

Safely

Visit Chapel Hill/Orange County, North Carolina

Winter 2021



Dining on Franklin Street, Chapel Hill



Shopping at Carlisle and Linny, Hillsborough



Old Well, UNC-Chapel Hill Campus

## Safety a Top Priority in Orange County Attractions & Activities

As our communities navigate these unprecedented days amidst the COVID-19 national pandemic, please use this guide as a reference for how to explore safely, while visiting friends, family and conducting business.

**Note:** Social distancing and new cleaning and sanitizing procedures are in place at all locations and mask, distance and handwashing adherence is required.

For more information, contact the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, <https://www.visitchapelhill.org> or call (919) 245-4320. For an email response, drop us a line at: [info@visitchapelhill.org](mailto:info@visitchapelhill.org).

## How to Explore Our Communities During COVID-19 in Winter (January-March), 2021

### Chapel Hill, Carrboro & Hillsborough

The new-look **Morehead Planetarium and Science Center** on the UNC campus, 250 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill has reopened its doors to the public. Days open are Friday - Sunday. Reserve 2-hour timed tickets online ahead of time and all guests over age 2 must wear a mask. The Longest Night: A Winter's Tale among other shows returns to the theater. <https://moreheadplanetarium.org>

**Orange County Historical Museum** at 201 N. Tryon Street in downtown Hillsborough is welcoming guests every Friday-Sunday, from 11am-5pm. See the current exhibit, Yésah: Journeys of the Occaneechi, through the end of March which showcases the area's Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation. <https://www.orangehistorync.org>

In January, **The Burwell School** at 319 N. Churton Street is open Saturday 11am - 4pm and Sunday 1pm - 4pm. Discover the stories of more than 200 girls who came from near and far to study here. And be inspired by the life of Elizabeth Hobbs Keckly, the former Burwell family slave who secured her own liberty in 1855 and became a witness to history as the accomplished and sought-after dressmaker to Mary Todd Lincoln.

<https://www.burwellschool.org>

Check out the **Orange County Sportsplex**, a family friendly recreation facility that offers kids programs as well as public ice skating, swimming and a fitness facility.

<https://www.oc-sportsplex.com>





Main Street, Carrboro

## Chapel Hill, Carrboro & Hillsborough (Continued)

**The North Carolina Botanical Garden** is open throughout the winter. Indoor facilities are still closed, however you may wander the main display gardens, and the Piedmont Nature Trails. Hours Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9am - 5pm. Sundays, 1pm - 5pm. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/visit/visitor-information>

**Free Guided Walking Tour** of Franklin Street, UNC and Downtown Chapel Hill is currently offered at 3pm most Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, with groups gathering in front of Morehead Planetarium. To see the schedule and to register, visit <http://www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com>.

### Hiking and Biking is Available Year Round

There's nothing that gets your heart racing like zipping along a bike path under a canopy of trees. Or, the feeling of breathing in fresh Carolina air as you trek along through the elements. In our area, we've got biking and hiking trails galore. Read <https://www.visitchapelhill.org/blog/post/hiking-and-biking-trails-in-chapel-hill-and-orange-county>

### Farmers Markets

Fortunate for us, we have several Farmers Markets open year-round. A few of the larger ones are [Carrboro Farmers Market](#), [Chapel Hill Farmers Market](#), and [Eno River Farmers Market](#).

### Shopping

For Shopping ideas, visit: <https://www.visitchapelhill.org/things-to-do/shopping>.

### UNC Spring Semester

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's first day of classes for the spring semester is January 19. Visit Carolina Together for information <https://carolinatogether.unc.edu>.

For updates on UNC Visitors Center at 134 E. Franklin Street, visit <https://www.unc.edu/visitors>. For UNC sports schedules, visit <https://goheels.com>.

**New murals** are popping up throughout Orange County, from the [Elizabeth Cotten](#) mural at 111 N. Merritt Road, to Carrboro's [We Are Community](#) on the Gray Squirrel Coffee Company at 360 E. Main Street, and the [Black Lives Matter](#) mural on the CommunityWorx building at 125 W. Main Street. In Hillsborough, see the beautiful mosaic [Love Hillsborough](#) in the Eno River Parking deck. Plan a visit to Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough and take a walking tour of our fantastic murals, some of which have been around for 20 plus years, while others are brand new. For more murals to see in the area, read our blog: <https://www.visitchapelhill.org/blog/post/17-must-see-murals-in-orange-county>

**Carrboro's New Tourism Website** is up and running at [VisitCarrboro.com](http://VisitCarrboro.com). Find helpful itineraries, photographs, videos, links to events, maps and more.

**The Ackland Art Museum** at 101 S. Columbia Street on the UNC campus will reopen to the public on January 27, 2021 from Wednesday - Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm. Extensive safety protocols such as timed ticketing, reduced capacity, enhanced cleaning, and social distancing will be in place in order to give visitors the best experience possible. Visitors are encouraged to reserve their free tickets online beginning January 14. Click for details: <https://ackland.org/visit/reopening-information>.

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## What's New

### Hillsborough Preserves History with Reopening of The Colonial Inn

By Marlene Hampton, Visitors Bureau Sales Director



After a \$2.9 million renovation the historic Colonial Inn built circa 1838 reopened in mid-November in downtown Hillsborough, twenty minutes from both Chapel Hill and Durham. The Colonial Inn shines with a new neoclassical design and a boutique feel. In the lobby see custom made navy-blue velour cozy seats, oak beams and antique brass accessories. A brick fireplace and a hip bar area with wing back chairs and brass cocktail holders help to create a warm and inviting space.

#### Just some of the unique interior accents:

- The front desk and bar were handcrafted and created from reclaimed wood.
- The lobby and bar are the two oldest spaces in the hotel.
- More than 30 local artists will be featured throughout the hotel and artwork will be available for sale.
- The Inn offers 28 guest rooms with 7 different room designs in varying sizes and shapes.
- A luxurious suite with a self-heating hot tub awaits newlyweds, honeymooners, or couples looking for a romantic getaway.

Upon entering, visitors will love the prominent two-story porch, stretching across the front façade. There is a new fire pit area and an extensive brick patio for outdoor events between the original building and new guest room wing. Guests and visitors can also relax in the lush courtyard overlooking a mature magnolia tree.

#### Event Space

The Colonial Inn's event space features a grand ballroom with white marble floors, expansive mirrors, and exquisite chandeliers. The space will seat 100 comfortably for meals and 125 for mix and mingle receptions.

The flexible space can also accommodate 84 people in a classroom style seating arrangement. Other spaces include a small conference room for 12 and a beautiful bridal room. A kitchen is just off the ballroom for caterers and event staff to use.

A beautiful courtyard showcases southern native plants and is ideal for outdoor wedding ceremonies and receptions on the lush lawn. The Inn is working with two preferred caterers, Rocky Top Hospitality and Beau Catering. Clients who book the event space are however allowed to bring in their own caterer.

Bar service will be offered by the Inn. The Inn will offer a Sunday Community Brunch from 9am - 2pm. And the bar will offer a limited menu with southern Bistro flair.

The Colonial Inn has also partnered with local businesses to provide exciting travel packages including a girl's getaway and a romance package.

The Inn is located in the downtown district of Hillsborough at 153 W. King Street, near several restaurants, shops, a bookstore, organic grocery store, and museums.

For more information, visit their website: <https://colonialinn-nc.com>



## Orange County Local Bookstores

Take the opportunity to curl up with a good book at one of Orange County's local book stores this winter.



#### Purple Crow Books

Find new and used books. Peruse the latest works by local authors. 109 W. King Street, Hillsborough. <http://purplecrowbooks.com>

#### Flyleaf Books

Locally owned and operated, Flyleaf Books stocks new and used adult and children's titles. They welcome special orders and host virtual author events. 752 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill. <https://www.flyleafbooks.com>



#### Epilogue Books Chocolate Brews

Epilogue is independently owned and operated by Miranda and Jaime Sanchez. Find your favorite book while enjoying a cup of chocolate, craft brews, a glass of wine, coffees, teas, churros, conchas, and more. 109 E. Franklin Street, #100, Chapel Hill <https://epiloguebookcafe.com>





Acme Food & Beverage Co., Carrboro



Antonia's, Hillsborough



Carolina Brewery, Chapel Hill

## Sample of Open Area Restaurants

(Updated as of 12/31/20)

### Chapel Hill

- **411 West** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Alfredo's Pizza Villa** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Al's Burger Shack** (takeout, curbside)
- **Bandido's** (dine in, takeout)
- **Bartaco** (dine in, patio, curbside, delivery)
- **Beer Study** (curbside, delivery)
- **Benny Cappella's** (outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Big Belly Que** (patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Bin 54** (dine in, takeout, curbside, Bin 54 Basket)
- **Blue's on Franklin** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Bonchon** (dine in, takeout)
- **Boro Beverage** (takeout, delivery)
- **Bottle Rev** (inside & outside seating, curbside)
- **Brandwein's Bagels** (takeout, patio)
- **Breadman's** (dine in, patio seating, takeout, curbside)
- **Brenz Pizza** (takeout, delivery)
- **Brixx** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Bruegger's Bagel** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Buns** (dine in, takeout)
- **Caffe Driade** (patio seating, takeout)
- **Carolina Brewery** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Carolina Coffee Shop** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Casa Maria** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Casual Pint** (patio, takeout)
- **Cha House** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Chimney Indian Kitchen** (dine in, outside, take out, curbside, delivery)
- **China Wok in Timberlyne** (curbside, delivery)
- **Chipotle 2 locations** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Cholanad** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Chopt** (dine in, patio, takeout, delivery)
- **Coco Bean Cafe** (outdoor, takeout)
- **Cold Stone Creamery** (dine in, takeout)
- **Cosmic Cantina** (takeout, delivery)
- **Crab House** (dine in, patio, takeout, delivery)
- **Crook's Corner** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Crossroads at the Carolina Inn** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Curry Point** (takeout)
- **Deli Edison** (takeout, picnic tables available)
- **Elaine's on Franklin** (order, pick up at Carrboro United)
- **Elements** (dine in, takeout)
- **Epilogue Books & Cafe** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Fiesta Grill** (takeout)
- **First Watch** (dine in, takeout)
- **Four Corners** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Fusion Fish** (dine in, patio)
- **Gizmo Brew Works** (inside)
- **GRK YEERO** (takeout, curbside)
- **Hawkers** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Hawthorne and Wood** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Heavenly Buffaloes** (dine in, outdoor, takeout, delivery)
- **Hibachi & Company** (takeout, delivery)
- **Honeysuckle Tea House** (dine in, outside)
- **Il Palio** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Imbibe** (takeout, delivery)
- **Italian Pizzeria 3 (IP3)** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Japan Express** (takeout)
- **Jed's Kitchen** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Jujube** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Just Salad** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Kipos** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Kitchen** (curbside)
- **Kurama** (dine in, takeout)
- **La Residence** (dine in, outside)
- **Lantern** (pop up meals)
- **La Vita Dolce** (patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Lime & Basil** (takeout, delivery)
- **Linda's** (outside, takeout, delivery)
- **The Loop** (dine in, takeout)
- **Lucha Tigre** (takeout, patio, curbside, delivery)
- **Magone Italian Grill** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Mama Dip's** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Margaret's Cantina** (outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Market and Moss** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Med Deli** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Merritt's Grill** (outside, curbside)
- **Might As Well** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **MinGa** (takeout, delivery)
- **Mint** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Moge Tee Chapel Hill** (dine in, take out)
- **Monterrey** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Mr. Tokyo** (dine in, takeout)
- **New Hope Market** (takeout)
- **Oishii Japanese Restaurant** (takeout)
- **Pho Happiness** (outside, takeout, delivery)
- **The Pig** (takeout, picnic tables outside)
- **Pita Grill** (takeout, curbside)
- **Pizza Press** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Purple Bowl** (takeout)
- **Que Chula** (dine in, takeout, delivery)

- **Rasa Indi Chinese** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Rasa Malaysia** (takeout, curbside, delivery in Southern Village)
- **Red Lotus** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Root Cellar** (takeout)
- **Rumi Persian Cafe** (takeout)
- **SAGE Vegetarian Cafe** (takeout, curbside)
- **Shanghai Dumpling** (dine in, takeout)
- **Spicy 9** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Squid's** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Stoney River** (dine in, takeout)
- **Summit Coffee Co** (take out)
- **Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen** (drive-thru)
- **Sup Dogs** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Sutton's** (dine in, takeout)
- **Tallula's** (dine in, outside, curbside)
- **Tandoor Indian** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Time Out** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Top of the Hill** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Trilogy** (dine in)
- **Trolly Stop** (takeout)
- **TRU Deli & Wine Bar** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Twisted Noodles** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Vegan Flava Cafe** (takeout)
- **Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe** (takeout, curbside)
- **Weaver Street Market** (takeout)
- **Yaya Tea** (takeout)
- **Yogurt Pump** (takeout)

## Carrboro

In addition to these restaurant options, don't forget **Carrboro United** hub days now at University Place.

- **401 Main** (dine-in, take out, outside seating)
- **Acme** (outdoor, takeout, curbside)
- **Aidan's Pizza** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Akai Hana** (dine in, patio, curbside)
- **Amante's** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Armadillo Grill** (dine in, outdoor dining, takeout, curbside)
- **Carrboro Pizza Oven** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Carrburritos** (takeout, patio available - no service)
- **Cham Thai Cuisine at Carrboro** (takeout)
- **Coronato** (patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Craftboro Brewing Depot** (patio, takeout, curbside)
- **Dingo Dog Brewing Company** (outside, takeout)
- **Glasshalfull** (takeout, curbside)
- **Gourmet Kingdom** (takeout)
- **Gray Squirrel** (patio, takeout)
- **Hickory Tavern** (dine in, patio, curbside, delivery)
- **Honeysuckle Café** (dine in, patio, takeout)
- **Iza Whiskey & Eats** (dine in, outside)
- **Jade Palace** (takeout, delivery)
- **Luna Rotisserie & Empanadas** (outdoor, curbside)
- **Monterrey** (dine in, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Napoli Pizza** (takeout)
- **Neal's Deli** (curbside)
- **Oakleaf** (dine in, outdoor, curbside)
- **Open Eye Cafe** (outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Pizzeria Mercato** (takeout, curbside)
- **Present Day on Main** (curbside, pick-up)
- **Provence** (closed until mid-March)
- **Rise Southern Biscuits** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Spotted Dog** (outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Steel String Brewery** (outside, curbside)
- **Tandem** (dine in, outside, curbside)
- **Thai Station** (dine in, patio, takeout, curbside)

- **Vecino** (dine in, outdoor)
- **Venable** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Weaver Street Market** (takeout)

## Hillsborough & Northern Orange County

- **American Hero** (dine in, takeout)
- **Antonia's** (dine in, outside, takeout, delivery)
- **Big Bob's City Grill** (takeout)
- **Botanist & Barrel** (inside, outdoor, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Hillsborough Bake Shop** (takeout)
- **Hillsborough BBQ** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **House at Gatewood** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Ixtapa** (patio, takeout)
- **J&F Kitchen** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Jay's Chicken Shack** (dine in, outside, curbside)
- **Los Altos Mexican Restaurant** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Maple View Farm** (outside lawn available, takeout)
- **Napoli** (takeout, curbside)
- **Nomad** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Pancuito** (pick up meals)
- **Pueblo Viejo** (takeout, delivery)
- **Radius Pizzeria** (patio, takeout)
- **Samantha's Pupusas** (takeout)
- **Saratoga Grill** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Steve's Garden Market** (takeout)
- **The Dog House** (drive thru)
- **Village Diner** (dine in, outside, takeout, curbside)
- **Vinny's Italian Grill** (dine in, takeout)
- **Weaver Street Market** (takeout)
- **Whit's Frozen Custard** (outside, takeout)
- **Wooden Nickel** (dine in, outside, takeout)
- **Yonder Southern Cocktails & Brew** (outside, takeout)

CHAPEL HILL - CARRBORO - HILLSBOROUGH - ORANGE COUNTY

**SAVE OUR RESTAURANTS**

**COMMIT TO TAKEOUT**

**1-2 TIMES PER WEEK**

To read about our **#TakeoutPledge** initiative, [click here](#).  
For online restaurant list, visit <https://www.visitcapehill.org/restaurants>.

## Resources

Current COVID-19 Restrictions in Orange County:  
<https://www.orangecountync.gov>

Current State of Operations at University North Carolina Chapel Hill: <https://www.unc.edu>

For a Complete List of Options:

- <https://www.visitcapehill.org>
- <https://visithillsboroughnc.com>
- <https://www.visitcapehill.org/blog>
- <https://www.visitcapehill.org/events>