

# Safely

## Visit Chapel Hill/Orange County, North Carolina

Autumn 2020



Tom Stevens Gallery, Hillsborough



Downtown Chapel Hill



Carrburritos Lunch Takeout, Carrboro

**Welcome to Chapel Hill, home to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and to the communities of Carrboro and Hillsborough all located in Orange County, North Carolina.**

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.

For more information, contact the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, [www.visitchapelhill.org](http://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 Autumn, 2020

### Chapel Hill and Carrboro

#### Free Guided Walking Tours of Franklin Street, UNC, and Downtown Chapel Hill

These guided tours are currently running at 4:30 pm most Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, with groups gathering in front of Morehead Planetarium. Go to <http://www.freewalkingtours.chapelhill.com> to see the days/hours, to sign up, and also read reviews of the tour by clicking Trip Advisor.

#### Self-guided Walking Tour of the University North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill offers this self-guided tour to give you a small taste of life at Carolina.

Please refer to the Campus Map to locate each point of interest. [https://admissions.unc.edu/files/2020/08/Self-Guided-Tour\\_2020.pdf](https://admissions.unc.edu/files/2020/08/Self-Guided-Tour_2020.pdf)

#### Carrboro Farmers' Market

301 W. Main Street

Open Saturdays, 7 am – Noon, 9 am – Noon beginning Nov; Wednesdays, 3 pm – 6 pm through Oct

A mask/face covering is required to enter the Market. All vendors, staff, and volunteers are likewise required to wear a mask/face covering.

#### The Chapel Hill Farmers' Market

201 S. Estes Drive  
University Place Parking Lot  
Open Saturdays, 8 am – Noon  
9 am – Noon beginning Dec;  
Tuesdays, 3 pm – 6 pm through Nov

Vendors are in a single row of tents in a U shape around the periphery of the parking lot. Masks or face covering required at the Market.





# Chapel Hill and Carrboro (Continued)

## Main Display Gardens at the North Carolina Botanical Garden

Visiting the Garden is free and open to the public, no reservation necessary. Bring a face covering and practice social distancing. Please note that while leashed pets are welcome on the Piedmont Nature Trails behind the Garden, no pets are allowed in our display gardens. Hours Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9 am - 5 pm. Sundays, 1 pm - 5 pm. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/visit/visitor-information>

**Don't Miss This Event**  
32nd Annual Sculpture in the Garden featuring 61 sculptures by 41 North Carolina artists on display through December 6. Online voting for the People's Choice Award. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/visit/exhibits/sculpture-in-the-garden>

## Walking and Hiking Trails

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation maintains a system of approximately 17.6 miles of urban greenways and trails. The greenways include both natural surface trails and paved trails, and are great for pedestrian transportation as well as bicycle transportation.

<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/parks-and-recreation/greenways>

For details about Carrboro biking, hiking, parks and historic walking tour, click below. <https://townofcarrboro.org/1042/Things-To-Do>

Be on the lookout for the new **VisitCarrboro.com** site coming soon.

## Select Fall Events

October 3-4  
Carrboro Music Festival  
<http://www.carrboromusicfestival.com>

October 14-31  
FilmFest919  
<https://filmfest919.com>

October 17-18  
Tarheel Antiques Festival  
<https://www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com>

October 30 & November 27  
Hillsborough Last Fridays Art Walk  
<https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/art-walk>

## Morehead Planetarium & Science Center

After extensive renovations, the Morehead Planetarium & Science Center looks to reopen to the public after mid-October.

Visit <https://moreheadplanetarium.org> as details are announced.

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# Seven Favorite Hiking Spots by Adam Searing, JD

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## 1. North Carolina Botanical Garden

This 88-acre forest behind our display gardens is bustling with life. Come explore! Three miles of trails follow creeks and wind around hills. Look for critters in Morgan Creek, and check for wildflowers along the paths. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/ncbg/piedmont-nature-trails>

## 2. Duke Forest Korstian Division

Hiking is great everywhere here, but my favorite with kids are the cliffs. Go in here and hike down to the cliff then go downstream. Sticking by New Hope Creek means endless places to play on the rocks and small rapids. If you took a pic of the map at the entrance you can use it to continue downstream until you take a small trail to the right and rejoin the long fire road that will loop you back up to where you parked.

## 3. Eno River

Durham's hiking gem, the Eno River, is a short and

amazing drive away. My kids and I spent hours on our favorite trail – the one to Bobbit's swimming hole and back – where you swim, wade and see long-nosed gar among other fish. Just long enough of a hike to tire the kids out but not too long that they get cranky.

## 4. Bolin Creek Greenway

Start here at the community center. If you look carefully you can find some great places to play by the creek. My kids' favorite is about a 15-minute walk from the rose garden as you go upstream.

## 5. Forest Theatre

I played in UNC's Forest Theatre as a kid and my kids did too – all the time. Where else can you learn the basics of rock climbing by scrambling up the fitted stone walls? Added benefit is the several miles of now well-maintained trails through Battle (yes, that Battle) Park, now under the expert care of the NC Botanical Garden. Note: Go really early

on Saturday and Sunday and you can likely park in the small lot adjacent to the Theater.

## 6. Johnston Mill

This is one of the newest trail systems in the area. By the reaches of upper New Hope Creek, it has several excellent long and short loops with lots of views and places to play. Head down the main trail from this parking area, stay right at the four-way intersection, and you quickly get to where the creek goes under a wooden bridge.

## 7. Carolina North

Park here at the main gravel lot and either do the fire road Pumpkin Loop or take some of the more challenging single-track trails.

Check the Trailforks app or take a picture of the map at the start so you don't get lost. Check out the benches and lookout point at the side of the old farm pond, about a 15-minute hike from the parking lot.

After all your hiking, don't forget to drive west of town past the Calvander intersection to Maple View Farm Ice Cream. It's about 15 minutes outside town and they have a hillside overlooking beautiful farm fields where the cows who make the milk for the ice cream enjoy life.



## Disc Golf Courses in Chapel Hill & Carrboro

### Anderson Community Park Carrboro 8-Hole Disc Golf Course

Anderson is a fun, tight, technical layout. You don't need drivers or a big arm on this layout, just accurate shot making. There are some tight layouts here.

<https://www.pdga.com/course-directory/course/anderson-park-disc-golf>

### UNC Campus Disc Golf Course

Great weaving stroll through the southern part of campus. Starting and end in the Outdoor Education Center, this course will weave in and out of the woods, up and down hills, all while offering an excellent variety of layouts.

<http://dgcour.se/1078>

### Southern Community Park Disc Golf Course, Southern Village, Chapel Hill

Soccer field, nature trail, large parking area, and very good 18-hole disc golf course for intermediate players. Great variety, good for 175 g discs, as well as DG discs.

<http://dgcour.se/3156>



# Sample of Open Area Restaurants

(updates as of 9/18/20)

## Chapel Hill

- **411 West** (dine-in, takeout, curbside)
- **Alfredo's Pizza Villa** (dine-in, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Al's Burger Shack** (takeout, curbside)
- **Bandido's** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Bartaco** (dine-in, curbside, delivery)
- **Beer Study** (curbside, delivery)
- **Big Belly Que** (takeout, curbside)
- **Bin 54** (dine-in, takeout, and curbside)
- **Bonchon** (takeout)
- **Boro Beverage** (takeout, delivery)
- **Bottle Rev** (inside & outside seating, takeout, curbside)
- **Brandwein's Bagels** (takeout, patio seating)
- **Breadman's** (dine in, patio seating, takeout, curbside)
- **Brenz Pizza** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Brixx** (dine-in, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Buns** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Caffe Driade** (patio seating, take out)
- **Carolina Brewery** (dine-in, outside seating, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Carolina Coffee Shop** (takeout)
- **Casual Pint** (patio seating, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Cha House** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Chimney Indian Kitchen** (dine-in, curbside)
- **China Wok in Timberlyne** (curbside, delivery)
- **Cholanad** (dine-in, takeout, delivery)
- **Coco Bean Cafe** (outdoor dining, curbside)
- **Cold Stone Creamery** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Cosmic Cantina** (dine-in, takeout, delivery)
- **Crab House** (dine-in, patio seating, takeout, delivery)
- **Crossroads at the Carolina Inn** (dine-in, patio seating, take out)
- **Curry Point** (dine-in, outside seating, takeout)
- **Elements** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Epilogue Books & Cafe** (outside seating, take out, delivery)
- **Fiesta Grill** (takeout)
- **Four Corners** (dine-in, takeout, delivery)
- **Gizmo Brew Works** (seating inside, takeout, curbside)
- **GRK YEERO** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Hawkers** (dine-in, patio seating, takeout)
- **Hawthorne and Wood** (dine-in, patio seating, takeout, curbside)
- **Heavenly Buffaloes** (dine in, outdoor dining, takeout, delivery)
- **Hibachi & Company** (takeout, delivery)
- **Il Palio** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Imbibe** (takeout, curbside, delivery; beer & wine for sale while you wait for your food)
- **Italian Pizzeria 3 (IP3)** (dine-in, takeout, delivery)
- **Japan Express** (takeout)
- **Jujube** (dine in, patio seating, takeout, delivery)
- **Just Salad** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Kitchen** (curbside, Saturdays only – place your order on Wed/Thu)
- **Kurama** (takeout, curbside)
- **La Vita Dolce** (dine-in, patio seating, takeout)
- **Lime & Basil** (takeout, delivery)
- **Linda's** (temporarily closed)
- **The Loop** (dine in, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Lucha Tigre** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Magone Italian Grill** (dine in, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Mama Dip's** (outdoor dining, curbside)
- **Med Deli** (dine-in, outside dining, takeout, delivery)
- **Merritt's Grill** (outside seating available, takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Might As Well** (inside & outside dining, takeout, delivery)
- **MinGa** (takeout, delivery)
- **Mint** (inside & outside dining, takeout, delivery)
- **Monterrey** (dine-in, outside dining, takeout, curbside)

- **New Hope Market** (takeout)
- **The Pig** (takeout)
- **Pita Grill** (takeout, curbside)
- **Pizza Press** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Purple Bowl** (takeout)
- **Que Chula** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Rasa Indi Chinese** (dine-in, curbside pickup, delivery)
- **Rasa Malaysia** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Red Lotus** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Red Pepper** (takeout)
- **Root Cellar** (takeout, curbside)
- **Rumi Persian Cafe** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **SAGE Vegetarian Cafe** (takeout, curbside)
- **Shanghai Dumpling** (takeout)
- **Spicy 9** (takeout, delivery)
- **Squid's** (dine-in, patio dining, takeout, curbside)
- **Stoney River** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen** (drive-thru)
- **Sup Dogs** (dine-in, outside seating, takeout)
- **Sutton's** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Tallula's** (dine-in, outside seating, curbside)
- **Time Out** (dine in, takeout, delivery)
- **Top of the Hill** (dine-in, patio dining, curbside and delivery)
- **Trilogy** (dine-in)
- **Trolley Stop** (takeout)
- **TRU Deli & Wine Bar** (dine-in, takeout)
- **Twisted Noodles** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Vegan Flava Cafe** (takeout, curbside)
- **Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe** (curbside)
- **Weaver Street Market** (takeout)
- **Yaya Tea** (takeout)
- **Yogurt Pump** (takeout)

## Carrboro

In addition to these restaurant options, don't forget Carrboro United is still doing their hub days!

- **401 Main** (dine-in, outside seating, takeout)
- **Acme** (takeout, curbside; outdoor dining)
- **Akai Hana** (curbside, outdoor dining)
- **Amante's** (dine-in, takeout, delivery)
- **Armadillo Grill** (dine in, outdoor dining, takeout, curbside)
- **Carrboro Pizza Oven** (takeout, curbside, delivery)
- **Carrburritos** (takeout, curbside, patio available – no service)
- **Cham Thai Cuisine at Carrboro** (takeout)
- **Coronato** (takeout)
- **Craftboro Brewing Depot** (patio seating Tue-Sat, takeout, curbside)
- **Glasshalfull** (takeout, curbside)
- **Gourmet Kingdom** (takeout)
- **Gray Squirrel** (whole bean & merch only, takeout, patio seating)
- **Honeysuckle** (dine-in, patio seating, takeout)
- **Jade Palace** (takeout, delivery)
- **Luna Rotisserie & Empanadas** (outdoor dining, curbside)
- **Monterrey** (dine-in, takeout, curbside)
- **Neal's Deli** (outdoor dining no service, curbside)
- **Oakleaf** (dine in, outdoor dining, curbside)
- **Open Eye Cafe** (takeout, curbside)
- **Pizzeria Mercato** (takeout)
- **Provence** (takeout, delivery; outdoor dining)
- **Spotted Dog** (patio dining, takeout)
- **Tandem** (dine-in, takeout, curbside)
- **Thai Station** (dine-in, takeout, curbside)
- **Vecino** ((inside & outdoor dining, takeout, delivery)
- **Venable** (curbside)
- **Weaver Street Market** (takeout)

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For more information:  
<https://visithillsboroughnc.com>

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

## Landmarks

Landmarks abound in Hillsborough, including one for the Riverwalk, a trail along the Eno River (which flows through the middle of town, including alongside the Historic District and Downtown.). Hike up Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area, as well as stroll Poet's Walk around Ayr Mount and walk the Historic Occoneechee Speedway Trail.

During the COVID-19 crisis, health experts have encouraged spending time outdoors in nature. Parks and trails have been open since late May. Also open are outdoor restrooms. So lace up your shoes, wear a mask, and hit the trail with your family.

Many Hillsborough retail businesses have opened their doors. And numerous local restaurants are seating customers.

## Sampling of Shops to Enjoy in Hillsborough

**108 Churton Boutique**  
<https://108churton.com>  
Monday: 11am - 3:30pm  
Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 4:30pm

**Carlisle and Linny Vintage Jewelry**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/carlisleandlinny>  
Local shop specializing in vintage costume jewelry, estate jewelry, cufflinks, vintage bags and hats plus more.  
Now open Wednesday - Friday: 12pm - 5pm and Saturdays 11am - 4pm

**Hillsborough Gallery of Arts**  
<https://hillsboroughgallery.com>  
Art Gallery owned and operated by local artists. Open Wednesday – Sunday: 12pm – 4pm and Last Fridays: 12pm – 8pm

**Melissa Designer Jewelry**  
<https://melissadesignerjewelry.com>  
Melissa Designer Jewelry is a locally owned jewelry boutique specializing in the work of designer-goldsmith Melissa Booth. Walk-in shopping & repair drop off welcome. Phone: (919) 643-2600

**Purple Crow Books**  
<http://www.purplecrowbooks.com/default.htm>  
Purple Crow Books is located at 109 W King Street in downtown historic Hillsborough NC. Purple is associated with both nobility and spirituality. The crow is a symbol for strength for the turn in the road, and signifying an advent of change.

**Spiral Studios Jewelry**  
[www.sterlingspirals.com](http://www.sterlingspirals.com)  
Handmade Sterling Silver jewelry by Jeannine Rogers. New pieces made daily.  
Phone: (919) 732-2013. 115 N Churton St.

**Uniquitiques**  
<https://uniquitiques.com>  
125 East King Street  
919-644-8000  
Located in the little farmhouse with the wrap-around porch. Huge selection of Vintage and New Cowboy Boots, Vintage Clothes-Western and 60's styles, Vintage Rock and Country tees.

## Other Ways to Indulge

**Former Mayor Tom Steven's Gallery** has an open house the Last Friday of the month (usually 6pm-8pm) – individual appointments are available 7 days a week - and most of the artwork can be viewed online at [www.ThomasStevens.com](http://www.ThomasStevens.com)

**Matthews Chocolate**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Matthewschocolates>

**Hillsborough Spa**  
<https://hillsboroughspa.com>

**The Parlour On King**  
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Parlour-On-King-Salon-Spa-350147495541448>

**Haven Salon**  
<http://www.hillsboroughhaven.com>



## 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.visitchapelhill.org>
- <https://visithillsboroughnc.com>
- <https://www.visitchapelhill.org/blog/>
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