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Venus flytraps can be seen along the trails in certain areas of Green Swamp Preserve during a Nature Conservancy tour. This was the first of several tours that will be offered in the coming year, so that media can document the recovery of the Green Swamp after the containment of the Pulp Road Fire. PHOTOS BY KEN BLEVINS/STARNEWS

# Green Swamp Preserve



The Green Swamp is a 15,600-acre preserve in central Brunswick County located in Supply on the northside of U.S. 17. STARNEWS FILE

## See bug-eating plants and rare animals

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Southeastern North Carolina is a biodiversity hotspot due to its diverse environments that range from pine savannas and freshwater wetlands to coastal and ocean habitats.

The region is home to a variety of plants, animals, and unique natural areas, with some flora and fauna like the Venus' flytrap found nowhere else on Earth.

Few places exhibit this rich ecological tapestry than the Green Swamp Preserve managed by The Nature Conservancy.

**Where is it?**

The 15,600-acre preserve in central Brunswick County is located in Supply on the northside of U.S. 17. The best way

to access the site is via a trail head off N.C. 211 roughly 6 miles north of U.S. 17. The access includes a parking lot. The trail is a rough, mostly flat 1.3-mile hike that includes a stretch of boardwalk that takes visitors through pine savanna and pocosin habitats.

**What will you see?**

The Green Swamp is home to at least 14 different species of carnivorous plants, including extensive populations of Venus' flytraps, sundew, butterworts, bladderworts and four species of pitcher plant.

To create the best habitat for the rare plants to thrive, areas of the swamp are regularly burned. Fire is a vital component of the longleaf pine savanna, with some fire-adapted and

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# Gov. Stein appears in Wilmington to tout film, TV industry

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Gov. Josh Stein was in Wilmington on Sept. 10, speaking with small business owners and others with a stake in the state's film and television industry.

"It's about trying to stimulate the economy," Stein, a Democrat, said during a short news conference held outside downtown coffee shop and bar Bespoke, which has been used as a filming location for such Wilmington-shot TV shows as "The Runarounds" and "The Summer I Turned Pretty." "We're in Wilmington today, and one of the most important industries here is the film and TV industry."

During the news conference, Stein said he was announcing rebates for seven projects, including "three new TV series and four new films," that would receive a total of more than \$29 million from the state. That "investment," Stein said, would create some "\$130 million of economic activity and 3,800 jobs."

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Gov. Josh Stein (in profile, wearing a dark blue jacket) was in Wilmington on Sept. 10 speaking to small business owners and others with a stake in the state's film and television industry. JOHN STATON/STARNEWS

# Suspect is apprehended in Charlie Kirk's death

## Robinson charged with 3 felonies in the killing

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"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said at a press conference the morning of Sept. 12.

By "him," he meant the person suspected of killing conservative activist Charlie Kirk at a college speaking event Sept. 10.

The suspect was identified as Tyler Robinson, Cox said. A family member contacted a family friend, who told authorities Robinson "confessed to them or implied that he committed the incident."

The suspect was taken into custody at

10 p.m. local time Sept. 11, FBI Director Kash Patel said.

President Donald Trump said earlier Sept. 12 on "Fox and Friends" that the family friend was "a person of faith, a minister."

According to court records obtained by USA TODAY, the suspect was charged with three felonies: aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm and obstruction of justice. He was being held without bail at Utah County Jail, according to an order from Judge Shawn R. Howell. Court documents confirm Robinson has no felony or misdemeanor

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Utah Gov. Spencer Cox, with FBI Director Kash Patel, speaks at a news conference Sept. 12, announcing details on the suspect in the shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. CHENEY ORR/REUTERS

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