the meet-cute moment)
- Someone capturing you mid-sip like the love interest just walked in.
- Find the most aesthetic wall / sign / decor in the shop.
- Holding your cup while leaving the shop (classic main character intro energy)
- Selfie with a pretty backdrop
- Clink cups with a friend (romance side-character energy).
- The casual candid photo (the one every love interest falls in love with)

Romance Coffee Trail 40 Stop Challenge

MARK OFF COFFEE SHOPS AS YOU VISIT AND START YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE HAPPY EVER AFTER SOCIETY.

💕 1–3 Shops:

The Meet Cute Moment

💕 4–8 Shops:

The Slow Burn Begins

☕ 9–12 Shops:

“We’re Definitely Talking Now” Era

📖 13–18 Shops:

You’ve reached main character status

💌 19–24 Shops:

Third Act Emotional Breakthrough
Survivor

👑 31–35 Shops:

Official Coffee Connoisseur, there should be a coffee named after you somewhere

🌟 36–39 Shops:

Happily Ever After Pending...

★ 40 Shops:

Official Carolina Romance Coffee Royalty. You’re the newest honorary member of the Happy Ever After Society



Don't forget to tag me on your journey on social: @courtneygfoutz
HASHTAGS: #NCromancecoffeetrail #happyeveraftersociety

KEEP YOUR COFFEE ADVENTURES GOING AND STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT OFFICIAL RELEASE FROM THE HAPPY EVER AFTER SOCIETY. MORE LOCAL STOPS, MORE SCENES, MORE REASONS TO LIVE YOUR STORY ONE SIP AT A TIME.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE STOP WITH ME OR TAG YOUR ADVENTURE TO BE FEATURED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER!

