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*The pull-out pocket guide to Raleigh, including maps of downtown and Wake County*

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# RALEIGH SMART

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**LEGENDS ARE MET**

ONE CITY  
•  
TWO EVENTS  
•  
THREE DAYS  
•  
THOUSANDS  
OF MEMORIES



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**On the cover:** Raleigh Smart and health-conscious—some of Raleigh’s favorite juice connoisseurs (L-R) Steve Long and Nancy Long of Harmony Farms; Sherif Fouad and Leslie Woods of Raleigh Raw; Tyler Heikson and Matt Whitley of Happy and Hale; Mary Holt Collins and Colin Fickes of Humdinger Juice.

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Your memories might appear in next year's Official Visitors Guide!



# ..... WELCOME ..... TO RALEIGH, N.C.

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Centrally located in North Carolina,  
Raleigh is having a moment.

**P**roof? Start in downtown Raleigh, where innovative restaurants and cool bars serve award-winning cuisine and cocktails. You hear that? It's live music drifting down the street — the area is home to the most live music in the state. Locally owned boutiques and top-ranked museums lend to the vibrant energy downtown, too.

A number of colleges and universities call Raleigh home, which adds up to a smart, passionate and forward-thinking population. And, for big-city amenities with small-town charm, head a few minutes from Raleigh and explore the surrounding towns, each with an identity all its own.

But that's just scratching the surface. Raleigh is a warm, welcoming place, where craft brews are served with a dose of genuine Southern hospitality. It's an historic city, too, dating to 1792 and serving as North Carolina's capital.

So come for a weekend to explore. And don't be surprised if you have a hard time leaving.





# TheBASICS



In the middle of North Carolina, about two hours from the beach and three hours from the mountains, Raleigh is easily accessible.

## Getting Here

By car:

I-40 runs through Raleigh. I-85 and I-95 pass nearby.

By plane:

Both terminals at **RDU International Airport** were completely renovated recently; eight major airlines serve 40 non-stop destinations. In 2014, *Condé Nast Traveler* named RDU the ninth best airport in the U.S.

By train:

**Amtrak** has stations in downtown Raleigh and downtown Cary. Routes with local stops include The Carolinian (Charlotte to Cary to Raleigh to New York), The Piedmont (Charlotte to Cary to Raleigh) and The Silver Star (Florida to Raleigh to New York).

## Getting Around

In downtown Raleigh, hop onboard the free **R-LINE** bus or call for a pedal-cab ride from **Raleigh Rickshaw Company** or **Crank Arm Rickshaw**.

## Weather

Raleigh has four distinct seasons.

Spring: Moderate temps, from mid-60s to mid-80s°F

Summer: Hot and humid, highs in the upper-80s to low-90s°F

Fall: High temps average in the 70s°F

Winter: Mild; the 60°F day is not uncommon!

Rainiest months are January and March.

Driest months are April and November.

## Stay Connected

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# TheBUZZ

Don't just take our word for it. See what others are saying about Raleigh!

“Raleigh is now defining itself as a destination worth exploring ...”

*The New York Times*  
March 2014

*Among America's Coolest Cities 2014*

*Forbes*  
August 2014

*#1 Among U.S. Cities Attracting The Most Families*

*Forbes*  
September 2014

*#3 Among Best Up-and-Coming Cities for Art and Culture*

*Women's Health*  
September 2014

*#1 Among Mid-Sized American Cities of the Future*

*The Financial Times*  
April 2015



# ..... Home-Grown ..... **STYLE**

These locally made and inspired items define Raleigh style.

## ForHIM

*Button-Down Oxford*



Where to buy:  
**Lumina Clothing Co.**,  
which just moved into a new  
store in downtown Raleigh's  
Person Street Plaza.

*Bow Tie*



Where to buy:  
**High Cotton**  
has a large selection of the  
brand's neckties, bow ties and  
pocket squares for the  
Southern gentlemen  
in your life.

*Peter Millar Golf Polo*



Where to buy:  
**Ashworth's Clothing** in  
Fuquay-Varina, where the  
company's founder,  
Chris Knott, got his start.

## Sweets Style

These locally made treats  
make the perfect souvenir...  
if you can wait 'til you  
get home, that is.



### Oak City Coffee

Where to buy:  
**Oak City Coffee Roasters**  
roasts all the beans in their  
downtown shop; also available  
at local farmers' markets.

### Videri Chocolate Bar

Where to buy:  
**Videri Chocolate Factory**,  
where you can take a tour to  
see the entire chocolate-making  
process. *GQ* named it to their  
list of the 50 Best Things to  
Eat Right Now.

*Holly Aiken Bag*



Where to buy:  
**Stitch**, where each bag is made;  
these vinyl bags come in a  
variety of retro colors with  
bold trim.

*Monogram Necklace*



Where to buy:  
**Moon and Lola's** flagship  
store in Apex or their  
downtown Raleigh shop,  
next door to Stitch.

*Raleigh Denim Jeans*



Where to buy:  
**The Curatory**,  
located in the denim workshop  
in downtown Raleigh's hip  
Warehouse District.

### Escazu Truffle

Where to buy:  
**Escazu Artisan Chocolates  
Retail Shop**,  
where all products are made.

### Made-From-Scratch Cupcake

Where to buy:  
**The Cupcake Shoppe**  
sells a variety of flavors, from  
"Plain Jane" vanilla to "What's  
Up Doc" carrot cake.

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# RALEIGH SMART

Not just smart, they're Raleigh Smart.

**We're going to clue you in  
to a little inside information...**

**R**aleigh has hundreds of attractions, a thousand plus restaurants and a wealth of things to do. You will read more about many of them on the following pages of this guide.

But to get the most from your visit and a true sense of what North Carolina's capital is about, you need to know about a class of smart, innovative people who call Raleigh home, a new brand of creative intelligence we call being Raleigh Smart.

Raleigh Smart people are noteworthy because they begin with an idea. To make something new or improve on something old. And they add their own passion to bring it to life.

Take Sarah and Victor Lytvinenko. Sarah and Victor had an idea to make hand-crafted blue jeans. So they started with North Carolina fabrics and dyes, and from their workshop in downtown Raleigh, created the phenomenon of Raleigh Denim. They have been so successful that they now have a store in the fashion district of New York City.

Or Starr and Sam Ratto, who had a dream to make bean-to-bar chocolate from Videri Chocolate Factory in the warehouse district. Or Tyler Helikson and Matt Whitley, who wanted to offer local produce, direct from the farm, to make healthy and hearty meals at Happy and Hale. The list goes on and on.

*It has become part of Raleigh's DNA to create, and to make your visit authentically Raleigh, add some stops to your itinerary to see for yourself what Raleigh Smart is. Find out what the locals know: the real character of Raleigh isn't always apparent. It runs underground. But once you experience it, you will find it as enriching as those who live here.*

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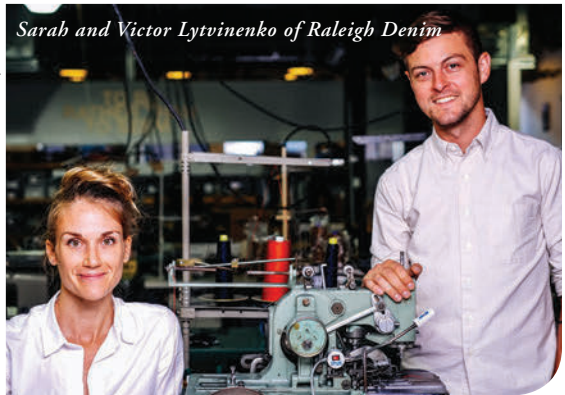






*Sam and Starr Ratto of Videri Chocolate Factory*

Tim Lytvinenko



*Sarah and Victor Lytvinenko of Raleigh Denim*

Lissa Gotwals Photography



*Amin Sadeghi of Cold Off the Press Juice*

What's your  
**destination i\*d\***

*Visit Raleigh and craft your own custom visitor experience based on your travel preferences, tastes and interests. We have identified five typical travel personalities – Adrenaline Junkie, Creative Genius, Foodie, Lifelong Learner and Music Maniac – all of whom will find plenty to do in North Carolina's capital city area.*







# Adrenaline JUNKIE

Want to get out and be active?  
Or cheer on your favorite team?  
Here's how to do both (and more)!

## GET OUTSIDE

See for yourself why Raleigh is called “The City of Oaks” — the area has more than 4,300 acres of local parkland and a greenway system that spans 150 miles.

Take an easy stroll through the **Museum Park** at the **North Carolina Museum of Art**, where paved trails meander through fields with art installations along the way. At 164 acres, it's the largest museum art park in the country.

Wanna get out on the water? Fish, kayak or canoe at Holly Springs' **Bass Lake Park**, Cary's **Fred G. Bond Metro Park** or Raleigh's **Lake Johnson Park**. There are paved trails around each park, too.

For a more strenuous hike, hit the trails at **William B. Umstead State Park**. This nearly 6,000-acre park is located near the airport and Interstate 40.

For serious outdoor action, head to **Falls Lake State Recreation Area**, where the 12,000-acre lake and 26,000 acres of woodland offer the perfect place for hiking, camping, fishing and boating.

## ADRENALINE RUSH

**Daniel Dhers Action Sports Complex** in Holly Springs is a BMX riding facility. Its indoor and outdoor terrains are the largest of their kind in the country and are great practice and training for BMX, mountain bikes and skateboards.

Continue the rush and reach for new heights at **Triangle Rock Club**; the Morrisville and North Raleigh locations have a variety of climbing walls, including one that's the tallest in the Southeast.

No ropes are required for **Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park**. The Main Court is a free-jump area, then bounce over to the Foam Zone to jump into a pit filled with thousands of foam cubes. Or check out **DefyGravity** — this trampoline park has angled wall trampolines and one of the largest trampoline dodgeball cages in the country. Kids love it. Parents, too.

Michael Robson



Ironman 70.3 Raleigh





## WHERE TO REFUEL

Worked up an appetite? Fresh, healthy options abound at **Happy and Hale** in downtown Raleigh's City Plaza. Replenish with the Hale Mary smoothie, made with kale, spinach and avocado.



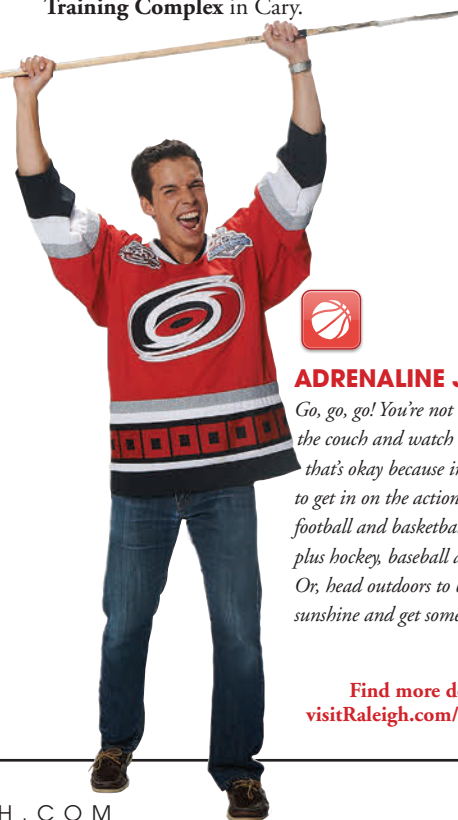
*Carolina Hurricanes*

### WATCH THE GAME

Tailgating at North Carolina State University's **Carter-Finley Stadium** is practically a rite of passage during football season. NCSU **Wolfpack** basketball plays next door at **PNC Arena**, where the **Carolina Hurricanes** take the ice. The 'Canes won the 2006 Stanley Cup, making them the first team in N.C. to win a major professional sports championship.

If soccer is more your speed, the **Carolina RailHawks** play at **WakeMed Soccer Park** in Cary, one of the country's premier soccer complexes.

Into baseball? The family will enjoy a trip to Zebulon's **Five County Stadium** to see the **Carolina Mudcats** in action. In 2015, the **Holly Springs Salamanders** begin their first season as members of the Coastal Plain League. And watch up-and-coming players at the **USA Baseball National Training Complex** in Cary.



### ADRENALINE JUNKIE

*Go, go, go! You're not content to sit on the couch and watch the game, and that's okay because in Raleigh, it's easy to get in on the action. There are college football and basketball games to cheer, plus hockey, baseball and soccer teams. Or, head outdoors to bask in the Carolina sunshine and get some fresh air.*

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*North Carolina Symphony*

*North Carolina Theatre*





# Creative GENIUS

Contemporary art and European classics.  
Broadway shows and black-box theater.  
Raleigh has a thriving arts and culture scene.

## SEE A SHOW

**North Carolina Theatre** brings some of Broadway's biggest productions to Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, a multi-venue complex that anchors one end of downtown Raleigh.

Each December, **Theatre In The Park** performs *A Christmas Carol* featuring Ira David Wood III as Scrooge. The annual show has been named one of the top 20 events in the Southeast.

Across town at one of the country's oldest community theaters, **Raleigh Little Theatre** stages 11 productions each year. For avant-garde work, see what's in production at **Burning Coal Theatre Company**.

The **Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts** is also home to N.C.'s ballet, symphony and opera companies. The **North Carolina Symphony** plays 175 times a year — check out their popular summer series at Cary's **Koka Booth Amphitheatre**.

## MUSEUM HOP

You could easily spend the whole morning wandering the halls at the **North Carolina Museum of Art**. The collection spans more than 5,000 years, and highlights include 29 Rodin sculptures (the largest collection in the Southeast), one of the nation's finest collections of Italian paintings and works by Botticelli, Monet and Raphael. Outside the museum, the 164-acre **Museum Park** is worth an afternoon of exploring.

Located in a former produce warehouse in Raleigh's Warehouse District, **Contemporary Art Museum (CAM Raleigh)** is the only non-collecting contemporary art museum in the state. Exhibits change often, ranging from painting and sculpture to photography and installation art, and feature guest curators from all over the world.

And if you want to see art being made, visit **Artspace**. This visual arts center has 30 studios open to the public, where you can chat with the artists and watch them work. You'll see everything from portraiture and printmaking to mixed media and jewelry-making.

## ENJOY ARTS AROUND TOWN

In the suburbs, arts centers serve the community through classes, programs, lectures, performances and more. Check the calendars for the **Holly Springs Cultural Center**, **Wake Forest Renaissance Centre**, **Cary Arts Center** and **The Cary Theater**, **Garner Performing Arts Center** and **Halle Cultural Arts Center** in Apex.

North Carolina Opera

Chris Adamczyk



## CREATIVE GENIUS

*If you've got that artistic eye, Raleigh's got the arts and culture scene for you. You'll find that art is everywhere—from city streets to acclaimed museums to the theater stage. Let this city inspire you in ways you never imagined.*

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*North Hills*



# SMARTSHOPPER

These outdoor shopping areas have a personality all their own.

## FOR UPSCALE FINDS

### NORTH HILLS

Browse the racks of designer clothes at **Gena Chandler** or **Vermillion**, shop for china and crystal at **Quintessentials** and choose monogrammed stationery at **Paperbuzz**.

## FOR OLD-MEETS-NEW

### CAMERON VILLAGE

At this favorite Raleigh destination, new openings (**Flywheel**, **Parlor Blow Dry Bar**) stand beside long-time tenants like **Lilly Pulitzer**, **Great Outdoor Provision Co.** and **Bailey's Fine Jewelry**, which just finished a major expansion.

## FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

### WAVERLY PLACE

In Cary, there's a playground and splash pad for the young ones, plus cupcake and fro-yo shops. For the parents, you'll find high-end baby gear at **GreenPea Baby & Child**, infused olive oils at **Vom Fass** and kitchen gadgets galore at **Whisk**.

## FOR OLD-WORLD EUROPE

### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE

A little slice of Paris in North Raleigh (there's even a mini Eiffel Tower replica). Specialty food shops include **The Chocolate Boutique**, **Savory Spice Shop**, **Orrman's Cheese Shop** and **The Olive Wagon**.

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# RALEIGH SMART

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Creativity, great taste and the unexpected ...all meet in Raleigh's specialty stores. Find the perfect gift or a great souvenir for yourself at any of these unique establishments.

A great example is Jamie Meares' Furbish Studio, called "a mecca for trend-setters." Featured in *Elle Décor*, *Southern Living*, *House Beautiful*, *InStyle* and *Garden & Gun Magazine*, Meares is an inveterate dabbler — her go-to answer is "I'll try anything once." Furbish's offerings reflect Meares' eccentric take on tradition, and the store is frequently stocked with treasures from her latest travels.

## TRY THESE "SPECIAL" SPECIALTY STORES

Taylor Whalbruck



yellowdog:creative



### Cute Buttons

Tucked in downtown Cary's Ashworth Village, Cute Buttons is a paper-lover's delight. Browse the boxes of colorful stationery, custom wedding and party invites and other goods like monogrammed notebooks and Lilly Pulitzer and Kate Spade desk accessories.

### Deco Raleigh

In the middle of downtown Raleigh, this shop sells wares from more than 60 local artisans. You'll find everything from pottery and jewelry to Raleigh-inspired T-shirts and quirky greeting cards. Just outside Deco, sit a spell in the new "parklet," made from two parking spaces.

### Nofo @ the Pig

In Raleigh's Five Points neighborhood, this café/food market/gift shop is the perfect place to find a gift for that impossible-to-please person (or yourself!). Local products stock the shelves, including cookbooks, soaps, jewelry and so much more. Stay for lunch — grilled pimiento cheese sandwich and sweet potato fries, anyone?

### Zest Café & Home Art

Come for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch, then browse the adjacent home-goods shop. Sit outside on the covered patio and try an inventive "zestwich," such as brie and grilled pineapple chutney on homemade bread. The store sells everything from whimsical dishes and trays to frames, candles and jewelry.

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# RALEIGH AREA Festivals and Events

## JANUARY

Triangle Restaurant Week  
Raleigh Winterfest

## FEBRUARY

Krispy Kreme Challenge

## MARCH

Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Festival  
Raleigh Blues Festival

## APRIL

Rock 'n' Roll Raleigh Marathon  
Wake Forest HerbFest  
Cary Spring Daze  
Brewgaloo  
SAVOR Fuquay-Varina

## MAY

35th Annual Meet in the Street Festival  
PeakFest  
Artspllosure  
Out! Raleigh

## JUNE

Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant

## JULY

The 'Works: July 4th on Fayetteville Street

## AUGUST

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival

## SEPTEMBER

Hopscotch Music Festival  
BugFest  
SPARKcon  
Lazy Daze Arts and Crafts Festival  
African American Cultural Festival  
Ray Price Capital City Bikefest  
Ray Price Motorsports Expo

## OCTOBER

World of Bluegrass  
North Carolina State Fair  
N.C. Whole Hog Barbecue State Championship

## NOVEMBER

WRAL Raleigh Christmas Parade

## DECEMBER

First Night Raleigh

Walters and Walters



Wide Open Bluegrass

Chris Adamczyk



The 'Works: July 4th on Fayetteville Street

Brian Magee



Artspllosure

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# FOODIE

Travel the globe without leaving Raleigh, where internationally inspired restaurants serve Laotian, Italian and everything in between.

**B**egin your diverse culinary journey in downtown Raleigh at **BuKu**, where the menu focuses on global street food — Indian naan, Mexican grilled corn, empanadas and South African lamb kebabs (and that’s just barely skimming the menu). Bring a group of friends and share small plates.

Craving Laotian? If you’ve never tried it, head straight to **Bida Manda**, overlooking downtown Raleigh’s Moore Square. Try the caramelized ginger pork ribs or saffron crepe. You won’t be sorry.

Nearby, traditional Lebanese dishes (hummus, kebabs) rule the menu at **Sitti**. For more casual Lebanese and Mediterranean fare, two area locations of **Neomonde** have fresh-baked pita sandwiches and, of course, flaky baklava.

Indian and Asian-inspired cuisine is served at **Garland**, one of Raleigh’s most innovative restaurants. Spice-driven dishes pack a punch. Try the tandoori chicken with braised cabbage or lamb curry with local turnips. In Cary, upscale Asian-fusion draws a crowd at **An, New World Cuisine**. The menu changes seasonally but may feature roasted duck with lychee salad or Singapore noodles with prawns and pork belly. For classic Asian dishes like wonton soup, spring rolls and sweet and sour pork, head to **Five Star** in downtown Raleigh’s Warehouse District.

There are countless Mexican restaurants around, but for something special, head to **Dos Taquitos** and try their namesake, the taquitos. For Southern-inspired Mexican (collard-wrapped tamales, anyone?), make a reservation at **Jose and Sons**. Several dishes are made with ingredients from local favorites like Videri chocolate or Crank Arm and Trophy brews.

There are lots of Italian restaurants in the area, too, but there’s a reason **Bella Monica** is ranked one of the best. Tuck into a plate of pasta with “gravy,” or try the Chianti-braised veal Bolognese. Desserts here are a must. There are the classics (tiramisu, cannoli), or try the affogato — honey vanilla gelato “drowning” in espresso.

And if it’s French you’re looking for, book a table at **Saint Jacques Restaurant** and savor the blue cheese panna cotta and braised short ribs. Bon appétit!

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Mark Pelko



## FOODIE

*If the thought of a chain restaurant makes you turn up your nose, you’re in the right place. Raleigh has a seriously cool dining scene, but it’s served with a dose of warm Southern hospitality. (And those local craft brews are easy to enjoy, too.)*





*Bida Manda*



*Bella Monica*



Chris Adamezyk



*Food Truck Rodeo*

Michael Robson

## FoodieFun

Mark your calendars for these can't-miss events:

### Triangle Restaurant Week

Some of the region's best restaurants offer prix-fixe menus, making this a great time to try a new place. There's a Restaurant Week in January and one in June.

### Downtown Food Truck Rodeo

Come hungry — more than 50 food trucks span 11 city blocks. The Food Truck Rodeos happen in downtown Raleigh and around the county several times each year.



# WAKEUP

Specialty coffee shops and artisan bakeries are on the rise in Raleigh.

Mark Petko



*Jubala Village Coffee*

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## Café de los Muertos

Vibe: In downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District, find brews by local roasters and sweets from local bakers. What to Order: Coffee from Raleigh Coffee Company, Oak City Roasters or Café de los Muertos' own line of beans.

## Joule Coffee & Table

Vibe: One of the latest ventures from James Beard Award-winning chef Ashley Christensen; grab a seat in the window overlooking downtown Raleigh's Wilmington St. What to Order: Iced pour-over, served with a coffee ice cube.

## Jubala Village Coffee

Vibe: In Raleigh's Lafayette Village, the baristas know their stuff. What to Order: Liege waffle; almond latte.

## Lucettegrace

Vibe: Contemporary patisserie in an industrial chic setting. What to Order: the Dixie Cannonball for a killer breakfast.

## Morning Times

Vibe: In downtown Raleigh, hang out in the upstairs art gallery or grab a table on the sidewalk. What to Order: House-made bagel.

## Sola Coffee Café

Vibe: Reminiscent of a European coffeehouse. What to Order: Check out their new toast bar, with combos like gruyere and apple with maple sriracha.

## La Farm Bakery

Vibe: Close your eyes, and you could be in a boulangerie in France; instead, you're in a Cary shopping area. What to Order: White chocolate baguette.

## Yellow Dog Bread Company

Vibe: Bright and sunny, with drool-worthy cases of artisan loaves. What to Order: Maple bacon scone.

## Lorraine's Coffee House

Vibe: This Garner spot hosts weekly bluegrass jam sessions. What to Order: Frozen blended mocha.

## OTHER CAN'T-MISS SPOTS

Enjoy Belgian waffles at **Benelux Coffee**, sip Raleigh Coffee Company espresso at **BREW Coffee Bar**, or grab a baguette to go at **Boulted Bread**. And, if coffee's not your cup of tea, head to Cameron Village's **Tin Roof Teas**, a retail store and tea bar.



# WIND DOWN

The area's craft beer movement continues to grow.

North Carolina has the most craft breweries in the Southeast, and Raleigh is quickly becoming the center of the state's evolving craft-beer scene. There are 21 breweries in the area and counting. Most have taprooms, and the breweries are open regularly for guided tours.

Where to begin? Download a Beer Trail app at [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com), find a designated driver and get ready to taste your way around Raleigh's beer scene.

Near RDU, **Lonerider Brewing Company's** taproom is known as "the Hideout"; try the Shotgun Betty Hefeweizen at this unassuming spot. Closer to downtown Raleigh at **Big Boss Brewing Company**, sip Bad Penny brown ale and play darts or ping-pong. In downtown's Warehouse District, **Crank Arm Brewing** is one of the newest to open, and the brewmasters here combine their love of cycling with artisan beer. Nearby, **Trophy Brewing Company** is a hip, three-barrel brewery that's known as much for their beer as their specialty pizzas. And just a few minutes away at **Boylan Bridge Brewpub**, relax on one of the city's best patios with a pint of Endless Summer Ale.

Outside Raleigh, there's plenty more to discover. Cary's **Fortnight Brewing Company** specializes in English-style ales. In Wake Forest, **White Street Brewing Company** received the 2014 World Beer Cup Gold medal for their Kolsch-style ale.

In Fuquay-Varina, **Aviator Brewing Company** first started brewing beer in an airplane hangar; today, their taproom draws a crowd for Devil's Tramping Ground, a tripel Belgian ale (warning — it has 9.2 percent ABV). Down the street, **Draft Line Brewing Co.** opened recently and has earned accolades for its Deep Plunge Porter.

Nearby in Holly Springs, take a tour at veteran **Carolina Brewing Company**, then try their signature Carolina Pale Ale. **Bombshell Beer Company** is one of the first female-owned breweries around. Its Polished Pilsner is light and crisp, a good choice for domestic-beer drinkers new to the craft-brew scene.



Michael Robson

*Bombshell Beer Company*

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# Southern Specialties



Don't leave town without a taste of the South.

Mark Periko



Little Hen Restaurant

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## BREAKFAST

Southerners know how to do breakfast — think country ham, biscuits, grits and red-eye gravy. For a hearty start to the day, check out the **State Farmer's Market Restaurant** on the grounds of the largest farmers' market in the state (so you know the food is fresh from the farm), sit at the counter at **Mecca Restaurant**, which has been a Raleigh institution since 1930, or **Big Ed's City Market Restaurant**, where if you're adventurous you can try their brains and eggs breakfast platter, and if not, the hubcap-shaped pancakes made from pound-cake batter are always a crowd-pleaser.

## LUNCH

Vinegar, ketchup or gasp, mustard-based. What will it be? BBQ and all the fixins' make for a satisfying and must-do lunch. Fill your plate at **Clyde Cooper's BBQ**, **The Pit** or **Smokey's BBQ Shack**. Pulled pork or chopped 'cue? Cole slaw or potato salad? Fried okra or collard greens? Decisions, decisions. Just don't forget the hushpuppies and a big glass of tea — the sweeter the better. If BBQ isn't your thing, try **Beasley's Chicken + Honey**, James Beard Award-winning Chef Ashley Christensen's homage to Southern food. From fried chicken that was recently ranked as some of the best fried chicken in the South by *Southern Living*, to fried black-eyed peas and Ashe Co. Pimento Mac-n-cheese Custard, we can guarantee you won't leave hungry.

## DINNER

While the phrase farm-to-table may be more the norm than the exception anymore, there are restaurants that take the concept of locally grown or produced products super seriously. Around the area, there are a handful of restaurants that truly take this concept to the next level by creating seasonal — and sometimes daily — menus based on what products are available. Make dinner reservations at **Stanbury**, **Little Hen Restaurant**, **Lucky 32**, **Farm Table**, **18 Seaboard** or **Tupelo Honey Café** to taste the difference a whole lot of local can make on your plate.

What are you doing tonight? Let us give you a few ideas.

Lisa Gotwald

## PARTY 'TIL 2AM

In downtown Raleigh, the Glenwood South district has most of the club scene; three blocks away, the Warehouse District offers even more bars, clubs and restaurants.

## ROLL STRIKES & SPARES

Sure, you can bowl at the just-opened **Kings Bowl** in North Hills. But, you can also play shuffleboard, ping-pong, air hockey and darts, making this a fun place to bring a group of friends. Even the food isn't typical bowling alley fare; the menu includes specialty cocktails and even a kale and cranberry salad.

## INDULGE

In Cary, the Bar and Lounge at **The Umstead Hotel and Spa** is a swanky spot to sip seasonally inspired cocktails. Sit inside by the piano or outside by the fire pits.

## SIP HANDCRAFTED COCKTAILS

There are lots of choices to be made at downtown Raleigh's **Fox Liquor Bar**, and we're not just talking shaken or stirred. The lengthy cocktail list includes the classics plus inventive drinks like the Mexcal Mule, garnished with cucumber and cayenne pepper. A short walk away is **Bittersweet**, serving drinks and desserts. Just up the block and down a flight of stairs, order the Basil Smash at **Foundation**.

## DRINK BEER WITH FRIENDS

See what's on tap at **Raleigh Times Bar** or **Busy Bee Café**. In a two-story building across the street from North Carolina State University, the no-frills **Mitch's Tavern** is a long-time favorite. For more on the area's craft-beer scene, see p. 19.

No matter how you spend the evening, chances are you'll end up at one of downtown Raleigh's best spots for late-night (or early morning) grub. Chow down on a hot dog from **Snoopy's Hot Dogs & More** or burgers and fries at **Char Grill**. Both spots have walk-up order counters and are centrally located near the intersection of Hillsborough and Glenwood in Raleigh.

For a twist on the classic, head to **Tasty 8's** and munch on Belgian-style frites and a gourmet hot dog; The National is topped with pimiento cheese and fried okra. There's no better way to end the night.



Fox Liquor Bar



# RALEIGH SMART

Lisa Gotwals Photography



Vanvisa and Vansana Nolintha

Raleigh has more than its share

...of culinary standouts, including James Beard honorees and some of the most inventive and celebrated cooks in the business.

For flavorful Laotian food in a warm atmosphere and a compelling backstory, try **Bida Manda**. Owned by brother and sister Vansana and Vanvisa Nolintha, Bida Manda is the Sanskirt ceremonial term for father and mother. The siblings named their restaurant to honor their parents, who instilled in them their love of food and its power to bring people together.

## TASTE FLAVORS FROM THESE FOODIE STARS!



Jeremy Lange

### Ashley Christensen

In 2014, Christensen was named Best Chef in the Southeast by the James Beard Foundation. Her collection of restaurants, all in downtown Raleigh, include **Poole's Downtown Diner**, **Beasley's Chicken + Honey**, **Chuck's**, **Fox Liquor Bar** and **Joule Coffee & Table**. And there's more on the way: **Bridge Club** and **Death & Taxes** are both opening in 2015.



Tim Lyvonenko

### G Patel

This Raleigh restaurateur is the force behind Eschelon Experiences, which operates several diverse restaurants around the area. There's upscale pub fare at **The Oxford**; inventive sushi at **Mura**; new Asian cuisine at **Zinda**; classic comfort food at **Cameron Bar & Grill**; and steak and seafood at **Faire**.



### Lionel Vatinet

Vatinet is a master baker, author (*A Passion for Bread*), and was nominated in 2015 by the James Beard Foundation for Outstanding Baker. **La Farm Bakery**, his authentic French bakery in Cary, sells 15 styles of handcrafted loaves made with local ingredients. The café menu changes seasonally, but mainstays include *croque monsieur* and a prosciutto asparagus *tartine*.



### Bob Garner

The ultimate expert in all things N.C. barbecue, Garner has written books and frequently appears on TV and radio to promote this Southern specialty, plus other traditional eats. Hungry for some 'cue? Head to **The Pit**, in downtown Raleigh, for a plate of chopped barbecue with a side of fried okra and mac & cheese.

*Photo from Bob Garner's "Book of Barbecue," John F. Blair, Publisher, www.blairpub.com*

Find more details at [visitRaleigh.com/restaurants](http://visitRaleigh.com/restaurants)



# BRING THE KIDS

Raleigh is the perfect place for a family getaway. Here are a few of our favorite family-friendly ways to play.

## MUSEUM HOP

In downtown Raleigh, no trip with kids is complete without a visit to **Marbles Kids Museum**. Hands-on exhibits include Around Town, where kids can “drive” an ambulance and “fly” a news helicopter. Nearby, learn about dinosaurs and so much more at the **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**. Then, head to **Krispy Kreme** to watch the doughnuts being made (and to eat a few, too).

## PARK IT

Raleigh’s **Pullen Park** dates to 1887, but a recent makeover brings it into the 21st century. Ride the carousel, take a train, stroll around the lake, then run wild on the playgrounds. Don’t leave without stopping by the snack shack, **Pullen Place**, for a Locopop.

## SEE THE PLANES

Bring your sand toys and a picnic lunch to **RDU International Airport’s Observation Park**. There’s a sandbox and climbing structure that overlooks a runway; at the two-story observation deck, watch takeoffs and landings, and hear the air traffic controllers and pilots talk over the radio.

## GET MESSY

Put down the iPad and get back to basics at **Prairie Ridge Ecostation**, a 45-acre reserve with forest, ponds and streams where kids can be kids, play outside and learn about nature. At **Three Bear Acres**, play in the mud kitchen and climb a tree house.

## ROCK OUT

At **Cameron Village Regional Library**, kids go crazy for Mr. Erik’s story time. Mr. Erik reads books, sings and plays the guitar, and gets even the shyest kids jumping and dancing. It’s free, but get there early to reserve your spot. After, walk to **Sugarland** for a cupcake or another sweet treat.

Find details and more for kids at [visitRaleigh.com/things-to-do](http://visitRaleigh.com/things-to-do)



*RDU International Airport’s Observation Park*

Chris Adamczyk



*North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences*

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*Pullen Park*





# LIFELONG LEARNER

Historic sites abound in downtown Raleigh.

Raleigh is a college town — there are 10 colleges and universities in the area (five were founded in the 1800s). But, you don't have to be an undergrad to learn a thing or two here in North Carolina's capital city, founded in 1792.

Start with a self-guided tour of the **North Carolina State Capitol**. Across the street, exhibits at the **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences** showcase the state's geography and biodiversity. Next door at the **North Carolina Museum of History**, "The Story of North Carolina" exhibit traces 14,000 years of state history. For more city history, stop by **City of Raleigh Museum (COR Museum)**, located in a former hardware store built in 1874.

A good way to see it all is onboard **Historic Raleigh Trolley Tours**, a hop-on/hop-off route through the city's historic sites. Tours leave from **Mordecai Historic Park**, once the site of Wake County's largest plantation. Fun fact: Our 17th President, Andrew Johnson, was born here in Raleigh.

Speaking of historic homes, take a docent-led tour of the 1769 **Joel Lane Museum House**. Wake County's oldest home was the residence of Joel Lane, known as the "Father of Raleigh" for his civic and political leadership (he also built the Mordecai House).

Then head east and stroll the 19th-century **Historic Oakwood neighborhood**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, to see Victorian homes of all sizes. While in the neighborhood, wander through Historic Oakwood Cemetery, where 1,500 Confederate soldiers are buried.

For the ultimate in Victorian architecture, make tour reservations for the **North Carolina Executive Mansion**; this stately Queen Anne has housed 29 governors and counting.



## LIFELONG LEARNER

*You're one smart cookie, and that hunger for knowledge continues to grow. Hit up a museum, tour an historic home or interact with a scientist at a research center. You're guaranteed to learn something new.*

Find more details at [visitRaleigh.com/things-to-do](http://visitRaleigh.com/things-to-do)

Sandy Freeman



Chris Adamezyk



Joel Lane Museum House





*Historic Raleigh Trolley Tours*





# MUSIC MANIAC

Raleigh's live music scene hits the high notes.

With more than 80 places to hear a band, Raleigh has more live music than anywhere else in North Carolina.

Big-name acts take the stage at **PNC Arena**, an indoor arena that attracts the biggest names in the biz. (Taylor Swift plays to a sold-out crowd on June 9.) Some of the biggest performers around also play at **Walnut Creek Amphitheatre**. There are covered seats under the pavilion, but the real party is on the lawn (or the pre-show parking lot tailgate!). This is the place to see a country concert. Fan favorites Jimmy Buffett and Dave Matthews Band play here regularly, too.

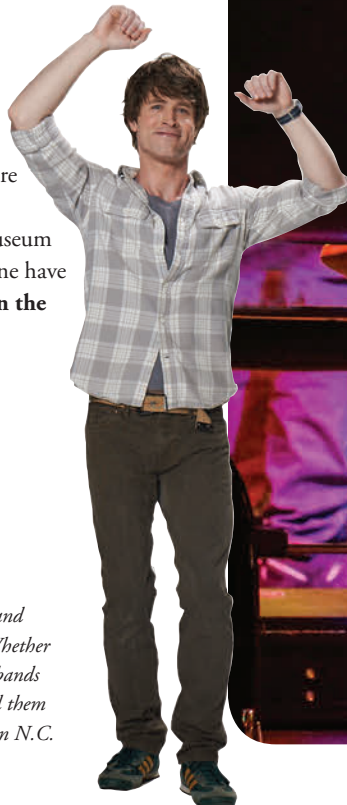
For more intimate outdoor shows, check the calendar at Cary's **Koka Booth Amphitheatre**, located on 14 wooded acres with a lake behind the stage. Nationally-known acts play here, and Booth Amphitheatre also hosts the annual N.C. Symphony Summerfest series. At the North Carolina Museum of Art, indie acts like Wilco and Iron and Wine have performed at **Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Theater in the Museum Park**.



## MUSIC MANIAC

*You're constantly looking for new bands and spend your weekends seeing live shows. Whether you love nationally-known acts or indie bands with cult followings (or both!), you'll find them in Raleigh, home to the most live music in N.C.*

Walters and Walters





Wide Open Bluegrass

In downtown Raleigh, there are dozens of places to catch a show. **Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts** is a complex with several venues, ranging from the opulent Memorial Auditorium to the 600-seat A.J. Fletcher Opera Theater. Across the street, **Red Hat Amphitheater** is a 5,000-seat venue that attracts artists like Mumford & Sons and Lorde. After the show, it's an easy walk to bars and restaurants. Just steps away is **Deep South The Bar**. There's a lively outdoor patio here; inside, check out live acts and Open Mic Nights.

Nearby, **Lincoln Theatre** is an institution of the downtown live music scene. It's standing-room only to see a variety of acts, from American Aquarium to Method Man. In the Moore Square district, **The Pour House Music Hall** is one of the city's oldest live music venues. Bonus: Lots of local craft brews on tap. Down the street at **Kings**, head upstairs to the stage where bands like Passion Pit and The Avett Brothers have played. Downstairs in the basement, **Neptunes Parlour** serves handcrafted cocktails. Across downtown in the Glenwood South nightlife district, **Southland Ballroom** isn't exactly a ballroom. It's a 350-seat venue with lots of bars and restaurants within walking distance.

## SAVE THE DATES

Raleigh is home to several major music series and festivals:

### **Hopscotch Music Festival**, Sept. 10-12

The ultimate music fest: More than 150 bands of all genres play in venues across downtown Raleigh.

### **Wide Open Bluegrass**, Oct. 2-3

International bluegrass street festival with 50 bluegrass bands on four downtown stages (and more).

### **Midtown Beach Music Series**

Thurs. evenings, Apr. – Aug.  
Some of the most famous beach-music bands around play in North Hills.

### **Oak City 7**

Thurs. evenings, Memorial Day – Labor Day  
Free concert series on downtown Raleigh's City Plaza featuring local acts, and on alternating Thursday nights...

### **...Pickin' In the Plaza**

Another free summer series on City Plaza, and this one specializes in bluegrass; food trucks are parked on-site, too.

For a calendar of every live music event in Raleigh, go to

[themastnc.com](http://themastnc.com)

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# MAIN STREET USA

Stroll the main streets of Cary, Apex, Fuquay-Varina and Wake Forest, where independent shops and restaurants deliver authentic small-town charm.

## Salem Street APEX



### Eat

Try **Common Grounds Coffee House** for breakfast, and **Salem Street Pub** for lunch. Then have dinner at **The Peak City Grill & Bar**, which serves upscale comfort food.



### Drink

Sip and shop at **The Beer Dispensary**, a craft beer store and bar (bonus: free tastings every Thursday!).

### Shop

Browse for antiques at **The Rusty Bucket**, trendy women's clothing at **Fedora Boutique** and **Sophie & Mollies Boutique** and monogrammed gifts at **Gone Stitching**.

## Academy & Chatham Streets CARY



### Eat

Start the morning with fresh-baked pastries at **Belle at the Jones House**, a renovated 1896 Victorian. For lunch, step up to the old-fashioned soda fountain at **Ashworth Drugs**; save room for dinner at **Academy Street Bistro**.



### Shop

In a small yellow house, **The Purple Polka Dot** sells jewelry, clothes and refurbished furniture. **Gather** is a boutique/coffee shop/co-working space, where local designers make and sell their wares.

### See

Throughout downtown Cary, art is everywhere.



## Broad & Main Streets FUQUAY-VARINA

Story Photographers



### Eat

You'll need a fork and knife to dig in to the sticky buns from **Stick Boy Bread**; they pair nicely with a cup of **Larry's Beans** coffee. On Broad Street, **Nil's Bakery Cafe** has a loyal following for their daily Greek and Mediterranean specials.

Chris Adamczyk



### Drink

They're known for their beer, but **Aviator Brewing Tap House & Smokehouse** also serves great ribs and wings. Down the street at **Draft Line Brewing Co.**, try their Graf Pale Ale; food trucks visit here often. Over on Main Street, see what's brewing at **The Mill**, a craft beer/wine/espresso bar.

### Shop

Just a few doors down from The Mill, **The Shoppes on Main** feature some 30 distinctive shops under one roof.

## White Street WAKE FOREST



### Eat

You're not in Maryland, but you could be at **Backfins Crabhouse**, which specializes in—you guessed it—blue crabs.

Chris Adamczyk



### Drink

At **White Street Brewing Company**, try their Kolsch-style ale, which won the 2014 World Beer Cup Gold Medal.

### Shop

More than 50 booths set up shop at **The Cotton Company**, located in an historic cotton warehouse. Books by local authors stock the shelves at **Storyteller's Bookstore**.



# Welcome to... **CARY**

PROMOTED EDITORIAL



Let your senses guide you to and around Cary, North Carolina – home of renowned restaurants, endless shopping, booming business, quality entertainment and an unforgettable cultural and recreational experience.

It's no wonder that *Money* magazine has frequently ranked Cary one of the Best Places to Live in the country. In fact, Cary consistently makes the honor roll among the nation's top cities, being recognized as one of the Safest Places to Live in America, Best Places to Retire and Best Places to Raise a Family in the United States.

Cary, home of the **USA Baseball National Training Complex** and summer home of the **North Carolina Symphony**, is located in western Wake County at the heart of North Carolina's renowned **Research Triangle Region**. With its small-town atmosphere and proximity to Raleigh, The Research Triangle Park and RDU International Airport, Cary provides a variety of enjoyable and economical recreational, sports, environmental, historical and cultural arts programs and services.

Indulge yourself in the enticing, natural beauty waiting on one of our 37 greenway trails, open sunrise to sunset and providing

more than 70 miles of recreational amenities for walking, jogging and bicycling in a natural setting.

Or, head over to one of Cary's 29 parks, including **Cary Tennis Park** (a U.S. Tennis Association outstanding facility), **Sk8-Cary Skate Park**, **WakeMed Soccer Park** (home of the Carolina RailHawks), the **USA Baseball National Training Complex** and **Koka Booth Amphitheatre**. **Fred G. Bond Metro Park**, one of Cary's largest and most popular parks, is the hub of our greenway system, and home to a 42-acre lake with fishing, kayaking, canoeing and small sailboats sure to please any type of outdoor appetite. Also, the **Stevens Nature Center**

# Eight Premier Cary Attractions

at **Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve** includes exhibits designed to help explain the uniqueness and natural history of the area and nature programs for visitors of all ages throughout the year.

The Town of Cary is committed to providing quality events and entertainment throughout the year to bring families, friends and communities together from near and far.

Cary is one of America's premier host communities for amateur and collegiate athletics. Cary has been selected as the host site for the following NCAA Championships: 2015 Women's College Cup, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Division II Baseball Championship and 2017 Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

Every spring, avid runners look forward to testing their endurance at the **Cary Road Race**. Treasure seekers may enjoy browsing the exquisite goods created by North Carolina's most talented artists at the annual **Spring Daze Arts & Crafts Festival**. Summer brings a host of outdoor sporting events to WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary Tennis Park and USA Baseball National Training Complex. Astonishing concerts can be enjoyed at our two outdoor amphitheatres: Koka Booth and Sertoma, which is located inside Bond Park.

In August, we present the **Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival**, one of the highest-ranked one-day festivals in the country. Fall is perfect for the **Diwali Indian Festival of Lights**. During the winter, Cary celebrates the holidays in grand style with the "**Heart of the Holidays Celebration.**" **Kwanzaa** brings a communal, cultural experience that honors African Americans and their heritage.

The **Cary Arts Center** is the downtown hub of arts activity for Cary. It is home to a variety of visual and performing arts classes for people of all ages, the **Marvelous Music Series and Applause! Youth Theatre**. The center provides performance, program and educational space for many community cultural organizations. The Open Studio Program allows public access to well-equipped metals/glass and clay studios.



## Cary Arts Center

Anchoring Cary's reviving downtown, the Cary Arts Center features a theatre, classrooms, studios and rehearsal and performance space to host a range of visual and performing arts. The center continues Cary's tradition of providing opportunities for learning excellence and creativity.



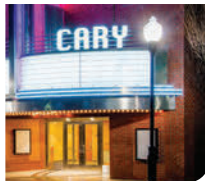
## Cary Tennis Park

With 29 courts and four QuickStart Courts, Cary Tennis Park is one of the largest public facilities in the Southeast. Scenic bridges, beautiful landscaping and convenient amenities, including locker rooms, a practice wall and a pro-shop, make the Cary Tennis Park a popular hot spot for sports enthusiasts!



## Koka Booth Amphitheatre

Koka Booth Amphitheatre is one of the most distinctive performing arts venues in the Southeast, proud to be the summer home of the North Carolina Symphony and a variety of national performing acts throughout the season.



## The Cary Theater

Built in 1946 and restored in 2014, The Cary Theater offers modern comforts and conveniences inside its charming brick walls. The 183-seat theater's intimate setting offers everyone the best seat in the house for films, live music performances, theater productions and comedy acts.



## Town of Cary Greenways

The Town of Cary maintains a 70-mile greenway system that links to neighborhoods, parks and schools. Greenways provide an amenity for walking, jogging and bicycling in a natural setting remote from traffic. Greenways are perfect for that relaxing evening stroll.



## Stevens Nature Center

A 158-acre nature preserve in southern Cary has woodland walking trails and overlooks for nature study and quiet reflection. Stevens Nature Center conducts year-round environmental education programming at the site.



## USA Baseball National Training Complex (NTC)

The complex features four Major League Baseball Standardized fields, including an 1,800-seat stadium. NTC is also host to NCAA Division II Baseball Championships and local, regional and national tournament play.



## WakeMed Soccer Park

This 150-acre sports complex boasts a 10,000-seat stadium with six luxury suites, eight total playing fields and a nationally recognized cross country course, all nestled among Carolina pines. It has been host to 11 NCAA College Cups and 15 ACC Soccer Championships.

For more information, including bike and hike maps, event listings and program schedules, visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org), call 919.469.4061 or stop by Cary Town Hall at 316 N. Academy St., Cary.



# Welcome to... FUQUAY-VARINA

Where Visitors Always Feel Welcome

PROMOTED EDITORIAL



*The Celebrate Fuquay-Varina festival, held the first weekend in June, draws 10,000 to celebrate the town's rich heritage, unique culture and friendly people.*

Originally, visitors from near and far traveled to the quaint town that is today called Fuquay-Varina seeking the healing powers of the Fuquay Mineral Spring.

Today, Fuquay-Varina remains a great destination for visitors looking for a day-trip adventure or weekend getaway. The town, located just 15 minutes south of Raleigh, has flourished into a vibrant, family-friendly community that has seen its population more than double in the past 10 years to 20,000 citizens, making it the fastest-growing town in North Carolina!

With two beautiful downtowns, loads of charm, a rich history and plenty to see and do, Fuquay-Varina beckons to those seeking an adventure.

James Spidle



*Arts in Fuquay-Varina*

Award-winning breweries, a thriving art scene, authentic festivals, cool outdoor concerts, exceptional shopping and dining that is more fun than formal – you'll find it in Fuquay-Varina!

Come for a day or stay for a lifetime. It's evident from the town's phenomenal growth rate that many visit the charming yet progressive town and decide to put down roots. Fuquay-Varina is the kind of town where old-timers and newcomers meld seamlessly together and where visitors will always feel welcome. We look forward to your visit.

Find out more about Fuquay-Varina:  
[www.fuquay-varina.org/visitfv](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/visitfv)  
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Melissa Champion

## Explore Fuquay-Varina with This Itinerary

Start your day with a homemade cinnamon roll at **Stick Boy Bread**, an artisan bakery. Stroll along **Main Street** in the **Fuquay Business District** and visit the many inviting specialty shops.

Take in 12,000 square feet of high quality antiques at **Bostic & Wilson** or more than 25 unique stores at **The Shoppes on Main**. **Cousin Couture** features trendy women's fashions! Stop by **Homesteader's Brew Supply** and get information on the microbrewing craze or visit **The Meeting Corner** to find handcrafts and Cuban food! Head over to the **Fuquay-Varina Growers Market** to take in the local flavor, then visit **The Mill**, a beautifully restored building that features a craft beer, wine and coffee bar.

Walk two short blocks to the **Fuquay Mineral Spring Park** and drink the "healing waters" from the **Fuquay Mineral Spring**, for which the town gets the first part of its name.

If you're staying overnight, book a guest room at the **Fuquay Mineral Spring Inn**, located directly across from the Fuquay Mineral Spring Park. The inn boasts lavish accommodations and breathtaking gardens.

Make your way to the **Varina Business District** and discover our second downtown. Tempting treats abound! Choose from a variety of cupcakes at the **CupCakeBite** or dive into homemade yogurt at **Sweet Creations**.

Find beer heaven in Varina! Buy craft beers from around the U.S. or sample them at the bar in the **Aviator Beer Shop**. Listen to live music and sample craft beers at **Aviator Tap House**, **Draft Line Brewing Co.** or **Aviator Smokehouse**.

On the way home, stop by one of our many locally-owned restaurants, including **Nil's Bakery Cafe** featuring Mediterranean cuisine, **Beef O'Brady's** or **Cooley's Restaurant & Pub** featuring an all-American menu, **El Dorado Mexican Restaurant** or **El Lobo** with authentic Mexican food and **Garibaldi Trattoria** or **Bellini's** with Italian fare.



*Strolling in Downtown Fuquay*

## The Art Scene

Fuquay-Varina has a thriving arts scene that sparks the imagination! From **En Plein Air** canvasses adorning the buildings to **POP ART!** in storefronts to the **Bengals on Parade** lining the sidewalks, downtown is an outdoor art gallery to explore at your leisure. The **Celebration of the Arts** festival, **En Plein Air Paint-off** and **2nd Friday Art Walk** appeal to those seeking creative inspiration.

## Social Gatherings

We're social. We like to celebrate! Join us for **Celebrate Fuquay-Varina, BBQ, Blues & Brews**, the **Downtown Chili Cook-off**, **Savor Fuquay-Varina, Run the Quay** or take in the **Follow Me 2 Fuquay-Varina concert series** featuring cool tunes and local craft brews. Holiday fare includes a **Halloween Haunted Trail, Trick or Treating in Downtown**, an **Easter Egg Hunt**, the **Town Tree Lighting, Sleigh Rides** and **Christmas Parade**.

## Here's To More Beer!

Fuquay-Varina boasts two craft breweries in historic downtown! Visit **Aviator Brewing Company** or **Draft Line Brewing Co.** for fun tours, great microbrews and live music in a charming atmosphere! Also, **The Mill**, with a rustic industrial feel in the heart of downtown, features more than 20 craft beers from across North Carolina and a boutique wine selection. Make sure to check [www.fuquay-varina.org/visitfv](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/visitfv) for the latest in brew news.



# Welcome to... **GARNER**

We're An All-America City

PROMOTED EDITORIAL



In Garner we're right in the middle of one of the nation's premier metropolitan areas. We're even closer to downtown Raleigh (just 10 minutes!) than are many City of Raleigh residents – yet we've held on to the hometown feel that makes Garner special.

Here in our All-America City, you can come to **Garner Performing Arts Center (GPAC)** in our historic downtown and catch a production by the award-winning **Towne Players of Garner** or a concert by a world-class performer in the **Broadway Voices** series.

Attend our **Showcase of Talent** and you may see a budding star. "American Idol" winner and country music sensation **Scotty McCreery** is among the local artists who honed their skills at GPAC.



From May through September, the GPAC lawn is home to free concerts and special events including **Carnaval Latino**. For more information about GPAC events, visit [www.garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://www.garnerperformingartscenter.com).

Like the outdoors? Come visit our 96-acre nature preserve, **White Deer Park** (2400 Aversboro Rd.). The park's LEED Gold-certified **Nature Center** offers educational programming year-round and has a classroom and outdoor learning deck available for rental.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy boating and fishing on weekends spring through fall on the 364-acre **Lake Benson**. The town-operated boathouse (975 Buffaloe Rd.) rents canoes and boats (with or without motors) at hourly and daily rates. For details, visit [www.garnernc.gov](http://www.garnernc.gov) or call 919.662.5703.



The stirring **Garner Veterans Memorial** sits in a beautiful pastoral setting in **Lake Benson Park** (921 Buffaloe Rd.). For more information about this grassroots project, visit [www.garnerveteransmemorial.org](http://www.garnerveteransmemorial.org).

If you're in town on July 3, don't miss the **Independence Day celebration** at Lake Benson Park. The event features a free concert by the North Carolina Symphony as well as dazzling fireworks.

Garner's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department holds other special events throughout the year, including a **Groundhog Day** celebration and **Trick-or-Treat the Trails** at White Deer Park, and the **Spring Eggstravaganza** egg hunt at Lake Benson Park.

Garner has also gotten caught up in the food-truck craze, with its October **Trick-or-Eat** event on historic Main St. becoming a huge success that attracts thousands from around the Triangle.

In early December, Garner's downtown is transformed into a holiday wonderland during the annual **Light Up Main** festival (featuring the annual tree-lighting ceremony) and the **Garner Christmas Parade**.

Garner is known as a regional shopping hub. **White Oak Crossing** shopping center boasts **Target**, **Kohl's**, **Dick's Sporting Goods** and more. In Spring 2015, **Cabela's** opened its first store in North Carolina here. The 100,000-square-foot outdoors retailer is a destination for folks from all over eastern and central North Carolina. White Oak also has a stadium-seating movie theater.

Restaurants abound in Garner. Hometown favorites include **Carolina Barbecue**, **Angie's Restaurant** and **Aversboro Coffee**. In 2015, Garner will see the opening of a **Carolina Ale House**, **Longhorn Steakhouse**, **City Barbecue**, **Five Guys Burgers and Fries** and more.

Garner's lodging options include **Best Western PLUS Edison Inn**, **Econo Lodge South**, **Hampton Inn Raleigh/Garner**, **InTown Suites of Raleigh** and **Wingate by Wyndham Raleigh South**.

Come to Garner, and see why we're an All-America City.



## White Deer Park

White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Rd.) is a 96-acre nature preserve that offers trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds and Nature Center. The park won the Outstanding Project Grand Award in the N.C. Forest Service's 2011 North Carolina Urban Forestry Awards. The LEED Gold-certified Nature Center offers educational programming for children and adults year-round and has a classroom and learning deck available for rental. For more information, call 919.661.6982.

## Garner Performing Arts Center

This 471-seat venue (742 W. Garner Rd.) hosts shows throughout the year, including the acclaimed Broadway Voices series and annual Showcase of Talent. GPAC is also home to the It's Showtime! series, which brings a variety of national acts to Garner. The Towne Players of Garner – one of the area's premier community theater groups – are also proud to call GPAC home. GPAC's lawn is the site of free concerts and Carnaval Latino.

## Garner Veterans Memorial

The Garner Veterans Memorial is located near the entrance to Lake Benson Park (921 Buffaloe Rd.). The memorial honors Garner-area veterans who died serving and includes educational and artistic elements, including striking red-clay earthcasts created by world-renowned artist Thomas Sayre. Veterans from all branches of service are recognized on the memorial's Walkway of Honor. The memorial serves as backdrop for the town's annual Memorial Day observance. For more information, visit [www.garnerveteransmemorial.org](http://www.garnerveteransmemorial.org).





# Other Neighboring **TOWNS**

Chris Adamczyk



## **Apex (20 minutes\*)**

With over 60 commercial buildings and homes dating from 1870 to 1940 and a district on the National Register of Historic Places, Apex is restoring its turn-of-the-century railroad heritage. Downtown Apex features antique and specialty gift shops, as well as restaurants that include the award-winning Anna's Pizzeria. Tour historic Hughes and Salem Streets. Visit the circa-1914 Apex Union Depot. Dine at The Blistered Pig Smokehouse and experience First Fridays downtown or the PeakFest in early May. Indulge your inner fashionista at Beaver Creek Commons/Crossings. Further south, the North Carolina Railroad Museum offers rides on restored trains.

## **Holly Springs (30 minutes\*)**

Holly Springs began as a crossroads near springs of fresh water at a spot where holly trees were numerous. Travelers stopped by the springs to quench their thirst, and while that bit of history doesn't continue today, the residents and visitors do indulge in libations from the area's successful craft breweries (tours on Saturdays). Make a point to visit the Bass Lake Park & Retreat Center, which features a 100-acre lake stocked full of fish for any fishing enthusiast, and the Holly Springs Cultural Center, which hosts events year-round, including concerts and films.

## **Knightdale (20 minutes\*)**

Spend the day at Knightdale Environmental Education Park, certified as a Backyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Or visit an historic business with a timeless craft, The Gallery located at Stained Glass Associates, Inc. The team creates one-of-a-kind stained glass for churches and high-end residential projects. The Knightdale Farmers Market at Knightdale Station features live entertainment, food truck rodeos and more fun, open May through Oct.

## **Morrisville (25 minutes\*)**

West of the airport and south of The Research Triangle Park is Morrisville. Shop at Grace Park or Park West Village, or visit Triangle Rock Club, the largest indoor climbing facility in a five-state region. The town is home to Cedar Fork District Park and the East Meets West Festival, celebrating Morrisville's diverse cultures from around the world.

## **Rolesville (25 minutes\*)**

Rolesville is a hidden gem in the northeastern corner of Wake County. This quiet area exudes a quaint, small-town atmosphere, where visitors will experience a diverse community with a strong sense of pride and a welcoming spirit. Rolesville's roots run deep as the second-oldest

town in Wake County, established in 1837. In 2012, Rolesville commemorated its 175th anniversary with festivities scheduled throughout the year. Having a rich history in agriculture, many family farms are still in operation. The area has held onto its charm, and more than 4,000 proud citizens call Rolesville home.

## **Wake Forest (30 minutes\*)**

A hot dog at Shorty's and a visit to the Olde English Tea Room are absolute musts in this 100-year-old town. Shop at the The Cotton Company, Old Magnolia Trading Company or N.C. Specialty Shops, where you make your own gift basket of Tar Heel souvenirs. Visit Wake Forest Historical Museum and the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (which was the campus of Wake Forest College before the school moved to Winston-Salem in the fifties). The Factory offers ice rinks, a skate park, inflatable playground, miniature golf and go-carts – while Heritage Golf Club offers some of the best in play any time of the year.

## **Wendell (25 minutes\*)**

A shopping trip to Kannon's Clothing or to the Mortex Factory Outlet, where you can purchase sale-price "seconds" in college sports clothing, is a must on the to-do list. Todd's Train Depot appeals to both children and adults with a model train museum and store. Nearby, Lizard Lick Towing & Recovery is Greater Raleigh's favorite towing and repo company.

## **Zebulon (27 minutes\*)**

Zebulon's core business district is surrounded by historic residential neighborhoods that consist of Victorian, Craftsman and Colonial Revival style homes. The Single-A Carolina Mudcats play ball throughout the spring and summer at Five County Stadium. And be sure to check out Cattails Restaurant at the stadium for a delicious dinner before or during the game. Adding to its roster of Carolina landmarks, Zebulon is home to Whitley Furniture Galleries, a store that draws loyal customers from all over the state.

\* From downtown Raleigh

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### **R-LINE**

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### **Taxis**

Taxis are abundant in Raleigh. From the airport, it's easy to grab a cab. The RDU Airport Taxi Service runs 24 hours a day, to and from the airport to anywhere in the Triangle. Elsewhere, Taxi Taxi operates a fleet of hybrid vehicles around the region; download their app to reserve a cab.



# ATTRACTIONS



*BugFest at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences*

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

### African American Cultural Center

2810 Cates Ave., Witherspoon Student Center, N.C. State University, Raleigh 27695; 919.515.5210; [www.ncsu.edu/aacc](http://www.ncsu.edu/aacc)

Promoting awareness of and appreciation for the African-American experience, the AACC maintains a Library and Media Room with materials that visitors may review on site and an Art Gallery, which presents exhibitions featuring the works of prominent African and African-American artists. Free admission. Hours vary; call or visit website.

### African American Cultural Complex

119 Sunnybrook Rd., Raleigh 27610; 919.250.9336  
Unique collection of contributions made by African Americans toward the development of N.C. and America; innovations in science, business, politics, medicine, sports and the arts are included. An outdoor drama, "Amistad Saga: Reflections," is produced annually in late July. Free admission. Hours: by appointment only.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Gardens

1500 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Raleigh 27611; 919.834.6264; [www.raleighnc.gov/parks](http://www.raleighnc.gov/parks)  
The nation's first public park solely devoted to Dr. King and the civil rights movement, it is bordered by 2,500 named bricks recognizing state and national supporters. Gardens encircle a bronze statue of King, and a granite water monument honors the area's civil rights pioneers. Free admission. Hours: Daily, dawn-dusk.

### Estey Hall

118 E. South St., Shaw University, Raleigh 27601; 919.546.8200; [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu)  
Built in 1874, Estey Hall is the nation's first dormitory for women on a coeducational campus and is Shaw's oldest surviving building. Bricks for construction were handmade on the grounds of the university. Women first attended classes here in home economics, music, art and religion. Hours: by appointment only.

### Leonard Medical Building

118 S. Wilmington St., Shaw University, Raleigh 27601; 919.546.8200; [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu)  
Located at Shaw, it was the fifth African-American medical school but the first to offer a four-year curriculum. Founded in 1881 and named for benefactor Judson Wade Leonard, brother-in-law to Shaw's founder Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, the school closed in 1918, having trained 400 black physicians. Hours: by appointment only.

### Mount Hope Cemetery

1120 Fayetteville St., Raleigh 27601; 919.831.6548; [www.rccpreservation.org](http://www.rccpreservation.org)  
Cemetery established by black citizens in 1872. It is Raleigh's largest cemetery for African Americans, encompassing 35 acres. Monuments commemorate Raleigh's black citizens, including those prominent in church leadership, education, medicine, politics and civic service. Free admission. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

### New Bern Ave. & Edenton St. History Marker Tour

New Bern Ave. & Edenton St., Raleigh 27610; 919.516.2626; [www.raleighnc.gov/planning](http://www.raleighnc.gov/planning)  
Located within a Cultural District, these long-established streets have a rich past, tied to Raleigh's early history. The 1.5-mile-long History Marker Tour identifies various historic locations along the corridors through granite informational markers and historic highway signs. Visit website for brochure.

### Pope House Museum

511 S. Wilmington St., East Raleigh/South Park, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.2220; [www.raleighnc.gov/museums](http://www.raleighnc.gov/museums)  
Representing life for a prominent African-American family, the 1901 house was built by Dr. Manassa Thomas Pope (1858-1934), one of the first graduates of the Leonard School of Medicine at Shaw University, an officer during the Spanish-American War and a candidate for City Council in 1919. Free admission. Hours: Sat., 10am-2pm.

### Richard B. Harrison Community Library

1313 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610; 919.856.5720; [www.wakegov.com/libraries/locations/rbh](http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/locations/rbh)  
Opened in 1935 with 890 books. The Lee Collection of more than 8,000 volumes assembled by Mollie Huston Lee, library founder and first African-American public librarian in Wake County, is now a draw for researchers interested in African-American history. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9am-9pm; Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm.

### Saint Agnes Hospital

1315 Oakwood Ave., Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh 27610; 919.516.4000; [www.st-aug.edu](http://www.st-aug.edu)  
Founded in 1896, along with a training school for nurses, to provide quality medical care for African Americans. The three-story, 90-bed facility served as the only hospital/training school for African Americans between Ga. and D.C. for nearly half a century. Facility closed since 1961; renovation plans are underway.

### Saint Augustine's University

1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh 27610; 919.516.4000, 800.948.1126; [www.st-aug.edu](http://www.st-aug.edu)  
Alumnus and faculty member Henry B. Delany, the first African-American elected bishop in the Episcopal Church in N.C., and his wife, Nanny, were parents of 10 children, two of whom, Sadie and Bessie (also alumnae of the university), wrote the bestselling memoir, "Having Our Say," which was made into a hit Broadway play.

### Shaw University

118 E. South St., East Raleigh/South Park, Raleigh 27601; 919.546.8200, 800.214.6683; [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu)  
Founded in 1865 as the Raleigh Institute by former Union chaplain Dr. Henry Martin Tupper to educate freedmen and renamed in 1870 to honor benefactor Elijah Shaw, it is now the oldest historically black university in the South. Notable graduates include Ella Baker, Angie Brooks, Willie E. Gary and Shirley Caesar.

## ARTS

### GALLERIES & ARTS CENTERS

#### Artspace

201 E. Davie St., Moore Square, Raleigh 27601; 919.821.2787; [www.artspacenc.org](http://www.artspacenc.org)  
A thriving visual art center offering provocative exhibitions, inspiring education programs and a dynamic environment for more than 35 studio artists. Take a class or buy an original work of art. Free admission; donations appreciated. Hours: Tues.-Sat., 10am-6pm; first Fri., 10am-10pm; studio hours vary.

#### Municipal Building Art Exhibitions

222 W. Hargett St., Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.3610; [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts)  
Connecting local artists to community through ongoing exhibitions and public outreach, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission's Block Gallery is a gateway for artists to exhibit their work in a professional setting for a diverse audience. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5:15pm.

### Page-Walker Arts and History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, Cary 27513; 919.460.4963; [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
This restored 1868 railroad hotel offers visitors views of regional art in two distinct galleries plus glimpses into Cary's colorful past. Explore unique herb gardens including a 19th-century smokehouse. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10am-9:30pm; Fri., 10am-5pm; Sat., 10am-1pm.

### Pullen Arts Center

105 Pullen Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.996.6126; [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts)  
Pullen Arts Center offers classes and workshops in pottery, jewelry making, painting, printmaking, glass arts, bookmaking, fiber arts and more. Special events and gallery exhibits throughout the year highlight the work of participants and staff. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9am-10pm; Fri., 9am-1pm; Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., 1-5pm.

### Sertoma Arts Center

1400 W. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh 27612; 919.996.2329; [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts)  
Nestled in Shelly Lake Park, Sertoma Arts Center offers visual, performing and healing arts programs for all ages. The center has fully equipped studios and a monthly gallery exhibit. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9am-10pm; Fri., 9am-1pm; Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun., noon-5pm.

### Visual Art Exchange

309 W. Martin St., Warehouse District, Raleigh 27601; 919.828.7834; [www.visualartexchange.org](http://www.visualartexchange.org)  
VAE is a non-profit gallery and creativity incubator that supports and educates emerging, professional and student artists. Firmly rooted in downtown Raleigh's historic Warehouse District, VAE exhibits the work of more than 1,300 artists in 60+ exhibitions. Free admission. Hours: Wed.-Fri., 11am-6pm; Sat., 11am-4pm; first Fri., 6-9pm.

## PERFORMING ARTS

#### Broadway Series South

2 E. South St., Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.834.4000; [www.broadwayseriesouth.com](http://www.broadwayseriesouth.com)  
If you're looking for world-class entertainment, look no further. Some of the industry's biggest touring shows, performers, concerts and comedians are headed your way from the Great White Way! And there's simply no better venue to experience them than the Duke Energy Center. Admission varies; call or visit website.

#### Burning Coal Theatre

224 Polk St., The Murphey School, Capital District, Raleigh 27604; 919.834.4001; [www.burningcoal.org](http://www.burningcoal.org)  
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A world-class professional ballet company based in Raleigh. Since its professional launch in 1998, the company has staged more than 80 world-premiere ballets, toured internationally in China and Hungary and has been acclaimed as one of the premier arts organizations in the country. Admission and locations vary.

### North Carolina Master Chorale

227 W. Martin St., Ste. 100, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.856.9700; www.ncmasterchorale.org  
Bringing the very finest in choral music performance to Raleigh-area audiences and presenting concerts of choral-orchestral masterworks. Under the direction of Alfred E. Sturgis, the nearly 200 voices of the chorale perform repertoire from the Renaissance to contemporary. \$14-\$35 admission; performance locations vary.

### North Carolina Opera

612 Wade Ave., Ste. 100, Raleigh 27605; 919.792.3850; www.ncopera.org  
The region's professional opera company dedicated to presenting live, operatic performances accompanied by orchestra in staged productions with sets and costumes. The company engages international-level artists and the best in regional talent; it also presents special events and education programs. Admission varies; call or visit website.

### North Carolina Symphony

2 E. South St., Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.733.2750, 877.627.6724; www.ncsymphony.org  
Founded in 1932, the N.C. Symphony performs 175 concerts annually throughout the state. The symphony is based in Meymandi Concert Hall at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh and in an outdoor summer venue, Koka Booth Amphitheatre in Cary. Admission varies. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm.

### North Carolina Theatre

1 E. South St., Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.831.6941; www.nctheatre.com  
Your Broadway connection. Raleigh's professional, nonprofit regional theatre produces and presents six Broadway shows each season. All performances are in downtown Raleigh at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$25. Discounts available for groups of 10+. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm.

### North Raleigh Arts & Creative Theatre

7713-51 Lead Mine Rd., Raleigh 27615; 919.866.0228; www.nract.org  
NRACT is a creative outlet provided for all ages and openly invites community involvement. Along with providing instruction in the performing arts, NRACT seeks to promote the traditions and values of the theatre and to produce quality entertainment in a community-oriented atmosphere. Show admission varies; call or visit website.

### PineCone, Piedmont Council of Traditional Music

227 W. Martin St., Ste. 100, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.664.8333; www.pinecone.org  
PineCone presents 30+ concerts per year, plus produces the annual Wide Open Bluegrass festival with IBMA and the City of Raleigh. PineCone also offers bluegrass camps for youth, a weekly radio show and more. Overall, PineCone presents 150+ events per year, most free. Admission and locations vary; call or visit website.

### Raleigh Chamber Music Guild

227 W. Martin St., Ste. 100, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.821.2030; www.rcmg.org  
RCMG presents 12 concerts on two series. Visiting ensembles include the Jerusalem Quartet, American Chamber Players, Concertante, William Chapman Nyaho, Rachel Barton Pine and the Daedalus Quartet. Sights and Sounds series features N.C.-based ensembles at the N.C. Museum of Art. \$10-\$25 admission; call or visit website.

### Raleigh Civic Symphony and Chamber Orchestra

2620 Cates Ave., Price Music Center, N.C. State University, Raleigh 27606; 919.426.9580; www.raleighcivicsymphony.org  
These orchestras combine student and community musicians with professional leaders and innovative programming in what has been called "a class act" and "bright lights on the music scene in Raleigh." Admission and locations vary; call or visit website.

### Raleigh Little Theatre

301 Pogue St., Raleigh 27607; 919.821.3111; www.raleighlittletheatre.org  
There's something for everyone at one of the nation's longest-running community theatres, since 1936, including high-stepping musicals, outrageous comedies, dramas and family favorites. Recipient of 10 Best of the Triangle awards from the Indy and youth theater awards. \$8-\$30 admission. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-5pm.

### Raleigh Symphony Orchestra

P.O. Box 25878, Raleigh 27611; 919.546.9755; www.raleighsymphony.org  
For more than 35 years RSO has offered classical, chamber and family programs performed throughout the Raleigh area. In 1991, RSO was awarded the Raleigh Medal of Arts for its inclusive and innovative programming, community outreach and high artistic standards. Admission and locations vary; call or visit website.

### Stars Theater and Arts Center

123 E. Vance St., Fuquay-Varina 27526; 919.557.8271; www.starstheaterandarts.com  
Stars Theater and Arts Center encourages the development of self-confidence through the arts, specifically music, art, dance, drama and technical skills through education and the art of theater. As a community theater, a number of shows are performed for the public throughout the year. Admission varies; call or visit website.

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As one of the state's most innovative and exciting theatre arts centers, Theatre In The Park presents a wide range of comedy, contemporary drama, musicals, original works and Shakespeare in the theatre's flexible, indoor performance space. Admission varies; call or visit website. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm.

## COLLEGIATE ARTS PROGRAMS

### Arts N.C. State

Campus Box 7306, Raleigh 27695; 919.515.1100; [www.ncsu.edu/arts](http://www.ncsu.edu/arts)

N.C. State University's cultural offerings include music, dance and theatre performances, crafts classes and art exhibitions. All events and exhibitions are open to the public. Performance tickets are available through Ticket Central. Admission varies; call or visit website.

### Meredith College Cultural Events

3800 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27607; 919.760.8600, 800.MEREDITH;

[www.meredith.edu/about\\_meredith/campus-lectures](http://www.meredith.edu/about_meredith/campus-lectures)  
Meredith College offers a number of public lectures by nationally known speakers, art exhibitions, music, dance and theatre performances that are open to the public. Call or visit website for specific information concerning dates, hours and admission.

## OTHER CAMPUS THEATRES

### Seby Jones Fine Arts Theater at Saint Augustine's University

1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh 27610; 919.516.4016; [www.st-aug.edu](http://www.st-aug.edu)

### Shaw University

118 E. South St., East Raleigh/South Park, Raleigh 27601; 919.546.8200, 800.214.6683; [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu)

### William Peace University Theatre

15 E. Peace St., Capital District, Raleigh 27604; 919.508.2051; [theatre.peace.edu](http://theatre.peace.edu)

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### Meredith College

3800 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27607; 919.760.8600, 800.MEREDITH; [www.meredith.edu](http://www.meredith.edu)

Chartered in 1891, Meredith opened with over 200 women. Today, the student body has grown to nearly 2,000 and includes men at the graduate level. Meredith challenges students to explore their interests, expand their skills and build on their strengths. At 124 years and counting, Meredith is still going strong.

### North Carolina State University

1210 Varsity Dr., E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center, Raleigh 27606; 919.513.1200; [www.ncsu.edu](http://www.ncsu.edu)  
N.C. State, known for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, provides outreach and economic impact in every N.C. county. Visit Centennial Campus, Hunt Library, Talley Student Center, the Free Expression Tunnel, Brickyard, D.H. Hill Library, Memorial Bell Tower. Visitor Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-4:30pm.

### Saint Augustine's University

1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh 27610; 919.516.4000, 800.948.1126; [www.st-aug.edu](http://www.st-aug.edu)  
Saint Augustine's University, established in 1867, is a four-year, liberal arts university. With an average annual enrollment of 1,100, the university offers 25 undergraduate degree programs in five academic schools and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Shaw University

118 E. South St., East Raleigh/South Park, Raleigh 27601; 919.546.8200, 800.214.6683; [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu)  
Shaw University, founded in 1865, is the first historically black university in the South. Located in downtown Raleigh, Shaw is a four-year, private, coeducational liberal arts institution affiliated with the Baptist Church. In 2015, the university celebrates its 150th anniversary.

### The Chef's Academy

2001 Carrington Mill Blvd., Morrisville 27560; 919.246.9394, 800.919.2500; [www.thechefsacademy.com](http://www.thechefsacademy.com)  
More than a cooking school, The Chef's Academy is committed to providing well-rounded, hands-on, career-focused education in the areas of culinary arts and pastry arts. The 24,000-square-foot facility in Morrisville opened in Aug. 2011.

### Wake Technical Community College

9101 Fayetteville Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.866.5000; [www.waketech.edu](http://www.waketech.edu)  
Wake Tech is N.C.'s largest community college, serving nearly 70,000 students with multiple campuses and online options. It offers degree, diploma and certificate programs and specialized occupational training. Wake Tech plays a critical role in the regional economy by meeting employer demand for a qualified workforce.

### William Peace University

15 E. Peace St., Capital District, Raleigh 27604; 919.508.2000; [www.peace.edu](http://www.peace.edu)  
A four-year, private university located in downtown Raleigh offering innovative academic programs rooted in the liberal arts tradition, preparing students for careers in the organizations of tomorrow. On average, 97 percent of WPU graduates find jobs or are enrolled in graduate school within a year of graduation.

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

### Campbell Law School

225 Hillsborough St., Ste. 401, Capital District, Raleigh 27603; 919.865.4650; [law.campbell.edu](http://law.campbell.edu)  
Located in the heart of downtown Raleigh, the school is a cutting-edge facility, just blocks away from the legal center of N.C. Students enjoy internships and externships with courts, law firms, businesses and government and private agencies, experiencing the law as it is being created, interpreted and practiced.

### Shepherds Theological Seminary

6051 Tryon Rd., Cary 27518; 919.573.5350; [www.shepherds.edu](http://www.shepherds.edu)  
Shepherds Theological Seminary exists to equip servant leaders for life and ministry by strategically shaping both intellect and character through biblical scholarship and personal mentoring. The seminary offers Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Church Ministry and nontraditional academic programs.

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### **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary**

120 S. Wingate St., Wake Forest 27587; 919.761.2100; www.sebts.edu

As an institution of higher learning and Cooperative Program ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and The College at Southeastern offer advanced, graduate, undergraduate and theological programs on the former campus of Wake Forest College.

## **DOWNTOWN RALEIGH'S ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS**

(see map insert)

### **Capital District**

Stately buildings and classic architecture line the streets of this busy business district. This is where decisions are made and history is honored. Also, nearby Seaboard Station boasts eclectic restaurants and events. Don't miss: Dining under the three-story-tall globe at The Daily Planet Café.

### **Fayetteville Street**

A main street on a grand scale, Fayetteville St. epitomizes Raleigh as a sophisticated Southern city, with distinctive restaurants and impressive skyscrapers mingling with restored historic buildings. Don't miss: The "Works! (July 4) and Wide Open Bluegrass (late Sept.).

### **Glenwood South**

Raleigh's trendiest district, burgeoning with an eclectic mix of restaurants, shopping and spirited nightlife, this area attracts hipsters of all ages. Live music spills out of bars and clubs, giving Glenwood Ave. a soundtrack all its own. Don't miss: The district's two hotels, for sleeping it off.

### **Moore Square**

Park provides an urban escape with shady trees and sculpture of a giant copper acorn symbolizing the "City of Oaks." Here, Raleigh shows its colors from old lampposts and cobblestone streets in City Market to the evening excitement spilling from concert venues and pubs. Don't miss: First Fridays and Artsposure.

### **Warehouse District**

See what all the fuss is about by experiencing legendary barbecue at The Pit, or be part of the see-and-be-seen crowd at one of the nightclubs in a district characterized by old warehouses and historic brick buildings. Don't miss: The N.C. 'Cuegrass Festival (Apr.) and Contemporary Art Museum (CAM Raleigh).

## **ENTERTAINMENT AND FAMILY FUN CENTERS**

### **Adventure Landing**

3311 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604; 919.872.1688; www.adventurelanding.com/raleigh

### **BounceU**

3419 Apex Peakway, Apex 27502; 919.303.3368; www.bounceurtriangle.com

### **Coconut Charlie's Bump'n Bounce**

7409 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh 27615; 919.307.8495; www.bumpnbounce.com

### **Dave & Buster's**

1105 Walnut St., Ste. E101, Cary Towne Center, Cary 27511; 919.535.6800; www.daveandbusters.com

### **Frankie's Fun Park**

11190 Fun Park Dr., Raleigh 27617; 919.433.7888; www.frankiesfunpark.com

### **Go Bananaz**

6022 Duraleigh Rd., Raleigh 27612; 919.896.6945; www.gobananaznc.com

### **Hard Knocks**

3501 Spring Forest Rd., Raleigh 27616; 919.977.4992, 855.9COMBAT; www.hardknocksraleigh.com

### **Monkey Joe's**

6220 Glenwood Ave., Ste. 104, Raleigh 27612; 919.510.6979; www.monkeyjoes.com/raleigh

### **Pump It Up Inflatable Party Zone**

10700 World Trade Blvd., Ste. 112, Raleigh 27617; 919.828.3344; www.pumpitupparty.com/raleigh-nc

## **GARDENS**

### **J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University**

4415 Beryl Rd., Raleigh 27606; 919.515.3132; jcr.ncsu.edu

Internationally recognized as one of the premier collections of trees and shrubs, this stunning garden displays over 6,000 different plants from around the world. Stroll through numerous themed gardens, extensive plant collections and more. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-8pm (except Nov.-Mar., 8am-5pm).

### **Joel Lane Museum House Gardens**

728 W. Hargett St., Raleigh 27603; 919.833.3431; www.joellane.org  
Beautiful Colonial Revival gardens with clipped hedges, espaliered fruit trees, pomegranate trees, a grape arbor, brick walkways and herb garden with medicinal and culinary herbs. Guided tours include the historic home and gardens. Free admission to garden only. Garden Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

### **Juniper Level Botanic Garden**

9241 Sauls Rd., Plant Delights Nursery, Raleigh 27603; 919.772.4794; www.jlbg.org  
A 10-acre research, education and display garden with over 22,500 unique plants from around the world. Established in 1988, JLBG's mission is to bridge the gap between botany and horticulture. Open to the public eight weekends each year and other times by scheduled appointment only.

### **Museum Park at North Carolina Museum of Art**

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.839.6262; www.ncartmuseum.org/museum\_park/visit\_park  
The 164-acre Museum Park and its trail system welcome visitors through natural areas and to more than a dozen commissioned works of art. Designed for walking, cycling and jogging, the paved trails connect to the Capital Area Greenway System. Free admission. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

### **Raleigh Municipal Rose Garden**

301 Pogue St., Raleigh 27607; 919.821.4579; www.raleighlittletheatre.org/about/rosegarden.html  
An historic garden featuring 1,200 roses of 60 different varieties blooming from late May until autumn. Seasonal flowers include bulbs, annuals, trees and shrubs. An amphitheatre for concerts and theatrical productions is also located in the garden. Free admission. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

## **HISTORIC SITES**

### **Haywood Hall House and Gardens**

211 New Bern Pl., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.832.8357; www.haywoodhall.org  
John Haywood, the state's first elected treasurer, built this Federal-style frame house in 1799; oldest house on its original site within Raleigh city limits. Museum contains family portraits, original furnishings and a permanent doll collection. Free admission; donations accepted. Hours: Second and fourth Thurs., 11am-3pm (Mar.-Nov.).

### **Historic Oak View County Park**

4028 Carya Dr., Raleigh 27610; 919.250.1013; www.wakegov.com/parks/oakview  
This antebellum farmstead features seven historic structures including an 1855 house, plank kitchen, tenant house, as well as orchards and gardens. Visitors can picnic, meet goats and visit the Farm History Center, where kids can play in the "Farmer's Corner." Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8:30am-5pm; Sun., 1-5pm.

### **Historic Oakwood**

411 N. Bloodworth St., Raleigh 27604; 919.832.9712; www.historicoakwood.org  
An historic neighborhood of lovingly-restored Victorian and early 20th-century homes in a great variety of styles and sizes, many with beautiful gardens. This 30-block area to the east of the 100-700 blocks of Person St. may be enjoyed by driving or walking; self-guided walking tour brochures available at the Greater Raleigh Visitor Information Center (off City Plaza, Fayetteville St., downtown Raleigh). Annual Garden Tour and Tea and Candlelight Tour offer opportunities to enter homes and gardens.

### **Historic Oakwood Cemetery**

701 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh 27601; 919.832.6077; www.historicoakwoodcemetery.org  
Adjacent to Historic Oakwood, the Oakwood Cemetery, with 20,000+ interments, is the resting place of approximately 1,500 Confederate soldiers, five Civil War generals, seven governors and other notables. Established in 1869, it is an excellent example of Victorian landscaping/mortuary art. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-6pm (except winter, 8am-5pm).

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### Historic Yates Mill County Park

4620 Lake Wheeler Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.856.6675; [www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill](http://www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill)  
The 174-acre wildlife park features Wake County's last operating, 18th-century, water-powered gristmill. The mill is supported by a 16-foot-tall stone dam and 24-acre pond. The park features a 16,000-square-foot visitor center with exhibit hall; the surrounding natural areas include over three miles of hiking trails. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset.

### Joel Lane Museum House

728 W. Hargett St., Raleigh 27603; 919.833.3431; [www.joellane.org](http://www.joellane.org)  
Built in 1769, this landmark is Wake County's oldest home. It became the "Birthplace of N.C.'s Capital" when Joel Lane sold 1,000 acres to the state in 1792 for the new capital. The site includes two other historic buildings and a museum store. Tours are provided by costumed docents. Admission and hours vary.

### L.L. Polk House

537 N. Blount St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.285.1537  
Described as "gingerbread gothic," this 1890 Victorian was built by Col. L.L. Polk, one of N.C.'s most prominent citizens. He was part-owner/publisher of Raleigh's News and Observer, founder/editor of The Progressive Farmer, legislator, N.C.'s first Department of Agriculture commissioner and a leading founder of N.C. State University. Tours by appointment only.

### Mordecai Historic Park

1 Mimosas St., Raleigh 27604; 919.996.4364; [www.raleighnc.gov/museums](http://www.raleighnc.gov/museums)  
Located near downtown Raleigh, this site is home to some of N.C.'s most extraordinary treasures, including the Mordecai House and the birthplace of 17th President Andrew Johnson. Tours are offered Tues.-Sun. Historic trolley tours of Raleigh are offered on Sat., Mar.-Dec. Admission and hours vary; call or visit website.

### Morrisville History Center

100 Town Hall Dr., Morrisville 27560; 919.463.6200; [www.townofmorrisville.org](http://www.townofmorrisville.org)  
The History Center tells the story of Morrisville and the Civil War skirmish that occurred here in 1865. Includes exhibits, a touch screen with short video vignettes and a video viewing room. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm, except between Memorial Day and Labor Day when Town Hall closes at noon on Fri.

### North Carolina Executive Mansion

200 N. Blount St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.807.7950, 866.724.8687; [www.nchistoricsites.org/capitol/EXEC/ExecTour.htm](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/capitol/EXEC/ExecTour.htm)  
This fine, Victorian-style mansion, built from native materials and home to N.C. governors since 1891, was described by F.D.R. as having "the most beautiful governor's residence interior in America." Free admission. Tour reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance; tour hours are limited and vary seasonally.

### North Carolina State Archives

109 E. Jones St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.807.7310; [www.history.ncdcr.gov](http://www.history.ncdcr.gov)  
The State Archives "preserves and provides access to" original and microfilm records of the colony and state of N.C. from 1663 to the present. This includes state agency/county records, private manuscript collections, maps, photographs and other documentary evidence available for research. Free admission. Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8am-5:30pm; Sat., 9am-2pm.

### North Carolina State Capitol

1 E. Edenton St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.733.4994; [www.nchistoricsites.org/capitol](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/capitol)  
Completed in 1840, this National Historic Landmark is one of the best-preserved examples of a civic building in Greek Revival-style architecture. It originally housed the governor's office, legislative chambers, state library and state geologist's office. Free admission. Hours: Tues.-Sat., 8am-5pm. Guided tours for 10+ available with advance notice (919.807.7950, 866.724.8687 or [nccapvisit.org](http://nccapvisit.org)).

### North Carolina State Legislative Building

16 W. Jones St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.733.4111; [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net)  
Home of the N.C. General Assembly, the building is unique because it is devoted solely to the legislative branch of state government. Provisions are made for easy public access and observation of the legislative process. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm; Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., 1-5pm. Guided tours for 10+ available with advance notice (919.807.7950, 866.724.8687 or [nccapvisit.org](http://nccapvisit.org)).

### Olivia Raney Local History Library

4016 Cary Dr., Raleigh 27610; 919.250.1196; [www.wakegov.com/libraries/locations/orl](http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/locations/orl)  
The original library opened in 1901 across from the State Capitol. Today, the library's research collection focuses on historical and genealogical materials related to Wake County and N.C. with an extensive Civil War collection and databases that provide additional resources. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm; Sat., 10am-2pm.

### Raleigh Heritage Trail

Around Greater Raleigh; [www.raleighheritagetrail.com](http://www.raleighheritagetrail.com)  
Made up of 12 historic sites, museums and heritage attractions in Raleigh. Take your Heritage Trail Passport to at least six and get it stamped to earn a prize. Admission and hours vary; visit website, or brochures available at the Greater Raleigh Visitor Information Center (off City Plaza, Fayetteville St., downtown Raleigh).

### Saint Augustine's University Historic Chapel

1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh 27610; 919.516.4200; [www.st-aug.edu](http://www.st-aug.edu)  
Henry B. Delany, the first African-American elected bishop in the Episcopal Church in N.C., taught carpentry here, and students constructed the chapel, which is listed with the campus on the National Register of Historic Places. Rt. Rev. J.B. Cheshire, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of N.C., consecrated the chapel circa 1897.

### Saint Mary's School

900 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27603; 919.424.4000; [www.sms.edu](http://www.sms.edu)  
Five of the school's 25 buildings are Raleigh Historic Properties; the Saint Mary's Chapel, a striking neo-gothic structure that dates to 1856, and the school's front campus are listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and the campus is marked on the N.C. Civil War Trails. Free admission.

## MUSEUMS

### Cary Heritage Museum

119 Ambassador Loop, Cary 27513; 919.460.4963; [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
Housed in a restored 1868 railroad hotel, the Page-Walker Arts & History Center offers visitors insights into the local history in the Cary Heritage Museum. Visit website for a list of current exhibitions and activities. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10am-9:30pm; Fri., 10am-5pm; Sat., 10am-1pm. Please call to verify access to galleries and museum as they are multipurpose spaces.

### City of Raleigh Museum (COR Museum)

220 Fayetteville St., Ste. 100, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.2220; [www.raleighnc.gov/museums](http://www.raleighnc.gov/museums)  
Discover the story of N.C.'s capital city, past, present and future! Housed in the historic Briggs Hardware building, the museum features permanent and rotating exhibits as well as special programs. Gift shop offers a variety of unique souvenirs. Free admission. Hours: Tues.-Sat., 9am-4pm; Sun., 1-4pm.

### Contemporary Art Museum (CAM Raleigh)

409 W. Martin St., Warehouse District, Raleigh 27603; 919.261.5920; [www.camraleigh.org](http://www.camraleigh.org)  
Sparks new thinking by creating ever-changing experiences that explore what's now and nearing in art and design. Enjoy guided tours every Sun. at 2pm. Release your imagination at the Creation Station or stop by on first Fri. for food trucks, student docents and entertainment! Hours: Wed.-Fri., 11am-6:30pm; Sat.-Sun., noon-5pm.

### Gregg Museum of Art & Design

(Under Redevelopment until Early 2016)  
516 Brickhaven Dr., Ste. 200, N.C. State University, Raleigh 27606; 919.515.3503; [www.ncsu.edu/gregg/](http://www.ncsu.edu/gregg/)  
With a permanent collection of 34,000+ objects available for research and enjoyment (including textiles, ceramics, photography and Native American/tribal art) and an ongoing series of exhibitions and programs, this is one of the Southeast's cultural treasures. Email or call ahead to arrange a visit during redevelopment.

### Marbles Kids Museum

201 E. Hargett St., Moore Square, Raleigh 27601; 919.834.4040; [www.marbleskidsmuseum.org](http://www.marbleskidsmuseum.org)  
Marbles Kids Museum is a vibrant, hands-on, minds-on kids museum in downtown Raleigh, where children imagine, discover and learn in dozens of interactive exhibits and at N.C.'s only giant-screen IMAX theatre. For children birth to age 10; \$5 admission. Hours: Mon., 9am-noon; Tues.-Sun., 9am-5pm.

### North Carolina Museum of Art

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.839.6262; [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org)

One of the premier visual arts museums in the South, featuring a dramatic gallery building, home to a world-class collection including more than 30 Rodin sculptures and a center for special exhibitions, plus a 164-acre Museum Park. Free admission (fee for some exhibitions and programs). Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 10am-5pm; Fri., 10am-9pm; Sat.-Sun., 10am-5pm.

### North Carolina Museum of History

5 E. Edenton St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.807.7900; [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org)

Explore more than 14,000 years of N.C. history, from the earliest inhabitants through the 20th century. The exhibit "The Story of N.C." features fascinating artifacts, multimedia presentations and interactives for all ages. Free admission. Book group tours at [nccapvisit.org](http://nccapvisit.org). Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., noon-5pm.

### North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

11 W. Jones St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.707.9800, 877.462.8724; [www.naturalsciences.org](http://www.naturalsciences.org)

The Southeast's largest natural science museum offers seven floors of immersive exhibits plus live animals, 3D movies, a three-story multimedia theater, working research labs and hands-on investigate labs. Use the app N.C. NatSci to navigate the museum. Free admission; donations welcome. Daily hours vary; call or visit website.

### North Carolina Railroad Museum & New Hope Valley Railway

3900 Bonsal Rd., New Hill 27562; 919.362.5416; [www.triangletrain.com](http://www.triangletrain.com)

Open for outdoor, self-guided tours of historic railroad equipment on weekends year-round. Trains operate the second Sun. and fourth Fri., Apr.-Nov. First train of each day departs Bonsal Depot in the am. Free admission to walk the grounds; train rides \$10-\$15 for adults and \$7-\$9 for children 12 and under. Confirm on website.

### North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame

5 E. Edenton St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601; 919.807.7900; [www.ncsportshalloffame.org](http://www.ncsportshalloffame.org)

Located in the N.C. Museum of History, the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame exhibit spans more than 3,000 square feet and showcases memorabilia donated by many of the hall's 300 inductees. Learn about these legends and the impact of sports in the state. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., noon-5pm.

### The Fuquay-Varina Museums Complex

131 S. Fuquay Ave., Fuquay-Varina 27526; 919.552.5562; [www.fuquay-varina-museums.org](http://www.fuquay-varina-museums.org)

Explore the history of this quaint Wake County town, which has its origins in the mineral Fuquay Springs. The museum complex consists of four museums: the First Fuquay Post Office, "Squire" Ballentine Schoolhouse, a log cabin playhouse and the Centennial Museum. Free admission. Group tours by reservation. Hours: Wed., 1-4pm.

### Wake Forest Historical Museum

414 N. Main St., Wake Forest 27587; 919.556.2911; [www.wakeforestmuseum.org](http://www.wakeforestmuseum.org)

Exhibits include early history of Wake Forest University including sports, medicine, law, women, literary and local history. 15-minute films available. Historic 1820 Calvin Jones House is restored and open for tours. Free admission. Hours: Tues.-Fri., 9am-noon and 1:30-4:30pm; Sun., 2-5pm; other times by appointment.

## MUSIC/PERFORMANCE/SPORTS VENUES

### Carter-Finley Stadium (N.C. State University football)

4600 Trinity Rd., Raleigh 27695; 919.865.1510; [www.gopack.com](http://www.gopack.com)

Home of N.C. State football and host to N.C. High School Athletic Association state championship games; 117,000-square-foot Vaughn Towers on the west side includes 51 luxury suites and 955 club seats. Fans from all over the region tailgate in the ample parking lots and cheer on the Wolfpack.

### Cary Arts Center

101 Dry Ave., Cary 27511; 919.469.4069; [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

This vibrant home for the visual and performing arts features classrooms, studios, rehearsal, performance and exhibition spaces, the Marvelous Music Series & Applause! Cary Youth Theatre plus activities of Cary's cultural organizations. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-8pm; Sat., 10am-1pm.

### Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts

2 E. South St., Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.8500; [www.dukeenergycenterraleigh.com](http://www.dukeenergycenterraleigh.com)

From the intimate Kennedy Theatre, where innovative theatrical productions take place, to the grandeur of performances in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh's artists captivate and entertain audiences from both near and far year-round in Duke Energy Center's four unique venues. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5:30pm.

### Five County Stadium (Carolina Mudcats Single-A professional baseball)

1501 N.C. Hwy. 39, Zebulon 27597; 919.269.2287; [www.gomudcats.com](http://www.gomudcats.com)

Five County Stadium is home of the Carolina Mudcats, a minor league baseball team based in Zebulon. The team, which plays in the Carolina League, is the Class A Advanced affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. While at a game, enjoy Cattails Restaurant, a fine dining restaurant located above the stands.

### Garner Performing Arts Center

742 W. Garner Rd., Garner 27529; 919.661.4602; [www.garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://www.garnerperformingartscenter.com)

The renovated auditorium includes 471 comfortable, theater-style seats, offering affordable entertainment for all audiences. The performing arts center is home to Broadway Voices, Downtown Sounds, the Towne Players of Garner and It's Showtime! series. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1:30-5pm.

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### Halle Cultural Arts Center

237 N. Salem St., Apex 27502; 919.249.1120; [www.thehalle.org](http://www.thehalle.org)

Containing three galleries, two studio classrooms and a 150-seat theatre, this center is located in the heart of Apex's downtown National Register Historic District. It is the perfect site for exhibitions, musicals, dances, plays, speechifying, receptions, chautauquas, fund-raisers and celebrations. Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm; Sat., 9am-1pm.

### Holly Springs Cultural Center

300 W. Ballentine St., Holly Springs 27540; 919.567.4000; [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us)

This complex has become the center for arts and special events in southwestern Wake County. It includes a Performing Arts Theatre (an intimate performance space seating 184), a conference center, Springs Outdoor Stage (with lawn seating for 300 at outdoor performances and festivals) and a grand lobby.

### Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Theater in the Museum Park

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., N.C. Museum of Art, Raleigh 27607; 919.715.5923; [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org)

This unique performing arts and film venue hosts an outdoor summer series featuring a range of musical performances, family entertainment, blockbuster movies and classic films. Picnics welcome; food and beverages available for purchase. Box Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 10am-5pm; Fri., 10am-9pm; Sat.-Sun., 10am-5pm.

### Koka Booth Amphitheatre

8003 Regency Pkwy., Cary 27518; 919.462.2025; [www.boothamphitheatre.com](http://www.boothamphitheatre.com)

From its setting in a pine forest beside a tranquil lake, this unique performing arts facility blends technology with nature. As the summer home of the N.C. Symphony plus other national touring acts, movies and colorful festivals, it showcases its slogan: entertainment, naturally! Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm.

### North Carolina State Fairgrounds

1025 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.821.7400; [www.ncstatefair.org](http://www.ncstatefair.org)

Eight facilities plus two facilities/grounds which house the state's largest indoor/outdoor flea market. The grounds also offer 350 full-service RV access sites, and amenities include free parking and convenient access from I-40, I-440 and I-540. Events are staged at the fairgrounds year-round; call or visit website.

### PNC Arena (NHL's Carolina Hurricanes and N.C. State University men's basketball)

1400 Edwards Mill Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.861.2300; [www.thepncarena.com](http://www.thepncarena.com), [www.carolinahurricanes.com](http://www.carolinahurricanes.com), [www.gopack.com](http://www.gopack.com)

The 19,700-seat venue has hosted an array of major sports, concert tours and events. With 700,000 square feet of space, it welcomes over 1.5 million guests and plays host to 150+ events on an annual basis. NCAA Basketball tournaments, Stanley Cup Finals, the NHL All-Star Game, family shows, conventions and more.

### Red Hat Amphitheater

500 S. McDowell St., Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.8800; [www.redhatamphitheater.com](http://www.redhatamphitheater.com)

Red Hat Amphitheater has become a beacon for live entertainment in the Southeast. Just steps from the fun and energy of downtown Raleigh's bars, clubs, galleries and restaurants, this 6,000-seat venue blends the state-of-the-art with the simply convenient. Events run from Apr. through Oct. Box Office Hours: Show days, from 2pm.

### Sertoma Amphitheatre

801 High House Rd., Fred G. Bond Metro Park, Cary 27513; 919.469.4069; [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

Sertoma Amphitheatre is one of Cary's best-kept secrets, nestled away inside Bond Park. This intimate venue is a perfect setting for spring, summer and fall concerts. Come early for a seat, or pack your own portable chair. Concerts are free.

### The Cary Theater

122 E. Chatham St., Cary 27511; 919.462.2051; [www.thecarytheater.com](http://www.thecarytheater.com)

The Cary's marquee lights up downtown Cary, with the mission of providing a unique setting for cinema and live performance to enhance the cultural arts experience in downtown. This 180-seat theater, with lighted marquee and a concession stand, offers independent films, music and live performances including comedy and improv!

### USA Baseball National Training Complex

7445 Green Hope School Rd., Cary 27519; 919.474.8721;

[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org), [www.usabaseball.com](http://www.usabaseball.com)

Home of amateur baseball's national governing body, the complex includes four baseball fields maintained at MLB standards. It hosts many events annually, including the National High School Invitational, USA Baseball-Irish Classic and National Team Identification Series, and has been home to the NCAA Baseball Division II National Championships since 2009.

### Wake Forest Renaissance Centre

405 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest 27587; 919.435.9566; [www.wakeforestnc.gov](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov)

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### WakeMed Soccer Park (Carolina RailHawks NASL professional soccer)

201 Soccer Park Dr., Cary 27511; 919.859.KICK; [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org), [www.carolinairailhawks.com](http://www.carolinairailhawks.com)

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### The Research Triangle Park

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## SHOPPING

### SHOPPING MALLS

#### Cary Towne Center

1105 Walnut St., Cary 27511; 919.467.0145; [www.shopcarytownecentermall.com](http://www.shopcarytownecentermall.com)  
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## MAJOR SHOPPING AREAS

#### Beaver Creek Commons/Crossings

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#### Brier Creek Commons

8000 Brier Creek Pkwy., Raleigh 27617; 919.821.2700; [www.shopbriercreekcommons.com](http://www.shopbriercreekcommons.com)  
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### North Hills

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919.881.1146; www.visitnorthhills.com

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### White Oak Crossing

120 Shenstone Blvd., Garner 27529

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## OTHER SHOPPING

### Arboretum at Weston

2058 Renaissance Park Pl., I-40 Exit 287, Cary 27513;  
www.thearboretumatweston.com

### City Market

300 Parham St., Ste. B, Moore Square, Raleigh 27601;  
919.821.8023; www.citymarketraleigh.com

### Holly Springs Towne Center

N.C. Hwy. 55 & New Hill Rd., Holly Springs 27540;  
www.shophollyspringstc.com

### Park West Village

Cary Pkwy. & N.C. Hwy. 54, Morrisville 27560;  
919.336.8276; www.parkwestvillage.net

### Raleigh Flea Market

1025 Blue Ridge Rd., N.C. State Fairgrounds, Raleigh 27607; 919.899.FLEA; www.raleighfleamarket.net

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5 W. Franklin St., Capital District, Raleigh 27604;  
919.832.5272; www.seaboardstationshops.com

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### North Carolina Museum of Art Museum Store

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607;  
919.664.6784; store.ncartmuseum.org

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5 E. Edenton St., Capital District, Raleigh 27601;  
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9101 Fayetteville Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.866.5000; www.waketech.edu

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1501 N.C. Hwy. 39, Five County Stadium, Zebulon 27597; 919.269.2287; www.carolinamudcats.com

**Carolina RailHawks (NASL professional soccer)**  
101 Soccer Park Dr., WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary 27511; 919.859.5425; www.carolinairailhawks.com

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101 Wilkinson Ave., Herbert C. Young Community Center, Cary 27513; 919.443.5943; www.caryinvasion.com

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One of the largest recreational facilities in the state, offering a wide variety of activities. Camping, hiking, fishing, boating/marina and swimming are available, as well as picnic areas and playgrounds. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset approximately; call or visit website for more information or camping reservations.

### William B. Umstead State Park

8801 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh 27617; 919.571.4170, 877.722.6762; [www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/wium/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/wium/main.php)  
Stroll nature trails or walk along 22 miles of hiking trails meandering through forest. Also offered are camping, picnicking, canoe rentals, fishing, visitor center nature study and 13 miles of horseback-riding and mountain-biking trails. Free admission; fee for boat and facility rental. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset approximately; call or visit website.

## MUNICIPAL PARKS

### City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department

222 W. Hargett St., Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.6640; [parks.raleighnc.gov](http://parks.raleighnc.gov)  
Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources has more than 9,700 acres of parkland and almost 1,300 acres of water, offering recreational activities year-round. An acclaimed greenway system spans nearly 100 miles, providing trails that connect many of the city's 217 parks. Call or visit website.

### Durant Nature Park

8305 Camp Durant Rd., Raleigh 27614; 919.870.2871  
This 237-acre nature park offers five miles of trails, a playground, picnic areas, nature activities and rental facilities. Program and rental information available by calling the park office. Free admission. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

### Lake Johnson Park

4601 Avent Ferry Rd., Raleigh 27606; 919.233.2121  
More than 300 acres of land surrounding the lake of 150+ acres; offers boating, fishing, picnic shelters, concessions, greenway trails and a vast array of recreation opportunities for the family. Free admission; fee for boat launch and facility rental. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset (except Oct.-Mar., closed Mon.).

### Lake Wheeler Park

6404 Lake Wheeler Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.662.5704  
150 acres of parkland and a 650-acre lake offers fishing, sailing, canoeing, rowing and kayaking. Waterfront Program Center offers programs and concessions. Picnic facilities and sand volleyball also available. Free admission; fee for boat launch and facility rental. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset (except Oct.-Mar., closed Mon.).

### Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center

1905 Spring Forest Rd., Raleigh 27615; 919.872.4128  
Tennis center includes 23 hard-surface courts with lights on each, available until 10:30pm. Center offers back boards, a ball machine, conference room, locker rooms, observation deck and pro shop. Free admission; courts may be reserved. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-9:30pm; Sat.-Sun., 8:30am-6pm (hours may vary Dec.-Feb.).

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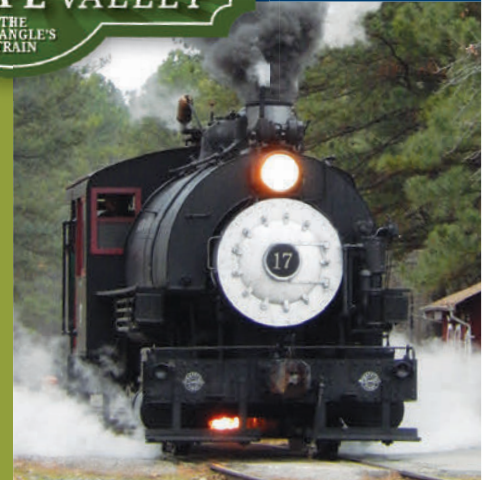
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### Shelley Lake

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### Walnut Creek Wetland Center

905 Peterson St., Raleigh 27610; 919.831.1960  
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### Town of Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department

316 N. Academy St., Cary 27512; 919.469.4061; www.townofcary.org  
Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources offers a wide array of recreation, sports, nature and cultural programs. With 29 parks, 70 miles of greenways, WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary Tennis Park, USA Baseball National Training Complex, Koka Booth Amphitheatre, Cary Arts Center and more, there is something for everyone. Call or visit website.

### Cary Tennis Park

2727 Louis Stephens Dr., Cary 27519; 919.462.2061  
The Cary Tennis Park, with 29 lighted courts, eight with 60' lines, four permanent 36' courts, scenic bridges, lush landscaping, clubhouse and locker rooms, is the largest public tennis facility in N.C. and one of the largest in the Southeast. Hours: Daily, 8am-10pm (except winter, 8:30am-9pm).

### Fred G. Bond Metro Park and Boathouse

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### North Cary Park

1100 Norwell Blvd., Cary 27513; 919.460.4964  
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### Thomas Brooks Park

111 Brooks Park Ave., Cary 27519; 919.387.5844  
224-acre, multiuse park consists of four-field, lighted softball complex, two batting cages, two lighted basketball courts, two soccer fields, playground, two picnic shelters and a half-mile walking trail. Also includes the USA Baseball National Training Complex, with four baseball fields maintained at MLB standards. Free admission. Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.

### Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space

337 S. Salisbury St., Fayetteville St., Raleigh 27601; 919.856.6170; www.wakegov.com/parks  
Acquires and maintains parks and natural areas that promote environmental and cultural resource stewardship and provide safe recreational and educational opportunities. The division delivers a wide range of services, programs and recreational opportunities across its seven major parks. For additional information about parks in Wake County, call or visit website.

### Blue Jay Point County Park

3200 Pleasant Union Church Rd., Raleigh 27614; 919.870.4330  
This 236-acre park offers many opportunities to learn about and enjoy the natural world. Park attractions include environmental education, hiking trails, shoreline fishing, picnic areas, playgrounds and open play areas. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset.

### Crowder District Park

4709 Ten Ten Rd., Apex 27539; 919.662.2850  
Offers visitors opportunities to enjoy nature, walk, picnic, play or participate in an environmental education program. Includes a 2.7-acre pond with a boardwalk and observation decks (no fishing), three picnic shelters, three playgrounds, 0.8-mile, paved, accessible trail, amphitheater, educational gardens, play field and sand volleyball. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset.

### Harris Lake County Park

2112 County Park Dr., New Hill 27562; 919.387.4342  
Located just south of Raleigh, Harris Lake County Park provides excellent fishing opportunities, a hiking trail, disc golf course, mountain bike trails, environmental education programs, self-guided tours and a playground awaiting visitors. Picnic shelters for rent. Free admission. Hours: Daily, 8am-sunset.

### Lake Crabtree County Park

1400 Aviation Pkwy., Morrisville 27560; 919.460.3390  
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### Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department

900 7th Ave., Garner 27529; 919.773.4442; [www.garnernc.gov](http://www.garnernc.gov)

### Holly Springs Parks and Recreation Department

128 S. Main St., Holly Springs 27540; 919.557.3930; [www.hollyspringsnc.us](http://www.hollyspringsnc.us)

### Knightdale Parks & Recreation Department

950 Steeple Square Ct., Knightdale 27545; 919.217.2238; [www.knightdalenc.gov](http://www.knightdalenc.gov)

### Morrisville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

240 Town Hall Dr., Morrisville 27560; 919.463.7110; [www.townofmorrisville.org](http://www.townofmorrisville.org)

### Rolesville Parks and Recreation Department

502 Southtown Cir., Rolesville 27571; 919.554.6582; [www.rolesvillenc.gov](http://www.rolesvillenc.gov)

### Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department

301 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest 27587; 919.435.9560; [www.wakeforestnc.gov](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov)

### Wendell Parks & Recreation Department

601 W. Third St., Wendell 27591; 919.366.2266; [www.townofwendell.com](http://www.townofwendell.com)

### Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department

1003 N. Arendell Ave., Zebulon 27597; 919.823.1815; [www.townofzebulon.org](http://www.townofzebulon.org)

## PUBLIC AND SEMI-PRIVATE GOLF COURSES

### 401 Par Golf

5715 Fayetteville Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.772.5261; [www.401pargolf.com](http://www.401pargolf.com)

### Brevofield Golf Links

13601 Camp Kanata Rd., Wake Forest 27587; 919.562.1900; [www.brevofieldgolf.com](http://www.brevofieldgolf.com)

### Crooked Creek Golf Club

4621 Shady Greens Dr., Fuquay-Varina 27526; 919.557.7529; [www.playcrookedcreek.com](http://www.playcrookedcreek.com)

### Eagle Ridge Golf Club

565 Competition Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.661.6300; [www.rgac.com/er-golf.cfm](http://www.rgac.com/er-golf.cfm)

### Heddingham Golf Club

4801 Harbour Towne Dr., Raleigh 27604; 919.250.3030; [www.rgac.com/hh-golf.cfm](http://www.rgac.com/hh-golf.cfm)

### Heritage Golf Club

1250 Heritage Club Ave., Wake Forest 27587; 919.453.2020; [www.playheritagegolf.com](http://www.playheritagegolf.com)

### Knights Play Golf Center

2512 Ten Ten Rd., Apex 27502; 919.303.4653; [www.knightsplay.com](http://www.knightsplay.com)

### Lochmere Golf Club

2511 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary 27511; 919.851.0611; [www.lochmere.com](http://www.lochmere.com)

### Lonnie Poole Golf Course at North Carolina State University

1509 Main Campus Dr., Raleigh 27606; 919.833.3338; [www.lonniepoolegolfcourse.com](http://www.lonniepoolegolfcourse.com)

### Paschal Golf Club

555 Stadium Rd., Wake Forest 27587; 919.556.5861; [www.paschalgolfclub.net](http://www.paschalgolfclub.net)

### Pine Hollow Golf Club

3300 Garner Rd., Clayton 27520; 919.553.4554; [www.pinehollowgolf.com](http://www.pinehollowgolf.com)

### Raleigh Golf Association

1527 Tryon Rd., Raleigh 27603; 919.772.9987; [www.rgagolf.net](http://www.rgagolf.net)

### River Ridge Golf Club

3224 Auburn-Knightdale Rd., Raleigh 27610; 919.661.8374; [www.golfriverridge.com](http://www.golfriverridge.com)

### Saint Augustine's University Golf Course at Meadowbrook

8025 Country Club Dr., Garner 27529; 919.516.5010; [meadowbrook.st-aug.edu](http://meadowbrook.st-aug.edu)

### Wendell Country Club

180 Jake May Dr., Ste. 108, Wendell 27591; 919.365.7337; [www.wendellcc.com](http://www.wendellcc.com)

### Wildwood Green Golf Club

3000 Ballybunion Way, Raleigh 27613; 919.846.8376; [www.wildwoodgreen.com](http://www.wildwoodgreen.com)

### Wil-Mar Golf Club

2300 Old Milburnie Rd., Raleigh 27604; 919.266.1800; [www.wil-margolf.com](http://www.wil-margolf.com)

### Zebulon Country Club

2424 Pearces Rd., Zebulon 27597; 919.269.8311; [www.zebuloncountryclub.org](http://www.zebuloncountryclub.org)

## OTHER RECREATION

### Daniel Dhers Action Sports Complex

171 Tradition Trl., Ste. 207, Holly Springs 27540; 919.557.8088; [www.ddasc.com](http://www.ddasc.com)

### DefyGravity

5604 Departure Dr., Ste. 100, Raleigh 27616; 919.948.6700; [www.defygravity.us/raleigh](http://www.defygravity.us/raleigh)

### Dreamsports Center

1016 Investment Blvd., Apex 27502; 919.387.2955; [www.dreamsportscenter.com](http://www.dreamsportscenter.com)

### Fantasy Lake Scuba Park

3601 Quarry Rd., Wake Forest 27587; 919.556.1803; [www.fantasyscubapark.com](http://www.fantasyscubapark.com)

### Go Ape

3200 Pleasant Union Church Rd., Raleigh 27614; [www.goape.com](http://www.goape.com)

### Grand Slam USA

4500 Western Blvd., Ste. 100, Raleigh 27606; 919.233.7522; [www.grandslamusa.biz](http://www.grandslamusa.biz)

### JellyBeans Super Skate Center

1120 Buck Jones Rd., Cary 27606; 919.467.5283; [skatejellybeans.com](http://skatejellybeans.com)

10701 Common Oaks Dr., Raleigh 27614; 919.562.2326; [www.skate2jellybeans.com](http://www.skate2jellybeans.com)

### Kings Bowl

141 Park at North Hills St., Ste. 120, Raleigh 27605; 919.600.5700; [kingsbowlamerica.com/raleigh](http://kingsbowlamerica.com/raleigh)

### Launching Pad Trampoline Park

6421 Hilburn Dr., Raleigh 27613; 919.679.0214; [www.launchingpadraleigh.com](http://www.launchingpadraleigh.com)

### Polar Ice House

1410 Buck Jones Rd., Cary 27606; 919.460.2756; [www.icehouse Cary.com](http://www.icehouse Cary.com)

103 New Rand Rd., Garner 27529; 919.861.7465; [www.icehousegarner.com](http://www.icehousegarner.com)

1839 S. Main St., Ste. 200, Wake Forest 27587; 919.453.1500; [www.wakeforest.pucksystems.com](http://www.wakeforest.pucksystems.com)

### Raleigh IcePlex

2601 N. Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh 27601; 919.878.9002; [www.iceplex.com](http://www.iceplex.com)

### Rush Hour Karting

5335 Raynor Rd., Garner 27529; 919.662.9101; [www.rushhourkarting.com](http://www.rushhourkarting.com)

### Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park

2101 Westinghouse Blvd., Raleigh 27604; 919.948.4450; [www.skyzone.com/raleigh](http://www.skyzone.com/raleigh)

### The Alley

2512 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27607; 919.832.3533; [www.bowlthealley.com](http://www.bowlthealley.com)

### Triangle Aquatic Center

275 Convention Dr., Cary 27511; 919.760.0229; [www.triangleaquatics.org](http://www.triangleaquatics.org)

### Triangle Rock Club

102 Pheasant Wood Ct., Morrisville 27560; 919.463.ROCK;

6022 Duraleigh Rd., Raleigh 27612; 919.803.5534; [www.trianglerockclub.com](http://www.trianglerockclub.com)





## TASTES

### BEAN-TO-BAR CHOCOLATIERS

#### Escazu Artisan Chocolates Retail Shop

936 N. Blount St., Raleigh 27604;  
919.832.3433; [www.escazu.chocolates.com](http://www.escazu.chocolates.com)  
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#### Videri Chocolate Factory

327 W. Davie St., Ste. 100, Warehouse District, Raleigh 27601; 919.755.5053; [www.viderichocolatefactory.com](http://www.viderichocolatefactory.com)  
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### CRAFT BREWERIES

#### Aviator Brewing Company

209 Technology Park Ln., Fuquay-Varina 27526;  
919.567.2337; [www.aviatorbrew.com](http://www.aviatorbrew.com)  
Founded to provide fine ales, seasonal releases and barrel-aged ales in N.C. In addition to offering brewery tours for the public at the brewery, brews may be sampled daily at the Aviator Brewing Tap House, located in downtown Varina. Tour Hours: Thurs.-Fri., 6:30pm; Sat., 4-6:30pm (every 30 minutes); Sun., 5pm.

#### Big Boss Brewing Company

1249 Wicker Dr., Ste. A, Raleigh 27604;  
919.834.0045; [www.bigbossbrewing.com](http://www.bigbossbrewing.com)  
Taproom is open seven days a week (visit website for hours), offering eight drafts including a well-known India Pale Ale, brown ale, Belgian blond and others, plus bottles and growlers to go. Tour Hours: Second Sat. of each month at 2pm.

#### Blackjack Brewing Company

1053 E. Whitaker Mill Rd., Ste. 101, Raleigh 27604;  
919.623.5850; [www.blackjackbrewing.com](http://www.blackjackbrewing.com)  
This pirate-themed brewery offers a 3,000-square-foot taproom, featuring full views of the brewery, and an even larger beer garden outside, with covered and uncovered seating. Year-round offerings, including lagers, are mixed with seasonal and one-off brews. Located in the heart of Raleigh, just north of downtown.

#### Bombshell Beer Company

120 Quantum St., Holly Springs 27540;  
919.823.1933; [www.bombshellbeer.com](http://www.bombshellbeer.com)  
Enjoy pints and flights in the inviting taproom and beer garden, or grab a growler to go at N.C.'s first 100% women-owned microbrewery. Food trucks on-site Thurs.-Sat., and there's live music on many weekend evenings. Visit website for complete listing of hours, brew tours, food trucks and events.

#### Boylan Bridge Brewpub

201 S. Boylan Ave., Warehouse District, Raleigh 27603;  
919.803.8927; [www.boylanbridge.com](http://www.boylanbridge.com)  
Located downtown next to one of N.C.'s most active rail yards, the pub is known for the ultimate view of the Raleigh skyline, craft beer brewed on premises and a full menu of delicious food. The quiet atmosphere lends itself to observation about rainbows, astronomy and love.

#### Brüepint Brewing Company

1229 Perry Rd., Ste. 101, Apex 27502;  
919.387.8075; [www.bruepint.com](http://www.bruepint.com)  
Brüepint is dedicated to traditional social interaction while sampling delicious beer. Its hope is that you'll rest your phone for a few minutes to have a conversation, partake in or watch a game with friends or take in a great band. Whatever your idea of connecting is, plan for a great time!

#### Carolina Brewing Company

140 Thomas Mill Rd., Holly Springs 27540;  
919.557.BEER; [www.carolinabrew.com](http://www.carolinabrew.com)  
"Brewers of Tasty Liquids" since 1995, making small-batch beers for local distribution. Nothing says N.C. like a Carolina Pale Ale in your hand! Find CBC on tap and in bottles throughout the Raleigh area, or meet the people who make the beer. Free admission. Tour Hours: Sat., 1pm.

#### Compass Rose Brewery (Opening Summer 2015)

3201 Northside Dr., Raleigh 27615;  
[www.compassrosebrewery.com](http://www.compassrosebrewery.com)  
Brewing globally inspired, locally produced ales. This brewery seeks out great ingredients and beer styles from around the globe then brings them home to Raleigh. They encourage you to "Trust Your Compass" to create your personal adventure. The taproom is a comfortable environment to find some of the best beers in Raleigh.

#### Crank Arm Brewing

319 W. Davie St., Warehouse District, Raleigh 27601;  
[www.crankarmbrewing.com](http://www.crankarmbrewing.com)  
This craft brewery with tasting room is located in downtown Raleigh, only one block from Red Hat Amphitheater and two blocks from the Raleigh Convention Center. Its mission is to provide fresh artisan beer while utilizing green transportation methods. Tasting Room Hours: Mon.-Wed., 4pm-midnight; Thurs.-Fri., 4pm-2am; Sat., noon-2am; Sun., noon-10pm.

#### Draft Line Brewing Co.

341 Broad St., Ste. 151, Fuquay-Varina 27526;  
919.557.7121; [www.draftlinebrewing.com](http://www.draftlinebrewing.com)  
Located in historic Fuquay-Varina, this microbrewery offers live music a few nights a week, food trucks on-site every weekend, brewery tours and other events. Try one of the year-round brews, from pilsners to porters and everything in between, or one of the seasonal batches. Taproom hours vary; visit website.

#### Fortnight Brewing Company

1006 S.W. Maynard Rd., Cary 27511;  
919.342.6604; [www.fortnightbrewing.com](http://www.fortnightbrewing.com)  
Fortnight is a craft brewery and pub in Cary, offering traditional English-style beers that incorporate both premium U.K. and U.S. ingredients. Its mission is to produce high-quality beer that is approachable and easy to drink. Cask ale always on tap. Tour Hours: Sat.-Sun., hours vary. Call or visit website.

#### Gizmo Brew Works

5907 Triangle Dr., Raleigh 27617;  
919.782.2099; [www.gizmobrewworks.com](http://www.gizmobrewworks.com)  
At Gizmo Brew Works, the meeting of contemporary technology and ancient know-how produces a tempting slate of small-batch beers. Never ones to shy away from curious guests, brewers also open up the facility for Sat. tours, walking groups through the beer-making process during 30-minute explorations. Tour Hours: Sat., 2pm, 4pm.

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#### Lincoln Brewing Co.

2912 N. Main St., Ste. 100, Fuquay-Varina 27526; 919.615.0555; [www.lincolnbrewery.com](http://www.lincolnbrewery.com)  
Lincoln Brewing has a bottle shop that carries hundreds of craft beers from around the world, offering some on tap, and also has a brewery that makes their own year-round and seasonal brews. The one thing they don't have is an attitude.

#### Lonerider Brewing Company

8816 Gulf Ct., Ste. 100, Raleigh 27617; 919.442.8004; [www.loneriderbeer.com](http://www.loneriderbeer.com)  
Since 2009 Lonerider has brewed ales for outlaws from its Raleigh headquarters, among the top 150 craft breweries in the U.S., according to 2013 Brewers Association-published data. Lonerider crafts each of its beers with the highest-quality ingredients. Daily tasting room hours vary; call or visit website. Public tours every other Sat.

#### Lynnwood Brewing Concern

4821 Grove Barton Rd., Raleigh 27613; 919.785.0043; [www.lynnwoodgrill.com](http://www.lynnwoodgrill.com)  
Lynnwood Grill is not only one of north Raleigh's most comfortable bars and grills, but also its in-house brewing concern makes it one of the area's newest craft breweries. In addition to a half-dozen standard brews, ask about seasonal beers. Restaurant Hours: Daily, 11-2am.

#### Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing

505 W. Jones St., Glenwood South, Raleigh 27603; 919.232.2477; [www.nattygreenes.com](http://www.nattygreenes.com)  
If you like good beer, stop in the convenient downtown Raleigh location and enjoy handcrafted beers as well as premium food. With 12 beer styles offered daily, you'll soon find a favorite. On your way home, stop by a beverage outlet and pick up a six-pack of Natty Greene's beer!

#### Neuse River Brewing Company (Opening Summer 2015)

518 Pershing Rd., Raleigh 27608; [www.neuseriverbrewing.com](http://www.neuseriverbrewing.com)  
Located just outside of Five Points, NRBC concentrates on Belgian-style ales and IPAs but also experiments with contemporary concepts. The brewery incorporates sustainable practices and buys local whenever possible. Take in a view of the downtown Raleigh skyline or relax beside the herb garden with a NRBC brew.

#### Nickelpoint Brewing Co.

506 Pershing Rd., Raleigh 27608; 919.916.5961; [www.nickelpointbrewing.com](http://www.nickelpointbrewing.com)  
This craft microbrewery is located in the Five Points neighborhood of Raleigh offering classic, European-style ales. Boasting a 20bbl brewhouse with a tasting room, customers can mingle as well as take a guided tour through the brewery to learn about the process of brewing craft beer. Daily taproom hours vary; visit website.

#### Raleigh Brewing Company

3709 Neil St., Raleigh 27607; 919.400.9086; [www.raleighbrewingcompany.com](http://www.raleighbrewingcompany.com)  
Founded by home brewers who wanted to give craft beer back to the community that they hold dear. RBC produces six year-round brews, one seasonal beer every two months and countless experimental batches, all available at the taproom and around Raleigh. Tour Hours: First and third Sat., 3pm.

#### Sub Noir Brewing Company

2039 Progress Ct., Raleigh 27608; 919.480.2337; [www.subnoir.net](http://www.subnoir.net)  
Sub Noir is a small-batch brewery that focuses on creating unique, seasonal and experimental beer offerings. Tasting Room Hours: Fri., 6pm-midnight; Sat., noon-8pm. More hours coming soon!

#### Trophy Brewing Company

827 W. Morgan St., Raleigh 27603; 919.803.4849; [www.trophybrewing.com](http://www.trophybrewing.com)  
Trophy is a three-barrel nanobrewery in west Raleigh featuring a full bar and growlers to go. The draft list is always changing and always exciting. The food menu has award-winning pizzas and fresh salads that feature local ingredients wherever possible. Brought to you by the guys from the Busy Bee Cafe!

#### White Street Brewing Company

218 S. White St., Wake Forest 27587; 919.647.9439; [www.whitestreetbrewing.com](http://www.whitestreetbrewing.com)  
Located in historic downtown Wake Forest, this locally-owned manufacturer of craft beer awaits you. They're so proud of their brewhouse that it's in full view. Come in and enjoy the flagship and limited-release brews in the taproom. Taproom Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 4-10pm; Fri., 2pm-midnight; Sat., noon-midnight; Sun., noon-10pm.

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### Chatham Hill Winery and Event Venue

8245 Chapel Hill Rd., Cary 27513; 919.380.7135; [www.chathamhillwine.com](http://www.chathamhillwine.com)  
An urban winery in heart of downtown Cary. Relax in the tasting room and art gallery with a glass of wine and local cheeses. Sit with friends on the outside patio. Upscale venue for private corporate, personal functions and weddings. Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 11am-5pm; Fri., 11am-10pm; Sat., 11am-6pm; Sun., 1-5pm.

### Cloer Family Vineyards

8624 Castleberry Rd., Apex 27523; 919.387.5760; [www.cloerfamilyvineyards.com](http://www.cloerfamilyvineyards.com)  
A fun place to bring your whole family and enjoy the day strolling through the vineyards or having a picnic lunch with a bottle of wine. Wines currently available for tasting include Veranda, Matador, Carlos, Noble and Isabella's Blush. Wine Tastings: \$5; tours are free. Hours: Fri., noon-5pm; Sat., 11am-5pm.

### Muscadine Heritage Wine Trail

Adams Vineyards and Winery and points east; [www.muscadineheritagewinetrail.com](http://www.muscadineheritagewinetrail.com)  
Made up of four, family-owned and -operated wineries, this trail invites you along a journey of history, family, culture and wine made from muscadine grapes. Get your brochure stamped at all four wineries for a free T-shirt. Visit trail website for help planning your self-guided trip; drink responsibly, drive safely.

## TOURS

### Beer Time Brew Tours

Around Greater Raleigh; 919.830.1407; [www.beertimebrewtours.com](http://www.beertimebrewtours.com)  
The craft beer industry is exploding in N.C. with so many breweries in this area. Beer Time Brew Tours' goal is to bring the craft beer brewing process and tasting of N.C. brews to you, while taking away the drive. Tours feature unique breweries with great beer and great stories.

### Beltline Brew Tours

Around Greater Raleigh; 919.285.1228; [www.beltlinebrewtours.com](http://www.beltlinebrewtours.com)  
These private tours average three to four hours, traveling between breweries across the Triangle region. On the tours, customers learn about each brewery and its processes as they enjoy samples of award-winning craft brews. Call or visit website for themes and times.

### Grand Touring Transportation

Around Greater Raleigh; 919.999.0345; [www.grandtouringtransportation.com](http://www.grandtouringtransportation.com)  
Green Machine Raleigh Brew Tour is your one-stop shop for all things beer in Raleigh. In this four-hour tour, you'll visit the best breweries the area has to offer, touring and tasting at Aviator Brewing Company, Big Boss Brewing Company and Raleigh Brewing Company along the way. Call or visit website.

### Historic Raleigh Trolley Tours

1 Mimosa St., Raleigh 27604; 919.996.4364; [www.raleighnc.gov/mordecai](http://www.raleighnc.gov/mordecai)  
Enjoy a narrated tour of downtown aboard the Raleigh Trolley. The trolley departs from Mordecai Historic Park on Sat. (Mar.-Dec.) at 11am, noon, 1pm and 2pm. The trolley stops at Bicentennial Plaza, Joel Lane Museum House, Fayetteville St. and City Market. Cost: \$10, adults; \$4, youth; free, children six and under.

### Historic Tours of Raleigh

2013 St. Mary's St., Raleigh 27608; 919.755.1612  
Provides personal guides for walking tours and step-on guides for buses in Raleigh and beyond. Theme tours include: Civil War in Raleigh, Victorian homes, colleges and churches, love stories and scandals and more. Tours by appointment only.

### Jordan Lake Guided Pontoon Boat Tours

1016 Winwood Dr., Cary 27511; 919.319.7299; [www.jordanlaketours.com](http://www.jordanlaketours.com)  
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### Taste Carolina Gourmet Food Tours

Around Greater Raleigh; 919.237.2254; [www.tastecarolina.com](http://www.tastecarolina.com)  
Guided walking tours visit five or more restaurants serving innovative food sourced locally from farm-to-table. Downtown Raleigh's history and architecture will fascinate and its restaurants will delight! Tours are offered Sat., all year round, and throughout the week for private and corporate groups. Call or visit website.

### Tobacco Road Tours

300 Fayetteville St., Unit 1918, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27602; 919.371.2653, 800.979.3370; [www.tobaccoroadtours.com](http://www.tobaccoroadtours.com)  
The Triangle region's only full-service tour operator offers professionally guided motorized or walking tours. Packaged tours include: Historic Raleigh, Haunted Footsteps Ghost, Pub Crawl and Haunted Adventure, Historic Oakwood District and African-American Cultural Heritage. Step-on guide, corporate, family reunion and private tours. Call or visit website.

### Triangle Boat Tours

908 Brittle Way, Apex 27502; 919.585.1488; [www.triangleboatours.com](http://www.triangleboatours.com)  
Offering guided boat tours on Jordan Lake for private groups. Sunset cruises, eco-tours and special events—seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. All ages welcome aboard the luxurious, 24-foot pontoon boat with seating for up to 12 guests and with plenty of shade. Tours run Mar.-Nov. Book in advance.

### Triangle Food Tour

Around Greater Raleigh; 919.319.5674; [www.trianglefoodtour.com](http://www.trianglefoodtour.com)  
A guided culinary journey of sight and taste that spans all five downtown districts to sample a cross-section of Raleigh's unique local restaurant venues, blended together with some forgotten historical tidbits that leave you full of new insights on the downtown culinary landscape. It's fun, informative and delicious. Visit website.

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321 S. Blount St., Moore Square, Raleigh 27601; 919.828.1988; [www.triangleglides.com](http://www.triangleglides.com)  
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## OTHER ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

### City Plaza

400 Fayetteville St., Raleigh 27601; 919.832.1231; [www.yourhere.com](http://www.yourhere.com)  
City Plaza, located in the heart of center city, features four glass retail pavilions, complimentary WiFi, interactive fountain, 50-foot programmable light towers and three sculptures from N.C.-based artists. It's where celebrations and civic pride can be demonstrated year round. Find the Visitor Information Center just off City Plaza, in the connector between the Raleigh Marriott City Center and Raleigh Convention Center.

### ComedyWorx

431 W. Peace St., Capital District, Raleigh 27603; 919.829.0822; [www.comedyworx.com](http://www.comedyworx.com)  
Professional improvisational comedy as two teams of performers compete for points based on audience laughs. Each performs scenes and plays different games based on audience suggestions. You may even get a chance to play. Cost: \$6-\$12. Regular show times: Fri., 8pm; Sat., 4pm, 8pm. Mature show times: Fri., 10pm; Sat., 10pm.

### Goodnight's Comedy Club

861 W. Morgan St., Raleigh 27601; 919.828.LAFF; [www.goodnightscomedy.com](http://www.goodnightscomedy.com)  
Nationally recognized Goodnight's hosts comedy talent from across the country each week. Such notables as Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno, Chris Rock, Dennis Miller, Drew Carey, Ray Romano, Kevin James, Ellen DeGeneres and Robin Williams have graced the Goodnight's stage. Show schedules and ticket prices vary; call or visit website.

### Legends of Harley Drag Racing Museum

1126 S. Saunders St., Raleigh 27603; 919.832.2261, 800.39.HARLEY; [www.rayprice-hd.com](http://www.rayprice-hd.com)  
The only museum of its kind, located on the second floor of one of the largest Harley dealerships in the United States. The recently-expanded showroom is the home of the world-famous drag racing champion Ray Price. Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Tues., 8am-6pm; Thurs.-Fri., 8am-6pm; Sat., 8am-5pm; Sun., noon-4pm.

### LGBT Center of Raleigh

324 S. Harrington St., Warehouse District, Raleigh 27603; 919.832.4484; [www.lgbtcenterofraleigh.com](http://www.lgbtcenterofraleigh.com)  
Empowers the LGBT community to help themselves and others through education and socialization. Offers a variety of programs, services and social opportunities such as First Friday Art Walk, Youth, SAGE Raleigh, Raleigh Allies and Trans\* Initiative. Hours: Mon., noon-8:30pm; Tues.-Wed., noon-8pm; Thurs., noon-8:30pm; Fri., noon-8pm; Sat.-Sun., noon-6pm.

### North Carolina State Fair (Oct.)

1025 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607; 919.821.7400; [www.ncstatefair.org](http://www.ncstatefair.org)  
Averaging one million attendees, the N.C. State Fair is the state's largest annual event. The 11-day fair features livestock, agricultural, arts and cultural exhibits, an amusement midway and nightly, nationally acclaimed musical performances. Held each year during mid-Oct. Advance tickets available online.

### Raleigh Convention Center

500 S. Salisbury St., Fayetteville Street, Raleigh 27601; 919.996.8500; [www.raleighconvention.com](http://www.raleighconvention.com)  
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<b>APEX</b>															
Americas Best Value Inn	1400 E. Williams St., Apex 27539	919.362.8621	888.315.2378	americasbestvalueinn.com	L	71	1	\$			O	•	C		•
B & B Country Garden Inn	1041 Kelly Rd., Apex 27523	919.303.8003		bnbcountrygardeninn.com	B	3	1	\$\$\$					F		
Candlewood Suites Apex/Raleigh	1005 Marco Dr., Apex 27502	919.387.8595	877.226.3539	candlewoodsuites.com/apexnc	E	81	81	\$\$							•
Comfort Inn Apex	1411 E. Williams St., Apex 27539	919.387.4600	800.228.5150	comfortinn.com	L	68	15	\$\$			O		C		
Holiday Inn Express Apex/Raleigh	1006 Marco Dr., Apex 27502	919.387.3636	800.HOLIDAY	hixpress.com/apexnc	L	62	2	\$\$			O	•	C		
Value Place	901 Lufkin Rd., Apex 27539	919.387.4636	800.825.8375	valueplace.com	E	117	117	\$							
<b>CARY</b>															
Best Western PLUS Cary-NC State	1722 Walnut St., Cary 27511	919.481.1200	800.CARYINN	bestwestern.com/caryinnsuites	E	140	42	\$			O	•	F		
Comfort Suites Regency Park	350 Ashville Ave., Cary 27518	919.852.4318	877.424.6423	choic-hotels.com/hotel/nc039	L	122	122	\$\$			I	•	F		•
Courtyard by Marriott Raleigh/Cary	102 S. Edinburg Dr., Cary 27511	919.481.9666	800.321.2211	marriott.com/rduca	F	149	12	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•			
DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh-Cary	500 Caitboo Ave., Cary 27518	919.239.4777	800.368.7764	raleighcary.doubletree.com	F	129	1	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham/Research Triangle	201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary 27513	919.677.1840	800.EMBASSY	raleighdurham.embassysuites.com	F	273	273	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	F	•	
Extended Stay America Cary	1500 Regency Pkwy., Cary 27518	919.468.5828	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/crp	E	122	3	\$\$					C		•
Extended Stay America Raleigh Cary Regency Parkway	3100 Regency Pkwy., Cary 27511	919.460.1161	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/trp	E	83	83	\$\$			O	•	C		•
Extended Stay America Raleigh/Cary	600 Weston Pkwy., Cary 27513	919.677.9910	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/cha	E	75	75	\$			O	•	C		•
Hamilton Scot Inn	7905 Emery Gayle Ln., Cary 27519	919.367.2231		hamiltonscotinn.com	B	5	5	\$\$\$					F	•	
Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh/Cary	111 Hampton Woods Ln., Raleigh 27607	919.233.1798	800.HAMPTON	carysuites.hamptoninn.com	L	124	31	\$\$\$			•	O	•	F	•
Hampton Inn Raleigh/Cary	201 Ashville Ave., Cary 27518	919.859.5559	800.HAMPTON	hamptoninn.com	L	129	0	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Raleigh	1020 Buck Jones Rd., Raleigh 27606	919.468.4222	800.337.0202	hawthorn.com	E	81	81	\$\$					•	F	
Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh-Cary	131 Columbus Ave., Cary 27518	919.377.0440	877.STAYHGI	raleighcary.hgi.com	F	133	33	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Holiday Inn & Suites Cary/Raleigh	5630 Dillard Dr., Cary 27518	919.851.1220	888.465.4329	hiccaryhotel.com	F	120	45	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Homewood Suites by Hilton Raleigh/Cary	100 MacAllyson Ct., Cary 27511	919.467.4444	800.225.5466	raleighcary.homewoodsuites.com	E	150	120	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
La Quinta Inn & Suites Raleigh/Cary	191 Crescent Commons Dr., Cary 27518	919.851.2850	800.531.5900	966.lq.com	L	128	5	\$\$\$			O	•	C		
Motel 6 Raleigh Cary	1401 Buck Jones Rd., Raleigh 27606	919.467.6171	800.4MOTEL6	motel6.com	L	116	0	\$			O				•
Red Roof Inn Cary	1800 Walnut St., Cary 27518	919.469.3400	800.733.7663	redroof.com	L	129	4	\$							
Residence Inn by Marriott Raleigh/Cary 2900 Regency Pkwy., Cary 27518	919.467.4080	800.331.3131	marriott.com/rdury	E	108	108	\$\$\$				O	•	F		
SpringHill Suites by Marriott Raleigh - Cary	1128 Ledsome Ln., Cary 27511	919.977.7244	888.236.2427	marriott.com/rdurh	L	130	130	\$\$\$	•		I	•	F		
The Mayton Inn (Opening Fall 2015)	301 S. Academy St., Cary 27511	919.354.7000	877.534.8534	maytoninn.com	F	45	7	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	F		
The Unstead Hotel and Spa	100 Woodland Pond Dr., Cary 27513	919.447.4000	866.877.4141	theunstead.com	F	150	27	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•			
TownePlace Suites Cary Weston Pkwy	120 Sage Commons Way, Cary 27513	919.678.0005	800.257.3000	marriott.com/rdurw	E	97	97	\$\$\$			O	•	C		

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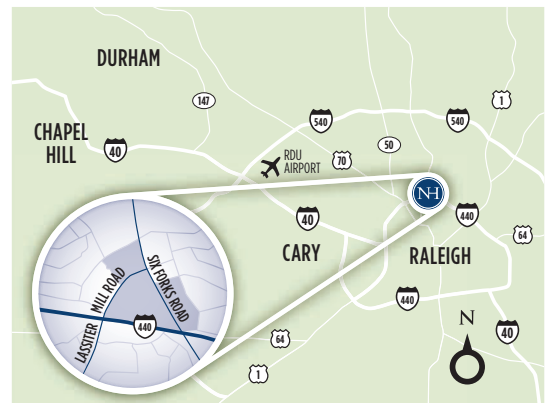
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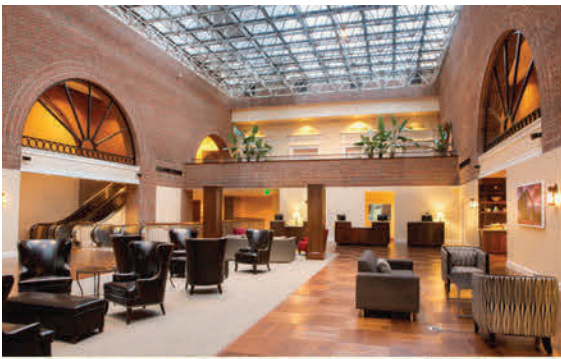


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<b>DOWNTOWN RALEIGH</b>															
Days Inn Downtown Raleigh	300 N. Dawson St., Raleigh 27603	919.828.9081	800.225.3297	daysinn.com	L	55	0	\$\$					• C		
DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh Brownstone-University	1707 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27605	919.828.0811	800.331.7919	brownstonehotel.com	F	190	7	\$\$\$	•	• O	•				
Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh Downtown/Glenwood South	600 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh 27603	919.825.4770		hamptoninn.com	L	126	20	\$\$\$			I	• F			
Holiday Inn Raleigh Downtown - Capital	320 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27603	919.832.0501	888.HOLIDAY	hiraileighdowntown.com	F	202	2	\$\$\$	•	•		•			
Oakwood Inn Bed & Breakfast	411 N. Bloodworth St., Raleigh 27604	919.832.9712		oakwoodinnraleigh.com	B	6	0	\$\$\$					F		
Raleigh Marriott City Center	500 Fayetteville St., Raleigh 27601	919.833.1120	888.236.2427	marriott.com/rdumc	F	400	10	\$\$\$	•	• I	•				
Sheraton Raleigh Hotel	421 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh 27601	919.834.9900	800.325.3535	sheratonraleigh.com	F	353	6	\$\$\$	•	• I	•				
<b>EAST RALEIGH</b>															
Comfort Suites Raleigh	1309 Corporation Pkwy., Raleigh 27610	919.212.6900	877.424.6423	comfordsuites.com	L	66	66	\$\$				• C			
Microtel Inn & Suites Raleigh	1209 Plainview Dr., Raleigh 27610	919.231.0002	800.337.0050	microtelinn.com	L	74	12	\$				• C			
Quality Inn Raleigh East	4716 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610	919.231.2727	877.424.6423	qualityinn.com	L	60	2	\$\$				• F			
Raleigh Inn	3520 Maitland Dr., Raleigh 27610	919.231.0200	800.466.8356		L	110	0	\$							•
Raleigh Inn & Suites	3618 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610	919.256.2800			L	74	53	\$\$			I	• C			
Super 8	3804 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610	919.231.8818	800.454.3213	super8.com/hotel/08538	L	124	0	\$					C		•
Wake Inn	3120 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610	919.231.3000		wakeinn.net	L	70	0	\$							•
<b>FUQUAY-VARINA</b>															
Chateau Bellevue	1605 S. Main St., Fuquay-Varina 27526	919.622.6128		chateaubellevue.com	B	3	1	\$\$\$					F		
Comfort Inn Fuquay-Varina	7616 Purfoy Rd., Fuquay-Varina 27526	919.557.9000	800.424.6423	comfortinn.com/hotel/nc048	L	60	9	\$\$			O	• F			
Fuquay Mineral Spring Inn and Garden	333 S. Main St., Fuquay-Varina 27526	919.552.3782	866.552.3782	fuquayinn.com	B	3	2	\$\$\$					F		
Quality Inn Fuquay-Varina	511 N. Judd Pkwy, N.E., Fuquay-Varina 27526	919.557.2009	800.4CHOICE	qualityinn.com	L	50	3	\$			O	• C			•
<b>GARNER</b>															
Best Western PLUS Edison Inn	1595 Mechanical Blvd., Garner 27529	919.662.4890		bestwesternnorthcarolina.com	L	52	0	\$\$					• F		
Econo Lodge South	1602 Mechanical Blvd., Garner 27529	919.779.7888	800.228.5150	econolodge.com	L	62	3	\$			O	• C			
Hampton Inn Raleigh/Garner	110 Drexmere St., Garner 27529	919.772.6500	888.426.7866	hampton-inn.com/hi/raleigh-garner	L	68	4	\$\$\$			O	• C			
InTown Suites of Raleigh	1491 U.S. Hwy. 70 W., Garner 27529	919.662.0101	888.951.8100	intownsuites.com/locations/raleigh	E	141	141	\$\$\$							
Wingate by Wyndham Raleigh South	1542 Mechanical Blvd., Garner 27529	919.779.7441	800.228.1000	wingatehotels.com	L	76	9	\$\$\$			O	• C			
<b>HOLLY SPRINGS</b>															
Hampton Inn & Suites Holly Springs	1516 Ralph Stephens Rd., Holly Springs 27540	919.552.7610		hollyspringsuites.hamptoninn.com	L	124	40	\$\$\$			O	• C			
<b>KNIGHTDALE</b>															
Country Hearth Inn of Knightdale	700 Money Ct., Knightdale 27545	919.266.7324	888.443.2784	countryhearthknightdale.com	L	40	7	\$\$					C		
<b>MIDTOWN RALEIGH (CAMERON VILLAGE, CRABTREE VALLEY, NORTH HILLS)</b>															
Americas Best Value Inn Crabtree	3921 Arrow Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.277.8485	877.848.8485	abvraleigh.com	L	60	0	\$				• C			•
Candlewood Suites Raleigh/Crabtree	4433 Lead Mine Rd., Raleigh 27612	919.789.4840	800.946.6200	candlewoodsuites.com/crabtreec	E	122	122	\$\$\$				•			•
Comfort Inn & Suites Crabtree	6209 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh 27612	919.782.1112	800.4CHOICE	comfortinn.com	L	131	21	\$\$			O	• F	•		•
Courtyard by Marriott Raleigh Midtown	1041 Wake Towne Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.821.3400	800.321.2211	courtyardraleighmidtown.com	F	140	13	\$\$\$	•	• O	•				
Courtyard Raleigh Crabtree Valley	3908 Arrow Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.782.6868	888.236.2427	marriott.com/rdncy	F	84	7	\$\$\$	•	• O	•				
Days Inn North Beltline	3201 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh 27609	919.878.9310	866.589.4994	daysinn.com/hotel/15365	L	135	0	\$			O	• C			•
Days Inn Raleigh Glenwood Crabtree	6619 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh 27612	919.782.8650	877.787.4060	daysinn.com/hotel/20534	L	86	2	\$				• C			•
Embassy Suites Hotel Raleigh/Crabtree	4700 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh 27612	919.881.0000	800.EMBASSY	raleighcrabtree.embassysuites.com	F	225	225	\$\$\$	•	• I	•	F	•		
Extended Stay America - Raleigh/Crabtree Valley	4810 Bluestone Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.510.8551	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/hwy	E	138	138	\$							•
Extended Stay America North Raleigh - Wake Towne Dr.	921 Wake Towne Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.546.0879	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/rno	E	71	71	\$			O	• C			•
Extended Stay America Raleigh - North Raleigh	911 Wake Towne Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.829.7271	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/rnr	E	104	3	\$					C		•
Extended Stay America Raleigh North - Wake Forest Rd.	3531 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh 27609	919.981.7353	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/fal	E	122	122	\$					C		•
Fairfield Inn & Suites Raleigh Crabtree Valley	2201 Summit Park Ln., Raleigh 27612	919.881.9800	800.228.2800	fairfieldinn.com/duct	L	125	9	\$\$\$			O	• F			•
Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh/Crabtree	3920 Arrow Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.881.7080	800.HAMPTON	raleighcrabtree.suites.hamptoninn.com	L	136	39	\$\$\$			I	• F			
Hampton Inn Raleigh Midtown	1001 Wake Towne Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.828.1813		raleighmidtown.hamptoninn.com	L	128	0	\$\$\$			O	• C			
Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh/ Crabtree Valley (Opening Summer 2015)	3912 Arrow Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.703.2525		hgi.com	F	149	1	\$\$\$	•	• I	•				•

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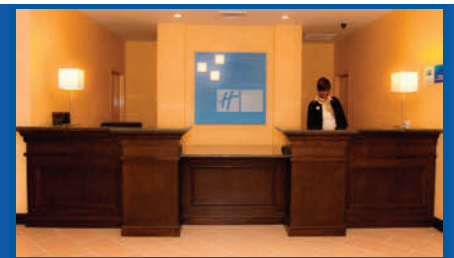
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Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown	3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh 27609	919.872.2323	800.HILTONS	northraleigh.hilton.com	F	338	7	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Crabtree Valley	4100 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh 27612	919.782.8600	800.HOLIDAY	hiraleighcrabtree.com	F	176	0	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•			
Homewood Suites by Hilton Raleigh/Crabtree Valley	5400 Homewood Banks Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.785.1131	800.CALLHOM	raleighcrabtreevalleyhomewoodsuites.com	E	137	137	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
Hyatt House Raleigh/North Hills	160 Park at North Hills St., Raleigh 27609	919.363.0771		raleighnorthhills.house.hyatt.com	E	137	137	\$\$\$			O	•	F		•
Hyatt Place North Raleigh - Midtown	1105 Navaho Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.877.9997	800.833.1516	hyattplaceraleighnorth.com	F	127	127	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•	C		
La Quinta Inn & Suites Raleigh/Crabtree	2211 Summit Park Ln., Raleigh 27612	919.785.0071	800.531.5900	959.lq.com	L	134	5	\$\$\$			O	•	C		
Northshore Lake House	Waterbury Rd., Raleigh 27604	919.665.6700		northshorelakehouse.com	B	3	1	\$\$\$					C		•
Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley	4500 Marriott Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.781.7000	800.909.8289	raleighmarriott.com	F	375	4	\$\$\$	•	•	I/O	•		•	
Renaissance Raleigh North Hills Hotel	4100 Main at North Hills St., Raleigh 27609	919.571.8773	888.236.2427	renaissancenorthhills.com	F	229	6	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Residence Inn Raleigh Crabtree Valley	2200 Summit Park Ln., Raleigh 27612	919.279.3000	800.331.3131	marriott.com/rduce	E	112	112	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•	F		
Residence Inn Raleigh Midtown	1000 Navaho Dr., Raleigh 27609	919.878.6100	800.331.3131	marriott.com/rdurb	E	144	144	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
Super 8 Raleigh	5110 Holly Ridge Dr., Raleigh 27612	919.861.7822	800.454.3213	super8.com	L	46	0	\$					C		•
<b>MORRISVILLE/THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK</b>															
Courtyard by Marriott RDU	2001 Hospitality Ct., Morrisville 27560	919.467.9444	800.321.2211	marriott.com/rdurd	F	152	12	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•		•	
Days Inn RDU/RTP	1000 Airport Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.469.8688	800.329.7466	daysinnraleighairport.com	L	111	0	\$\$			O	•	C		•
Extended Stay America - RDU/RTP	2700 Slater Rd., Morrisville 27560	919.380.1499	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/rdurtp	E	120	0	\$					C		•
Fairfield Inn & Suites RDU	2750 Slater Rd., Morrisville 27560	919.468.2660	800.228.2800	fairfieldinn.com/rdufa	L	112	24	\$\$\$			I	•	F		•
Four Points by Sheraton Raleigh Durham Airport	1200 Claren Cir., Morrisville 27560	919.380.1221	866.716.8133	fourpointsraleighdurhamairport.com	F	105	0	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Hampton Inn RDU	1010 Airport Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.462.1620	800.HAMPTON	hamptoninn.com	L	102	0	\$\$			O	•	F		•
Holiday Inn Express RDU Airport	1014 Airport Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.653.2260	800.HOLIDAY	hiexpress.com/rduairport	L	116	0	\$\$\$			O	•	F		•
Holiday Inn Raleigh-Durham Airport	930 Airport Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.465.1910	800.465.4329	holidayinn.com/rduairport	F	143	0	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Hyatt House Raleigh Durham Airport	10962 Chapel Hill Rd., Morrisville 27560	919.388.5355	800.430.8769	raleighdurhamairport.house.hyatt.com	E	141	129	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•	F		•
La Quinta Inn & Suites RDU Airport	1001 Hospitality Ct., Morrisville 27560	919.461.1771	800.531.5900	944.lq.com	L	135	8	\$\$\$			O	•	C		•
La Quinta Inn RDU	1001 Aerial Center Pkwy., Morrisville 27560	919.481.3600	800.753.3757	4013.lq.com	L	117	0	\$\$\$			O	•	C		•
Microtel Inn RDU/RTP	104 Factory Shops Rd., Morrisville 27560	919.462.0061	888.771.7171	microtelinn.com	L	99	0	\$\$					C		
Residence Inn by Marriott RDU	2020 Hospitality Ct., Morrisville 27560	919.467.8689	800.331.3131	marriott.com/rduap	E	120	120	\$\$\$			O	•	F		•
Staybridge Suites	1012 Airport Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.468.0180	800.238.8000	staybridge.com/raleighncmor	E	88	88	\$\$\$					F		•
<b>NORTH RALEIGH</b>															
Americas Best Value Inn North Capital	3401 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.872.9114	800.315.2378	americasbestvalueinn.com	L	63	0	\$					C		
Best Western Raleigh North - Downtown	2715 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.872.5000	800.780.7234	bestwestern.com	L	139	39	\$\$			O		C		
Capital Inn	1625 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.833.1901			L	58	0	\$							
City Studios Inn & Suites	2910 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.878.9550		mycitystudio.com/booking	L	87	6	\$					O	•	C
Courtyard by Marriott Raleigh North/Triangle Town Center	3401 Sumner Blvd., Raleigh 27616	919.645.0088	800.MARRIOTT	marriott.com/rdunt	F	109	6	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Econo Lodge Inn & Suites Raleigh	2617 Appliance Ct., Raleigh 27604	919.755.6005		econolodge.com	L	96	9	\$					C		
Extended Stay America Raleigh Northeast	2601 Appliance Ct., Raleigh 27604	919.807.9970	800.804.3724	extendedstayamerica.com/rth	E	88	88	\$\$			I	•	C		•
Hampton Inn Capital Blvd. North	3621 Spring Forest Rd., Raleigh 27616	919.872.7111	800.HAMPTON	hampton-inn.com/hi/raleigh-capital	L	131	22	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Triangle Town Center	6412 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27616	919.876.5650	877.STAYHGI	raleighnortheast.hgi.com	F	116	16	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•			
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites North Raleigh/Wake Forest	11400 Common Oaks Dr., Raleigh 27614	919.570.5550	800.HOLIDAY	hiexpress.com/raleighwakefld	L	94	20	\$\$\$			O	•	F		•
Holiday Inn Raleigh North	2805 Highwoods Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.872.3500	800.HOLIDAY	hiraleighhotel.com	F	128	0	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•			
Hospitality Studios	2800 Brentwood Rd., Raleigh 27604	919.872.8600	800.528.1234		E	117	0	\$			O	•			
Motel 6 Raleigh-North	2641 Appliance Ct., Raleigh 27604	919.856.9800	800.466.8356	motel6.com	L	99	0	\$			O				•
Regency Suites North	4400 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.876.2211			L	114	114	\$\$			•	O	•	F	
Sun Suites of Raleigh	3215 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.645.4700		sunsuites.com	E	137	2	\$							
Super 8 Motel North	3801 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27604	919.790.8480	800.553.7749	super8.com	L	122	0	\$					C		
Value Place Hotel Raleigh North	8840 Wadford Dr., Raleigh 27616	919.322.1550	800.825.8375	valueplace.com	E	121	121	\$							
Wingate by Wyndham	2610 Westinghouse Rd., Raleigh 27604	919.821.0888	800.228.1000	wingateinns.com	L	85	3	\$\$			O	•	C		

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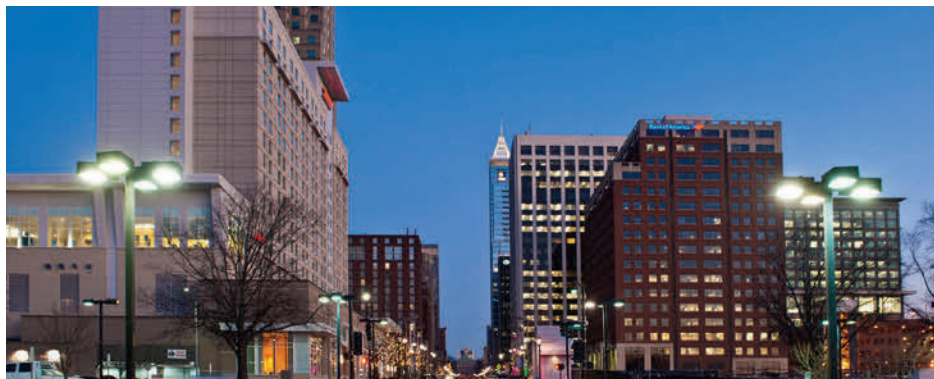
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<b>RDU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/BRIER CREEK</b>															
Aloft Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek (Opening July 2015)	10020 Sellona St., Raleigh 27617				L	144	5	\$\$\$	•	I	•	•	•	•	
Cambria Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport	300 Airgate Blvd., Morrisville 27560	919.361.3311	888.8.CAMBRIA	cambriasuitesrdu.com	F	103	103	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	•	•	
Country Inn & Suites RDU	201 Airgate Dr., Morrisville 27560	919.544.1010	800.596.2375	countryinns.com/rdairport	L	87	67	\$\$\$		I	•	F	•		
Courtyard by Marriott Raleigh-Durham Airport - Brier Creek	10600 Little Brier Creek Ln., Raleigh 27617	919.472.1000		marriott.com/duab	F	128	0	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	•	•	
Embassy Suites RDU/Brier Creek	8001 Arco Corporate Dr., Raleigh 27617	919.572.2200	800.EMBASSY	raleighdurhamairportbriercreekembassy.com	F	173	154	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	F	•	
Fairfield Inn & Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/Brier Creek	10040 Sellona St., Raleigh 27617	919.246.0107		marriott.com/dube	L	128	29	\$\$		I	•	F	•		
Hampton Inn & Suites RDU/Brier Creek	8021 Arco Corporate Dr., Raleigh 27617	919.484.0500		raleighdurhamairportbriercreekhampton.com	L	135	40	\$\$\$		I	•	F	•		
Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh-Durham Airport	1500 RDU Center Dr., Morrisville 27560	919.840.8088	877.STAYHGI	raleighdurham.stayhgi.com	F	155	0	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	•	•	
Hyatt Place Raleigh-Durham Airport	200 Airgate Dr., Morrisville 27560	919.405.2400	800.833.1516	raleighrdu.place.hyatt.com	L	93	0	\$\$\$	•	O	•	C	•		
Residence Inn by Marriott Raleigh-Durham Airport - Brier Creek	10600 Little Brier Creek Ln., Raleigh 27617	919.472.1005		marriott.com/duac	E	128	128	\$\$\$	•	•	I	•	F	•	
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Budget Inn	2729 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh 27603	919.828.2327			E	59	0	\$					C		
Claremont Inn	2639 S. Saunders St., Raleigh 27603	919.828.5151			L	26	0	\$							
Comfort Inn Downtown	2539 S. Saunders St., Raleigh 27603	919.863.0091		comfortindowntownraleigh.com	L	60	3	\$\$				•	C		
Country Lodge	2716 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh 27603	919.834.6881			L	10	0	\$							•
Days Inn South	3901 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh 27603	919.772.8900	800.329.7466	daysinn.com	L	103	0	\$		O		C			
King's Motel	1403 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh 27603	919.834.2524			L	22	0	\$							
Red Roof Plus+ Raleigh NCSU - Convention Center	1813 S. Saunders St., Raleigh 27603	919.833.6005	800.733.7663	redroof.com	L	133	4	\$\$							•
Super 8 Motel Downtown	2501 S. Saunders St., Raleigh 27603	919.821.0521	800.800.8000	super8.com	L	68	0	\$					C		
<b>WAKE FOREST</b>															
Candlewood Suites Wake Forest	12050 Retail Dr., Wake Forest 27857	919.554.6901	877.CANDLEWOOD	candlewoodwf.com	E	81	81	\$\$\$				•			
Hampton Inn Raleigh/Town of Wake Forest	12318 Wake Union Church Rd., Wake Forest 27587	919.554.0222	800.HAMPTON	raleighwakeforest.hamptoninn.com	L	113	12	\$\$\$		O	•	F			
Lions Gate Inn	238 N. Main St., Wake Forest 27587	919.605.6753		lionsgateinn.net	B	4	1	\$\$\$					F		
Sleep Inn Wake Forest	12401 Wake Union Church Rd., Wake Forest 27587	919.556.4007	877.424.6423	sleepinwakeforest.com	L	80	2	\$\$		I	•	C			
<b>WENDELL</b>															
Sunset Inn Bed & Breakfast	116 N. Buffalo St., Wendell 27591	919.365.0353			B	2	0	\$\$\$					F		•
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Aloft Raleigh (Opening Aug. 2015)	2100 Hillsborough St., Raleigh 27607	919.828.9900		aloftraleigh.com	F	135	6	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•			•
Comfort Suites Arena	1200 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh 27607	919.854.0502	800.424.6423	comfordsuitesarena.com	L	82	82	\$\$\$			O	•	F		
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Raleigh SW NC State	3741 Thistlewood Dr., Raleigh 27606	919.854.0001	800.465.4329	hiexpress.com/raleighnc	L	108	29	\$\$\$		I	•	F			
Hyatt Place Raleigh West	710 Corporate Center Dr., Raleigh 27607	919.233.2205		raleighwest.place.hyatt.com	F	132	132	\$\$\$	•	•	O	•	F	•	
Ramada Raleigh Blue Ridge	1520 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607	919.832.4100		ramadaraleigh.com	F	123	12	\$\$	•	•	O	•	F		
Wingate by Wyndham State Arena Raleigh/Cary Hotel	6115 Corporate Ridge Rd., Raleigh 27607	919.847.7383	800.228.1000	ncraleighhotel.com	L	99	3	\$\$\$		I	•	C	•		
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Home Suite Home	6300 Limousine Dr., Raleigh 27617	919.881.7722	888.824.0349	homesuitehomenc.com	C	100	100	\$\$		O	•				
Oakwood Corporate Housing	991 Aviation Pkwy., Morrisville 27560	919.460.4550	800.520.5288	oakwood.com	C	70	70	\$\$		O	•				•
Temporary Living Company	8831 Westgate Park Dr., Raleigh 27617	919.881.2364	888.848.6213	temporarylivingcompany.com	C	90	90	\$\$		O	•				•

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