

## CHARLOTTE AREA ATTRACTIONS

### **The Billy Graham Library**

**4330 Westmont Drive, Charlotte, NC 29217 Phone: 704-401-3200**

The Billy Graham Library is an innovative, family friendly facility that combines multimedia technology and fascinating memorabilia to transport visitors into the life and faith of this beloved evangelist. A gift shop, café and Graham's childhood home complete this not to be missed experience. Admission is free and the library is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<http://www.billygraham.org/Library>

### **Carolina Raptor Center**

**6000 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 Phone: 704-875-6521**

Carolina Raptor Center is dedicated to environmental education and the conservation of birds of prey through public education, the rehabilitation of injured, and orphaned raptors and research.

<http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/>

### **Carowinds**

**I-77 & 14523 Carowinds Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28273 Phone: 704-588-2600**

112 fun-filled acres with more than 50 world-class rides, shows and attractions - featuring a 20-acre water park. New in 2009 - Carolina Cobra, the 125-foot tall towering twisting serpent is the park's 12th roller coaster. Included in admission is Boomerang Bay™, a 20-acre Australian-themed Outback oasis of wet fun. Concerts in the Paladium Amphitheatre.

<http://www.carowinds.com/>

### **Concord Mills**

**8111 Concord Mills Blvd., Concord, NC 28027 Phone: 704-979-5000**

The #1 shopping entertainment destination of the Carolinas and North Carolina's #1 visitor attraction, Concord Mills features over 200 stores including manufacturer and retail outlets, off-price retailers, and unique specialty stores. A festive food court, a NASCAR themed fun park, a 24-screen AMC theatre and North Carolina's only Bass Pro Shops are also part of the shopping adventure. The center is further enhanced by an oval racetrack layout and dynamic architecture reflective of the Carolinas

<http://www.concordmills.com/>

### **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden**

**6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012-8788 Phone: 704-825-4490**

Featuring 110 acres of formal gardens, including nine distinctly themed gardens and is located just west of Charlotte at the N.C./S.C. state line, outside the town of Belmont. The Garden is easily accessible from Interstates 85 and 77 and open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week

<http://www.dsb.org/>

### **Discovery Place**

**301 Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: 704-372-6261**

Discovery Place is the South's premiere hands-on science and technology center. Featuring over 300 exhibits, a live rain forest and IMAX Dome Theatre, one of only two large format theatres in NC, Discovery Place has something for everyone!

<http://www.discoveryplace.org/>

### **EpiCentre**

**210 E. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202**

Bowling? A Movie? Dine? See and Be Seen? New Wardrobe?

No matter what your mood you need to be at the EpiCentre! The incredible array of choices for fun are sure to suite your needs!

<http://www.epicentrec.com/>

**Harvey B. Gantt Center**

**551 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: 704-547-3700**

Located in the heart of the Charlotte Cultural Campus, the Gantt Center has three gallery exhibitions featuring the Hewitt Collection of African-American Art. The Gantt Center offers art, educational programming, history, and culture.

<http://www.ganttcenter.org/>

**Historic Latta Plantation & Nature Preserve**

**5225 Sample Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078 Phone: 704-875-2312**

Once a successful cotton plantation, is now an historic farm. Costumed interpreters, historic displays and hands-on activities allow visitors to experience what life was like for the planters, yeoman farmers, and enslaved African-Americans of the North Carolina backcountry in the early 19th century. Historic Latta Plantation features the home of James Latta, built ca. 1800, as well as original and replica outbuildings and historically appropriate farming practices and livestock. Latta Plantation Nature Center serves as the gateway to the 1,343 acres of Latta Plantation Nature Preserve and is the source for educational programs and information on the preserve's natural communities, flora, and fauna. The preserve, Mecklenburg County's largest, forms a green peninsula extending into Mountain Island Lake and protects a natural heritage site and several endangered plants

<http://www.lattaplantation.org/>

**Levine Museum of the New South**

**200 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: 704-333-1887**

An interactive regional history museum featuring the award-winning permanent exhibit Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers, plus changing and traveling exhibits that offer a real and poignant view of the American South from the end of the Civil War to today. People of all ages will find the hands-on history educational and entertaining. It is the only museum in the country concentrating exclusively on New South history. Museum galleries and store open Mon. – Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sunday 12-5 pm.

<http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/>

**Lowe's Motor Speedway**

**5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC 28027 Phone: 704-455-3200**

Located 12 miles northeast of Uptown Charlotte, Lowe's Motor Speedway is truly the "Mecca of Motorsports". The speedway annually hosts NASCAR Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Craftsman Truck Series races; gigantic AutoFairs, a 10-week Legends Car Summer Shootout Series, stock car driving schools and a variety of annual events at The Dirt Track. In 2008 LMS opened the zMAX Dragway @ Concord, setting a new standard for drag racing facilities around the world. Tours are available daily at the Lowe's Motor Speedway Gift Shop, call (704) 455-3202 for more details.

<http://www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/>

**Mint Museum of Art**

**2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207 Phone: 704-337-2000**

Originally serving as a branch of the U.S. Mint, the Mint Museum of Art was North Carolina's first art museum and is home to collections of American art, pre-Columbian art, historic costumes, contemporary art, ceramics and others. The museum complements its impressive collection with traveling exhibitions and hosts a wide variety of educational programs and outreach activities throughout the year.

<http://www.mintmuseum.org/>

**NASCAR Hall of Fame**

**501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: 704-654-4425**

Opening May 11, 2010 in Charlotte's Center City, the 150,000-square-foot NASCAR Hall of Fame is a multi-faceted, unique attraction honoring the history and heritage of NASCAR. The high-tech venue, designed to educate and entertain race fans and non-fans alike, includes a state-of-the-art theater, Hall of Honor, restaurant, retail outlet, broadcast studio, artifact displays and interactive exhibits. The site includes a privately developed 19-story office tower and 102,000-square-foot expansion to the Charlotte Convention Center, highlighted by a 40,000 square-foot ballroom. The NASCAR Hall of Fame is owned by the City of Charlotte, licensed by NASCAR and operated by the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.

<http://www.nascarhall.com/>

### **NoDa**

**North Davidson at 36th St. (The Heart of NoDa), Charlotte, NC 28205 Phone: 704-344-8440**

NoDa is now the home to the City's best collection of galleries and performance venues; some of the funkiest full service restaurants including authentic Cajun cooking, Southwest cuisine, a Creative pizza eatery and more.

Check out Gallery Crawl twice a month to experience NoDa's unique street scene. Every 1st & 3rd Fridays throughout the year. From 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Or if you cannot make it to the Gallery Crawl please visit NoDa during regular business hours. Most Businesses open 7 days a week. Soho's little sister is located in North Charlotte's historic mill village 2 miles from Uptown on North Davidson Street at 36th.

<http://www.noda.org/>

### **SouthPark Mall**

**4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28211 Phone: 704-364-4411**

As the Carolinas' premier shopping destination, SouthPark offers an experience like no other. SouthPark is home to one of two Nordstroms in the Carolinas, and is now home to the first Neiman Marcus in the region and the first full-line Crate & Barrel store! BCBG MaxAzria, Billy Reid, Hermes, Juicy Couture and Ralph Lauren are now open in the Neiman Marcus wing. The Village at SouthPark has recently welcomed Paul Simon, Design Within Reach and Bag'n Baggage to the mix. SouthPark offers several other exclusive stores, including Apple, Bob Ellis Shoes, Burberry, Cole Haan, Frontgate, Kate Spade, Janie and Jack, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste, Lindt Chocolate, Louis Vuitton, MontBlanc, Sigrid Olsen, St. John, Sur La Table, Tiffany & Co., Tommy Bahama and Tumi.

<http://www.southpark.com/>

### **The U.S. National Whitewater Center (USNWC)**

**5000 Whitewater Center Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28214 Phone: 704-391-3900**

is the world's premier outdoor recreation and environmental education center. Alongside mountain-biking and running trails, a climbing center, and challenge course, the park's unique feature is a multiple-channel, customized whitewater river for rafting and canoe/kayak enthusiasts of all abilities. The USNWC is only 10 minutes from downtown Charlotte and provides over 300 acres of woodlands along the scenic Catawba River. Olympic-caliber athletes, weekend warriors and casual observers share this world-class sports and training center.

This adventure sport facility also features a 2400 square foot conference center and a 300 seat River's Edge Bar & Grill.

<http://www.usnwc.org/>