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**TRYON PALACE HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS  
Sunday Afternoons are FREE in the Tryon Palace Gardens!**

NEW BERN, NC (4/01/09) --- Spend Sunday afternoons FREE in the Tryon Palace Gardens!

Beginning on Sunday, April 5 the Gardens at Tryon Palace will be open to the public at no charge on the first Sunday afternoon of each month through October.

This is a wonderful opportunity to stroll through our many gardens and enjoy what's blooming, simply sit down and read a book in a peaceful environment, or take family photographs in your Sunday best. For photography lovers, take some great garden photos, e-mail them to us and we'll post them on our new Facebook page! Be sure to stop by our new gift shop in the Daves House right next to the Palace gates.

If you want to come inside to tour the Palace and historic houses, our all-inclusive two day Governors Pass will be available at a reduced price of \$12 for adults and \$5 for students.

Make it a monthly event for friends & family and take a stroll through Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.

For more information about visit the website [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org) or call 1.800.767.1560 or

252.514.4900. # # #



Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is under the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit [www.ncculture.com](http://www.ncculture.com).

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Tryon Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the George W. Dixon House, and the Robert Hay House. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets and tour information are available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets. The Visitor Center and the first floor of Tryon Palace are accessible to visitors with disabilities. For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or check our web site: [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).