

Lakes abound in the Triangle Area. University Lake, Lake Michie near Butner and Lake Wheeler near Raleigh are just three waterspots to enjoy during the break.

FURTHER north, near the Virginia-North Carolina state line, is the Kerr Reservoir State Recreational Area.

The John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir, a project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has an area of 106,860 acres. With Kerr Lake's 800 miles of shoreline, boating and fishing are among the features.

Seven major areas have been developed on the shores of the lake just north of Henderson, offering many outdoor adventures. Satterwhite Point, Nutbush Bridge, Bullocksville, County Line, Kimball Point, Hibernia and Henderson Point parks have camping areas, horseback riding and picnic shelters. The parks are approximately 65-75 miles northeast of Chapel Hill on I-85 North.

With the fall procession of color, the mountains are another consideration for a road trip. According to the U.S. Forest Service, fall colors will be at their peak from now through Oct. 25.

The Blue Ridge Parkway, with its many overlooks and recreational areas, offers newcomers and old-time enthusiasts new sights and experiences. Most travel agencies and the park services agree that travelers should expect traffic, especially during the weekend. If you're planning to travel the mountains, be sure to take a sweater or two. The National Weather Service predicts some cold weather in the mountains this weekend.

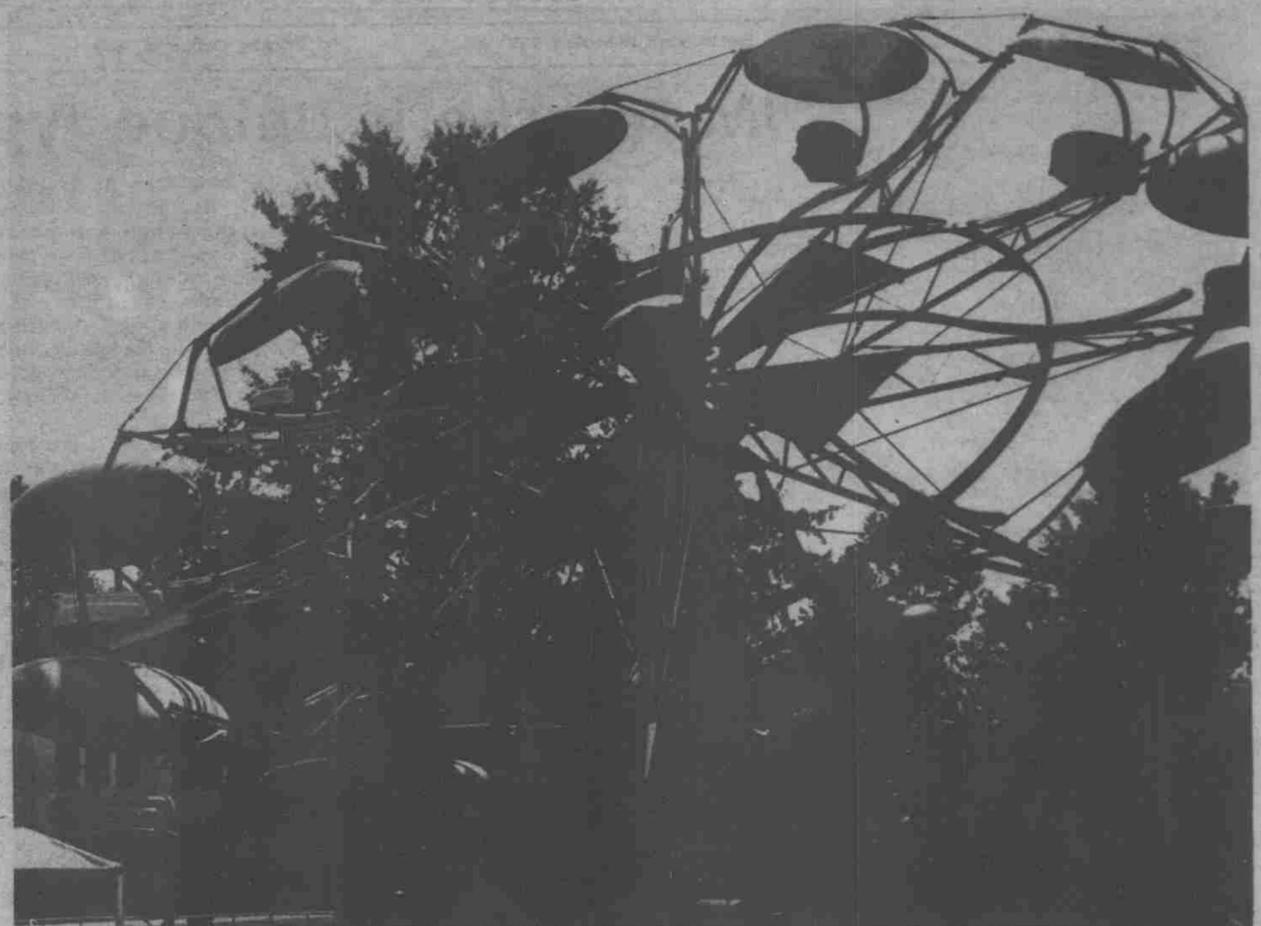
Cindy Sharrock, assistant manager for Continental Travel Agency, said autumn is considered the "shoulder season" for mountain accommodations.

"Most places will be booked up for about two weeks, though," Sharrock said. "Accommodations around the area can fill up very quickly. The parkway is real popular."

A refreshing spot along the parkway is the Julian Price Memorial Park, located near Blowing Rock. Camping and picnicking along Price Lake can be a peaceful way to spend a day or two of your break. Several hiking trails can also be found in the area.

Grandfather Mountain and surrounding areas offer striking views of the foliage peak. Located one mile from the Blue Ridge Parkway on U.S. 221 at Linville, Grandfather Mountain has many fascinating scenic views and hiking trails.

Southwest of Grandfather Mountain and west of the Blue Ridge Parkway is Asheville, home to much of the state's history. The Biltmore Estate, house and



One of many rides at 1979 N.C. State Fair in Raleigh ... 1980 fair promises same variety, fun

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gardens, were built in the 1890s. The house, surrounded by gardens, is located on a 12,000-acre estate. Built by the late George W. Vanderbilt, the estate is a registered national historic landmark. Portions of the movie *Being There* were shot on location at the estate.

Asheville also is the site of Thomas Wolfe's childhood home and O'Henry's burial place.

Glenn Mays, travel editor for the state of North Carolina Travel and Tourism Division, said there are many historic areas within the state and a number within the Triangle Area. Among these are Historic Hillsborough, Bennett Place in Durham and Alamance Battleground.

North Carolina's Outer Banks and surrounding areas have a number of interesting experiences, including Historic Bath, where the notorious pirate Blackbeard once lived.

NORTH Carolina's coast stretches 338 miles and has more than 44 campgrounds, 42 ocean fishing piers and 26 public parks. The Outer Banks may attract many for their fishing, sailing and camping. This chain of small islands along the coast includes Cape Hatteras. Further north along Route 12 are Nags Head, Jockeys Ridge and Kill Devil Hills, near the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Another point of interest is the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in the nation. The lighthouse is open daily for the adventurous to climb to the top. The beach season lingers into early October, so this may be the last time for the perfect tan before winter weather arrives.

Wilmington, Carolina, Wrightsville, New Topsail and other beaches may be another way to spend the break.

Wilmington has the beach and historical sites, including the Cornwallis house and the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial, permanently berthed in the Cape Fear River.

South of Wilmington are the South Brunswick Islands: Holden Beach, Ocean Isle, Sunset Beaches and Calabash. The fishing village of Calabash is an added attraction for seafood lovers.

"The beaches are a possibility," Sharrock said. (Fall break) is one of the students' last big blowouts before it gets really cold. The beach has a great deal to choose from. The rates are lowered somewhat."

Sharrock said that the Outer Banks are not as

commercial as the beaches. However, they also do not offer the night life of the beaches.

Since Chapel Hill is the beer drinking capital of the world, the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company may be another place to see over break. The Schlitz plant is located in Winston-Salem, and free tours are available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The facility produces more than 4 million barrels of beer annually.

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Experts offer pointers for weekend travel

By ANN PETERS

BEFORE beginning a road trip for fall break, a few items should be checked on your car. Area service stations have provided a partial list of items which people may tend to forget to check.

Tires should not be overinflated. During hot weather or long-distance driving they tend to expand. Also, make sure the spare is in good condition.

All oils and fluids in your car, including transmission, battery and radiator fluids, should be carefully inspected.

Al Brinkley, owner of Brinkley's Eastgate Gulf, recommended that windshield wipers also should be in good working order.

Brinkley also suggested that those who are planning a long trip, consider a tuneup.

"With the price of gas, the trip could cost you more if the car is not tuned," he said.

Other items to check in the car include fan belts and radiator and power steering hoses. Extra belts may be a good idea if you own a foreign car.

Most service stations agree that extra gas cans are definitely not a necessity for extended trips.

Another consideration when traveling is the car registration. Make sure that the registration and car insurance papers are stored in the glove compartment in case of an accident.

Additional supplies for the car include a flashlight, first aid kit, small garbage bags to dispose of trash and some type of handkerchief or marker in case of car trouble.

If you get sleepy along the way, rest. The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has suggested rest at least every 100 miles. Walk around and take a break or, if you get tired while you are driving, roll down the windows and stop as soon as possible.