

Pictured from left to right: Pack House Suite(kitchen) and Barn



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GREEN LIVING AT BIG MILL BED & BREAKFAST

When life becomes a bit too hectic, head on down to **Big Mill** for a dose of true Southern hospitality!

Located on 200 acres of lush farmland in the coastal plain of **Williamston, NC**, this is the ultimate getaway for peace and relaxation.

Innkeeper **Chloe Tuttle** has been managing this B & B for 17 years now. A true farmgirl, the property was passed down to Chloe from her parents.

"It's such a beautiful place, I just knew I had to share it with everyone," she said.

Upon arriving at the inn, I was immediately greeted with a warm smile from Chloe as she stood on her porch next to a chalk board, which had the guests names listed, welcoming each. I immediately felt at home.

As I began to walk around the property, I was in awe. Guests wake up with a beautiful lake as the backdrop.....a fisherman's delight. There are landscaped gardens, as well as cotton and tobacco fields as far as the eye can see.

At **Big Mill**, many of the original farm outbuildings have been maintained.

Guests are treated to a fabulous breakfast delivered to their room each morning. The selections include such tasty treats as homemade quiche with sundried tomatoes, fresh organic fruit, homemade granola and english muffins with blueberry jam (the blueberries and nuts are from the farm).

Tuttle takes the inn's eco-friendly stance seriously. Growing up on a farm, being green came naturally. "My parents never wasted anything, she noted."

Here, recycled wood and building materials are used throughout the rooms. Tobacco sticks that were once used to cure tobacco are now used as wood trimming on the ceiling in the **Corn Crib Room**. Energy star appliances are used to conserve energy. [next](#)

Pictured from left to right:
Big Mill's Tobacco field
and Bridge with
Landscaped Garden



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The rooms at **Big Mill** are quite luxurious. Check out the rustic **Corn Crib Room**, which is a guest fave. With it's bold use of color and Mexican tile kitchen and bath, this suite, which was once used to store corn, overlooks the lake and also includes a fireplace. There are original pine floors and ceiling beams throughout.

Guests can feel confident in knowing that natural soaps, fragrance free and earth-friendly products such as white vinegar are used to clean the inn.

There is much to do in and around the Williamston area. Check out the many fun eateries, including **Sunnyside Oyster Bar** and **Hitchin' Post**. Also, take a trip back in time and visit an old time country store, **Clark's Pharmacy & Downtown Flowers & Gifts** for their famous 5 cent cup of coffee. There are many unique shops in the quaint downtown area of Williamston. Guests can also take a day trip to the **Outer Banks**, which is approximately 100 miles from the inn.

I asked Chloe what was most rewarding about being an innkeeper.

She noted, "There is such great independence in having your own bed and breakfast. I love that aspect, but most importantly it's the idea of saving the family home and being able to share it with the rest of the world."

I was expecting a peaceful getaway at **Big Mill**, but left with so much more...lasting friendship. My only complaint is that my stay was much too short. I'm already eagerly anticipating my return trip!

Rates range from \$73-\$135. For more information and to make reservations, please visit the site at www.bigmill.com

Photos courtesy of Chloe Tuttle (Big Mill Bed & Breakfast)