# **6 Locally-Owned Lots that Sell Christmas Trees Near the Triangle**

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Little by little, the holiday season is creeping in. Decorations are popping up in stores and shopping centers, Mariah Carey is once again telling us she doesn't want a lot for Christmas and lots that sell Christmas trees and other holiday paraphernalia are starting to appear all around the Triangle.

North Carolina is one of the leading Christmas tree producers in the United States. In fact, Ashe County produces more Christmas trees than any other county in the U.S.

Since your tree is probably already coming from North Carolina, why not buy it from a locally-owned lot? Here's a list of great local lots where you can snag your tree this year.

#### 1. Green Acres Farm — Cary/Morrisville



Image courtesy of **Green Acres Farm**.

Located northwest of Cary near Morrisville, <u>Green Acres Farm</u> (now a tree lot) specializes in Fraser firs. Usually, they wait until the day after Thanksgiving to start selling trees. However, this year they've decided to indulge early decorators and open on Nov. 14.

Address: 1132 Morrisville-Carpenter Road, Cary

## 2. Phillips Farms — Cary

Usually, <u>Phillips Farms</u> has two locations selling Christmas trees. However, due to COVID-19, they've closed their Raleigh location and kept only their Cary location open. In addition to Fraser firs, they sell blue spruce and white pine trees. This year, they're letting folks take socially-distanced photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. They've also added a farm store and vendors selling gifts, food and other winter refreshments.

Address: 6701 Good Hope Church Road, Cary, NC 27519

### 3. Back Achers Christmas Tree Farm — Raleigh



Image courtesy of **Back Achers Christmas Tree Farm**.

<u>Back Achers Christmas Tree Farm</u> offers one of the largest varieties of Christmas trees near the Triangle. What makes this farm special is its choose-and-cut model. Visitors can select from trees still in the ground and cut them down themselves. It's a unique experience and a guaranteed fresh Christmas tree. This year, the farm also has Fraser firs from the North Carolina mountains.

Address: 4533 Inwood Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

#### 4. Smith's Family Fun Farm — Hillsborough

If you're looking for activities you can do while also picking out a Christmas tree, <u>Smith's Family Fun Farm</u> is a good option. This year, you can catch Santa reading "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" to a socially-distanced audience while you enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. For trees, they've got white pine and cedar grown on the farm in Orange County, as well as Fraser firs from the mountains.

Address: 1715 St Mary's Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278

#### 5. Jordan Lake Christmas Tree Farm — Apex



Image courtesy of <u>Jordan Lake Christmas Tree Farm</u>.

Usually, <u>Jordan Lake Christmas Tree Farm</u> has a choose-and-cut lot. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, that lot is closed this year. However, they still have plenty of beautiful Christmas trees. For 2020 they also have a concession stand featuring hot mini donuts, local apple cider and hot chocolate. They are still offering hayrides, too, if winter weather permits.

Address: 2170 Martha's Chapel Road, Apex, NC 27523

#### 6. Perkins Orchard — Durham

Located in South Durham, this 50-year-old produce stand is now also a great place to pick out your tree. This year, they've got Fraser firs from Sparta, NC. In addition to trees, you can also pick up your poinsettias, wrapping paper and bows at <u>Perkins Orchard</u>. For a fun added twist, they also employ a snowblower for an extra wintry shopping experience.

Address: 5749 Barbee Road, Durham, NC 27713

Want to find other ways to support local businesses this holiday season? Why not give local gifts, perhaps some <u>North Carolina-grown CBD</u> or <u>delicious beers made in Raleigh</u>? Stay tuned to North Carolina News Daily for more <u>lifestyle tips</u> and gift ideas.

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