

Things To Do, Places To Visit

Catawba County

Hickory Motor Speedway

3130 US Hwy 70 SE Newton, NC 28658

Business:(828) 464-3655

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Hickory Museum of Art

243 3rd Avenue NE Hickory, NC 2860

Business:(828) 327-8576 Fax:(828) 327-7281

The second-oldest art museum in North Carolina - and the first museum in the Southeast to collect American art - offers exciting exhibits, classes, films and programs. Located in the Arts and Science Center of the Catawba Valley.

Ivey Arboretum

US HWY 127N Hickory, NC 28601

Business:(828) 874-2531

Hickory is the home of the Ivey Arboretum, a collection of over 400 labeled species of native and rare trees and shrubs within a three-acre park. The arboretum was founded by local industrialist and tree enthusiast George Ivey in 1936 in historic Carolina Park (1904). The Arboretum was recently restored with the replacement of many of the unusual plant species. Guided tours are available.

Cabarrus County

Carolinas Boxing Hall of Fame

Lowe's Motor Speedway Concord, NC 28026

Business:(704) 455-3200

At Lowe's Motor Speedway, boxing fans will want to visit the second floor of Smith Tower where the Carolinas Boxing Hall of Fame recognizes individual achievements and contributions to the rich boxing history of the Carolinas with a 32-foot display case of boxing memorabilia. The Carolinas Boxing Hall of Fame has honored 131 individuals since its inception in 1984.

Lowe's Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Parkway South Concord, NC 28027

Fax:(704) 455-2547 Toll Free U.S.:(800) 455-3267

Built in 1960, the famous 1.5 mile superspeedway is home to NASCAR Nextel Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series racing. NASCAR events highlight the schedule in May and October, but the 167,000-seat facility also hosts numerous other activities, including three of the nation's largest car shows; a 10-week series of Legends Car, Bandolero and Thunder Roadster racing; and stock car driving schools. Daily tours are available (except during events) and a gift shop is loaded with souvenir and memorabilia.



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Murray's Mill

1489 Murray's Mill Rd. Catawba, NC 28609

Email: cchamuseum@bellsouth.net Business:(828) 465-0383

Preserved intact are the 1913 mill itself, the 1890s Murray & Minges General Store, the 1880s Wheathouse, used as an exhibit gallery, the 1913 John Murray House, furnished to the period, and numerous outbuildings.

Catawba County Museum of History

30 N. College Ave. Newton, NC 28658

Email: cchamuseum@bellsouth.net Business:(828) 465-0383

Housed in the former Catawba County Courthouse (circa 1924). Regional in its scope of the Catawba Valley area history, the exhibits include a rare British Revolution-era redcoat, a 1930's racing car, a fine collection of locally crafted furniture and Catawba Valley pottery.

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Historic Newton Walking Tour

Main Avenue Newton, NC 28658

Business:(828) 465-7400

Take a tour through the Newton North Main Avenue historic district. You will find 100 historically significant buildings including two churches and one school adaptively reused as an administrative building and a civic performance place. The 1924 Courthouse is home of the Catawba County Museum of History

Firefighters Museum of Catawba County

3597 Herman Sipe Rd. Conover, NC 28613

Business:(828) 466-0911

Equipment and photos dating back to the early 1900s are on display in this museum. On display are 6 fire trucks, the oldest of which is a 1936 American LaFrance pumper.

River Bend Park

Hwy 16 at River Bend Rd. Conover, NC 28613

Business:(828) 465-8957

Designed to preserve the existing natural beauty of the area, the 475-acre scenic park features walking, horseback and riding trails, fishing, rafting, canoeing and wildlife observation decks.



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Rock Barn Golf & Spa

3791 Clubhouse Drive NE Conover, NC 28613

inquiries@rockbarn.com Business:(828) 459-1125 Fax:(828) 459-1114 (888) 725-2276

Rock Barn offers two different 18 hole venues. One is the only Robert Trent Jones Jr. course in NC. The other 18 hole course is a Tom Jackson design. Rock Barn provides a practice putting green, driving range, chipping green and practice sand trap area. Lessons from the Club Pro are available along with club fitting and repair. The Spa, for adults 18 and older, offers dry sauna & wet steam room, locker rooms fully equipped with showers, hair-dryers, towels and robes; indoor 96 degree mineral pool with soothing underwater music; outdoor whirlpool with a nearby fireplace and overlooking the golf course; cold water plunge for pure invigoration; waterfall whirlpool with just enough pressure to relieve achy neck and back muscles. Massages, manicures, pedicures and facials available by appointment. And, a full service hair salon is on-site.

Southside Park

US Hwy 321S Newton, NC 28658

Business:(828) 465-7470

A 27-acre park featuring: group picnic shelters, amphitheater, concession and restroom facilities, playground area, informal ball field, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, paved parking for 125 cars, open area for informal activities

The Green Room Community Theatre

60 West 6th Street Newton, NC 28658

Business:(828) 464-6128

1840s Carolina Village - Hart Square

3 miles SE of Propst Cross Road Hickory, NC 28602

Email: ccha@gestaltmail.com Business:(828) 465-0383

Hart Square is open only once each year the last Saturday in October.

Ticket sales benefit the Catawba County Historical Association. To purchase tickets for the Festival, you may call The Catawba County Historical

Association at (828)465-0383 on October 1. Admission to the Festival is strictly limited to ticket holders only and tickets must be purchased in

advance. No tickets are available at the festival and no tickets are sold before 9:00 AM on October 1. The Festival takes place annually on the

fourth Saturday in October, and specific directions to the village will accompany your tickets. To purchase the 3-hour, 3-volume set of

videotape programs "The 1840 Carolina Village:, mail your check for \$54.90 (49.95 plus \$4.95 postage and handling) to: Village, 205 Raintree

Studios, Advance, NC 27600. If you prefer to make your tape purchase by credit card, you may do so by MasterCard or Visa by calling (336)998-5670 and

placing your order. All videotape orders will be shipped immediately. Once again, thank you for your enthusiasm and your interest!

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Dirt Track at Lowe's Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Parkway S Concord, NC 28027 Toll Free U.S.:800455FANS

The Dirt Track at Lowe's Motor Speedway is adjacent to the legendary Lowe's Motor Speedway and boasts 14,164 permanent seats (the majority of which are chair back-style), six VIP Luxury Suites, a Press Box and Control Tower with elevator, LED Scoreboard and Message Center, Public Address system and an ultra-modern Musco Lighting System. Concessions, Hospitality and Suite Food Service are exclusively managed by Levy Restaurants. Used for racing events on the 4/10-mil of tacky North Carolina red clay, as well as driving schools, concerts, church and community group outings, flea markets, ice skating, etc.

Earnhardt Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates

8500 Moreland Drive NW Concord, NC 28027 Business:(704) 662-9642

Race Shop for Martin Truex Jr. #1, Aric Amirolo #8 and Juan Pablo Montoya #42. Viewing area and gift shop.

Hendrick Motorsports Museum

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. Concord, NC 28262

Business:(704) 455-3400 Toll Free U.S.:(877) 467-4890

Race shop for Jeff Gordon # 24, Jimmie Johnson #48, Mark Martin #5, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. #88. A must-stop for all stock car racing fans, the museum contains Hendrick Motorsports' most famous stock cars, sports car exhibits and championship trophy displays. Highlights include Jeff Gordon's Daytona 500 winning car, Terry Labonte's Iron Man machine, the Days of Thunder Chevy Lumina, and the "exploded" car display featuring used in a 200 MPH NEXTEL Cup racing machine. Viewing areas for each Hendrick Motorsports race shop provide fans a unique behind-the-scenes peek as teams prepare cars for each race weekend, and the team store offers a large variety of Hendrick teams' collectibles.

Jeff Gordon Racing School

6025 Victory Lane Concord, NC 28027 Toll Free U.S.:8774JEFF2

RIDE. 8-lap ride as instructor leads a student in the Qualifier programs.

DOUBLE RIDE. Qualifying runs in a NEXTEL Cup style car and an Indy-style car. DRIVE. Courses range from the basic 8-lap qualifier to the ultimate 70-lap World Champion's, 1 1/2 days of racing including nose-to-nose and side-by-side racing.

Legends Car Driving School

5555 Concord Parkway South Concord, NC 28027 Business:(704) 455-3896

The Legends Cars have become one of the fastest growing segments of motorsports today. With drivers being classified into four different divisions, Legends Cars is THE racing opportunity that is available to anyone! The Pro Division is for the experienced drivers. The Masters Division features drivers 40 years and older. The Semi-Pro Division is the novice class, featuring the drivers that are new to the sport or have been inactive in other forms of racing for a while. Then there is the Young Lions Division which is designated for the drivers between the ages of 12 and 16. Since the car stays the same from division to division, it is the driver that makes the difference



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