

# Exploring Cabarrus County



## Activities in and around Cabarrus County

### Local Outdoor Activities:

- ◆ Frank Liske Park (soccer, volleyball, multiple playgrounds and picnic areas, walking trail, mini-golf, paddle boats)
- ◆ Greenway for walking and biking right from downtown
- ◆ Baker's Creek Park
- ◆ Fishers' Farm- privately owned but available to public for mountain biking trails
- ◆ Several public and private golf courses
- ◆ Excellent road cycling

### Within 30 minutes:

- ◆ US National Whitewater Center (Charlotte)- rafting, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking
- ◆ Lake Norman: sailing, water skiing, kayaking, numerous parks
- ◆ Lake Tillery, Badin Lake and High Rock Lake
- ◆ Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury- camping, fishing, gem mining, playgrounds, trails
- ◆ Morrow Mountain State Park
- ◆ Uwharrie National Forest and National Forest Trail
- ◆ Town Creek Indian Mound

### Within 2 hours:

- ◆ Some of the best hiking, biking and camping (or cabins!) in the Blue Ridge Mountains: Hanging Rock State Park, Linville Falls, Julian Price State Park; the Blue Ridge Parkway has numerous trails easily accessible
- ◆ Pinehurst, home to world-class golf courses
- ◆ Stone Mountain State Park

### Local Culture:

- ◆ What-A-Burger (must order a cherry-lemon-Sundrop)
- ◆ Food Truck Friday behind Old Creamery on Church Street- live music and 5 to 10 food trucks
- ◆ Gary's Bar-B-Que in China Grove
- ◆ Lil Roberts Downtown Concord
- ◆ Stag-N-Doe in China Grove (don't judge a book by its cover)
- ◆ Mr. C's in Concord (best fried chicken in town!)
- ◆ Wayside in Concord (must order a slice of Sundrop pound cake... to go if necessary)
- ◆ Fresh House in Albemarle (Dr. Rhodes' favorite place)
- ◆ TownHouse II in Kannapolis (like Grandma's country cookin')
- ◆ Log Cabin in Albemarle (listed in "Our State" magazine as best restaurant in Stanly County for BBQ)

## Concord/Kannapolis Restaurants:

- ◆ Gianni's (Fine Northern Italian)- on Union St.
- ◆ Forty Six (Kannapolis Research Campus)- Eclectic, Healthy Fine Dining
- ◆ Wasabi Café (casual Asian fusion across from hospital)
- ◆ E-Noodles-Afton Village- Asian fusion
- ◆ Two Gals Kitchen
- ◆ Havana Carolina
- ◆ Cabarrus Brewery/Crispy's
- ◆ Smoke Pit
- ◆ Afton Tavern (outside dining option)
- ◆ Union St. Bistro- Fine Dining- Continental (steaks!)
- ◆ Chocolatier on Union St (fine chocolates and wine)
- ◆ Cabarrus Creamery on Union St (homemade, old-fashioned ice cream)
- ◆ The Wine Room (Afton Village)
- ◆ Mekong Thai



## Favorite Charlotte Restaurants:

- ◆ Charlotte's Epicenter: "hot spot" for restaurants, bars in theater district
- ◆ Levechia's (Seafood)
- ◆ Cajun Queen
- ◆ Tupelo Honey
- ◆ Lupe's Café (famous for its chili, frequented by the Charlotte "who's who")
- ◆ Cabo Fish Taco (Funky, artsy)
- ◆ Carpe Diem
- ◆ Dressler's (fine dining)
- ◆ Red Rock Grill
- ◆ Diners, Drive-In, & Dives Restaurants: Pinky's, The Tin Kitchen, Pit Road Bar & Grill

## Entertainment:

- ◆ Free live music in Afton Village first Fridays in the summer
- ◆ Free live music on Union St. in summer
- ◆ Charlotte Symphony is well known and respected
- ◆ PNC Music Pavilion- most major bands come here
- ◆ Local theater: Old Courthouse Theater and Davis Theater Groups
- ◆ Movies in the Park (Village Park)
- ◆ Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
- ◆ Children's Theatre – Charlotte
- ◆ Cabarrus County Fair

## Sports:

- ◆ Charlotte Motor Speedway – NASCAR races, tours, driving school
- ◆ zMax Dragway
- ◆ NASCAR Hall of Fame – Charlotte
- ◆ Charlotte Hornets - NBA
- ◆ Carolina Panthers – NFL
- ◆ Kannapolis Intimidators Minor League Baseball
- ◆ Charlotte Knights AAA Baseball
- ◆ Charlotte Checkers Hockey
- ◆ Local College Sports (UNC-Charlotte, Davidson College, Catawba College)



## Arts and Culture:

- ◆ Cabarrus Arts Guild and Council sponsor local artists and have gallery crawls on Union St.
- ◆ NoDa (North Davidson) Arts District in Charlotte also has gallery crawls
- ◆ Seagrove, NC (45 min drive) is a pottery community with numerous galleries and shops

- ◆ Yadkin Valley Wineries
- ◆ Childress Vineyards

## Shopping:



- ◆ Concord Mills- one of the largest outlet malls in the country
- ◆ Carolina Mall (Concord)
- ◆ SouthPark Mall (Charlotte)- higher end shopping
- ◆ Birkdale Village – higher end shops and dining in Huntersville (20 min drive)
- ◆ NorthLake Mall (north Charlotte)
- ◆ Local produce, seafood, poultry, meat:

Piedmont Farmer's Market in Concord, (Saturday AM) Davidson Farmer's Market and Charlotte Farmer's Market, Farmer's Market Kannapolis, (Saturday AM) for inexpensive fresh produce and meats locally grown - open year round.

## For Kids:

- ◆ Children's Museum of Charlotte
- ◆ Actor's Theater of Charlotte
- ◆ Discovery Place in Charlotte
- ◆ NC Zoo in Asheboro is one of the largest zoos in the US
- ◆ NC Raptor Center
- ◆ Lazy 5 Ranch- locally owned exotic animal farm just north of Concord
- ◆ Speedway Park at Concord Mills Mall
- ◆ Great Wolfe Lodge near Concord Mills
- ◆ Ray's Splash Planet in Charlotte
- ◆ Carowinds Theme Park
- ◆ Circle K Arena in Mt. Pleasant – rodeo and home to the Cowboy Church
- ◆ Reed's Gold Mine near Mt. Pleasant