

## You and 775,000 of Your Closest Friends...

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Heading out this holiday weekend? The AAA estimates 775,000 motorists may join you on the state's roads this weekend.

Here's some good travel news—gas prices are down a bit over prices just over the past few weeks—down 13 cents a gallon since the May 7th peak—still not low—just lower...and the N.C. Department of Transportation is suspending most road construction activities on major routes across the state during the Memorial Day weekend.

There are exceptions, however. Most construction projects along interstate, N.C. and U.S. highways will be suspended today at 4 p.m. Work will resume a 9 a.m. Tuesday.

In the western part of the state, the exceptions are:

- Interstate 85 South in Guilford County is reduced to two lanes at Exit 113 (N.C. 62) due to construction of the I-73/U.S. 311 Bypass.
- Both directions of I-40 in Greensboro are reduced to two lanes between mile marker 213 and 214 for construction of the Bridford Parkway Bridge.

And, of course, the NC State patrol will be, well, patrolling heavily, looking for those who would make travel more dangerous with drinking and driving, texting and driving, driving too fast, and anything else that would threaten safety on the road.