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## Things to Do in the Greater Charlotte Region

### University City & Cabarrus County

- [PNC Music Pavilion](#) 707 Pavilion Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262 PNC Music Pavilion is an outdoor amphitheater in Charlotte, North Carolina, that specializes in hosting large concerts. The venue largely replaced the Paladium Amphitheater at Carowinds as the premier outdoor venue in the Metrolina region. The amphitheater hosts many different varieties of acts, including rock, alternative, pop, country, jazz, and rhythm and blues, along with special events and festivals of all kinds.
- [Charlotte Motor Speedway](#) 5555 Concord Pkwy. South Concord, NC 28027 NASCAR racing, monster truck shows, car shows, driving experiences, and more
- Take the [Lynx Blue Line](#) from UNCC to South Charlotte - stop in NoDA, Uptown, & Southend (See below for things to do at those stops. The LYNX Blue Line is the Charlotte region's first light rail service. It is 18.9 miles long and operates from I-485 at South Boulevard to UNC Charlotte's main campus in University City. With 26 stations, including 11 park and ride locations, the LYNX Blue Line provides a congestion free commute with a consistent travel time. LYNX operates seven days a week. Weekday service operates from 5:26 a.m. to 1:26 a.m. and service is available every 7.5 minutes during weekday rush hour and every 15 minutes during non-peak hours. Weekend service operates every 20 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes during late night hours.
- [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens](#) 990 Craver Road, McMillan Greenhouse, Charlotte, NC 28223 The gardens are here to promote the knowledge and appreciation of plants for educational, environmental, and aesthetic purposes for both the UNC Charlotte campus and greater Charlotte community. The gardens were begun in 1966 by biology faculty Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner with financial support from members of the Charlotte community to serve as a living classroom for field-based biology courses, and also as a horticultural resource and inspiration for the general public. The Botanical Gardens are a unit of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The outdoor gardens are open and available for visitors during daylight hours. The Greenhouse is open Monday — Saturday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00—4:00 pm.
- [Reedy Creek Nature Center and Preserve](#) 2900 Rocky River Rd. Charlotte, NC 28215 Reedy Creek Nature Preserve protects 927 acres of natural, forested habitat within Reedy Creek Park. There are over ten miles of hiking trails in the nature preserve for the outdoor enthusiast, giving visitors the opportunity to explore a variety of terrains, while enjoying scenic views of small lakes, forests, fields,

streams, and wildlife. Reedy Creek Nature Preserve is also home to Reedy Creek Nature Center and the Dr. James F. Matthews Center for Biodiversity Studies.

- [Frank Liske Park](#) 4001 Stough Road, Concord, NC 28027 Located in the central part of Cabarrus County, this beautiful 238-acre park is a former working farm for Stonewall Jackson Training School. The land was leased to the County for development, and the park was named in honor of Frank Liske, who worked at Stonewall Jackson Training School for 48 years and was instrumental in acquiring the land for lease from the state. Relics of the Jackson Training School farm are still available for the public's enjoyment, including a refurbished dairy barn and silo. The barn is a popular spot for gatherings. The park boasts four separate rental areas, including an enclosed heated and air-conditioned upper level in the barn. Park amenities include a 10-acre lake for fishing and paddle boating, picnic shelters, picnic sites, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, playgrounds, and six lighted tennis courts. Additional amenities include an 11-field soccer complex with two lighted fields, a four-field lighted softball complex, walking and fitness trails, a nature trail and an 18 hole miniature golf course. The soccer complex is operated in cooperation with Charlotte Soccer Academy and the City of Concord Parks and Recreation Department. Frank Liske Park is also managed as a wildlife and nature preserve.
- [Concord Mills Mall](#) 8111 Concord Mills Blvd, Concord, NC 28027 There is always more to explore at Concord Mills, the largest outlet and value retail shopping destination in North Carolina. Home to more than 200 stores paired with unique family dining and entertainment options all under one "climate controlled roof".
- Catch a game with [Charlotte 49ers](#), UNCC's athletic program.
- [Sky Zone Trampoline Park](#) 7325 Smith Corners Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28269 Wall-to-wall trampolines

#### West Charlotte/Belmont/Gastonia/Kings Mountain

- [Latta Plantation and Nature Preserve](#) 6211 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 Latta Nature Preserve is the gateway to the 1,460 acre area, offering educational programs and information. The nature center features live, native animals, a discovery hall, an outdoor amphitheater, and a gift shop. The preserve borders Mountain Island Lake. There are two launch areas for paddle boards and canoes, fishing spots, and 16 miles of nature trails. You can even bring your own horses to explore the preserve on horseback.
- [Carolina Raptor Center](#), Located inside Latta Plantation and Nature Preserve is an education and rehabilitation facility dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey and home to the Southeast's largest eagle aviary. Get up close to a great horned owl or a bald eagle.

- [Historic Latta Plantation](#), Also located in Latta Plantation and Nature Preserve is a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century federal-style home and living history farm of James Latta, open to public tours and interpretive programs.
- [US National Whitewater Center](#) 5000 Whitewater Center Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28214 The U.S. National Whitewater Center (USNWC) is dedicated to the promotion of the active lifestyle. Since 2006, the USNWC has been promoting access to the outdoors for all levels of participants through its 30+ land and water-based activities, outdoor instruction and certification programs, festivals, races, films, and various outdoor events throughout the year. Whether you visit the Center's 1,300 acres on the Catawba River or engage in the brand's mission through one of our off-site initiatives, the USNWC empowers guests to play, relax, and learn outside. For those looking to kick back, live music and outdoor festivals create a unique atmosphere of relaxation and community. The [River Jam](#) concert series takes place every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening throughout the summer months, in addition to 9 [unique festivals](#) held throughout the year. The [River's Edge](#), [Pump House Biergarten](#), Adventure Dining opportunities, as well as multiple event/ meeting venues offer relaxing experiences after a long day of outdoor adventure.
- [Charlotte Aviation Museum](#) 4672 First Flight Drive The Carolinas Aviation Museum, located at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, is one of the South's premier aviation museums. Its diverse exhibitions tell stories that reach back to the very beginning of flight while embracing the multi-faceted world of contemporary aviation. Walk through the indoor hangar deck and come face-to-face with an F-14 Super Tomcat, DC-3 commercial airliner, CH-46 helicopter transport, and the US Airways Airbus A320 which made a miraculous emergency landing on the Hudson River, Flight 1549, "The Miracle on the Hudson." Create your own adventure by climbing into the cockpit of an F-4 Phantom or Boeing 727. Get ready to experience the wonders of aviation and the stories of the aviators who flew into history.
- [Billy Graham Library](#) 4330 Westmont Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217 The Billy Graham Library is a 40,000-square-foot experience where you'll discover the life and legacy of America's Pastor. Designed to reflect Billy Graham's journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love, the barn-shaped building is situated on 20 landscaped acres, only miles from where Billy Graham grew up in Charlotte, N.C.
- [Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden](#) 6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012 Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is the Carolinas' Garden for all seasons, providing guests a chance to reconnect with nature and to create lifelong memories with friends and family. Located within 380 acres on the banks of Lake Wylie, spectacular gardens, sparkling fountains, a conservatory dedicated to the display of tropical plants and orchids, a visitor pavilion, a garden store and nature trails await the visitor.
- [Topgolf](#) 8024 Savoy Corporate Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273 Topgolf is a place where you can come for birthday parties, bachelor or bachelorette parties, corporate events, date nights, or just a night out with

friends, and everyone will have a great time. Every Topgolf features dozens of climate-controlled hitting bays for year-round comfort with HDTVs in every bay and throughout our sports bar & restaurant. No matter the occasion or who you share it with, we believe that every great time starts with play, is fueled by food and drinks, moved by music and all made possible through community.

- [Crowders Mountain State Park](#) 522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 Companion peaks at Crowders Mountain State Park—The Pinnacle and Crowders Mountain—offer challenging hikes, towering cliffs and 25-mile views of the surrounding piedmont. Eleven trails range from pastoral to strenuous, including the Ridgeline Trail, which links to Kings Mountain State Park and Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina. A nine-acre lake offers choice spots for fishing or an opportunity to try canoeing with rentals available. Backcountry camping is featured with individual sites approximately a mile from parking areas. The rugged terrain of Crowders Mountain lends itself to rock climbing and bouldering with permit in designated areas. A visitor center with museum-quality exhibits complements regular interpretive programs.
- [Charlotte/Douglas International Airport Overlook Park](#) 7300 Old Dowd Road, Charlotte, NC 28208 large area provided for up close observation of various aircraft taking off and landing. Picnic area provided for families. Park benches provided. Can enjoy experience from the comfort of your car. Bring your camera and binoculars. Unique experience for anyone young or old that has an appreciation for the awesomeness of flight. Open from 8am until 10:30pm daily.
- [Schiele Museum of Natural History](#) 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054 The museum as 60,000 square feet inside and a ¼ mile nature trail. There are changing feature exhibits, but you can always count on the permanent attractions: Hall of North Carolina Natural History, Hall of North American Habitats, Robinson Hall Exhibit Gallery, Hall of North American Wildlife, and Henry Hall of the American Indian. The outdoor permanent exhibits include the Nature Trail, Memorial Wildlife Garden, Catawba Indian Village, Stone Age Heritage Site, and The Farm.
- [Inner Peaks](#) 2220 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 With two state-of-the-art rock climbing facilities in the Charlotte area, Inner Peaks provides an environment that can help you stay fit, reduce stress, build focus, meet people and just have a great time.
- [Riverside Marina](#) 1500 River Drive, Belmont, NC 28012 Riverside Marina in Belmont:Paddle, Kayak, Tandem and Pontoons for rent. Also the only NC Rum distillery.

#### Midwood/East Charlotte

- [Buffalo Exchange](#) 1521 Central Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205 Buy, sell or trade trendy clothing and accessories at this quirky consignment shop on Central.
- [Book Buyers](#) 1306 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28205 This used bookstore specializes in books about history, art and architecture, classic literature and fiction.

- [Midwood Guitar Shop](#) 1517 Central Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205 This guitar shop features boutique guitars and pro audio gear. Custom guitars from Collings, Suhr, Tom Andersn, Novo, Bourgeois, and more are available.
- Walk down Central and Commonwealth avenues for numerous shopping and dining experiences.
- [Charlotte Museum of History](#) 3500 Shamrock drive, Charlotte, NC 28215 The Museum is the steward of the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander HomeSite, a National Register of Historic Places site, and places an emphasis on the settlement of the Carolina Backcountry and the ideas and events that led to the American Revolution. The Alexander House is the last extant home of a framer of North Carolina's 1776 Constitution and Bill of Rights and the oldest surviving house in Mecklenburg County. In addition to the house, the Alexander home site contains a reproduction log kitchen, reconstructed two-story springhouse and log barn.
- Pan for gold at [Reed Gold Mine](#) 9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107 Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented gold find in the United States. From this discovery, gold mining spread gradually to nearby counties and eventually into other southern states. During its peak years gold mining was second only to farming in the number of North Carolinians it employed. The estimated value of gold recovered reached over one million dollars a year. North Carolina led the nation in gold production until 1848, when it was eclipsed by the great rush to California.

NoDa NoDa, short for North Davidson, is the city's arts and entertainment district. It's known for its eclectic galleries and music venues, including the Neighborhood Theatre, host to big-name acts, and intimate spots like the Evening Muse. Artisan gift shops, jewelry stores and tattoo parlors dot North Davidson Street. Local eats include Southern fare, Cajun cuisine and pizza, and there are a number of hip dive bars.

- [Jack Beagle's](#) 3213 N Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 Omelets, French toast, and other favorite breakfast fare
- [Trade and Lore](#) 3306 N Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 Settle in with one of their specialty coffees and your favorite book.
- Stroll North Davidson street and pop into the many shops and galleries lining the street.
- [NoDa Company Store](#) 3221 Yadkin Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205 This is an old mill house turned into a quaint neighborhood bar. Enjoy the front porch or zen garden in nice weather. As with many NoDa establishments, your dogs are welcome, as well.
- [Growlers Pourhouse](#) 312 N Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 This local pub offers fourteen beers on tab, free popcorn, and "beer food" fare.
- [Divine Barrel Brewing](#) 3701 N Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 They brew just about anything, but they have a niche with wild and sour beers.
- [Neighborhood Theater](#) 511 E 36th Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 Live music and shows
- [The Evening Muse](#) 3227 N Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 Live music venue

- [NoDa 101](#) 3205 N Davidson Street #101, Charlotte, NC 28205 Take your turn at the mic with karaoke seven nights a week.
- [Haberdish](#) The food is great, and the cocktails are better. Their creative cocktail menu offers drinks are beautiful as they are delicious.

### Southend/Dilworth/Myers Park

- [Discovery Place Nature](#) 1658 Sterling Road, Charlotte, NC 28209 Featuring live animals and plant life native to the Carolinas, Discovery Place Nature encourages children to develop a sense of wonder and appreciation of the natural world.
- Take the rail trail to various eateries and breweries. The wide sidewalk is bustling with activity. Walk, jog, take the lightrail, or rent a scooter your way around the area.
- Visit “Furniture Row” for antiques and interiors
- [Gallery Crawl](#) On the first Friday of the month, many of the community galleries are open late to host receptions for new art exhibitions. Meet local artists with food, drink, and live music.
- [Atherton Mill and Market](#) 2000-2140 South Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203 Shop ‘til you drop.
- Pop-up cooking classes at Atherton Mill and Market with [Chef Alyssa](#).
- [Food Truck Friday](#) Held at Sycamore Brewing lot, you can enjoy an alternating lineup of the city’s best food trucks. Food trucks are generally found at many of the breweries throughout the week, as well.
- Brewery Crawl - You will not run out of great food and beverage options in Southend.
- [Price’s Chicken Coop](#) 1614 Camden Road, Charlotte, NC 28203 You will have to stand in line, possibly behind politicians for this Charlotte landmark’s chicken. It is takeout only, so plan for a picnic.
- [The Gin Mill](#) You can catch music of every kind here including karaoke. Free live music is offered every Friday and Saturday. They offer a great and varied menu, as well.
- [Suffolk Punch](#) Check out their Sunday brunch, but get there early unless you want to sit outside. The steak and eggs are a crowd pleaser.
- [Freedom Park](#) 1908 East Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28203 98 acres featuring 4 baseball fields, Batting cages, 12 tennis courts, 4 soccer fields, Full-court basketball court, 2 volleyball courts, 7-acre lake, Bandshell, 2 playgrounds, NFL Play 60 KidZone, Walking trails/paths, 5 outdoor shelters with grills, Connects to Little Sugar Creek Greenway ([Little Sugar Creek Greenway: Morehead to Brandywine](#)), and Demonstration Gardens (Extension Master Gardeners)

### South Charlotte/South Carolina

- [Carowinds](#) 300 Carowinds Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28273 Carowinds is a 400-acre amusement park, located adjacent to Interstate 77 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Although it has an official North Carolina address, the park is located on the state line of the Carolinas, with a portion of the park also located in Fort Mill, South Carolina

- [Southpark Mall](#) 4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28211 Tiffanys, Louis Vuitton, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, St. John, Tory Burch, and Kate Spade are just a few of the stores in the mall. There are also great dining options.
- Specialty Shops Southpark 6401 Morrison Blvd. Charlotte, NC 2811 If the mall doesn't have it, this boutique mall most likely will.
- [Summer Pops](#) Pack a picnic for outdoor enjoyment of Charlotte Symphony at Symphony Park at SouthPark Mall. Bring the family and come as you are.
- [Phillips Place](#) Phillips Place, Fairview Road & Cameron Valley Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28210 Boutique shopping, furniture, gourmet restaurants, and movies in a Main Street setting.
- [Historic Brattonville](#) 1444 Brattonville Rd, McConnells, SC 29726 Historic Brattonville presents the history of the Scots-Irish and African-Americans in the South Carolina upcountry largely through preserving and interpreting the story of the Bratton community. Featuring more than 30 historic structures from the 1760s to the late 19th century, the site provides visitors with an opportunity to see the evolution of Southern culture and architecture in the Carolina Piedmont. Learn how people farmed the land, cooked their food and entertained themselves in the 18th and 19th centuries at this 778-acre living history museum. Historical farming techniques and day-to-day activities are presented by costumed interpreters year-round. Come explore the Huck's Defeat Battlefield Trail and video documentary that brings to life one of the most important Revolutionary War battles in the Carolinas.
- [YMCA Camp Thunderbird](#) 1 Thunderbird Ln Lake Wylie, SC 29710 Campers find a safe, inspiring place to become their best selves for the 21st century. Their 100+ acres, replete with nearly two miles of pristine lakefront, serve as the ultimate natural playground where campers cultivate individual talents and develop 21st century skills like independence, self-discipline and empathy. Resident campers from more than 40 states and dozens of international locales come together to experience our traditions, try new adventures and make friendships that last a lifetime.
- [Anne Springs Greenway](#) 2573 Lake Haigler Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29715 Opened to the community in 1995, the Greenway strives to provide opportunities for recreation, education and fitness on over 2,100 acres of land in historic Fort Mill, South Carolina.
- [Fort Mill History Museum](#) 107 Clebourne Street, Fort Mill, SC, 29715 As we looked back in time to events that helped make Fort Mill what it is today, we found it was not just historic events that brought us to the present day but a combination of events, people from all walks of life, special places, and childhood memories. The stories we hear that make up the fabric of our community are so interesting. They must be collected, preserved, and shared with all who are here today and those who will come this way tomorrow.
- [Bush-N-Vine Farm](#) 1662 Ebenezer Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732 This is locally owned and has been in the Hall family for over 150 years. Originally it was solely a peach farm. The old building on our farm in York, SC was used as a peach packing shed from the 1930's until the 1960's. In 1979, Bob Hall

reopened the doors using the space as an open-air market. They also have field trips and festivals and events as well as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program.

- [Museum of York County](#) 4621 Mt. Gallant Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732 Explore the Carolina Piedmont and its connections to the world at the Museum of York County! With more than 2,000 specimens at your fingertips, The Naturalist Center will guide your learning adventures. In the Settlemyre Planetarium, travel the cosmos from the comfort of your seat with state-of-the-art digital projection and new programs. In Tot Town, a playful learning space awaits our youngest visitors, while award-winning exhibitions and programs exploring a variety of natural history topics. The Museum Gift Shop offers items of interest for all ages. A picnic area and Nature Trail offer outdoor experiences.
- [Landsford Canal State Park](#) 2051 Park Dr. Catawba, SC 29704 Stretched along the Catawba River on the South Carolina fall line, Landsford Canal State Park is home to the well-preserved remains of the canal system that made the river commercially navigable from 1820 to 1835. The Catawba River is home to the largest known stand of the rocky shoals spider lily, a flower species found predominantly in the Southeast. Peak bloom season for the rocky shoals spider lily is during May and June. Favorite activities in this Piedmont park include picnicking, nature watching and studying the canal structures. Fishing is permitted along the Catawba River, and a paddling trail runs through the park for canoes and kayaks.

### Lake Norman Region

- [Birkdale Village](#) 8712 Lindholm Dr Ste 206, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078 Birkdale Village has a combination of retail, office and residential units. The center has two main entrances, over 60 retail shops, 10 restaurants, service providers, a 16 screen theater and a one-of-a-kind interactive fountain with live music in the summer months. This outdoor mall offers an excellent merchant mix that includes national tenants such as: Dick's Sporting Goods, Total Wine & More, Victoria's Secret, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, among others.
- [My Aloha Paddle and Surf](#) 17505 W Catawba Avenue, Cornelius, NC 28031 Learn Stand Up Paddle boarding through group or private lessons. You can also rent stand up paddle boards and kayaks. Sunset paddle tours, full moon paddle tours, and aloha paddle board flow yoga on the water are also available.
- [Lazy 5 Ranch](#) 15100 Highway 15 East Mooresville, NC 28115 The Lazy 5 Ranch is the home to over 750 animals from 6 different continents. These animals can be viewed by horse drawn wagon ride tour or from the comfort of your own vehicle while traveling along a 3-1/2 mile safari ride.
- [Carrigan Farms](#) 1261 Oakridge Farm Highway, Mooresville, NC 28115 This family farm offers everything from picking your own strawberries to a swimming hole in an old rock quarry.

- [Davidson Community Players](#) Multiple Locations Davidson Community Players is a non-profit organization established to produce theatre that entertains, enriches, and encourages community participation in the dramatic arts. The Connie Company is DCP's theatre for youth division. Both organizations have a long standing record of providing creative, authentic and affordable opportunities for both children and adults.
- Rent a boat for a full or half day at one of the marinas on Lake Norman.
- [Jetton Park](#) 19000 Jetton Road, Cornelius, NC 28031 Jetton Park sits on 104 acres on beautiful Lake Norman. It features numerous picnic shelters with grills overlooking the water, a Waterfront Hall for private events, playground, tennis courts, a 1.3 mile bike trail, and a 1.5 mile walking trail. There is a small waterfront sunning beach, although no swimming, fishing, or wading is allowed.
- [Ramsey Creek Park](#) 18441 Nantz Road, Cornelius, NC 28031 This 43.7 acre waterfront park offers boat ramps, a dog park, playground, swimming beach, picnic shelters, fishing pier, horseshoe pit, volleyball court, and 1.5 mile of walking/nature trails.
- [Lake Norman State Park](#) 759 State Park Road, Troutman, NC 28166 Lake Norman State Park, formerly Duke Power State Park, is a 1,934-acre North Carolina state park near Troutman in Iredell County. The park is on the northern shore of Lake Norman at the mouth of Hicks Creek. Enjoy 30.5 miles of single-track mountain biking trails, a 125 yard swim beach and bathhouse complex, a boat ramp, fishing spots, and a 32-site campground.
- [Daveste Vineyards](#) 155 Lytton Farm Rd., Troutman, NC 28166 Owners Dave and Ester DeFehr in 2003 envisioned planting a vineyard and bringing the first winery to Iredell County. After locating an ideal 52-acre pastoral setting the property was purchased in 2004. The beautiful setting is perfect for Thursday and Saturday live music. There are also tastings and tours.
- [Discovery Place Kids](#) 105 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 Bring the little ones for extraordinary and rich play experiences that value imagination, fun and learning. The Museum offers an adventure in play adventure for children aged birth through 7 and their parents or caregivers. Join us for daily puppet shows and story time.
- [Queens Landing](#) 1459 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117 Queens Landing is an entertainment venue set alongside beautiful Lake Norman. They offer sightseeing and dinner cruises, banquet rooms, wedding venues, boat rentals, lakeside patio, live music, weekend concerts and more! Queens Landing/Lake Cruises, Inc. was established in 1991 and is anchored by its primary attraction: the "Catawba Queen". A custom designed replica of a Mississippi riverboat, the "Catawba Queen" was a "one boat show" offering cruises for sightseeing as well as for lunches and elegant dinner outings. The cruises are so popular, "Lady of the Lake", a 90 foot luxury yacht has recently been added.
- [GoPro Motorplex](#) 130 Motorplex Dr., Mooresville, NC 28115 GoPro Motorplex is the only outdoor rental karting track in North Carolina! Located near Charlotte, in Mooresville, NC, their professional

grade karting facility is only a 45-minute drive from uptown. The 0.7 mile, 11 turn track will get your adrenaline pumping. Their fleet of 25 rental karts reach speeds up to 55 mph.

### Uptown Charlotte

- Summer Picnics

Sounds of the Summer

Dates: August 9, September 13

Time: 7-10 p.m.

Location: First Ward Park

Party in the Park

Dates: June 26, July 10 and 24, August 7 and 21, September 4 and 18

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Romare Bearden Park

Sounds in the Square

Dates: June 21, July 26, August 16

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Spirit Square

Alive After Five

Dates: Thursdays through September 12

Time: 5-8:30 p.m.

Location: Rooftop 210 at the Epicentre

- [Mint Museum](#) 500 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 All types of art are on display: American, European, craft & design, modern and contemporary, and traveling exhibitions. Check out the sister museum, Mint Museum Randolph at 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte, NC 28207
- [Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#) 420 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Tapestries, sculpture, and live Jazz
- Harvey B Gantt Center for African American Art & Culture
- [Levine Museum of the New South](#) 200 E. Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Explore history, culture, exhibits and programs.
- [Discovery Place Science](#) 301 N Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 There are great hands-on experiences for the budding scientist at Discovery Place. This is also the home to [Imax Dome Theatre](#) Educational and feature films are shown in this all-consuming environment.
- [BB&T Ballpark](#) 324 S Mint Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Home of the Charlotte Knights Triple-A Affiliate of the Boston White Sox - Catch a game with a beautiful view of the Charlotte skyline. Check their schedule to find a game with an awesome fireworks display after the game.

- [McColl Center for Art & Innovation](#) 721 N Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 This nationally acclaimed artist residency and contemporary art space is located in a former church. It houses nine artists studios and more than 5,000 square feet of exhibition space.
- [Bank of America Stadium](#) 800 S Mint Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Home of the Carolina Panthers, the stadium seats 75,412 Panthers fans.
- [Blumenthal Performing Arts Center](#) A nonprofit that manages six theaters in the center city. They offer the largest Broadway season in the Carolinas, the Broadway Lights Series, with eighteen weeks of Broadway shows each year. They also host many special attractions, festivals, concerts, and more. Each venue has its own character: Belk, Booth, Stage Door Theater, McGlohon Theater, Duke Energy Theater, The Square, Knight Theater, Levine Plaza, The Tent at Romare Bearden Park.
- [Movie Nights at 7th & Tryon](#)
- [Various rooftop restaurants and bars](#)
- [Overstreet Mall](#) 214 North Tryon Street This network of skywalks connects many uptown buildings to shopping and dining. Don't let inclement weather keep you home.
- [Spectrum Center](#) 333 East Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 The home of the Charlotte Hornets NBA is also a popular venue for concerts and performances.
- [NASCAR Hall of Fame](#) Everything that you ever wanted to know about the history of NASCAR is housed here.
- <https://avidxchangemusicfactory.com/> 1000 NC Music Factory Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28206 Numerous music venues for all types of live music events.
- <https://www.imaginion.org/> ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center 300 E 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center is a one-of-a-kind youth destination located in Charlotte, NC, in the heart of the cultural arts district. This collaborative effort between the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and Children's Theatre of Charlotte is a 102,000-square-foot facility recently ranked by Livability.com as the No. 1 children's library in the United States. ImaginOn is visited by more than 300,000 people annually and features two state-of-the-art theatres, a dedicated library space for kids 11 and under, four multi-use classrooms, a teen-only library, a multimedia production studio, and interactive exhibit space. With cutting edge services and library collections, an award winning professional theatre and innovative education programs, ImaginOn brings stories to life through extraordinary experiences that challenge, inspire and excite young minds.
- [Epicenter](#) 210 East Trade Street Charlotte, NC 2822 Dine, bowl, enjoy a movie; it's all right here in the heart of Uptown.

## Matthews

- [Four Mile Creek Greenway](#) 1631 Pleasant Plains Road Matthews, NC 28105 links downtown Matthews with Squirrel Lake Park and connect neighborhoods from E. John Street to S. Trade Street. This greenway

links downtown Matthews with Squirrel Lake Park and connect neighborhoods from E. John Street to S. Trade Street. This greenway is an asphalt trail with boardwalk. This is the first greenway in the Town of Matthews. It is an asphalt trail with a boardwalk. This is the first greenway in the Town of Matthews. It begins at a long wooden boardwalk that passes through a mixed Loblolly and Shortleaf Pine forest. The tall, stately Shortleaf Pine is a declining species in our region, so having groups of these trees all along the greenway is a good thing. The streamside forest has typical floodplain species such as Musclewood, Tag Alder, Tulip-tree, Red Maple and Box Elder.

- [Matthews Heritage Museum](#) 232 North Trade Street, Matthews, NC 28105 Located in one of the oldest buildings in Matthes, the 1880 Massey-Clark House, this museum is a true step back in time. Learn about the early days of the railroad, schools, and view local artifacts.
- [Sportsplex at Matthews](#) 2425 Sports Parkway, Matthews, NC 28105 The Sportsplex at Matthews is an athletic facility that consists of 9 synthetic turf fields, 2 grass fields and a 4,117 seat grass stadium. All fields are multi-purpose fields that can accommodate a variety of sports; soccer, lacrosse, football, field hockey, rugby, etc. The Stadium has a two story field house with home, away, and referee locker rooms. The top floor of the field house is a 90-person conference room that is available to rent. The Sportsplex also has two playgrounds and roughly 2 miles of paved trails.

## Waxhaw

- [Waxhaw Farmers Market](#) 208 N Church Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Local produce, artisan foods and specialty items - Open from 9-1 Saturdays in the summer
- [Cookie Dough Bliss](#) 318 E South Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Go ahead; eat all of the cookie dough that you want.
- Stroll down Main Street
- [Waxhaw Antique Mart](#) 101 W South Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173
- [Crossroads Coffee House](#) 112 N Broome Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Choose from a variety of coffee and tea while you enjoy local art on display for purchase. Situated in a historic cabin, the coffee house is like none other.
- [4th of July Parade](#) Celebrate Independence Day with a hometown parade in historic Downtown Waxhaw.
- [Cane Creek Park](#) 5213 Harkey Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Cane Creek Park is a family-oriented, water-based recreation space that encompasses 1,050 acres of land surrounding a 350-acre lake. The park provides a natural and scenic environment for a variety of outdoor activities and peaceful relaxation year-round. The lake is home to some of the best largemouth bass fishing in the state as well as bluegill, crappie and catfish.

- Visit the [Waxhaw Creamery](#) 109 E North Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Enjoy your cone and walk across the Waxhaw Over Bridge, part of the Carolina Thread Trail. The bridge was designed in 1940 for pedestrians only and is still used daily.
- [Jammin' by the tracks](#) Bring your lawn chair and enjoy live music under the water tower the first Friday of the month from May through October. Music begins at 7 PM and ends at 9 PM.
- [Dream Chaser's Brewery](#) 115 E North Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Enjoy a large selection on tap. Wine drinkers are also welcome with several offerings available.
- Shop & Eat at [Provisions](#) 1107 W South Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Provisions is a local, family-owned business offering fresh breakfast and lunch seven days a week. They also sell dairy, eggs, meats, and bakery items made and grown by local farmers.
- Stay in a [Little House at Fox Farms](#) 7503 Sims Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Situated on a working farm and equestrian center, the little house is a privately owned bed and breakfast nestled in the woods.
- [4th Corner Bakehouse and Coffee Co](#) 205 Salem Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Old world baking meets 3rd wave coffee with handcrafted bakery and artisan coffee