

## Fun-Filled Day Trip around Lake Norman

Whether you're here for business, a tournament, or you're just passing through, a stop in Lake Norman will make any trip worthwhile. If you only have one day to see LKN, we recommend spending it at these can't miss spots.

### 1-Day Itinerary

Start your day early with a bite to eat at one of Davidson's most popular breakfast spots, [Toast Café](#). This restaurant is located in the heart of downtown Davidson and is a local favorite. Their Stuffed French Toast will fuel you up for a busy day of exploring. Once you're finished, get the day started with a stroll down [Main Street](#).

Next head to the [Latta Plantation Nature Preserve](#) located on the grounds of a historic 1800s cotton plantation and visit the [Carolina Raptor Center](#). This living museum is dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of birds of prey. Catch a flight show, take a behind the scenes tour or walk along the raptor trail to get up close and personal with over 20 different species.

Checkout [Joe Gibbs Racing](#) and learn why Lake Norman is a NASCAR fan's paradise. JGR headquarters houses an extensive souvenir store and race shop. Hang out in the viewing area and you'll likely catch a glimpse of cars driven by Matt Kenseth, Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch and more.

For lunch, you can't pass up a waterfront meal at [Port City Club](#). Located in the southeastern corner of Lake Norman, this upscale but

laid back restaurant emphasizes made from scratch dishes, locally-sourced meats, vegetables and incomparable views of the lake.

Next, do some shopping at one of the largest outdoor malls in the area, [Birkdale Village](#). This beautiful pedestrian village offers a mix of boutiques and major retailers, guaranteeing hours of exciting shopping.

Get out on the water with a stand up paddleboard lesson from [My Aloha Paddle and Surf](#), Lake Norman's premier paddleboard company. They offer introductory and group lessons, rentals and even paddleboard yoga. You can't leave the lake without experiencing an adventure like this.

Get in the water at [Ramsey Creek Park & Swim Beach](#). The newest public swimming beach for Lake Norman, there's also a dog park, walking trails, picnic areas and a boat launch!

Bring your day trip to a close with dinner at [131 Main](#). Their slogan is "we define fresh" and that'll reign true after you take a look at the menu. With premium meats and boat to table seafood, their seasonal dishes will have your taste buds begging for more.

**For more information:**

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