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Wawa Announces Grand Opening Date of August 28 for Retailer's First-Ever Travel Center located in Hope Mills, NC
Historic milestone marked with giveaways, festivities and support to local organizations aimed at driving change!

Wawa, PA – (August 8, 2025) Wawa, a privately held, family and associate-owned chain of more than 1,100 convenience retail stores currently operating in twelve states and Washington, DC, today announced the date of Thursday, August 28th, for its first travel center opening in Hope Mills, Cumberland County, North Carolina with grand opening details as follows:

Thursday, August 28, 2025
630 Chicken Foot Rd. Hope Mills, NC 28348
Doors Open: 8:00 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 9:00 a.m.

Wawa's grand opening festivities will include free t-shirts for the first 250 customers, free any size hot coffee from August 28th through August 31st, a ceremonial "Honk" by mascot Wally Goose with some of the nation's most popular big rig truckers and a ribbon cutting. The event will also highlight community partnerships and support for local organizations and celebrate local everyday heroes with Wawa's signature "Hoagies for Heroes" initiative.

"We are thrilled to pilot this new format in Hope Mills and believe this new travel center model is a great way to bring Wawa to customers while serving a need to the travelers," said John Poplawski, Wawa Chief Real Estate Officer. "Not only will our Wawa Travel Center meet the fueling needs of professional drivers, but our store will offer the freshest of food, beverages, conveniences and the friendliest flock of associates, while also remaining a community hub for local friends and neighbors to enjoy."

As Wawa gears up for its big day, the convenience retailer is seeking stories from professional drivers, travelers, friends and neighbors about their favorite Wawa memories to attend a "Taste of Wawa" preview event the day before the store opens on August 27. To sign up and share a story, visit: wawa.com/iframe/form/hope-mills-nc-taste-of-wawa-event

About the New Wawa Travel Center Prototype

With over 8,000 square feet of space, the travel center will offer Wawa's signature fresh food and beverage offer, fuel for passenger vehicles and a high-speed diesel fuel court for the needs of professional tractor trailer drivers. Fuel features include six high speed diesel fuel lanes, accepting over the road (OTR) payments, and 20 fuel spots for passenger drivers. The store will have interior and exterior seating areas and a large open design for the fresh food and beverage area. Other amenities include a CAT weigh station, free parking for tractor-trailers, well-appointed restrooms and a pet relief area.

Wawa Expansion in North Carolina

Over the next 8-10 years, Wawa plans to build and open 6-8 stores per year reaching a total of 90 stores in North Carolina. To build each store, Wawa will invest more than \$7.5 million per store and employ, on average, 140 contractors and local partners to build the store. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates with Wawa expecting to create more than 3,000 long-term new jobs as a result of expansion in North Carolina.

About Career Opportunities: Soar with Wawa!

Wawa's expansion plans will create thousands of new jobs and career opportunities for those interested in soaring with us as we expand to North Carolina. Joining the Wawa team makes you part of a longstanding tradition of success that spans decades, hundreds of stores, multiple states and counting! Wawa associates own 39% of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). View [career opportunities at Wawa](#) and **examples of fulfilling careers**.

About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George's grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Pennsylvania as an



outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Washington, D.C. with over 1,100 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and pizza, an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #22 of America's Largest Private Companies.