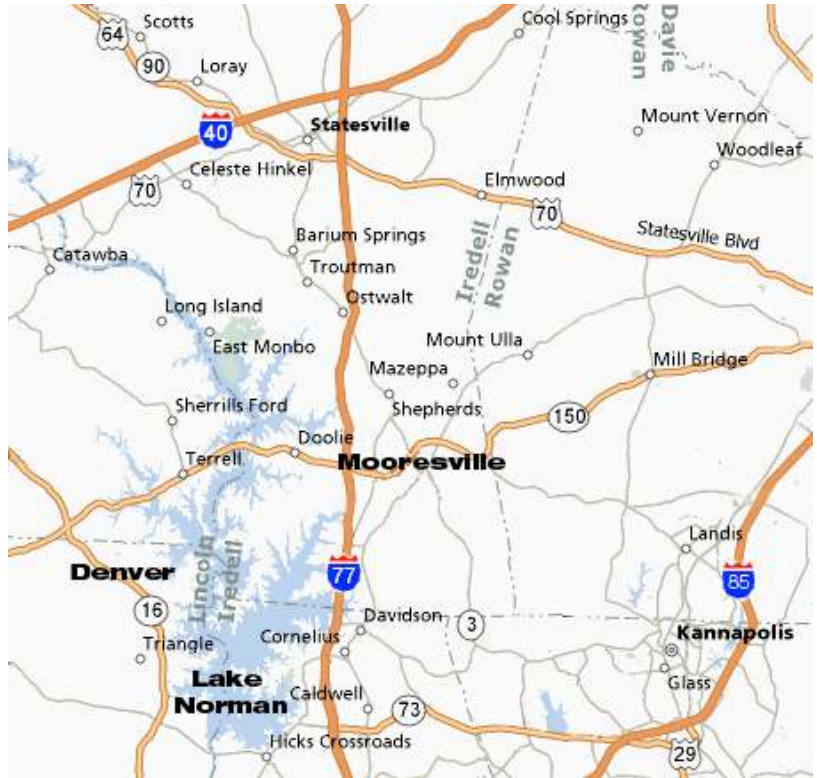


# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD— THE LAKE NORMAN NEIGHBORHOODS! HERE YOU'LL FIND FRIENDLY FOLKS WHO LIVE IN OR NEAR THE TOWNS OF CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON, HUNTERSVILLE, MOORESVILLE AND DENVER. THERE ARE GOOD RESTAURANTS, RETAIL STORES, BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES, AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES PROVIDED BY LAKE NORMAN.

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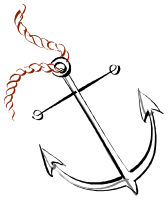
From visions of James Buchanan Duke and named for Norman Atwater Cocke, retired president of Duke Power, the lake is the culmination of a 60 year dream of hydroelectric development. A stretch of the Catawba River had been transformed into a stair step of lakes 238 miles in length and ranging all the way from the Appalachian high country to the low lands of South Carolina. September 29, 1964 dedication services marked the completion of Cowans Ford Dam and the birth of Lake Norman.

From the beginning, Lake Norman became "the place" for a weekend getaway offering excellent recreational activities including swimming, boating, water-skiing, fishing and sailing on it's 32,000 surface acres and 520 miles of shoreline. Since the completion of Interstate 77 in the 1970's, Lake Norman has become "the place" to live year round offering the advantage of a large metropolitan city (Charlotte) just minutes away for the tranquil shores of the lake.

Property values are affected by the Lake's presence. Waterfront properties, of course, are higher than those for water view and suburban. In general, a waterfront lot will range from the low \$100,000's to over \$600,000 and permanent waterfront homes from the mid \$300,000's to several million.

Lake Norman borders four counties: Mecklenburg, Iredell, Catawba and Lincoln, each with their own uniqueness and all with the common interest of Lake Norman. Hopefully, the enclosed information will help acquaint you with the beauty of Lake Norman and the charm of the surrounding towns.





# Lake Norman Facts & Figures

Built by Duke Power Company in 1964 for power production

Named for Norman Atwater Cocke, a retired president of Duke Power

Nickname: The Great Inland Sea

Source: Catawba River

520 Miles of Shoreline

Covers 32,510 Acres

33.6 Miles in Length

Holds 3.4 Trillion gallons of water

Supports three generating plants:  
Cowans Ford Dam, Marchall Steam Station & McGuire Nuclear Station

Fish:  
Striped Bass, Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, White Bass, Bream, Bluegill, Catfish

Encompasses 4 Counties: Mecklenburg, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln

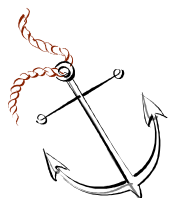
Deepest point of the lake is 130 feet—Average depth is 33 feet

Annual drawdown starts in September and ends at the end of February  
(starts around 98% full pond-drawdown to approx. 92% for snow run-off & rains)

Elevation when full : 760 feet

Maximum drawdown: 15 feet

For daily water level call: 1.800.829.5253



# A Look at Lake Life...

Lake Norman is located in the northern section of Mecklenburg County in the southern Piedmont of North Carolina. It is just 18 miles northwest of the city of Charlotte.

Town	1990	2000	2001	Most Recent *
<a href="#">Cornelius</a>	2,581	11,969	14,129	29,032
<a href="#">Davidson</a>	4,046	7,139	7,200	8,798
<a href="#">Huntersville</a>	3,023	24,960	30,050	40,000
<a href="#"> Mooresville</a>	9,317	18,823	18,823	23,143

County	1990	2000	Most Recent *
<a href="#">Iredell</a>	93,205	122,660	146,206
<a href="#">Lincoln</a>	50,319	63,780	71,894
<a href="#">Mecklenburg</a>	511,211	695,454	829,976

Climate	
Average Annual	60° F
Average January	39° F
Average July	79° F

# Cornelius

The town of Cornelius has evolved from a small village into a posh Charlotte suburb, where luxurious lakefront homes and condominiums line the shore and upscale retail centers appeal to the most exclusive clientele. At the same time, old Cornelius maintains its small-town charm with cozy bungalows, brick sidewalks and quaint shops along East Catawba Avenue.



Once called Liverpool, Cornelius was named after Joseph Benjamin Cornelius, the principal stockholder in the cotton mill that established the small town. Founded in 1893, Cornelius didn't incorporate until 1905.

Similar to other North Mecklenburg suburbs, Cornelius didn't experience significant growth until the 1990s, when its population boomed from 2,581 in 1990 to 12,000 in 2000, an increase of 365 percent. Today, 17,875 people call Cornelius home.

Most of old-town Cornelius lies to the east of I-77, while newer development is primarily near the lake along West Catawba Avenue.

One of the most exclusive developments on the lake is Crescent Resources' The Peninsula off of Jetton Road, where homes range from the \$300s to more than \$2 million. The Peninsula spans 11 miles of shoreline and includes a golf course, clubhouse, yacht club and pool. The Galleon, a children's playground and park at The Peninsula, features a boat harbor theme.

Off West Catawba Avenue, plans are under way for a mixed-use, 175-acre development of upscale subdivisions alongside Robbins Park and Nature Preserve. The design is a joint effort between private developers, the Town of Cornelius and Mecklenburg County, which own the forested land. Also near the development, Westmoreland Athletic Complex will include five ball fields and an indoor batting facility.

As West Catawba crosses I-77, it becomes East Catawba and heads into downtown Cornelius. The street is known for its small boutiques and its growing number of antique shops. Home styles in this area range from bungalows to Queen Anne and Colonial Revival.

Off East Catawba near I-77, Victoria Bay is a new development with single-family homes that sell for around \$200,000. The community provides swimming, tennis, a clubhouse and walking trail along Lake Cornelius.

The rapid growth of Cornelius in the past decade has made the town increasingly prone to traffic jams, especially along West Catawba Avenue. Planned routes over the next few years are expected to reduce traffic problems in the area. Officials plan to rebuild Exit 28, the Catawba Avenue exit off I-77, and West Catawba Avenue will soon become a tree-lined boule-

vard with a grassy median and bike lanes.

Other forms of transportation are also easing traffic troubles. The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) already offers express routes for commuters into Charlotte. Light rail service from Uptown Charlotte to Pineville is expected for 2006. By 2010, it will extend to a transit station in Cornelius' town center. Development in Cornelius along the rail corridor will provide a park for bicycles and walking, a mixed-use development of commercial and residential space and a large, multi-family component east of the railroad.

Antiquity is a new development near the proposed rail station east of N.C. 115. With an old-fashioned covered bridge, the neighborhood offers single and multi-family housing as well as shops and restaurants.

Cornelius offers numerous shopping opportunities. Near The Peninsula, Jetton Village features a Harris Teeter in addition to upscale restaurants and specialty shops.

Southlake Shopping Center off Torrence Chapel Road is anchored by a Harris Teeter, Eckerd Drugs and Blacklion, and unique shops and restaurants line the Shops on the Green.

Antique shops are popping up along East Catawba Avenue, including The Antiques Warehouse & Marketplace, which features imported English and European antiques, and Oak Street Mill Antique Mall, just off of East Catawba. On West Catawba, Custom Interiors offers antiques as well as furniture and interior design accessories.

Because much of Cornelius is along the lake, the town is home to some of the best parks on Lake Norman. With 106 acres, Jetton Park offers picnic sites, tennis courts, walking trails, a gazebo, sunning beach, bicycle rentals and a playground. Ramsey Creek Park supplies a boat launch, docks, a playground, picnic areas, trails and a fishing pier on its 46 acres. Both are operated by Mecklenburg County.

In the heart of old Cornelius, Legion Park is the site of a Revolutionary War encampment and a spring that provided water for the town. Off Torrence Chapel Road, the new Torrence Chapel Park includes picnic sites, ball fields, a tennis court, basketball court and walking trails.

## Cornelius

**Established:** 1905

**Population (2004 est.):** 17,875

**Median Household Income:** \$71,259

**Median Home Price:** \$236,000

**Town Hall:**

21445 Catawba Ave.

Cornelius, NC 28031

704-892-6031

[www.cornelius.org](http://www.cornelius.org)

# Huntersville

Attracting families and lake lovers alike, Huntersville has experienced a population surge that continues to transform this once-small town.



Huntersville incorporated in 1873 and was named for Robert Boston Hunter, a land owner and cotton farmer. The town grew in response to the railroad and a nearby cotton mill, but it wasn't until the late 20th century that Huntersville saw a boom in population and development.

In 1990, Huntersville's population was a mere 3,000. During the 1990s, it jumped to 25,000, an increase of 733 percent. Today, Huntersville is home to some 35,000 residents, a number that continues to climb.

To avoid the sprawl that was quickly consuming other towns in the Charlotte area, Huntersville took action. In 1996, officials approved a land-use plan that encourages mixed housing, a connected network of streets friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists, high-density development along existing highways and future rail lines, village centers that combine retail and residential development and the preservation of open space.

This philosophy can be seen with the creation of Birkdale Village in 2002, an urban village of shops, luxury apartments, offices and restaurants where residents don't need to drive to get what they need. Birkdale Village, which offers 320 one- to three-bedroom apartments located above the retail shops, provides a clubhouse, pool and an Arnold Palmer golf course just across the street that is hailed as one of the finest courses in the state. In addition to its shops, which include Barnes & Noble, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic and Williams-Sonoma, Birkdale has a 16-screen movie theater, a greenway and interactive water fountains popular with kids on warm summer days.

The Greens at Birkdale Village is a subdivision behind the retail center that includes bungalows. Along one street, the aptly-named "Rainbow Row" features houses painted yellow, orange, green and purple.

In 2004, Presbyterian Healthcare introduced Presbyterian Huntersville, which provides health care for northern Mecklenburg. The 50-bed hospital on Gilead Road includes an emergency department, five operating rooms, three endoscopy rooms, four intensive care unit beds, eight labor and delivery beds, 35 medical/surgical beds, 10 observation beds and a medical office building.

To fill a retail void in north Mecklenburg, Northlake Mall recently opened just south of Huntersville near the intersection of I-77 and Reames Road. Anchored by Belk, Dillard's, Hecht's and a 14-screen cinema megaplex, the mall includes more than 150 specialty stores.

With the largest nature preserve in Mecklenburg County, Latta Plantation Park contains 1,290 acres of natural beauty along the shores of Mountain Island Lake. Families can spend an entire day at Latta Plantation Park,

which is equipped with picnic sites, fishing docks, and hiking and equestrian trails, many which offer spectacular views of Mountain Island Lake.

The park also includes Historic Latta Plantation, which hosts guided tours of the Federal-style home and grounds. Actors and exhibits depict the lives of yeoman farmers and plantation slaves.

The Carolina Raptor Center is an educational and research facility that rehabilitates birds of prey. Visitors can view and learn about birds in different stages of recovery.

Just outside of Latta Plantation Park stands Hopewell Presbyterian Church, founded in 1762. Its cemetery is the final resting place of many historical figures, including several signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, James Latta and Gen. William Lee Davidson, who was killed at the Battle of Cowans Ford during the Revolutionary War.

Another historic site is the Hugh Torance House and Store on Gilead Road, the oldest standing store structure in North Carolina. Dating back to the 18th century, the site hosts tours and special events throughout the year.

The Loch Norman Highland Games celebrates the area's Scottish heritage every April. Held at Historic Rural Farm in Huntersville, the three-day festival involves food, family activities, music and athletic competitions.

Blythe Landing, a 26-acre park on the shores of Lake Norman, includes floating piers perfect for launching boats and Dockside Café, where you can grab a sandwich and fishing bait in one stop. The park also provides volleyball courts, a playground and a picnic area.

The EnergyExplorium at McGuire Nuclear Station teaches children about energy. Here, you can take a virtual tour of the nuclear station, play interactive games, have a picnic and take a walk down a mile-long trail along the shores of the lake.

## Huntersville

**Established:** 1873

**Population (2004 est.):** 34,332

**Median Household Income:** \$71,932

**Median Home Price:** \$182,800

**Town Hall:**

101 Huntersville-Concord Road

Huntersville, NC 28078

704.875.6541

[www.huntersville.org](http://www.huntersville.org)

# Davidson

Take a walk down Main Street of this small, college town and you'll forget that metropolitan Charlotte is just minutes away.



Resisting the surge in development that characterizes nearby cities, Davidson maintains its small-town qualities while enjoying the amenities of the burgeoning Lake Norman area.

Davidson College, founded by Presbyterians in 1837, is the centerpiece of the town that blossomed around it. The 450-acre campus is peppered with historical buildings along with newly renovated structures such as the Sloan Music Center. The highly selective and nationally recognized school, which has about 1,600 students, also participates in NCAA Division I athletics.

The school was named after Gen. William Lee Davidson, a Revolutionary War hero who died at the Battle of Cowans Ford in 1781. For many years, the town surrounding the college was called Davidson College. The community incorporated in 1879, and in 1891 named itself simply Davidson.

Unlike booming Huntersville and Cornelius, Davidson has sustained moderate growth, in part because of careful town planning. In 1990, its population was 4,046. By 2000, it had grown to 7,139, an increase of about 76 percent – far less than its neighboring municipalities of Cornelius and Huntersville. Today, Davidson's population is about 8,300.

Near the college, gorgeous Victorian and Georgian-style homes are surrounded by massive oak trees. Main Street, which borders Davidson College, is lined with small, old-time shops that sell antiques, books, clothing and gifts. The Tom Clark Museum and Cairn Studio is a popular stop. This museum features the works of former Davidson College professor Tom Clark, who is known for his trademark gnome sculptures.

One of the most luxurious developments in Davidson is 1,000-acre River Run, which features homes from the \$400s to more than \$1 million. River Run offers residents a country club and golf course, two clubhouses, a tennis facility with 16 courts, pools and nature trails.

Seeking to create a new community with the character of an older one, A New Neighborhood in Old Davidson is a development on Davidson-Concord Road that includes parks, squares and common areas along with Charleston-style homes. Home prices in A New

Neighborhood in Old Davidson range from the \$300s to \$400s.

To preserve the natural beauty of the town, residents and public officials are planning a greenway system. One section recently completed is a path that runs between downtown Davidson and the River Run neighborhood, from Kimberly Road east to Robert Walker Drive at the River Run Athletic Field.

Constructed with help from the Tarheel Trailblazers Mountain Bike Club, a new bike trail at Fisher Farm Park off of Shearer Road offers two miles of challenging mountain bike courses. Another new addition to Davidson is an off-leash dog park in the Preserve in the St. Alban's neighborhood.

In part because of its academic atmosphere, Davidson is highly involved in the arts. During the summer, hundreds of Davidson residents flock to Concerts on Green. A series held during the summer on Sunday nights, Concerts on the Green features a diverse selection of musical groups that range from Davidson College musicians to Cuban and Celtic bands.

Founded in 1965, the Davidson Community Players continue to entertain audiences. The group performs plays and musicals at Davidson College and other local venues. Most performers come from the Lake Norman area. A children's theater group, the Connie Co., is an affiliate of the Davidson Community Players that offers drama workshops for pre-teens and teens.

## Davidson

**Established:** 1837

**Population (2004 est.):** 8,343

**Median Household Income:** \$78,370

**Median Home Price:** \$270,000

### Town Hall:

216 S. Main St.

Davidson, NC 28036

704-892-7591

[www.ci.davidson.nc.us](http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us)

# Mooreville

Known for its abundance of racing shops, Mooreville's nickname is "Race



City USA." The town is named after John Franklin Moore, who brought the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad to the area by promising to build a depot with a sidetrack for cotton shipments. This railroad made Mooreville a textile center and helped to facilitate its growth. With just over 20,000 residents, Mooreville is the sixth-fastest-growing municipality in North Carolina.

In the past five years, new economic investment in the town has brought \$500 million and 3,000 jobs to the area. Mooreville's strong economic base includes Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and numerous racing shops. Additionally, the home-improvement giant Lowe's Corp. recently moved its headquarters to Mooreville.

Its historic downtown features many 19th century brick buildings on Main and Broad streets that sell antiques, jewelry and other specialties. DeLuxe Ice Cream Co. on Broad Street began selling ice cream in 1924 and sells to local grocery stores and eateries.

On Main Street, Landmark Galleries displays the original watercolors of local artist Cotton Ketchie. Also downtown, the Mooreville Depot Visual Arts Center houses the Mooreville Artists Guild and shows artwork by local and visiting artists.

Mooreville is undergoing improvements to sidewalks, traffic signals and landscaping on Main Street. The Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS) recently added Mooreville Express routes for commuters traveling into Uptown Charlotte.

Developed by Crescent Resources, The Point covers 1,200 acres on a peninsula jutting out into Lake Norman. With 18 miles of shoreline, The Point is one of the premier lake communities, with homes ranging from the \$500s to more than \$5 million. The country club community surrounds an 18-hole golf course, designed by Greg Norman, which features 13 holes along the water. A Nantucket-style village with cobblestone streets, The Point provides residents with three swimming pools, golf and wakeboarding clinics, six tennis courts, a tavern, a general store where you can buy everything from a loaf of bread to homemade ice cream, a village green with soccer fields and a meeting house.

Following The Point, a number of developments have sprung up off of N.C. 150 west of I-77 in Mooreville. Characterized by broad, tree-lined boulevards, Morrison Plantation also will include a shopping center with specialty and clothing shops, a beauty salon, dry cleaner, restaurant, coffee shop and banks.

Cherry Grove is a new development that offers single-family homes with large floor plans surrounded by hardwood trees. The community includes a pool, tennis courts, nature trails and a playground.

Water Oak offers homes from the \$130s to \$300,000 with 1,260 to more than 3,000 square feet. The development includes 15 acres of natural greenways and common areas as well as an open-air pavilion, pool and playground.

Residential development has bolstered area businesses. A new facility for Lake Norman Regional Medical Center opened in 1999. The 117-bed hospital provides an emergency department, maternity center and surgical center.

Lowe's corporate headquarters currently houses about 2,000 employees. Eventually, Lowe's headquarters will cover more than 2 million square feet and employ 8,000 workers. Several mixed-use developments have popped up nearby in anticipation.

Legacy Village, a 450,000-square-foot development near Lowe's, is an urban center along the proposed transit route that includes 100 upscale

townhomes as well as retail. Mooreville Gateway, a 50-acre development of offices and retail, includes banking, restaurants and shops.

Another development, Catalina Bay hopes to attract NASCAR businesses, Lowe's vendors and medical tenants, and also includes plans for a 12-story, 250-room Marriott Hotel.

Serving many of the new developments west of I-77 in Mooreville is Winslow Bay Commons, a 255,000-square-foot shopping center at N.C. 150 and Bluefield Road. The center includes TJ Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods, Pier 1, Linens 'N Things and Caribou Coffee.

Mooreville is home to more than 60 racing teams. Dale Earnhardt Inc., headquartered in Mooreville, employs about 200 people and owns the racing teams of Dale Earnhardt Jr., Michael Waltrip and Jeff Green. The site offers a tribute to the late Dale Earnhardt, museum, souvenir shop and viewing window.

The North Carolina Racing Hall of Fame features more than 35 race cars, showcases and a gift shop. On N.C. 150, Memory Lane Museum displays the history of racing and automobiles with more than 100 exhibits, including racing go-carts and more than 15 types of race cars. Located in Lake Norman Business Park, 5 Off 5 On is a training center to prepare pit crew mechanics for professional racing.

Mooreville offers plenty of outdoor opportunities for recreation.

Stumpy Creek Park offers 83 acres with soccer fields, ball fields, picnic shelters, a playground, walking track and nine-hole disc golf course. Adjacent to the park is Stumpy Creek Boat Landing, a public boat launch area. On Bellingham Road, Bellingham Park covers 47 acres and offers walking and biking trails, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits and a playground. Just outside of downtown, Edgemoor Park provides tennis courts, baseball fields, a playground and picnic area.

The Iredell County Outdoor Education Center provides high- and low-ropes courses as well as a 50-foot tower for climbing and rappelling. Located on 45 forested acres, the center also includes nature trails, campsites and a picnic pavilion with grills.

In nearby Troutman, Lake Norman State Park offers 1,600 acres of outdoor activities. With 13 miles of shoreline, the park also includes a brand-new beach – the only public swimming area on Lake Norman – staffed with lifeguards during the summer months. Near the beach, visitors can rent pedal boats and canoes or grab some snacks at the concession stand. Families also enjoy the community building for get-togethers. Lake Norman State Park features a 33-site campground and group camping site, hiking and mountain biking trails, educational and interpretive programs, and plenty of picnic areas.

Designed by Donald Ross and Porter Gibson, Mooreville Municipal Golf Course on West Wilson Avenue is a par-72 course with a driving range, snack bar, pro shop and conference room.

At Queen's Landing, two paddle wheeler riverboat replicas – the Catawba Queen and Catawba Belle – are docked at an entertainment center that includes bumper boats, miniature golf, tennis courts, a floating dock bar and two restaurants.

## Mooreville

**Established:** 1873

**Population (2004 est.):** 20,122

**Median Household Income:** \$42,943

**Median Home Price:** \$137,800

**Town Hall:**

413 N. Main St.

Mooreville, NC 28115

704-663-3800



# Denver

Denver was settled around 1770, almost 200 years before Duke Energy dammed the Catawba River to create Lake Norman. Ironically, in its earliest days, Denver was known as “Dry Pond.” That is, until citizens in the 1870s lobbied to change its name to Denver, in the hope of sounding big and prosperous enough to attract the railroad. Though the railroad never was built through town, “Denver (of the East)” stuck.



If you’ve always dreamed of having a golf course in your backyard, Verdict Ridge Golf and Country Club could be the community for you. Here, homes are set right on the golf course, along with amenities that include swimming, tennis, nature trails and fine dining. The golf course has been lovingly set into the rolling landscape, and is a popular venue for championship games, which in the past have included a U.S. Open qualifying tournament.

SailView, developed by Crescent Resources, the land management arm of Duke Energy Corp., is a community of wooded lots around the lake, from a half acre to more than an acre. Homes range from the low \$300s to more than \$1 million, and residents enjoy the clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, walking paths, playground and community boat slips.

Located on what’s known as the quieter western side of Lake Norman, Denver still enjoys a low-key lifestyle and village atmosphere, while providing easy access to Charlotte and Hickory via N.C. 16. While towns on the eastern side of the lake have seen explosive growth, the western side has been a bit slower. That is changing, however, as lake lovers are increasingly attracted to Lincoln County’s lower taxes and land prices, as well as its serene lake lifestyle.

The last census showed that at least 52 percent of Denver’s population commutes to work outside the county. To try to avoid traffic congestion in the future, expansion of N.C. 16 is currently under way, with the first phase of a new bypass set to open in the fall of 2006. By 2010, N.C. 16 will run from Catawba County to Mecklenburg County.

The Denver area is predicted to grow quickly in the coming years. New homes, restaurants and businesses are popping up all the time, and several large development projects are under way. All have plenty of resident input, organized by active citizens’ groups like the East Lincoln Betterment Association, which has taken a leading role in shaping the area since 1976.

There’s been plenty of citizen input over a current proposal for a 203,000-square-foot Wal-Mart Supercenter. Some residents say they can’t wait; others worry about its impact on traffic and local merchants. The proposed site would be just east of the new N.C. 16 and west of the junction with N.C. 73. It would encompass 36 acres and create 480 jobs. Top realtors and members of the local business association predict that Wal-Mart would pave the way to a whole new level of development.

The East Lincoln Betterment Association actively guides proposed development projects, such as Paradise Lakes. The Association helped modify the developer’s design, which is currently under way to create 470 homes, including 115 townhouses, with a clubhouse and pool. Single-family homes will range from the \$300s to the \$500s, and the patio homes and townhomes will range from the high \$150s.

Other neighborhoods include Westport, anchored by Westport Marina, The Gates at Waterside Crossing, Hunters Bluff and Cowans Ford. Denver also lays claim to one of the most exclusive communities on Lake Norman – Governors Island – a narrow peninsula of palatial, stucco estates on the water.

Until the fall of 2002, Lincoln was a dry county. Since the sale of alcoholic beverages was approved in a countywide referendum, more and more restaurants have moved into the area, offering convenience for residents who wish to stay on the quieter side of the lake.

A reminder of Denver’s history comes every August at Rock Spring Camp Meeting, housed in a collection of weathered wooden structures on Camp Meeting Road. Generations of family members return every summer to enjoy what their grandparents enjoyed: a wholesome religious revival of worship, singing and socializing in a rustic setting. This camp meeting has been held in simple wooden buildings with tin roofs and earthen floors for over 200 years. The roots of camp meeting run as deep as the Rock Spring itself, still located in its well house across the street.

Fall arrives with an old fashioned apple festival in Lincolnton. Lincoln County produces the state’s second-largest apple crop, and residents compete each year during the festival to show off their best apple dishes. You’ll find food and craft vendors, a petting zoo, pony rides for the kids, a farmers market and even a library sale.

Denver residents have their pick of cultural events and organizations in Charlotte, Lincolnton and Hickory. The Lincoln Cultural Center in Lincolnton, for example, is a beautiful historic landmark that houses Lincoln County’s first history museum, galleries for local, state and regional works of art, as well as a performance hall for live theatrical productions, concerts and lectures.

# Catawba County

Like Lincoln County, Catawba County is still rural and quiet in character, steeped in agricultural tradition. Its newer citizens have chosen it for that reason and are eager to preserve its character as much as possible. The county is committed to controlling the recent influx of people attracted to the area's rural beauty.



Southeastern Catawba is expected to grow another 34 percent by the end of the decade, much of the increase concentrated on the shores of Lake Norman.

NorthView Harbour in Sherrills Ford is one of the reasons, and local realtors report strong sales. Its biggest amenity is the lake itself, in a community of homes ranging from the \$300s to \$600s, sited on a glove-shaped peninsula jutting out into the lake. Residents of NorthView Harbour can enjoy country living on the lake shore, while being only 15 to 20 minutes from Lowe's Corporate Headquarters in Mooresville, 30 minutes from Statesville, Hickory and Huntersville, or 45 minutes from Charlotte. It is an active community that boasts a swim club with a competition-sized pool and an inviting clubhouse, tennis courts and playground. Community boat slips and a nearby boat storage area make boating part of the lifestyle here.

Crescent Resources, the real estate and land management arm of Duke Energy that developed NorthView Harbour, has an even more ambitious plan that will continue changing the face of Catawba County.

Not far from NorthView, Crescent plans to develop 635 acres on either side of Molly's Backbone, creating estate-size parcels of over six acres. It would also develop 1,800 home sites on 800 acres fronting Island Point, Raccoon Track and Azalea roads.

In addition, Crescent's comprehensive plan creates something else that doesn't exist yet: a Sherrills Ford village center along N.C. 150 between Mooresville and Denver. The center would include single family homes and townhomes, as well as retail and office space. All of this new development hinges on a plan to bring sanitary sewer services west from Mooresville, out N.C. 150 over the next several years.

As you drive west on N.C. 150 from Mooresville towards Denver, you'll pass the historic Terrell Country Store. It has served locals from Sherrills Ford and Terrell since 1885, when it was built by T.F. Connor, an early settler of the area. Connor's descendants still vacation in Twelve Oaks, a large estate with green awnings and an eye-catching red roof, right around the corner from the store. The country store served as the local post office from 1893 until 1997, and it still attracts local visitors with its wide plank wooden floors, convenience store items, handmade quilts and furniture, and even real estate services.

You'll find another historic structure on N.C. 10. Built in the 1880's, Murray's Mill is a grist mill with a huge waterwheel, country store and miller's house. Every year in late September, the Murray's Mill Harvest Folk Festival celebrates Catawba County's agricultural heritage with apple cider, molasses and apple butter making, craftsmen, exhibits, music, food, and activities for the whole family.

Without leaving Sherrills Ford, one can enjoy fine dining at Tim Schafer's at Lake Norman, which cooks up gourmet fare in a charming farmhouse setting. Schafer, who also owns Tim Schafer's Cuisine in Morristown, N.J., is famous for his use of specialty beer in his many superb sauces. In fact, he has been featured on the Food Network.

For more casual dining, locals favor The Landing at Lake Norman Motel. The restaurant's specialty is ostrich burgers and steaks, from birds raised locally.

Bird Brain Ostrich Farm is a great place to view what the owners call the "last living dinosaur." This small farm prides itself on selling USDA inspected ostrich meat, ostrich leather products, eggshells – many ornately painted and decorated – as well as homemade soaps and lotions made from ostrich oil.

One of Lake Norman's largest employers makes its home in Terrell. Duke Energy's Marshall Steam Plant is easy to spot right on N.C. 150. It will add another 800 workers to its current 400 when new clean-air improvements become operational in 2007. That's when a new giant smokestack is set to begin operating.

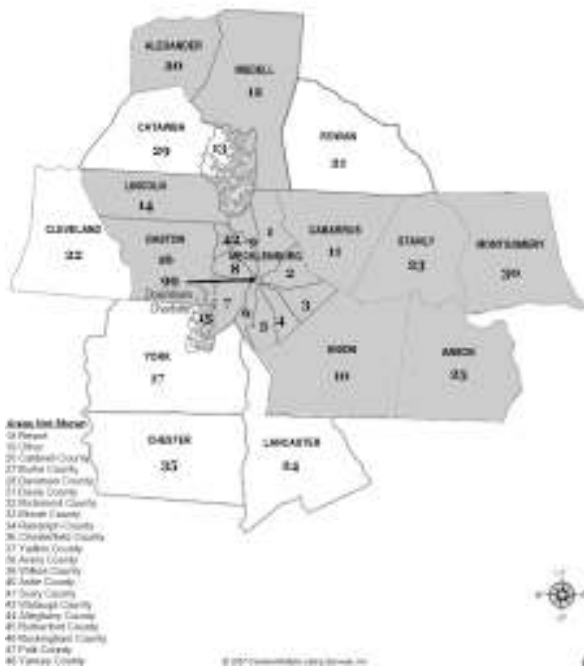
Rock Barn Golf and Spa in Conover, just off I-40 near Hickory, may be Catawba's most ambitious development. Homes on the golf course range from a low of \$300,000 to a high of \$1.8 million, and members have the use of a beautiful spa featuring mineral pools, an indoor waterfall and plunge pool, mud wraps and massages, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, tennis courts, a number of different restaurants and a riding stable. Even if you don't own property at Rock Barn, you can join. The golf course itself was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and the PGA's Senior Tour regularly plays here.

# Average Sales Prices for 2007



County	Area	Average Sales Price
Mecklenburg	1	\$214,936
Mecklenburg	2	\$160,307
Mecklenburg	3	\$183,256
Mecklenburg	4	\$358,446
Mecklenburg	5	\$490,964
Mecklenburg	6	\$262,372
Mecklenburg	7	\$168,499
Mecklenburg	8	\$112,307
Mecklenburg	9	\$189,757
Union	10	\$295,870
Cabarrus	11	\$198,573
Iredell	12	\$178,713
Lake Norman	13	\$495,848
Lincoln	14	\$146,426
Lake Wylie	15	\$484,360
Gaston	16	\$140,765
York	17	\$231,862
Rowan	21	\$148,913
Cleveland	22	\$139,615
Stanley	23	\$162,195
Catawba	29	\$150,161

Carolina Multiple Listing Services, Inc.





## Area Tax Rates 2007-2008

<b>Mecklenburg</b>	City	County	Total
Charlotte	0.4586	0.8387	1.2973
Cornelius	0.2750	0.8387	1.1137
Davidson	0.3450	0.8387	1.1837
Huntersville	0.2900	0.8387	1.1287
Matthews	0.3075	0.8387	1.1462
Mint Hill	0.2750	0.8387	1.1137
Pineville	0.3000	0.8387	1.1387

<b>Cabarrus</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.63	0.63
Concord	0.4475	0.63	1.0775
Harrisburg	0.1350	0.63	0.8400
Kannapolis	0.4970	0.63	1.1270
Locust	0.3600	0.63	1.0700
Midland	0.1500	0.63	0.8350
Mount Pleasant	0.4400	0.63	1.1250

<b>Rowan</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.6300	0.6300
China Grove	0.4000	0.6300	1.0300
Cleveland	0.1900	0.6300	0.8200
Kannapolis	0.4970	0.6300	1.1270
Landis	0.4000	0.5950	0.9950
Salisbury	0.6150	0.6300	1.2450
Spencer	0.5800	0.6300	1.2100

<b>Union</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.7111	0.7111
Indian Trail	1.5000	0.7111	0.8873
Monroe	0.5500	0.7111	1.2611
Stallings	0.2500	0.7111	0.9873
Waxhaw	0.3400	0.7111	1.0511
Weddington	0.0300	0.7111	0.7673
Marvin	0.0500	0.7111	0.7778

<b>Catawba</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.5350	0.5350
Conover	0.4000	0.5350	0.9350
Hickory	0.5000	0.5350	1.0350
Maiden	0.4000	0.5350	0.9350
Newton	0.4600	0.5350	0.9950
Sherrills Ford	0.0500	0.5350	0.5400

<b>Gaston</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.8800	0.8800
Belmont	0.4750	0.8800	1.3600
Dallas	0.3500	0.8800	1.2300
Gastonia	0.5400	0.8800	1.4200
Kings Mountain	0.3600	0.8800	1.2400
Mount Holly	0.5400	0.8800	1.3800

<b>Cleveland</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.7300	0.7300
Kings Mountain	0.4000	0.7300	1.1300
Shelby	0.4350	0.7300	1.1650

<b>Stanly</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.6700	0.6700
Albemarle	0.5600	0.6700	1.2300
Stanfield	0.3800	0.6700	1.1300

<b>Iredell</b>	City	County	Total
County Only		0.4650	0.4650
Mooresville Town	0.6250	0.4650	1.0900
Statesville	0.3800	0.4650	0.8450
Troutman	0.4880	0.4450	0.9250

<b>Lincoln</b>	City	County	Total
Denver / E. Lincoln	0.1890	0.6100	0.7990
Lincolnton	0.5600	0.6100	1.1700



## Lake Norman Area Newspapers & Publications

Charlotte Observer	(704) 358-5000
Charlotte Post	(704) 376-0496
Hickory Daily Record	(704) 872-1200
Iredell Citizen	(704) 873-1055
Iredell Neighbors	(704) 892-7936
Lake Norman Magazine	(704) 664-2882
Lake Norman Times	(704) 735-3031
Lincoln Times News	(704) 377-6221
Mecklenburg Times	(704) 664-5554
Mooresville Tribune	(704) 489-6397
News at Norman	(704) 892-7936
Properties of Lake Norman (subsection of Lake Norman Magazine)	(704) 873-1451
Statesville Record & Landmark	(828) 322-4510

## Lake Norman Public Boat Access Areas

▶ Blythe Landing County Park	NC 73	Cornelius
▶ Ramsey Creek Access Area	Nantz Road	Cornelius
▶ Beatties Ford Access Area	Unity Church Road	Denver
▶ Little Creek Access Area	Webb Chapel Road	Denver
▶ Hager Creek Access Area	Kemp Road	Mooreville
▶ McCrary Creek Access Area	NC 150	Mooreville
▶ Pinnacle Access Area	NC 150	Mooreville
▶ Stumpy Creek Access Area	Off Perth Road	Mooreville
▶ Long Island Access Area	Long Island Road	Sherrills Ford
▶ Lake Norman State Park	State Park Road	Troutman

## Lake Norman Public Boat Access Areas

▶ Holiday Marina	704.892.0561	Cornelius
▶ Jetton Road County Park	704.896.9808	Cornelius
▶ Kings Point Marina	704.892.3223	Cornelius
▶ All Seasons Marina	704.892.3478	Davidson
▶ Lake Norman Company	704.892.4619	Davidson
▶ Lake Norman Marina, Inc	704.483.5546	Denver
▶ Lake Norman Marina Landing	704.483.5411	Denver
▶ Lake Norman Sailing Club	704.483.3005	Denver
▶ Inland Sea Marina	704.664.4414	Mooreville
▶ North Bridge Marina	704.663.4600	Mooreville
▶ River City Marina	704.663.6600	Mooreville
▶ Stutts Bait & Tackle	704.664.4414	Mooreville
▶ Bill's Marina	704.241.3438	Sherrills Ford
▶ Mountain Creek Marina	704.483.0077	Sherrills Ford
▶ Midway Marina	282.478.2333	Terrell

## Lake Norman Boat Rentals

▶ Kings Point Marina	704.892.4112	Cornelius
▶ Lake Norman Yacht Charters Inc	704.542.5492	Cornelius
▶ AAA-O Saltshaker Marine	704.892.5990	Davidson
▶ Lake Norman Marina Landing	704.483.5411	Denver
▶ Pontoons & Ski Boat Rentals	704.491.4127	Lake Norman
▶ C S Performance, Inc	704.662.9551	Mooreville



# Travel & Transportation Around the Lake

Our location in the Tar Heel state gives us unlimited accessibility. Interstates 77 and 85, which intersect in Charlotte, link the city with the Great Lakes region, New England and Florida. Interstate 40, running coast-to-coast across the United States, is only a half hour north. Upcoming improvements on US-321 will permit another direct route for western Lake Norman residents to reach Interstates 40 and 85. A two hour journey to the west of the lake takes you to the Blue Ridge Mountains; a four hour trip to the east, to the Atlantic beaches. Within an hour's drive east of Charlotte are some of the world's best golf courses in Pinehurst.

Air travel in the area is serviced by Charlotte Douglas International Airport, which is only a thirty minute drive. There are also several regional airports around the lake area. Bus travel in the area is provided by the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) for commuters and Greyhound also has a terminal in Charlotte. Charlotte is also serviced by Charlotte Trolley, Inc., an organization dedicated to returning electric streetcar operation to the streets of Charlotte.

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## Air Travel

Charlotte Douglas International Airport  
Josh Birmingham Parkway, Charlotte

Lincoln County Regional Airport  
716 Airport Road, Iron Station  
704-735-0602

Concord Regional Airport  
9000 Aviation Blvd. NW, Concord  
704-793-9000

Statesville Municipal Airport  
238 Airport Road, Statesville  
704-873-1111

Rowan County Airport  
3670 Airport Loop, Salisbury  
704-633-5021

Lake Norman Airpark  
Off Perth Road, Mooresville  
704-663-5115

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## Bus Travel

**Charlotte Area Transit System**  
310 Trade Street, Charlotte  
704-336-RIDE  
Route 77X—North Mecklenburg Express—  
Servicing Huntersville, Cornelius, Uptown Charlotte

**Greyhound Bus Lines**  
601 West Trade Street, Charlotte  
704-372-0456

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## Rail Travel

Amtrak  
1914 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte  
800-USA-RAIL / 704-376-4416

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## Trolley Transportation

Charlotte Trolley System  
704-375-0850



# Informative Websites



## **Catawba County**

Catawba County Chamber of Commerce  
Catawba County Government Page

[CatawbaChamber.org](http://CatawbaChamber.org)  
[Co.Catawba.NC.US](http://Co.Catawba.NC.US)

## **Charlotte**

Charlotte Chamber  
Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau  
The Charlotte Observer  
Go Carolinas  
City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg  
County Government Site

[CharlotteChamber.org](http://CharlotteChamber.org)  
[CharlotteCVB.org](http://CharlotteCVB.org)  
[Charlotte.com](http://Charlotte.com)  
[GoCarolinas.com](http://GoCarolinas.com)  
[CharMeck.NC.US](http://CharMeck.NC.US)

## **Lake Norman**

RE/MAX at the Lake

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

Lake Norman Chamber  
Go Lake Norman  
Lake Norman Guide  
Lake Norman Activities  
Duke Power

[LakeNorman.org](http://LakeNorman.org)  
[GoLakeNorman.com](http://GoLakeNorman.com)  
[LakeNormanGuide.com](http://LakeNormanGuide.com)  
[LKNfun.com](http://LKNfun.com)  
[DukePower.com](http://DukePower.com)

## **Lincoln County**

Lincoln County Online

[Co.Lincoln.NC.US](http://Co.Lincoln.NC.US)

## **Mooresville / Iredell County**

Mooresville/South Iredell Chamber  
Iredell County Government Page

[Mooresvillenc.org](http://Mooresvillenc.org)  
[Co.Iredell.NC.US/welcome.htm](http://Co.Iredell.NC.US/welcome.htm)

## **Gaston County**

Gaston County Chamber

[GastonChamber.org](http://GastonChamber.org)



# Educating Our Children

The quality of education is one of the most important considerations when moving to a new area. In recent years, North Carolina has been a pioneer in educational reform, accountability standards and school choice. Since 1996, public schools in North Carolina have been evaluated by the ABCs of Public Education and tested in core subject areas at different grade levels. This program has resulted in significant improvement in schools throughout the state.

Among some of the strongest public school districts in North Carolina are the five that serve the Lake Norman area: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Iredell-Statesville Schools, Mooresville Graded School District, Lincoln County Schools and Catawba County Schools.

## Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

The largest public school system in the Carolinas, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) is also the 24th largest in the country. With 121,640 students in 148 schools, CMS is growing rapidly. North Mecklenburg in particular is one of the fastest-growing areas, and school officials are continually adding new schools to accommodate the growth.

CMS offers a range of academic programs, including magnet schools, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, technical and professional studies as well as an outstanding arts curriculum. In 2004, the top 10 percent of CMS graduates scored 1,186 on the SAT, surpassing the top 10 percent of their peers statewide, who scored 1,175. In 2004, CMS seniors earned a total of more than \$46 million in academic and athletic scholarships.

In 2002, CMS adopted the student assignment plan, which gives parents the opportunity to choose their child's school from within a specified zone. Lake Norman-area communities fall into the Green Zone, which covers northern Mecklenburg County, including Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville and northwest Charlotte.

Hopewell High School opened in 2001 to ease crowding at North Mecklenburg High School. The \$34 million facility off Beatties Ford Road in Huntersville features state-of-the-art technology and a strong academic curriculum. In fact, more than half of Hopewell seniors have taken at least one Advanced Placement course. Hopewell also has programs in visual and performing arts, 27 different varsity and junior varsity sports, and a wide range of clubs and activities.

Just up the road from Hopewell is Bradley Middle School, named a 2004-2005 School of Excellence. With a strong band program, Bradley Middle promotes education for the whole child.

Elementary schools in the Lake Norman area include Huntersville Elementary, Cornelius Elementary and Davidson Elementary. All three encourage parental involvement, with active PTAs and a strong volunteer program. Cornelius Elementary was even named an Honor School of Excellence, the highest status in North Carolina, for the 2004-2005 school year.

As growth in the area continues, Charlotte-Mecklenburg officials plan to build new elementary and middle schools and expand Hopewell High School within the next few years. CMS has already added four new schools for the 2005-2006 school year.

In 2004, CMS created the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools Foundation, a non-profit organization which funds programs that promote excellence in teaching and student performance through teacher incentives, development programs and volunteer opportunities.

## Iredell-Statesville Schools

With nearly 20,000 students and over 1,000 teachers and faculty members, Iredell-Statesville Schools (ISS) is another exceptional, fast-growing school district.

The district includes 20 elementary, nine middle, five high schools, two alternative schools, and Early College High School (ECHS). ECHS, a collaboration of ISS, Mooresville Graded School District and Mitchell Community College, provides students with the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and a two-year college associates degree at the same time. Each school offers programs for academically gifted children, includ-

ing Advanced Placement coursework in high schools, advanced courses in middle schools and enrichment programs in each elementary school.

In the 2005 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report, a part of the "No Child Left Behind" Act, 24 schools in the ISS system made AYP. This means that all subgroup categories met the grade level standards based on student scores from the North Carolina End-of-Grade testing and other similar performance measures.

Iredell-Statesville schools in the Lake Norman area boast some of the best testing results in the state. Lake Norman Elementary School in Mooresville has been named a North Carolina School of Excellence for the past six years, which means that 90 percent or more of students have achieved grade level or higher. In 2004, Lake Norman Elementary students achieved higher than 95 percent proficiency in every category. Also in Mooresville, Lakeshore and Mount Mourne elementary schools are designated Schools of Excellence.

Brawley and Lakeshore middle schools have both been recognized as Schools of Excellence for the past two years.

In 2004-2005, 89% of Lake Norman High students scored at or above grade level on their End-of-Course Tests, and students scored an average of 1,042 on the SAT, which exceeds the state average of 1,006.

In all, Iredell-Statesville boasts six Schools of Excellence and 11 Schools of Distinction, with no low performing schools.

## Mooresville Graded School District

In 1905, Mooresville established its own school district, which remains separate from Iredell-Statesville Schools. Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, Mooresville Graded School District (MGSD) now operates one K-2 and one K-3 elementary school, two 3-6 intermediate schools, one 7-8 middle school and a 9-12 high school.

Park View Elementary, a K-3 School of Excellence, serves northern Mooresville. Constructed in 1926, Park View has seen considerable additions and renovations in the past few decades. The school features a nature trail, an outdoor classroom and a fully equipped library. South Elementary (K-2), which serves southern Mooresville, added a five-classroom unit in 2003 to serve its growing population.

Mooresville Intermediate offers a wealth of technology that includes two computer labs with Internet access on every computer, LCD projectors and digital cameras. The school also has a computerized Accelerated Reader program, which motivates students to improve their reading skills. MGSD recently opened an additional intermediate level school, East Mooresville Intermediate, for the 2005-2006 school year.

In addition to its strong academic programs, Mooresville High School offers its students the N.F. Woods Advanced Technology and Arts Center, a former elementary and high school that reopened in 1993 as a facility for vocational education. Students can take courses in health and human services, arts, communications, business, marketing, engineering/construction technology, computer repair and information technology. The center encourages and guides students in obtaining apprenticeships and internships. The N.F. Woods campus also operates an alternative program for grades 7-12.

## Lincoln County Schools

Like many school districts around Lake Norman, Lincoln County Schools has seen considerable growth in recent years – growth that is expected to continue. In fact, an increase of 1,200 new students is predicted in the next five years.

Lincoln County Schools include 11 elementary, five middle and four high schools. The school system boasts nine Schools of Excellence, three high schools named Schools of Distinction, and more than 80 percent proficiency on high school End-of-Course tests.

Schools that have recently opened have been constructed to adjust to the burgeoning population. In 2003, the St. James Elementary and North Lincoln High School were opened. The system has plans for a new ele

mentary, middle and intermediate school as well as renovations and additions to area high schools.

On their End-of-Grade tests, Lincoln County elementary schools attained 85.4 percent proficiency in reading and 92.4 percent proficiency in math.

In a partnership with area high schools, the Lincoln School of Technology provides technical training for high school students. In addition to funds distributed by the district, Lincoln School of Technology also receives grant money from local businesses and industries to promote technical training.

Catawba County Schools

Similar to Lincoln County, Catawba County has seen a significant surge in student growth, particularly in the Sherrills Ford area. With nearly 17,000 students in 25 schools, the district is investing in new and improved schools. In 2003, a \$4.9 million classroom addition opened at Fred T. Foard High School. A \$26 million high school will replace Maiden High School in 2006. The existing Maiden High School will undergo renovations to serve students who attend Tuttle Middle School, and the middle school will serve elementary students. The renovated campuses, which will be named Maiden Middle School and Tuttle Elementary School, will open in 2006.

Catawba County Schools had eight Honor Schools of Excellence and 10 Schools of Distinction for the 2004-2005 school year. The district scored higher than 87 percent proficiency on End-of-Grade tests in 2005, up from 66.3 percent in 1998.

Clyde Campbell Elementary attained 92.6 percent proficiency on verbal and over 95 percent proficiency on math in 2004 and is recognized at a North Carolina School of Excellence.

Moving into the future, the district has implemented a Technology Plan for 2000-2005 which emphasizes a comprehensive curriculum in computer skills and technology education.

## Public School Entrance Requirements

A child entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 16.

A child entering the first grade must be 6 years old on or before the same date.

A copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of residency must be taken to the school in order to register the child.

### The following basic immunizations are required:

- Five or more DPT (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus). Three doses by age 7 months and two booster doses, one dose between 12 and 19 months and the second dose on or after the 4th birthday and before enrolling in school (K-1) for the first time. If the fourth dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday, the fifth dose is not required.

- Four polio vaccines. Two doses by age 5 months, a third dose by 19 months of age and a booster dose on or after the fourth birthday and before enrolling in school (K-1) for the first time. If the third dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday, the fourth dose is not required.

- Four MMR (two measles, one mumps, one rubella) for children enrolling in K-1. A child must have two measles vaccines with one dose on or after the first birthday, but before 16 months of age. As long as doses are separated by at least 30 days, second dose may be given any time before beginning school. In addition, a child must have one rubella vaccine and one mumps vaccine occurring on or after the first birthday, but before 16 months of age.

- Four HiB (not required after 5th birthday) Three doses of HbOC or two doses of PRP-OMP by seven months old and a final dose of any type on or after the first birthday, but before 16 months old. Children who receive the first dose of HiB on or after their 1st birthday and before 15 months old are required to have only two doses with one dose being after 15 months of age. Children who receive the first dose of HiB vaccine on or after 15 months old are required to have one dose.

- Three Hepatitis B vaccines with one occurring prior to three months old, a second dose by five months old and a third dose by 19 months old.

Persons born on or after July 1, 1994 are required to receive the hepatitis B vaccine. The third dose of hepatitis B vaccine must not be given before the child is six months of age.

- One Varicella. One dose of varicella vaccine - on or after 12 months of age and before age 19 months - is required for children born on or after April 1, 2001. However, an individual with laboratory tests showing immunity or a history of chickenpox documented by a health care provider, parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall not be required to receive varicella vaccine. Documentation of prior history of chickenpox disease must be on or attached to the lifetime immunization card or certificate of immunization. Ask your health care provider for more information.

### A certificate of immunization must include the following:

- Name of child and date of birth.
  - Sex of the child.
  - Name of the parent(s) or guardian.
  - Address of the parent(s) or guardian.
  - Number of vaccine doses given.
  - Date vaccines were given (month and year is acceptable for out-of-state transfer students).
  - Signature of physician or health department stamp.
- Kindergarten students must have a health assessment before entering school. Transfer students should bring their most recent report card or transfer slip to verify grade. Beginner's days are held each spring at school to help parents prepare children for entry in the fall.

## 2007 SAT Scores

### Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Math 505	Critical Reading 499	Writing 481
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### Iredell-Statesville

Math 538	Critical Reading 507	Writing 492
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### Mooreville

Math 517	Critical Reading 597	Writing 488
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### Lincoln County

Math 516	Critical Reading 481	Writing 470
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### Catawba County

Math 517	Critical Reading 485	Writing 465
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### North Carolina

Math 509	Critical Reading 495	Writing 482
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### United States

Math 515	Critical Reading 502	Writing 494
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## **Private Schools**

**Believers Faith Center Christian Academy**  
336 Brookview Road  
Statesville, NC 28625  
704-873-5484  
[www.believersfaithcenter.com](http://www.believersfaithcenter.com)  
PreK-12

**Charlotte Christian School**  
7301 Sardis Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-366-5657  
[www.charlottechristian.com](http://www.charlottechristian.com)  
JK-12

**Charlotte Country Day School**  
1440 Carmel Road  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
704-943-4500  
[www.charlottecountryday.org](http://www.charlottecountryday.org)  
JK-12

**Charlotte Latin School**  
9502 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
704-846-1100  
[www.charlottelatin.org](http://www.charlottelatin.org)  
PreK-12

**Chesterbrook Academy**  
13740 Statesville Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-875-1177  
K-8

**Davidson Day School**  
412 Armour St.  
Davidson, NC 28036  
704-896-3585  
[www.davidsonday.org](http://www.davidsonday.org)  
PreK-9

**Huntersville Christian Academy**  
16301 Old Statesville Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-947-5229  
[www.huntersvillechristianacademy.com](http://www.huntersvillechristianacademy.com)  
PreK-5

**Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman**  
14101 Stumptown Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-875-1801  
[www.lakenormandayschool.com](http://www.lakenormandayschool.com)  
18 months-Grade 9

**New Beginnings Christian Academy**  
18731 West Catawba Ave.  
Cornelius, NC 28031  
704-895-0214  
K-12

**Providence Day School**  
5800 Sardis Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-887-7041  
[www.providenceday.org](http://www.providenceday.org)  
TK-12

**Saint Mark Catholic School**  
14750 Stumptown Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-766-5000  
K-8

**SouthLake Christian Academy**  
13901 Hagers Ferry Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-949-2200  
[www.southlakechristian.com](http://www.southlakechristian.com)  
K-12

**Southview Christian School**  
625 Wallace Springs Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-872-9554  
K-12

Statesville Montessori School  
1012 Harmony Drive  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-873-1092  
[www.statesvillemontessori.com](http://www.statesvillemontessori.com)  
PreK-8

**Woodlawn School**  
135 Woodlawn School Loop  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
704-895-8653  
[www.woodlawnschool.org](http://www.woodlawnschool.org)  
3-9

## **Charter Schools**

**American Renaissance Charter School**  
111 Cooper St.  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-924-8870  
[www.amerren-charterschool.org](http://www.amerren-charterschool.org)  
K-5

**American Renaissance Middle School**  
217 S. Center St.  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-878-6009  
6-8

**Children's Community School**  
565 Griffith St.  
Davidson, NC 28036  
704-896-6262  
[www.ccsch.org](http://www.ccsch.org)  
K-3

**The Community Charter School**  
926 Elizabeth Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
704-377-3180  
K-5

**Crossroads Charter High School**  
5500 N. Tryon St.  
Charlotte, NC 28213  
704-597-5100  
[www.crossroadscharter.org](http://www.crossroadscharter.org)  
9-12

**Kennedy School**  
1717 Sharon Road West  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
704-688-2939  
6-12

**Lake Norman Charter School**  
12820 S. Church St.,  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-948-8600  
[www.lncs.org](http://www.lncs.org)  
5-8

**Lincoln Charter School**  
2243 N.C. 16 North  
Denver, NC 28037  
704-483-6611  
[www.lincolncharter.org](http://www.lincolncharter.org)  
K-12

**Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy**  
9100 Olmsted Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704-503-1112  
[www.scholarsacademy.org](http://www.scholarsacademy.org)  
K-8

**Socrates Academy**  
3209 Arborhill Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-366-6571  
K-5

**Success Institute**  
1424 Rickert St.  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-881-0441  
K-8

**Sugar Creek Charter School**  
4101 N. Tryon St.  
Charlotte, NC 28206  
704-509-5470  
[www.thesugarcreek.org](http://www.thesugarcreek.org)  
K-8

## **Public Schools**

**Catawba County Schools**  
10 E. 25th St.  
Newton, NC 28658  
828-464-8333  
[www.catawba.k12.nc.us](http://www.catawba.k12.nc.us)

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools**  
701 E. Second St.  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
980-343-3000  
[www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us)

**Iredell-Statesville Schools**  
549 N. Race St.  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-872-8931  
[www.iss.k12.nc.us](http://www.iss.k12.nc.us)

**Lincoln County Schools**  
353 N. Generals Blvd.  
Lincolnton, NC 28093  
704-732-2261  
[www.lincoln.k12.nc.us](http://www.lincoln.k12.nc.us)

**Mooresville Graded School District**  
305 N. Main St.  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
704-664-5553  
[www.mgsd.k12.nc.us](http://www.mgsd.k12.nc.us)

# Facts and Information

## **Driver's License**

All new residents who plan to drive must obtain an N.C. driver's license within 60 days of establishing a permanent residence. Most newcomers, unless they drive commercial vehicles, will want a Class C license, which permits operation of personal cars and small trucks. If you drive a motorcycle, you'll also need a motorcycle endorsement. Licensed drivers who are 16 or 17 years old must present proof of completion of a state-approved driver education course in their former state; otherwise, they receive a temporary license pending completion of the course here.

N.C. driver's licenses are good for up to five years. To get a license, apply in person at a driver's license office and take the vision, sign recognition and written tests. (It'll help to study the "Driver's Handbook," available at DMV offices or check the website below.) Tests are available in seven languages – English, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, French and Arabic.

When you apply, present your current out-of-state license or two other accepted forms of ID, as well as proof of liability insurance (for example, the original policy, original binder or Form DL-123 from your insurance agent) from an insurer licensed in North Carolina. You'll also need to supply your Social Security number.

The cost of a license will depend on how many years the license is good for. A Class C license costs \$2.50 per year. You must pass a road skills test on your motorcycle to receive the motorcycle endorsement.

For more information on N.C. driver's license and motor vehicle registration rules, call DMV at 919-715-7000. You can access recorded information 24 hours a day using a touch-tone telephone. Or check the DMV Web site ([www.dmv.dot.state.nc.us](http://www.dmv.dot.state.nc.us)).

## **North Carolina Driver's License Offices**

8446 N. Tryon St., Charlotte 704-547-5786

6016 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte 704-392-3266

2192 Kannapolis Highway, Concord 704-782-7214

905 Carolina Ave. N., Statesville 704-878-4220

533 Patterson Ave., Suite 100, Mooresville 704-664-3344

1450 N. Aspen St., Lincolnton 704-735-6923

1033 Smyre Farm Road, Newton 828-466-5516

## **Motor Vehicle Registration**

You must register your vehicle before the reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and your former state expires (usually 30 days). Registration is renewed annually.

To register your vehicle, apply in person at a license plate agency and present your title (unless title is held by a lien holder) and a valid registration card from your former state. If your title is held by a lien holder, you must provide

the lien holder's name and address on a state form for title release. You also must present proof of vehicle liability insurance at or above minimum standards (see driver's license information for the list of acceptable documents).

Payment due when you receive N.C. registration includes title fee, \$35; registration fee, \$20; and highway use tax, which is 3 percent of the value of your vehicle.

You also must get a vehicle safety inspection within 10 days of receiving your N.C. license plate. This costs \$9.25 and can be done at any state-authorized inspection station. Inspection is required annually. Some counties also require an emissions inspection, which is conducted at the same time as the safety inspection and costs \$30.

Although the state does not levy sales tax on motor vehicles, N.C. counties assess property taxes annually. Your car will be registered when you receive your license plate, and you'll receive a bill in about three months.

North Carolina Motor Vehicle Registration Offices  
6016 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte  
704-399-8306

121 W. Water St., Statesville  
704-873-3185

125-3 N. Main St., Mooresville  
704-663-5472

759 Church St. N., Concord  
704-788-1404

## **Rules of the Road**

- Speed limits range from 55 mph to 70 mph on interstates and from 55 mph to 65 mph on open highways; the limit is 35 mph inside municipal corporate limits unless otherwise posted.
- Motorcyclists must wear helmets and drive with lights on at all times.
- Seat belt use is mandatory for driver and front-seat passengers. Approved child-restraint seats are required for children 4 years and younger or under 50 pounds; all children 16 and younger must be buckled up no matter where they sit in the vehicle.
- Right turn on red is permitted after complete stop unless otherwise posted. Left turn on red is not permitted.
- Drunken-driving rules are strict. A motorist is guilty of driving while impaired (DWI) if his blood alcohol level meets or exceeds 0.08 percent or if he is under the influence of or affected by alcohol and/or other drugs. Penalties can include fines, imprisonment and license revocation. The best rule: Don't drink and drive.

## **Voter Registration**

To be eligible to vote in either North Carolina or South Carolina, you must be 18 or older, a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of the state and county where you register, and a resident of your precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election you wish to vote in.

To register to vote, pick up a registration form from one of the locations listed below, fill it out completely and mail it to the address on the form.

Your registration card will be mailed to you. Forms are available at individual county offices. The North Carolina State Board of Elections numbers is 919-733-7173.

The Web site for the N.C. Board of Elections is [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us).

Mecklenburg County  
Board of Elections  
741 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 202, Charlotte  
704-336-2133, [www.meckboe.org](http://www.meckboe.org)

Iredell County Elections Office  
233 Stockton St. B-1, Statesville  
704-878-3140  
[www.co.iredell.nc.us/Departments/Elections/election.asp](http://www.co.iredell.nc.us/Departments/Elections/election.asp).

Catawba County Board of Elections  
100A Southwest Blvd., Newton  
828-464-2424  
[www.catawbacountync.gov/depts/elect](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/depts/elect)

Lincoln County Board of Elections  
115 W. Main St., Lincolnton  
704-736-8480  
[www.lincolncounty.org/County/Departments/Elections/BOE.htm](http://www.lincolncounty.org/County/Departments/Elections/BOE.htm)

## **Property Taxes**

Rates are established in May or June of each year in conjunction with annual budget preparation. Depending on where you live, you may owe taxes to a combination of governments – for example, both Mecklenburg County and the city where you live. The list above doesn't include some extra taxes and fees you may have to pay, such as fire district, special development district and solid-waste fees. So your total tax rate may be higher than the figures listed above.

Local property taxes are assessed annually on real property, including homes, cars and boats. Bills for homes, land and the like are mailed in September and payable without penalty by the date specified in early January. Cars are handled differently. The state generates a list of motorists who receive motor vehicle licenses and forwards that information to the county, which generates property tax bills on the vehicles a few weeks later. Those fees are due just a few weeks after receipt of the bills.

For further tax information, call the tax office in your county: Mecklenburg, 704-336-4600; Iredell, 704-878-3000; Catawba County, 828-465-8414; Lincoln County, 704-736-8542.

## **Area Code Overlay**

Because of the incredible growth in the number of telephone lines, the Charlotte area has been assigned a second area code, 980. The area code overlays, or exactly matches, the existing 704 area code. The two area codes mean that you must dial the entire 10-digit number – that is, area code 704 or 980, plus the seven-digit phone number – to reach a Charlotte-area number.

For details, check BellSouth's Web site ([www.bellsouth.com/areacode](http://www.bellsouth.com/areacode)) or call toll-free 800-964-7941.

## **Government Information**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg 704-336-7600  
[www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org)

Cornelius 704-892-6031  
[www.cornelius.org](http://www.cornelius.org)

Davidson 704-892-7591  
[www.ci.davidson.nc.us](http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us)

Huntersville 704-875-6541  
[www.huntersville.org](http://www.huntersville.org)

Iredell County 704-878-3000  
[www.co.iredell.nc.us](http://www.co.iredell.nc.us)

Mooresville 704-663-3800  
[www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us)

Statesville 704-878-3583  
[www.ci.statesville.nc.us](http://www.ci.statesville.nc.us)

Troutman 704-528-7600  
[www.townoftroutman.org](http://www.townoftroutman.org)

Lincoln County 704-736-8432  
[www.lincolncounty.org](http://www.lincolncounty.org)

Catawba County 828-465-8200  
[www.co.catawba.nc.us](http://www.co.catawba.nc.us)

# Colleges And Universities

As befits a growing region with a sound economy and cultural diversity, the Lake Norman area is home to numerous institutions of higher learning, many of which are nationally acclaimed.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, one of the universities in the highly praised UNC system, offers numerous opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. UNCC enrolls about 20,000 students, and the student population is growing about 4 percent each year. The main campus is located in the northeast section of Charlotte, UNCC also offers classes at its Uptown campus in the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, mostly to appeal to M.B.A. students working in the Center City. In addition, UNCC provides distance education opportunities as well as post-baccalaureate study. Plans are in place to construct a five-story classroom building in Uptown's First Ward within in the next few years. The 100,000-square-foot facility will offer classes in business, social services, architecture and the humanities.

Founded in 1837 by Presbyterians, the highly selective Davidson College is located on a historic 450-acre campus. Offering a small-town atmosphere near Lake Norman, Davidson is able to provide its 1,600 students with a student/faculty ratio of 11 to 1. The college also participates in NCAA Division I athletics.

Queens University was founded in 1857 as the Charlotte Female Institute in Charlotte's Center City, moved to the scenic Myers Park area of Charlotte in 1912 and adopted its name in honor of the British queen, Charlotte of Mecklenburg. A private, Presbyterian institution, Queens University has an internship program that is ranked as one of the top 10 in the country by U.S. News and World Report, and more than 90 percent of Queens students study abroad. The McColl School of Business was established in 1993 to strengthen degree programs in accounting and business administration. Queens attained university status in 2002.

Johnson C. Smith University was founded in 1867 by Presbyterians and has maintained its reputation as an institution focused on morals and ethics. Historically African-American, J.C. Smith encourages self-confidence and diversity in its students as well as an awareness of their heritage. The university is sponsored by the IBM Laptop Initiative as the first historically black college to offer laptops for each of its 1,500 students. Black Issues in High Education ranked JCSU 37th in the nation for awarded computer science degrees to African-American students and 45th in the nation for English degrees – higher than any other private college in the Carolinas.

Located about 20 minutes south of Charlotte in Rock Hill, S.C., is Winthrop University. Recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best schools in the Southeast, Winthrop offers 37 undergraduate and 25 graduate programs for more than 6,400 students.

As the largest community college in North Carolina, Central Piedmont Community College serves about 70,000 students through its multi-campus system. In addition to numerous associate degrees, CPCC offers educational opportunities for those who intend to transfer to a four-year school as well as those who seek knowledge for their own personal fulfillment. CPCC operates eight campuses, including its North Campus in Huntersville. Other community colleges in the Lake Norman area include Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, Gaston College's satellite campus in Lincolnton and Mitchell Community College's Mooresville campus.

The area, home to Lowe's Motor Speedway and numerous racing teams, is also home to the NASCAR Institute in Mooresville, which trains auto mechanics for the pit crews of professional racers. The Art Institute of Charlotte, one of the 31 art institutes associated with The Art Institutes International Inc. offers associate degrees and certificate programs in interior design, fashion marketing, graphic design, and multimedia and Web design. Additionally, the Art Institute offers some evening classes to appeal to working students.

In 2004, Johnson & Wales University opened in Charlotte as a consolidation of its Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S.C., campuses. Calling itself "America's Career University," Johnson & Wales offers 51 degree programs in business, hospitality, culinary arts and technology. About 1,200 students are enrolled in its second year with an anticipated enrollment of 2,800 within couple of years. Johnson & Wales offers a four-day school week and the opportunity to earn both associate and baccalaureate degrees in four years. Johnson & Wales' academic center and residence hall are in the heart of Gateway Village in Uptown Charlotte.

## Area Colleges and Universities

### The Art Institute of Charlotte

Three LakePointe Plaza  
2110 Water Ridge Parkway  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
704-357-8020  
[www.aich.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.aich.artinstitutes.edu)  
2-year and 4-year public art institute

### Barber-Scotia College

145 Cabarrus Ave.  
Concord, NC 28025  
704-789-2900 or 800-610-0778  
[www.b-sc.edu](http://www.b-sc.edu)  
4-year private

### Belmont Abbey College

100 Belmont-Mount Holly Road  
Belmont, NC 28012  
704-825-6665 or 888-222-0110  
[www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu)  
4-year private

### Brookstone College of Business

10125 Berkeley Pl.  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704-547-8600  
[www.brookstone.edu](http://www.brookstone.edu)  
private business school

### Carolinas College of Health Sciences

1200 Blythe Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28203  
704-355-5043  
[www.carolinascollege.org](http://www.carolinascollege.org)  
2-year health sciences

### Catawba College

2300 W. Innes Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
800-228-2922  
[www.catawba.edu](http://www.catawba.edu)  
4-year private

### Catawba Valley Community College

2550 U.S. 70 S.E.  
Hickory, NC 28602  
828-327-7000  
[www.cvcc.edu](http://www.cvcc.edu)  
2-year public

**Central Piedmont Community College**

1201 Elizabeth Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28235-5009  
704-330-2722  
[www.cpcc.edu](http://www.cpcc.edu)  
2-year public

**Davidson College**

102 North Main Street  
Davidson, NC 28036  
704-894-2000  
[www.davidson.edu](http://www.davidson.edu)  
4-year private

**Gaston College – Lincolnton Campus**

511 S. Aspen Street  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
704-748-1040  
[www.gaston.edu](http://www.gaston.edu)  
2-year public

**Johnson C. Smith University**

100 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
704-378-1000  
[www.jcsu.edu](http://www.jcsu.edu)  
4-year private

**Johnson & Wales University**

801 W. Trade Street, Suite 175  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
866-598-2427  
[www.jwcharlotte.org](http://www.jwcharlotte.org)  
4-year private

**King's College**

322 Lamar Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
800-768-2255  
[www.kingscollegecharlotte.edu](http://www.kingscollegecharlotte.edu)  
2-year private

**McColl School of Business at Queens University**

1900 Selwyn Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28274  
704-337-2234  
<http://mccoll.queens.edu>  
undergraduate and graduate business

**Mitchell Community College**

500 W. Broad Street  
Statesville, NC 228677  
704-878-3200  
[www.mitchell.cc.nc.us](http://www.mitchell.cc.nc.us)  
2-year public

**Montreat College School of Professional and Adult Studies**

4135 S. Stream Blvd., Suite 200  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
800-436-2777  
[www.montreat.edu](http://www.montreat.edu)  
4-year and graduate private

**NASCAR Technical Institute**

220 Byers Creek Road  
 Mooresville, NC 28117  
704-658-1950  
[www.ntieducation.com](http://www.ntieducation.com)  
private automotive and technology

**Pfeiffer University at Charlotte**

4701 Park Road  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
704-521-9116  
[www.pfeiffer.edu](http://www.pfeiffer.edu)  
4-year and graduate private

**Queens University of Charlotte**

1900 Selwyn Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28274  
704-337-2200  
[www.queens.edu](http://www.queens.edu)  
4-year and graduate private

**UNC Charlotte**

9201 University City Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28223  
704-687-2000  
[www.uncc.edu](http://www.uncc.edu)  
4-year and graduate public

**Wake Forest University**

**Babcock School of Management**  
6805 Morrison Blvd. , Suite 150  
Charlotte, NC 28211  
704-365-1717 or 888-925-3622  
[www.mba.wfu.edu](http://www.mba.wfu.edu)  
4-year and graduate private

# Health Care

No matter where you live around Lake Norman, you'll find excellent health-care facilities nearby. In the past decade, hospitals, physicians' groups and other health-care providers in the area have expanded to serve the growing population.

The two major health-care systems in the region are Carolinas HealthCare and Presbyterian Healthcare/Novant Health. Carolinas HealthCare operates Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, which opened in 1940. With 861 beds, this facility is the flagship hospital for the system and one of the largest hospitals in North Carolina. Carolinas HealthCare is currently planning Levine Children's Hospital, an \$85 million children's hospital that will be located on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Slated to open in 2007, the facility will operate 230 beds including 185 acute-care beds, 13 pediatric rehabilitation beds, 20 day hospital beds and 12 observation beds.

Located in northeast Charlotte, CMC-University is a 130-bed hospital that opened in 1985 to serve northern Mecklenburg, southern Iredell and Cabarrus counties. The hospital includes a cardiac/intensive care unit, sleep center, and labor and delivery suites. CMC-University also operates NorthCross Surgery Center in Huntersville, which includes four operating rooms, two endoscopy suites, a recovery room and a stepdown unit. The facility also provides family medicine, OB/GYN care and urgent care services.

In nearby Concord, NorthEast Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital with 457 acute-care beds. It opened in 1937 as Cabarrus County Hospital and changed its name to NorthEast Medical Center in 1997. For the past four years, NorthEast has been recognized on Solucient's list of 100 Top Teaching Hospitals and has been named as the best in the region for overall cardiovascular care and for orthopedics, knee replacement and joint replacement by HeathGrades, a leading healthcare information company. NorthEast Medical Center employs 3,500, including 285 physicians.

In 1903, Presbyterian Hospital opened with 20 beds. After serving the area for more than a century, the facility on Hawthorne Lane in Charlotte now includes 593 beds and 64 bassinets. With 6,000 employees, including 1,400 physicians, Presbyterian Hospital treats more than 250,000 patients each year. Along with Presbyterian Matthews, Presbyterian Hospital was recently ranked in the top 20th percentile of hospitals in the U.S. for overall quality of care.

In 2004, Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville opened off of Gilead Road. The \$55.7 million facility covers 165,000 square feet. The new hospital includes an emergency department, five operating rooms, four intensive care beds, eight labor and recovery rooms, two nursery beds and 36 medical/surgical beds.

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville opened a \$41 million facility off I-77, exit 33, in 1999, replacing an older one and nearly doubling the space. The facility includes Stork's Landing Maternity Center, with six labor and recovery suites that offer private baths and Jacuzzis, a newborn nursery and educational programs in pregnancy and parenting. Also, the Diagnostic Imaging Department provides radiology, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, angiography, MRI, CT scan, lithotripsy, cardiac catheterization, mammography and screening for osteoporosis. Its 24-hour emergency department includes Nurse First a fast-track program for minor injuries, two trauma rooms and 12 individual treatment rooms. The Medical Pavilion at Lake Norman houses a surgical center and a rehabilitation center as well as Lake Norman Home Health for home recovery services.

As the only not-for-profit hospital in Iredell County, Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville celebrated 50 years of medical service in 2004. With 247 beds, the facility offers general medical and surgical services, Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units, neurology, obstetrics, orthopedics and an emergency department. Iredell Memorial also operates a Diabetes Center for Learning, which helps diabetics manage their condition; the J. Allen Knox Radiation Therapy Center for cancer treatment; a Cardiac Rehabilitation Center for those recovering from heart disease; the Women's Breast Health Center, which provides mammograms, education and information about breast cancer; Iredell Home Health for home care; and The Birth Place for labor, delivery and recovery after childbirth.

Also in Statesville, Davis Regional Medical Center has served the area since 1920, when it was called the Carpenter-Davis Hospital. In 1984, Davis Regional relocated to its current facility on Old Mocksville Road. The acute-care hospital includes 149 beds and covers 182,000 square feet.

An affiliate of Carolinas HealthCare System that operates in Lincoln, Lincoln Medical Center includes a heart center, New Beginnings Birthing Center, Optima Therapy Services, a Sleep Center and Home Health, for those recovering at home. Lincoln

Medical also offers outpatient services for diabetes patients, an emergency department, imaging services, and inpatient and outpatient surgical services.

With 258 beds, the Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory includes a comprehensive cancer center, center for orthopaedics, center for rehabilitation and heart center. As the largest not-for-profit hospital in the region, the Catawba Valley Medical Center serves residents in Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Caldwell, Alexander and Burke counties. The Catawba Valley Medical Center was awarded the Magnet Nursing Services Recognition Program for Excellence in Nursing Service in 2001, the highest honor a hospital can receive for high-quality nursing.

Also in Hickory, Frye Regional Medical Center is a 355-bed private hospital that has served the area since 1911. With three campuses in Hickory, the hospital offers acute and express emergency services, a neonatal transport team and a facility for outpatient elective surgery. Frye Regional's Women's Pavilion also provides a variety of services for women and children during the prenatal stage, labor and delivery, and continued pediatric care.

## Regional Hospitals

### Carolinas Medical Center

1000 Blythe Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28203  
704-355-2000  
[www.carolinas.org](http://www.carolinas.org)

### Carolinas Medical Center - Mercy Hospital

2001 Vail Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28207  
704-379-5000  
[www.carolinas.org](http://www.carolinas.org)

### Carolinas Medical Center-University Hospital

8800 N. Tryon St.  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704-548-6000  
[www.carolinas.org](http://www.carolinas.org)

### Catawba Valley Medical Center

810 Fairgrove Church Road S.E.  
Hickory, NC 28602  
828-326-3000  
[www.catawbavalleymedical.org](http://www.catawbavalleymedical.org)

### Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation

1100 Blythe Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28203  
704-355-4300  
[www.carolinas.org](http://www.carolinas.org)

### Davis Regional Medical Center

218 Old Mocksville Road  
Statesville, NC 28625  
704-873-0281  
[www.davisregional.com](http://www.davisregional.com)

### Frye Regional Medical Center

420 N. Center St.  
Hickory, NC 28601  
828-322-6070  
[www.fryemedctr.com](http://www.fryemedctr.com)

### Gaston Memorial Hospital

2511 Court Drive  
Gastonia, NC 28054  
704-834-2000  
[www.gastonhealthcare.org](http://www.gastonhealthcare.org)

### Iredell Memorial Hospital

557 Brookdale Drive  
Statesville, NC 28677  
704-873-5661  
[www.iredellmemorial.org](http://www.iredellmemorial.org)

### Lake Norman Regional Medical Center

171 Fairview Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117  
704-660-4000  
[www.lnrmc.com](http://www.lnrmc.com)

### Lincoln Medical Center

200 Gamble Drive  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
704-735-3071  
[www.lincolnmedical.org](http://www.lincolnmedical.org)

### Carolinas Medical Center - North-East

920 Church Street N  
Concord, NC 28025  
main switchboard: 704.403-3000  
ASK FIRST, a 24 hour helpline,  
704.403-1275 or 1-800-575-1275  
[www.cmc-northeast.org](http://www.cmc-northeast.org)

### Presbyterian Hospital

200 Hawthorne Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
704-384-4000  
[www.presbyterian.org](http://www.presbyterian.org)

### Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville

10030 Gilead Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
704-316-4000  
[www.presbyterian.org](http://www.presbyterian.org)

### Presbyterian Orthopaedic Hospital

1901 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207  
704-316-2000



# Fun Things To Do

## Alexandriana

At this site in Huntersville, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed on May 20, 1775. The area includes short hiking trails and picnic tables. 9921 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville. 704-896-9808.

## Amazing Maize Maze

At Rural Hill Farm in Huntersville, the Amazing Maize winds through a cornfield, providing a fun and educational experience for kids and adults alike. Rural Hill Farm. 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville. 704-875-3113. [www.americanmaze.com/ruralhill.htm](http://www.americanmaze.com/ruralhill.htm).

## Backing Up Classics

History hits the road at this car museum near Lowe's Motor Speedway. 4545 U.S. 29, Concord. 704-788-9500. [www.backingupclassics.com](http://www.backingupclassics.com).

## Bank of America Stadium

Particularly after their 2004 Super Bowl debut, the Carolina Panthers' \$165 million black-and-blue stadium dominates its end of Uptown and is worth a trip even when no game's scheduled. Tours are conducted each Wednesday, and group tours can be scheduled during the week. 800 S. Mint St., Charlotte. 704-358-7000 [www.cpanthers.com/stadium](http://www.cpanthers.com/stadium).

## Carolina Raptor Center

See bald and golden eagles, owls, hawks and other birds of prey at this center, located at Latta Plantation Park. 6000 Sample Road, Huntersville. 704-875-6521. [www.carolinaraptorcenter.org](http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org).

## Carrigan Farms

This 120-acre farm offers fresh fruits and vegetables (including strawberry picking in-season), a beautiful quarry for special events, educational tours and hayrides. 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Highway, Mooresville. 704-664-1450. [www.carriganfarms.com](http://www.carriganfarms.com).

## Charlotte Museum of History/ Hezekiah Alexander Homesite

Discover how earlier Charlotteans lived at this complex, which includes the city's oldest dwelling, dating back to 1774. 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. 704-568-1774. [www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org).

## Charlotte Trolley and Trolley Museum

Board the trolley at the Atherton Mill complex in South End for a ride. 2104 South Blvd., Charlotte. 704-375-0850. [www.charlottetrolley.org](http://www.charlottetrolley.org).

## Children's Museum of Iredell County

At Signal Hill Mall in Statesville, this museum provides hands-on arts and science activities for children. 1613 Broad St., Statesville. 704-872-7508. [www.iredellmuseums.org](http://www.iredellmuseums.org).

## Crowders Mountain State Park

Located in Gaston County, this park offers rock climbing, camping and hiking trails to the top of Crowders Mountain and Kings Pinnacle. The 150-foot cliffs provide visitors with spectacular views that stretch for more than 20 miles. 522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain. 704-853-5375.

## Dale Earnhardt Inc.

This tribute to Dale Earnhardt and racing includes a museum, souvenir shop and viewing window and is the home site of the racing teams of Steve Park, Michael Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt Jr. 1675 Coddle Creek Highway, Mooresville. 877-334-9663. [www.daleearnhardtinc.com](http://www.daleearnhardtinc.com).

## Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Landscaped gardens with distinct themes include more than 158,000 square feet of planting beds. A 450-acre master plan is part of the long-term development of the gardens. 6500 S. New Hope Road, Belmont. 704-825-4490. [www.dsbq.org](http://www.dsbq.org).

## Discovery Place

Science and technology take center stage at this hands-on museum, which includes a, collections gallery, the Charlotte Observer/OMNIMAX Theatre, the Challenger Learning Center, an aquarium and KidsPlace toddler room. 301 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-372-6261. [www.discoveryplace.org](http://www.discoveryplace.org).

## EnergyExplorium

Learn about different forms of energy with hands-on exhibits at McGuire Nuclear Station. 13339 Hagers Ferry Road, Huntersville. 704-875-5600. [www.dukepower.com/EE](http://www.dukepower.com/EE).

## Hickory Furniture Mart

The Hickory Furniture Mart is the nation's leading home furnishings resource. A hundred factory stores, outlets and galleries offer 1,000 lines, most sold at discount. Hotel, restaurant, shipping service. 2220 U.S. 70 S.E., Hickory. 800-462-MART. [www.hickoryfurniture.com](http://www.hickoryfurniture.com).

## Historic Davidson

Take a walk down Davidson's Main Street lined with quaint shops in turn-of-the-century buildings, or stroll through the historic Davidson College campus. Main Street, Davidson.

## Historic Rosedale

This home and eight acres once were the centerpiece of a 911-acre plantation. 3427 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-335-0325. <http://libweb.uncc.edu/archives/crhc/rosedale.htm>.

## Hugh Torance House and Store

Visit one of the few 18th century structures left in Mecklenburg County and the oldest standing store site in North Carolina. 8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville. 704-875-6479. <http://home.earthlink.net/~hughtorance1796>.

## Jetton Park

On the shores of Lake Norman, 105-acre Jetton Park includes a sunning beach, picnic area, playground, tennis courts, trails, garden, bike rentals and concessions. 19000 Jetton Road, Cornelius. 704-896-9808.

## Joe Gibbs Racing

Two Nextel Cup race teams are housed in Joe Gibbs Racing: Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte. The facility includes a large viewing window of the shop floor and window cases of different Joe Gibbs Racing teams. 13415 Reese Blvd. West, Huntersville. 704-944-5000. [www.joegibbsracing.com](http://www.joegibbsracing.com).

## Kings Mountain National Military Park

Covering nearly 4,000 acres, this park commemorates a significant Revolutionary War battle that halted British advancement into North Carolina. A 1.5-mile trail traces the events of the battle, including the burial site of British Major Patrick Ferguson. Another 16-mile hiking trail leads to primitive and group camping sites. 2625 Park Road, Blacksburg, SC. 864-936-7921. [www.nps.gov/kimo](http://www.nps.gov/kimo).

## Kings Mountain State Park

Adjacent to Kings Mountain National Military Park, this state park covers 6,883 acres of outdoor recreation, including hiking and horse trails, boat and canoe rentals, camping, picnic sites and fishing. The park also features a Living History Farm, which preserves log cabins from the 19th century. 1277 Park Road, Blacksburg, SC. 803-222-3209.

## Lake Norman State Park

With 13 miles of shoreline, Lake Norman State Park offers the only public swimming on the lake. The park also features hiking trails, picnic sites, interpretive programs, campgrounds, boating access and mountain biking trails. 159 Inland Sea Lane, Troutman. 704-528-6350. [www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/lano](http://www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/lano).

## Latta Plantation Park

With 1,290 acres on the shores of Mountain Island Lake, Latta Plantation Park is the largest nature preserve in Mecklenburg County. The park includes hiking and equestrian trails, picnic sites with grills and fishing. Catch a glimpse of backcountry life at Latta Place, a circa 1800, Federal-style home and living history farm. The park also houses the Carolina Raptor Center, an educational research facility that rehabilitates injured birds of prey. 5225 Sample Road, Huntersville. 704-875-2312. [www.lattaplantation.org](http://www.lattaplantation.org).

## Lazy 5 Ranch

This drive-through park features more than 750 animals from six different continents as well as petting areas, a horse barn, playground and picnic areas. 15100 N.C. 150 East, Mooresville. 704-663-5100. [www.lazyfiveranch.com](http://www.lazyfiveranch.com).

## Lowe's Motor Speedway

Visit Charlotte's superspeedway on a tour that includes pit road and the garage area. On days when the track isn't in use, you can also ride around the 1.5-mile oval. 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord. 704-455-3202. [www.lowesmotorspeedway.com](http://www.lowesmotorspeedway.com).

## McIntyre Historic Site

The only Revolutionary War battleground that is still undisturbed in Mecklenburg County, McIntyre is the site of the Battle of the Hornets' Nest in October 1780 as well as the site of gold mining during the 19th century. 4125 McIntyre Ave., Huntersville. 704-875-1391.

## Mooresville racers' shops

Nicknamed Race City USA, Mooresville is home to many NASCAR racing teams that welcome fans for shop tours and souvenir shopping. For locations, visit the N.C. Auto Racing Hall of Fame

### **North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame**

Winning Winston Cup and Indy cars park alongside dragsters in this salute to the history and heroes of auto racing. 119 Knob Hill Road, Mooresville. 704-663-5331. [www.ncarhof.com](http://www.ncarhof.com).

### **North Carolina Zoological Park**

With more than 500 acres, the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro offers exhibits of African and North American regions and has the largest walk-through natural-habitat zoo in the country. 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro. 800-488-0444. [www.nczoo.org](http://www.nczoo.org).

### **North Mecklenburg Park**

This 100-acre park includes ball fields, picnic shelters, a playground and a mountain bike trail. 16131 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville. 704-766-2220.

### **Paramount's Carowinds**

Visitors of all ages will enjoy this amusement park, with a water park, roller coasters and other rides. 14523 Carowinds Blvd., Charlotte. 704-588-2600. [www.carowinds.com](http://www.carowinds.com).

### **Queen's Landing**

Two Mississippi paddle wheeler replicas – the Catawba Queen and Catawba Belle – sit at this entertainment center equipped with bumper boats, mini golf, tennis courts, musical entertainment, a floating dock bar and two restaurants. 1459 River Highway (N.C. 150), Mooresville. 704-663-2628. [www.queenslanding.com](http://www.queenslanding.com).

### **Ramsey Creek Park**

Ramsey Creek Park includes a sunning beach, boat launch, docks, fishing pier, picnic shelters, bike and nature trails, playgrounds and opportunities to play horseshoe and volleyball within its 44 acres. 18441 Nantz Road, Cornelius. 704-896-9808.

### **Reed Gold Mine**

Cabarrus County was the site of the nation's first authenticated gold find. 9621 Reed Mine Road, Stanfield. 704-721-4653. [www.itpi.dpi.state.nc.us/reed](http://www.itpi.dpi.state.nc.us/reed).

### **Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium**

The largest natural history museum in the area, the Schiele Museum of Natural History features rocks, minerals, plants and animals. The museum also includes a state-of-the-art planetarium, nature trail, an 18th-century farm and Native American village. 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 704-866-6900. [www.schielemuseum.org](http://www.schielemuseum.org).

### **UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens**

Take a break from city life at three green spots: the Van Landingham Glen, a rhododendron garden; the Susie Harwood Garden, with year-round displays; and the McMillan Greenhouse, which includes a rain forest and orchids. UNC Charlotte. 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte. 704-687-2364. <http://gardens.unc.edu>.

## Shopping

With everything from upscale to antique to bargain shopping, Lake Norman is continuously expanding its retail space and drawing shoppers from across the region. Whether you're looking for a Louis Vuitton handbag, unique Victorian jewelry or just looking for a good deal, you'll be able to find what you need in the Lake Norman region.

### **Northlake Mall**

The opening of the first enclosed super-mall in north Mecklenburg County is one of the highlights of 2005. It is the region's newest shopping destination, just off I-77 and Harris Boulevard. The two-level mall has 1.1 million square feet, a 14-screen AMC theater and a nine-kitchen food court, seating nearly 100 on an outdoor patio complete with booths, picnic tables and rocking chairs.

Home to approximately 150 retailers, anchor stores include Hecht's, Belk, Dillard's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Here you'll find upscale shopping previously found only at SouthPark and Carolina Place malls – stores like Abercrombie, Ann Taylor, Brooks Brothers, Eddie Bauer and Pottery Barn.

Some of Northlake's stores and restaurants are new to the Charlotte market, including Davi Salon, offering waxing, massages and facials; Bakers, for women's handbags and footwear; Bravo! Cucina Italiana, offering gourmet Italian food in ancient Roman taverna décor; Famous Famiglia, for New York style pizza and pasta; Sporting Eyes active life-style sunglasses; and Point A, for fine leather and luggage.

6801 Northlake Mall Drive, Charlotte. 704-921-2005. [www.shopnorthlake.com](http://www.shopnorthlake.com).

### **Birkdale Village**

Birkdale Village has enchanted Lake Norman and Charlotte-area residents since the moment it opened in 2002. Built around a town green in village-style, it is a complete departure from the mall experience. Birkdale is made for pedestrian pleasure, with gracious, white-trimmed architecture and wide sidewalks. People live here, too, and real estate is hot; it is everyone's favorite upscale village shopping experience, located right off I-77. Here you'll find Liz Claiborne, Jones of New York, The Bombay Company, Barnes & Noble, Pier 1, Victoria's Secret, Talbots, Ann Taylor Loft, Williams-Sonoma, Cold Stone Creamery, Red Rocks Café, Total Wine, Pike's Old Fashioned Soda Shop and more. Birkdale Commons Parkway, Huntersville. 704-896-8814. [www.birkdalevillage.net](http://www.birkdalevillage.net).

### **Concord Mills**

Concord Mills is located just a few miles northeast of Charlotte off of I-85, not far from the popular Lowe's Motor Speedway and the University City area. There are over 200 retail stores and outlets here, as well as many restaurants to choose from.

You can wander outlet stores like Polo Ralph Lauren, Liz Claiborne, Nike and Off 5th Saks 5th Avenue Outlet, along with a Books-A-Million, Sun & Ski Sports, and outsized versions of popular stores like TJ Maxx and Bed, Bath &

Beyond. You'll also find a large Outdoor World and Bass Pro Shop here, along with indoor game venues for the kids, like Jeepers! In fact, as you drive past Jeepers! on your way to park, you just might see the indoor roller coaster whiz by in the window.

8111 Concord Mills Blvd # 100, Concord. 704-549-4811. [www.concordmills.com](http://www.concordmills.com).

### **SouthPark**

SouthPark has long been Charlotte's premier upscale shopping destination. It boasts the second Nordstrom in the Carolinas, and will welcome Neiman Marcus in the fall of 2006. Here you'll also find Tommy Bahama, Tumi, Apple, Tiffany, Godiva, Coach, Bob Ellis, Burberry, Cole Haan, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste and Louis Vuitton stores, among many others.

4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte. 704-364-4411. [www.southpark.com](http://www.southpark.com).

### **Carolina Place**

Carolina Place is located in Pineville, just outside of Charlotte. Open since 1991, it encompasses 1.1 million square feet, with anchor stores Dillard's, Hecht's, Belk, JCPenney and Sears. Along with them are 140 specialty shops, including Aeropostale, American Eagle, Ann Taylor and Merle Norman.

11025 Carolina Place Parkway, Pineville. 704-543-9300. [www.carolinaplace.com](http://www.carolinaplace.com).

### **The Metrolina Expo**

Metrolina Expo is billed as one of the largest antique malls in the country. Antique dealers from across the Carolinas and across the country converge on this sprawling North Charlotte location, bringing an eclectic mix of furniture, old farm implements, rare tools, glassware, crystal, china and collectibles. The center is mentioned in Fodor's travel guide as a sight to see. Open the first weekend of the month.

7100 N. Statesville Road, Charlotte. 704-596-4650. [www.metrolinaexpotradeshow.com](http://www.metrolinaexpotradeshow.com).

### **Hickory Furniture Mart**

Hickory Furniture Mart is one of North Carolina's top visitor destinations, and one of the largest of its kind in the nation, attracting nearly a half-million people every year. Over 1,000 home-furnishing lines – including Broyhill, Thomasville, Lane, Henredon and La-Z-Boy – are displayed in the 1-million-square-foot complex. It includes 100 factory outlets, stores and galleries offering attractively discounted prices on bedroom, dining room, living room, office, family room and patio furniture, as well as rugs, window coverings, lighting, art, antiques and a huge selection of accessories. There's also a shipping service, visitor center, tea room, coffee shop, museum and motel.

2220 U.S. 70 S.E., Hickory. 800-462-MART. [www.hickoryfurniture.com](http://www.hickoryfurniture.com).

# Carolina Excursions

## Asheville

About two hours from the Lake Norman area, Asheville is a center of vibrancy and beauty in the midst of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Its walkable downtown boasts art-deco buildings, cafés, galleries and small book shops. Asheville is also the home of writers Thomas Wolfe and O. Henry, who are buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Built in 1889, Biltmore Estate is the largest home in the country. With 250 rooms, an indoor swimming pool, bowling alley and gymnasium, Biltmore also includes lush gardens and a winery.

Asheville is surrounded by the Pisgah National Forest, which encompasses 500,000 acres in western North Carolina. The forest includes spectacular waterfalls and Sliding Rock, a naturally formed waterslide that is especially popular in the summer. Just northeast of Asheville, Mount Mitchell rises 6,684 feet, making it the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains.

For more information, contact the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority at 888-247-9811 or go to [www.exploreasheville.com](http://www.exploreasheville.com).

## Blue Ridge Parkway

Called "America's Favorite Drive," the Blue Ridge Parkway stretches for 469 miles between Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in western North Carolina. Four of its exits are in Asheville. More than 100 hiking and mountain biking trails are accessible along the parkway, which is most popular in the fall when the leaves change colors. For more information, call 828-298-0398 or go to [www.nps.gov/blri](http://www.nps.gov/blri).

## Charleston

If you're looking to catch a glimpse of the old South, Charleston is a sure bet. Antebellum mansions line cobblestone streets near historic sites and cemeteries. Check out Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, or take a ghost tour through some of Charleston's haunted buildings.

At Charleston's historic Market, you can find anything from shrimp gumbo to handmade jewelry. Folly Beach and the Isle of Palms welcome guests looking for a getaway. Other spots like Kiawah Island, Johns Island and Sullivan's Island offer more private escapes. For more information, call the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau at 843-724-7174 or go to [www.charlestoncvb.com](http://www.charlestoncvb.com).

## Chimney Rock/Lake Lure

Chimney Rock Park and Lake Lure lie at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Chimney Rock features a 402-foot waterfall and 3.5 miles of hiking trails that appeal to different ability levels. Named for a 315-foot monolith that overlooks Hickory Nut Gorge, Chimney Rock's 75-foot views extend over beautiful Lake Lure.

As the filming site of "Dirty Dancing," Lake Lure's crystal-blue water is surrounded by scenic mountains, making it a popular vacation spot. A beach equipped with lifeguards offers concessions and picnic areas and the Lake Lure Marina

offers boat tours and rentals. Cabins, bed and breakfasts, hotels and campgrounds are found within a few miles of the lake.

For more information about the Lake Lure/Chimney Rock area, contact the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce at 828-625-2725 or go to [www.thehickorynutgorge.com](http://www.thehickorynutgorge.com).

## Grandfather Mountain

Near Linville, Grandfather Mountain offers some of the best views in the state and is easily accessible with a road that goes all the way to the top. On the clearest days, views extend all the way to Charlotte, 90 miles away.

The most popular spot at Grandfather Mountain is the Mile High Swinging Bridge, a 228-foot suspension bridge that extends over an 80-foot chasm. It is more than a mile above sea level at 5,305 feet.

The Wildlife Habitat houses black bears, bear cubs, river otters, cougars, bald eagles, golden eagles and white-tailed deer in their natural habitat. The Nature Museum offers natural history exhibits that explore the geological formation of the mountain chain.

More than 13 miles of hiking trails range from easy to extremely rigorous and weave through the 3,000-acre nature preserve. Ladders and cables assist climbers along some of the steepest slopes.

For more information, call 800-468-7325 or go to [www.grandfather.com](http://www.grandfather.com).

## Myrtle Beach

Also known as the "Grand Strand," Myrtle Beach spans more than 60 miles of coastline, offering everything from relaxing on the beach to its lively nightclubs. Shops and restaurants line the streets, and the area is home to more than 100 golf courses.

To truly get away from it all, check out nearby spots like Pawley's Island, Murrells Inlet and Litchfield.

For more information, contact the Myrtle Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-356-3016 or go to [www.myrtlebeachinfo.com](http://www.myrtlebeachinfo.com).

## North Carolina Zoological Park

The North Carolina Zoo is located in Asheboro, about an hour and a half northeast of the Lake Norman area. The zoo covers 500 acres with the largest walk-through natural-habitat zoo in the country. Five miles of trails traverse the African and North American habitats. For more information about the zoo, call 800-488-0444 or go to [www.nczoo.com](http://www.nczoo.com).

## Old Salem

Founded by Moravians in 1766, Old Salem is a restored town with costumed interpreters that reenact the daily life of the early settlers. The bakery is a popular stop, with delicious Moravian cookies and other goodies.

Also part of Old Salem, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts exhibits regional art of the early South. The museum includes 24 period rooms and six galleries displaying furniture, ceramics, paintings and metalware up to 1820. For

more information, call 336-721-7350 or go to [www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org).

## Outer Banks

A chain of barrier islands along North Carolina's eastern seaboard retains its natural landscape and serene atmosphere.

Some of the country's most famous lighthouses are along the Outer Banks, including the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest in the U.S. at 208 feet, and the Ocracoke Lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse in North Carolina.

The site of the first flight on Dec. 17, 1903, is marked by the Wright Brothers National Memorial. The museum offers a number of exhibits including a replica of the Wright brothers' 1903 model.

Another popular museum, The Graveyard of the Atlantic, captures the maritime history of the Outer Banks, where more than 1,000 ships have wrecked. For more information, contact the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau at 877-629-4386 or go to [www.outerbanks.org](http://www.outerbanks.org).

## Pinehurst

Pinehurst Resort, established in 1895, is located in the Sandhills of North Carolina. The resort offers eight golf courses designed by the finest golf course architects, including Tom Fazio, Rees Jones and Donald Ross, as well as luxury accommodations and activities. It was named a National Historic Landmark in 1996. Pinehurst is the site of more golf championships than any other course in the country. In 2005, Pinehurst hosted the U.S. Open. For more information, call 800-ITS-GOLF or go to [www.pinehurst.com](http://www.pinehurst.com).

## Seagrove

Considered the Pottery Capital of the County, Seagrove has a 200-year tradition of pottery with more than 100 shops within its vicinity.

Visitors can travel from studio to studio, and can sometimes catch a glimpse of potters as they work. The North Carolina Pottery Center preserves the history and culture of pottery-making in Seagrove with educational programs and exhibits. For more information, call 336-873-7304 or go to [www.seagrovepotteries.com](http://www.seagrovepotteries.com).

## Wilmington

About four hours away via U.S. 74, Wilmington is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Cape Fear River. With cozy cafés and restaurants along cobblestone streets, Wilmington has an Old World charm. Its 230-block historic district is one of the largest in the state.

Downtown Wilmington has undergone considerable renovations in recent years, with restored 18th and 19th buildings that house shops and restaurants. One of the highlights is the Cotton Exchange, where eight historic buildings connected by brick walkways and open courtyards offer dozens of specialty shops and eateries overlooking the Cape Fear River. Capturing the cultural and geologic history of North Carolina, the Cape Fear Museum is the oldest operating historical museum in the state. For more information, contact the Cape Fear Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-222-4757 or go to [www.cape-fear.nc.us](http://www.cape-fear.nc.us)



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# Customer Verses Client

Agency Disclosure laws are in effect in North Carolina and as a result, all buyers MUST sign either a Buyer Agency Agreement or a Subagency Disclosure with their REALTOR before the REALTOR can assist the buyer in any way.

The Law mandates that before an agent knows anything about you, your needs, wants or desires of a real estate nature, or discuss available properties with you, the agent must have first discussed with you how two of you will be working together. This means the agent must have written authorization from you that they are either your Buyer's Agent and you are their Client, or they are a Subagent of the seller and you are their customer.

This is a requirement of all North Carolina Real Estate Agents. If any Agent does not discuss the laws of agency with you prior to any other conversation about your real estate needs, he or she is putting their license and their company's license in jeopardy.

## **What Services and Information Can We Provide?**

### As a Customer

Provide information on available properties

Show Properties

Help distinguish wants versus needs

Fill out contact forms following customer's instructions

Honestly answer all material fact questions

Disclose all material facts

Provide information on:

- Financing
- Use of experts
- Previous sales in the area
- Customary escrow & settlement procedures
- Sources of other information

NO ADVICE OR INTERPRETATIONS

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Advice and counsel on

- Price to offer
- Getting defects fixed or paid for
- Asking for seller financing & getting favorable terms
- Interpretation of comparables

Promote and protect your best interests

Negotiate the best price and terms for you

Ability to show For Sale By Owners (FSBO's) and get the buyer the best possible price