

In North Carolina, a tiny-house resort

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The Albemarle interior at River and Twine. (ROBERT HENDRICKS FOR MODERN TINY LIVING)

The country's newest diminutive destination for lodging has its own claim to fame as the largest tiny house hotel resort of its kind. River and Twine in Rocky Mount, N.C., is the first to feature an array of houses built exclusively for its site. The setting, in Rocky Mount Mills, is quite distinctive as well. The 82-acre campus, an hour northeast of Raleigh and just off Interstate 95, once held a sprawling cotton mill. After years of restoration, it's now a mixed-use community featuring living and work space, restaurants, and a craft brewery incubator (housing several startup breweries), making the area a destination for locals as well as visitors.

River and Twine features 20 custom-built tiny homes accommodating one to four guests, each uniquely decorated. Each unit features the name of a different eastern North Carolina river, paying homage to the Tar River, which runs through Rocky Mount and along which the mill was built. For visitors who aren't fans of the tiny trend, there also are three one-bedroom guest suites located in a renovated early 1900s mill house. The accommodations can also be rented together for group activities, which can be conveniently arranged at the recently opened Power House, a 4,000-square-foot event venue of century-old brick and wood.

The original mill was established in 1818 and is believed to be the second oldest cotton mill in the state, as well as the longest in operation until closing in 1996.

River and Twine, *24 E Elm St., Rocky Mount, N.C., 252-904-4731*.
www.riverandtwine.com. *Tiny houses and guest suites from \$129.*

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