

Walk to Remember Tour



As any fan of Nicholas Sparks knows, one of the main characters in many of his books isn't the hero or heroine, but the Coastal North Carolina location. And in *A Bend in the Road*, *The Wedding* and *The Notebook*, New Bern plays the role of that character. While literature buffs may call New Bern the "setting" of these novels, once you've toured Tryon Palace or wander the beautiful historic district, you'll begin to see the personality and spirit of New Bern as not merely a location, but a delightful neighbor that's always happy to meet a new friend.

The Walk to Remember tour guides you through fifteen distinct landmarks taken from these best selling novels and serves as a memorable way to get to know our inviting riverfront community. We think you'll find New Bern to be at least as charming as Nicholas's flattering prose.



(1) Tryon Palace, as mentioned in *A Bend in the Road* "...it had served as the capital and been home to Tryon Palace, residence of the Colonial Governor." And from *The Wedding* "The only place I (Jan) could think of was the Tryon Palace." "...or stroll the grounds of Tryon Palace, the former home of the Colonial Governor."

(2) Cedar Grove Cemetery, as referred to in *A Bend in the Road* "After the service, there was a long procession to Cedar Grove Cemetery..."

(3) First Public School, from *The Wedding* "...(Wilson) could walk through the first catholic church built in the state, or tour the first public school." New Bern Historical Society as mentioned in *The Wedding* "...the New Bern Historical Society is one of the most active in the country..." The Sidewalk Tour is also mentioned in *The Wedding* "...a sidewalk tour leaves one with the feeling that renewal is possible in times and places we least expect."



(4) Masonic Theater, included in *The Notebook* "Noah felt the same when he went to Gaston's Drug Store, or the Masonic theater. Everywhere Noah looked, he saw Allie's image, saw things that brought her back to life."

(5) Centenary Methodist Church, from *The Notebook*

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"You told me that the two of you (Allie and Lon) left the inn and sat on the bench by the old Methodist Church..."

(6) **The Chelsea**, Caleb Bradham, Pepsi-Cola as mentioned in *The Wedding* "The Chelsea," I (Wilson) said. "Located in downtown New Bern across the street from my office, the restaurant is housed in the building where Caleb Bradham had his office and where he formulated a drink known as Pepsi-Cola." "The Chelsea was also known for its entertainment." Middle Street apartment upstairs (Caleb Bradham, Pepsi-Cola) referred to in *A Bend in the Road* "She'd (Sarah) moved into a quaint apartment on Middle Street a few blocks away in the heart of downtown. The apartment was up the stairs and three doors away from the pharmacy where in 1898 Caleb Bradham had first marketed Brad's Drink, which the world came to know as Pepsi-Cola."



(7) **Historical District** (Downtown Area including the Episcopal Church) as mentioned in *The Wedding* "...and contributed to the Episcopal Church each and every Sunday." Also from *The Wedding* "My (Wilson) office is downtown near the historic district." "For the past thirty years, I (Wilson) worked with the law firm Ambry, Saxon and Tundle in New Bern, North Carolina."

(8) **Pollock Street Deli**, from *A Bend in the Road* "Brenda picked up lunch from the Pollock Street Deli, which in Brenda's opinion, made the best sandwiches in town."

(9) **Fred & Claire's** (now 247 Craven) as mentioned in *A Bend in the Road* "When they were first married he (Miles) and Missy used to have lunch at Fred & Claire's, a small restaurant just down the street from the bank where she worked."

(10) **Chamber of Commerce**, as referred to in *The Wedding* "...and we are members of both the Rotary club and then the Chamber of Commerce."

(11) **Wachovia Bank** (now Wells Fargo), included in *A Bend in the Road* "Missy took a job as a loan officer at Wachovia Bank." Old Mansions (on Front Street in the historic district), as mentioned in *A Bend in the Road* "As she (Sarah) made her way to Front Street, where many of the old mansions had stood gracefully for the past two hundred years..."



(12) **Dock at DoubleTree** (formerly the Sheraton) and Antique Shops, from *A Bend in the Road* "During the summer, she'd (Sarah) spend hours browsing through the antique stores downtown or simply staring at the sailboats docked behind the Sheraton."

(13) **Alfred Cunningham Bridge**, included in *The Notebook* "In a few minutes the bridge would switch open to allow passage and traffic would begin to back up." "After crossing the Trent River on an old fashioned draw bridge."



(14) **Union Point Park**, included in *A Bend in the Road* "As he (Miles) talked, they walked back through downtown, past closed up businesses and the Episcopal Church, finally crossing Front Street and leading into the park at Union Point."

(15) **Harvey Mansion**, as mentioned in *The Notebook* "The Harvey Mansion was one of the best restaurants in town..."

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