

# Things To Do and Places To Go in Charlotte

## [Visit Charlotte](#)

Experience the exciting possibilities that add character to our city, from cultural institutions and attractions to world-class dining and nightlife to shopping and sporting events unique to the Charlotte region. Enjoy the southern hospitality that we are so well known for! Visit Charlotte's website offers more detailed opportunities in our area.

## [Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden](#)

Directions: 22 miles west of Uptown Charlotte (easily accessible from Interstates 85 and 77). In 1989, Daniel J. Stowe, a retired textile executive from Belmont, North Carolina, reserved 450 acres of prime rolling meadows, woodlands and lakefront property and established a foundation to develop a world-class botanical garden. A lifelong nature lover and gardening enthusiast, Dan Stowe and his wife, Alene, envisioned a complex evolving over several decades to rival other internationally renowned gardens.

## Shopping

### [South Park Mall](#)

Directions: 7 miles from Uptown Charlotte (corner of Sharon and Fairview Roads).

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.

### [Concord Mills](#)

Directions: 17 miles north of Uptown Charlotte (I 85 at Exit 49, just 2 miles from Lowes Motor Speedway) 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.

## Museums

### [Levine Museum of the New South](#)

Located in Uptown Charlotte. The New South means people, places and a period of time - from 1865 to today. Levine Museum of the New South is an interactive history museum that provides the nation with the most comprehensive interpretation of post-Civil War southern society featuring men, women and children, black and white, rich and poor, long-time residents and newcomers who have shaped the South since the Civil War.

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[ImaginOn](#): The Joe and Joan Martin Center

Located Uptown Charlotte. ImaginOn is a new, shared combination library/theatre facility with an original approach to education, learning and the arts. It is geared to families with children.

[The Mint Museum of Craft & Design](#).

Located in Uptown Charlotte in a renovated 1930's era department store, it houses an impressive collection of ceramics, fiber, glass, metal and wood. Of interest to all ages.