

# 12 Ways to Enjoy Chapel Hill/Orange County in 2018

There are plenty of things to see and do in the Chapel Hill/Orange County communities. Check out the historic walking tours, UNC Campus, music, shops, gardens, art galleries, museums and our local food scene.

## FRANKLIN STREET

[www.downtownchapelhill.com](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com)



Historic Franklin Street in downtown Chapel Hill is home to more than 200 restaurants, bars, retail shops and service businesses. Enjoy festivals, special events, nightlife and cultural destinations including the new People's Improv Theater (PIT Chapel Hill),

CURRENT ArtSpace + Studio at Carolina Square and Blue Dogwood Public Market.

## UNC-CHAPEL HILL CAMPUS



[www.unc.edu/visitors](http://www.unc.edu/visitors)  
Celebrate the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's 225th birthday in 2018. UNC is the first state-supported university in America to open its doors and graduate students in the

18th century. Guided tours are available. Also music, plays and more at Memorial Hall and PlayMakers Repertory Company.

## ACKLAND ART MUSEUM

101 South Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 966-5736  
[www.ackland.org](http://www.ackland.org)



The Ackland turns 60 in 2018. The Museum's permanent collection consists of more than 18,000 works of art, a premier collections of Asian art and works of art on paper, plus significant collections of European

masterworks, twentieth-century and contemporary art. Free.

## MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM & SCIENCE CENTER

250 East Franklin Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 962-1236  
[www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org)



Morehead Planetarium trained NASA astronauts in celestial navigation from 1960-1975. Come visit the largest planetarium in the southeastern United States and see its GlaxoSmithKline Fulldome Theater, exhibits and Science Stage, including live science

demonstrations. Minimal fee for planetarium shows.

## NORTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN

100 Old Mason Farm Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
(919) 962-0522  
[ncbg.unc.edu](http://ncbg.unc.edu)



Comprises more than 1,000 acres, including 10 acres of display gardens and a number of natural areas. See North Carolina plants and vegetation, perennial borders, a Garden of Flowering Plant Families, the Piedmont Nature Trails, a green Education Center with exhibits and more. Open Tue - Sun. Free.

## CAROLINA BASKETBALL MUSEUM

450 Skipper Bowles Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 962-6000  
[www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com)



The newly renovated Carolina Basketball Museum now contains more trophies and memorabilia, including artifacts from the Tar Heels' 2017 NCAA men's basketball championship. See videos, photos, statistical and historical panels that

highlight the history of UNC's basketball program. Open Mon-Sat. Free.

## SOUTHERN SEASON

University Place  
201 S. Estes Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 929-7133  
[www.southernseason.com](http://www.southernseason.com)



A food lover's paradise with exciting and innovative products from local to international vendors, Southern Season offers over 70,000 items sold in-store and online. Known as a "culinary Mecca," the store features specialty food products, chocolate and candy, wine & beer, coffee & tea, prepared foods, kitchen tools, home items, gifts, Weathervane Restaurant and much more. Take a class at its cooking school.

## CARR MILL MALL & WEAVER STREET MARKET

200 N. Greensboro Street  
Carrboro, NC 27510  
(919) 942-8669  
[www.carrmillmall.com](http://www.carrmillmall.com)  
[www.weaverstreetmarket.coop](http://www.weaverstreetmarket.coop)



Carrboro is home to the historic Carr Mill Mall, a former textile mill, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Find specialty, outdoor and home décor shops, a Coffee/Tea bar, and local favorite Elmo's Diner. Weaver Street Market is a community gathering place as well as a food co-op store. Its large open front lawn is where residents and visitors gather for coffee, food, music and other events.

## UNIVERSITY PLACE

201 S. Estes Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 945-1900  
[www.universityplacenc.com](http://www.universityplacenc.com)



If searching for on-trend fashion, priceless art, the perfect unique gift, or mouth-watering cuisine, make sure you visit University Place with some of the region's best locally owned and national retailers and restaurants. Home to the

newly relocated FRANK Gallery, also find Silverspot Cinema/Trilogy, Kidzu Children's Museum, Peacock Alley and William Travis Jewelry. Dining includes Stoney River Steakhouse and Grill, City Kitchen and more.

## HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH

The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough  
150 E. King Street  
Hillsborough NC 27278  
(919) 732-7741  
[www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com)



Hillsborough's historic downtown at 264 years old is on the National Register of Historic Places. Just a short drive from Chapel Hill, Churton Street is filled with art, jewelry, wine, restaurants and chocolate shops. Find an historic museum, an antebellum school,

a federal-era plantation house and stroll along the scenic Riverwalk, a 1.8 mile trail that stretches along the Eno River. West Hillsborough is home to Mystery Brewing Company.

## LIVE MUSIC



The music scene in the area is rocking with Carrboro's famous Cat's Cradle, The Station, Chapel Hill's Local 506, The Cave and Nightlight and Hillsborough's Hot Tin Roof. Come hear local, regional and

national bands just about every night of the week.

[www.catscradle.com](http://www.catscradle.com)  
[www.stationcarrboro.com](http://www.stationcarrboro.com)  
[www.local506.com](http://www.local506.com)  
[www.cavernatavern.com](http://www.cavernatavern.com)  
[www.nightlightclub.com](http://www.nightlightclub.com)  
[www.hottinroofbar.com](http://www.hottinroofbar.com)

## LOCAL FOOD & MARKETS



Hailed as "America's Foodiest Small Town" by *Bon Appétit* magazine, Chapel Hill is a hot spot for local farm to table cuisine. Noted nationally are Crook's Corner, Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen, Allen & Son BBQ and

Lantern Restaurant. Il Palio and Crossroads Chapel Hill are both AAA four-diamond delicious! Media touts Carrboro's Neal's Deli as a national top ten sandwich shop and Pizzeria Mercato, (photo) a top favorite Neapolitan Pizzeria. Aaron Vandemark, chef of Panciuto in Hillsborough is a six-time James Beard nominee. Visit five county farmers' markets to see where many local chefs shop. Try our multiple craft beer breweries and spirits distillery. Don't forget the new Blue Dogwood Public Market on West Franklin Street.



**THE CHAPEL HILL/ORANGE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU** is the area's official accredited visitors agency and its staffed walk-in visitors center provides tour information, maps, printed guides, restrooms and a mobile device charging station. Pick up an official 2018 Visitors Guide; it's a great reference tool for planning your next visit to Chapel Hill and Orange County, NC



**ORANGE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU**

Visitors Center Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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