

North Carolina Beer Month Events in Orange County

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April 1: Kick off Beer Month in Orange County with the highly anticipated annual release of [Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery's](#) BlueRidge Blueberry Wheat Beer. BlueRidge Blueberry Wheat was named best fruit beer in the World at the World Beer Championships in Chicago in 2010 and, even more importantly, has become a huge cult hit here in Chapel Hill. There will be the ceremonial blueberry drop, drink specials, games and giveaways happening all day starting at 11 am.

April 1: Tap Take Overs at [Beer Study](#). On **April 1**, enjoy the NC IPA off with 10-15 IPAs on tap. **April 8** is the Asheville Tap Takeover. **April 15** is Burial Beer Co. Tap Take Over/Rare Beer event. From 6 pm - 10 pm, four beers will be served on draft and there will be a bottle share featuring some highly sought-after bottles and cans, some of which have never been made available outside of the tap room. Beer Study is open daily Noon - midnight at 106 N. Graham Street.

April 1: Beer Tastings at Southern Season for Beer Month. [Southern Season](#) is celebrating Beer Month with Beer Tastings every Thursday and Friday from 5 pm - 8 pm. The Thursday evening is their "Brats and Crafts" tasting and Friday's tastings are along with their regular wine tastings. Tastings include: April 1 - North Coast Brewing Sampling, April 7 - Fortnight Sampling of NC Beer, April 8 - Freedom Beverage Sampling, April 14 - Gizmo Brew Works NC Beer Sampling, April 15 - The Country Vintner NC Beer Sampling, April 21 - Deep River NC Beer Sampling, April 22 - NC Beer Sampling, April 28 - Uinta Sampling and April 29 - Foggy Ridge Cider Sampling.

April 6: at the [Carrboro Farmers' Market](#), check out the Evening Eats Food Truck Rodeo. From 6 pm - 8:30 pm, enjoy live music by Dogwood Blossom, beer from Carrboro's Steel String Brewery, and dinner and desserts from the food trucks! Baguettaboutit, Bulkogi Korean BBQ, Gussie's Greek Food, and Tar Heel Creamery will be there! The Market is located at 301 West Main Street.

April 14: To unveil [Carolina Brewery's](#) newest brew, The Rattlesnake Master India Pale Lager, during NC Beer Month Carolina Brewery will be hosting a tapping party on Thursday, **April 14**, at 5:30 p.m. at its Chapel Hill brewpub at 460 W Franklin Street. Pubgoers can purchase \$3 pints of the Rattlesnake Master or enjoy the beer in a commemorative take-home pint glass for \$5. The new beer was brewed in special celebration of Carolina Brewery partner and fellow Chapel Hill mainstay, the North Carolina Botanical Garden, for their 50th Anniversary, bearing the name of the garden's 2016 "Wildflower of the Year," the Rattlesnake Master. For information, check out their [facebook](#) page.

April 20: From 6 pm - 9 pm, Carrboro's [Milltown](#) Presents: Small Plates, Big Beers! w/ special guests Wicked Weed Brewing. Grab a Free [Ticket](#) to Reserve a Special Glass. Sample Napoleon Complex Hoppy Pale Ale - 5.2%, all the hop character of our IPAs with a touch of malt backbone, Freak of Nature Double IPA - 8.5%, massively hopped with dank and resinous flavor (4lbs of hops per barrel!!!), Bedeviled Golden Strong - 9%, gold in color and rich with spicy clove and bright fruit aromas, La Bonte w/Pear - 6.5%, is open fermented with our house Brettanomyces culture. This beer is then blended with a portion of golden sour and onto a half pound per gallon of French pears. La Bonte is then aged in our foeder until it reaches perfection, Marina - 6.5%, is our blonde sour ale aged in wine barrels with over a one pound per gallon of peaches and apricots. The result is delicate, hazy-gold ale with deep stone fruit character, Dark Age Bourbon Barrel-aged Stout - 10.5%, Dark Age Stout is laid to rest for 6-8 months on bourbon barrels. The bourbon character of the barrels pairs with the dark malt flavors of coffee and chocolate. Milltown is at 307 East Main Street.

April 26: Lantern Table celebrates North Carolina Beer Month with the first of 3 spring beer garden parties beginning on **April 26** at 6:30 pm. Andrea Reusing and Miguel Torres will collaborate with Bruce Corregan and Dave Haydysch from Nickelpoint Brewing Company on a cocktail-style party that pairs handcrafted local beers with a spring dim sum menu. \$75 per person plus tax and fees. Price includes gratuity. Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased at: <http://lanternbeergarden.brownpapertickets.com/>. 423 W. Franklin Street Chapel Hill.

April 29: Teardrop Canyon Party comes to the revamped [Station](#) in Carrboro. [Steel String Brewery](#) is brewing a special release for their friends in the band Teardrop Canyon. Come out to their show at the reopened Station in Carrboro to try the brew and catch some sweet grooves. The Station at 201 East Main Street is reopening on April 7.

Throughout April: The Carolina Inn's Crossroads Chapel Hill Executive Chef James Clark's delicious 3-course Beer Month Tasting Menu will be available throughout the month of April. Menu - First Course: Clam Frites w/ Smoked Pork Broth, Benton's Bacon Fennel and Carolina Blue Frites paired with *Sky Blue Golden Ale*, *Carolina Brewery*, *Chapel Hill*. Second Course: Cane Syrup

Lacquered ½ Chicken w/Asparagus, Smoked Pepper & Carrot Adobo paired with *Greensboro's Natty Greens Brewing Company's Buckshot Amber Ale*. Dessert: Nanner'offee – Banan Toffee Pudding, Graham Crackers Hefeweizen Chantilly paired with *Old Hickory Brewery's Hefe-weizen Hefeweizen in Hickory, NC*. \$55 per person (adults 21 and up). For reservations, please call 919-918-2777 or email crossroads@carolinainn.com.

Keep the Beer Month celebration going. Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual **Cardinal Directions Beer Festival**. Tickets on sale now [here!](#) 20+ NC breweries, 5+ food trucks, live music and non-alcoholic beverage vendors. **Sunday May 29th** 2-6pm on the Carrboro Town Commons. Tickets are \$20 and include tasting glass, 5 sample pours. Additional samples available for \$1. Food Trucks and Non-alcoholic beverages as well. Cardinal Directions Beer Festival raises money for Farmer Foodshare, a non-profit supporting local farms and feeding hungry people in our community.

North Carolina is one of America's best states for craft brewing. Throughout April, beer lovers will find special tours, tastings, dinners, classes and other events and packages. There will be events at breweries, restaurants and accommodations across the state. For more on beer month in North Carolina, visit www.ncbeermonth.com.

Orange County Breweries

Carolina Brewery - Two locations: 460 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, (919) 942-1800 and 120 Lowes Dr, Ste 100 in Pittsboro (919) 545-2330 – For what's up during beer month visit <http://carolinabrewery.com/>. There are ongoing free brewery tours every Saturday starting at 2:00 pm at their Pittsboro Brewery location.

Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery - Top of the Hill was one of North Carolina's first microbreweries. After opening their doors in 1996, TOPO's brewery is now the 8th oldest surviving brewery in North Carolina. With over 100 awards, their beers are some of the most celebrated in the country. Brewing beers on the premises, TOPO has won over 100 awards as their beers are some of the most celebrated in the country. 100 E. Franklin Street, (919) 929-8676 www.thetopofthehill.com

Mystery Brewing Company - Taste the beers at the Public House, 230 S. Nash Street, Hillsborough, (919) 245-1325. The Brewery at 437 Dimmocks Mill Road, Suite 41, Hillsborough, 919-MYSTERY. Check website for noted Brewery tours on Saturdays at 1PM and 3PM for \$5/pp and includes glassware and samples. Visit www.mysterybrewing.com/.

Starpoint - Local handcrafted beer. Visit starpointbrewing.com/ and their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StarpointBrewing> for the latest info.

Steel String Craft Brewery. Brewing high quality ales by adapting aggressively hopped American styles into the North Carolina vernacular. Check out their live music and trivia nights. Steel String does tours upon request by emailing info@steelstringbrewery.com 106 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro. <http://steelstringbrewery.com/>. Call 919.240.7215.

YesterYears Brewery beers have their own distinct flavors and aromas. There is one to please just about anyone's pallet, even those that have never tasted a craft beer. It's the Good Old Days in a bottle. Take a moment from the fast pace of life, slow down, open a bottle, and share it with a friend. Ales, Saisons, Hefeweizen and Seasonal offerings. 300 E. Main Street, Suite C, Carrboro <http://www.yesteryearsbrewery.com/> **919-649-5101**

Regulator Brewery, nanobrewery in Hillsborough, buys at least 75% of the ingredients (and often times more than 90%) in each batch of their beer from local farms. They offer three flagship beers – a Kolsch, Hazelnut Brown Ale and American IPA – along with a seasonal beer on rotation. All are brewed using the best and freshest local ingredients, and will be available initially through bottle shops, local restaurants and other retail outlets. To follow their progress visit <http://www.regulatorbrewing.com/>

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