

Things To Do, Places To Visit

Mecklenburg County

Lake Norman Balloon Company:

21524 Delftmere Drive Cornelius, NC 28031 Business:(704) 892-5929

Privately chartered hot air balloon rides. Come experience the ultimate adventure. A one-hour hot air balloon ride over the Lake Norman area. Available 7 days a week.

Lake Norman State Park:

159 Inland Sea Ln. Troutman, NC 28166

Email: lake.norman@ncmail.net Business:(704) 528-6350 Fax:(704) 528-5623

Discover Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in the state. Covers 1,458 acres. Picnic areas, swimming, canoes, rowboats, paddle boats for rent. Group camping facility (tents only). Family tent/trailer area, fishing, hiking trails, boat launch access to Lake Norman. With advance request, educational programs presented by rangers. Free. Fee for camping. (Formerly known as Duke Power State Park)

Ramsey Creek Park at Lake Norman:

18441 Nance Rd. Cornelius, NC 28031 Business:(704) 896-9808 Fax:(704) 896-9811

This waterfront park cover 46 acres and features sunning beaches, boat launching and docks, a new playground, picnic shelters, nature trails, and a fishing pier. Sunbrellas are available for rental and provide an instant picnic shelter along the shores of Lake Norman. The trails offer a great place to walk and admire nature at its finest.

Billy Graham Library:

4330 Westmont Drive Charlotte, NC 29217 Business:(704) 401-3200

The Billy Graham Library is an innovative, family friendly facility where visitors will experience state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia displays and films, all designed to appeal to casual visitors, spiritual seekers, researchers, historians and schoolchildren. The complex includes the Graham family home place, a bookstore and dairy bar. The home place and prayer garden remain open during normal operating hours.

Carolinas Aviation Museum:

4108 Minuteman Drive Charlotte, NC 28208

Email: info@carolinasaviation.org Business:(704) 359-8442

Aircraft and aviation artifact museum and aircraft restoration facility. Over the past three decades, the museum has developed an impressive collection of over 45 aircraft plus a wealth of other artifacts and memorabilia.

Charlotte Regional Farmers Market:

1801 Yorkmont Rd. Charlotte, NC 28217 Business:(704) 357-1269

Farmers market featuring locally grown produce, handmade crafts, baked goods and plants. Owned and operated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.



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U.S. National Whitewater Center

I-85 South & I-485 5000 Whitewater Center Parkway Charlotte, NC 28214

Email: info@usnwc.org Business:(704) 391-3900

The USNWC is the worlds premier outdoor recreation and environmental education center. Alongside mountain-biking and running trails, a climbing center and challenge course, the parks unique feature is a multiple-channel, customized whitewater river for rafting and canoe/kayak enthusiasts of all abilities.

Historic Dowd House

2216 Monument Street Charlotte, NC 28208 Business:(704) 398-2260

Built in 1879, this home became the headquarters of Camp Green in 1917. Visits may be scheduled by reservation only. The house is open on the 3rd day of each month.

Jeff Adams Tennis Center

1200 W Tyvola Rd Charlotte, NC 28028 Business:(704) 529-1827

One of the special facilities located at Renaissance Park is the Jeff Adams Tennis Center. The center has 13 tennis courts which are open to the public unless they're being used for league play or tournaments.

Courts have recently been resurfaced. Lights are on timers until 10:30pm

Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation

5841 Brookshire Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28216

Business:(704) 336-3854 Fax:(704) 336-5472

More than 12,000 acres of parkland for the enjoyment of Charlotte's residents and visitors. With more than 150 parks, recreation centers, six swimming pools, five golf courses, historic sites, nature preserves, greenways, boat launching facilities, and a skate park, the Department offers tremendous recreation opportunities.

This 18-hole championship course, designed by Clifton, Ezell, and Clifton, has been rated both the best and the toughest public golf course in the Charlotte area. Designed with extra care to preserve the natural beauty of the area, Highland Creek Golf Club winds through towering trees and meandering creeks. Highland Creek Golf Club offers the perfect golf setting. The course stretches to over 7,000 yards from the back tees and features Bent grass greens, Bermuda fairways, four sets of tees measuring from 5080 to over 7000 yards, 4 tee boxes per hole, 72 bunkers, 5 lakes, and water features on 13 holes. The challenging layout will make for an enjoyable game amidst some of the most picturesque golf holes in Charlotte.

Reedy Creek Environmental Center

2900 Rocky River Road Charlotte, NC 28215 Business:(704) 598-8857

Small, remote nature center located on a 700-acre nature preserve. Featuring hands-on exhibits, one-mile nature trail, naturalist guided walks, naturalist lab, environmental programs and science workshops. Located between Rock River, Grier and Plaza Roads in northeast Charlotte.



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Reedy Creek Park and Nature Preserve
2900 Rocky River Road Charlotte, NC 28215
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807 acre nature preserve and park with outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, softball and soccer fields, 18 hole disc golf course, Reedy Creek Environmental Center, seven acre lake and more.

Bradford Store
15915 Davidson Concord Rd Huntersville, NC 28078
Business:(704) 875-6521

Completed in 1911, The Bradford Store brings you back to the good old days of fresh, local, hand-prepared, and hand-selected foods at fair prices. We offer a huge selection of imported, organic and naturally grown local produce. In addition to its significance as a social center and community store, the Bradford Store is also architecturally significant as an early example of hand cast concrete block construction in Mecklenburg County. Every day brings new products to the store like: In-season, field-ripened vegetables from our farm (spring & summer) NC Hoop Cheese Hand-made soaps & soy candles Delicious organic home-baked breads Hand-picked citrus fruits from Florida (winter) NC Mountain Apples (fall) Cakes can be special ordered Ychs Salsa many different varieties Homeland Creamery dairy products Goat Lady Dairy goat cheeses Circle D ground beef See what's Fresh Now! The store is stocked on a daily basis.

Bird Brain Ostrich Ranch
6691 Little Mountain Rd. Sherrills Ford, Mooresville, NC 28682
Toll Free U.S.:877733STEX

Take your kids to feed the dinosaurs! Bird Brain Ostrich Ranch will not only amaze the kids...It's guaranteed to be an experience for all ages. Visit the retail shop for Race City Track Snack, blown eggshells, hand crafted ostrich leather, carved eggshells, homemade soaps, gorgeous feathers of all sizes, and many unique gifts to choose from.

Lazy 5 Ranch
15100 Mooresville Rd, Mooresville NC 28115 Bus: 704-663-5100
The Lazy 5 Ranch is a privately owned exotic animal drive thru park that offers a 3.5 mile safari through the gently sloping pasturelands of Piedmont, North Carolina. While visiting the Lazy 5 Ranch you will have the opportunity to view over 750 animals from six different continents. You can see these animals from the safety of your own car or call for reservations on our horse drawn wagons. And be sure to bring your camera! This is a drive-through experience unique to North Carolina. There is no other collection of animals like this in the Southeast



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