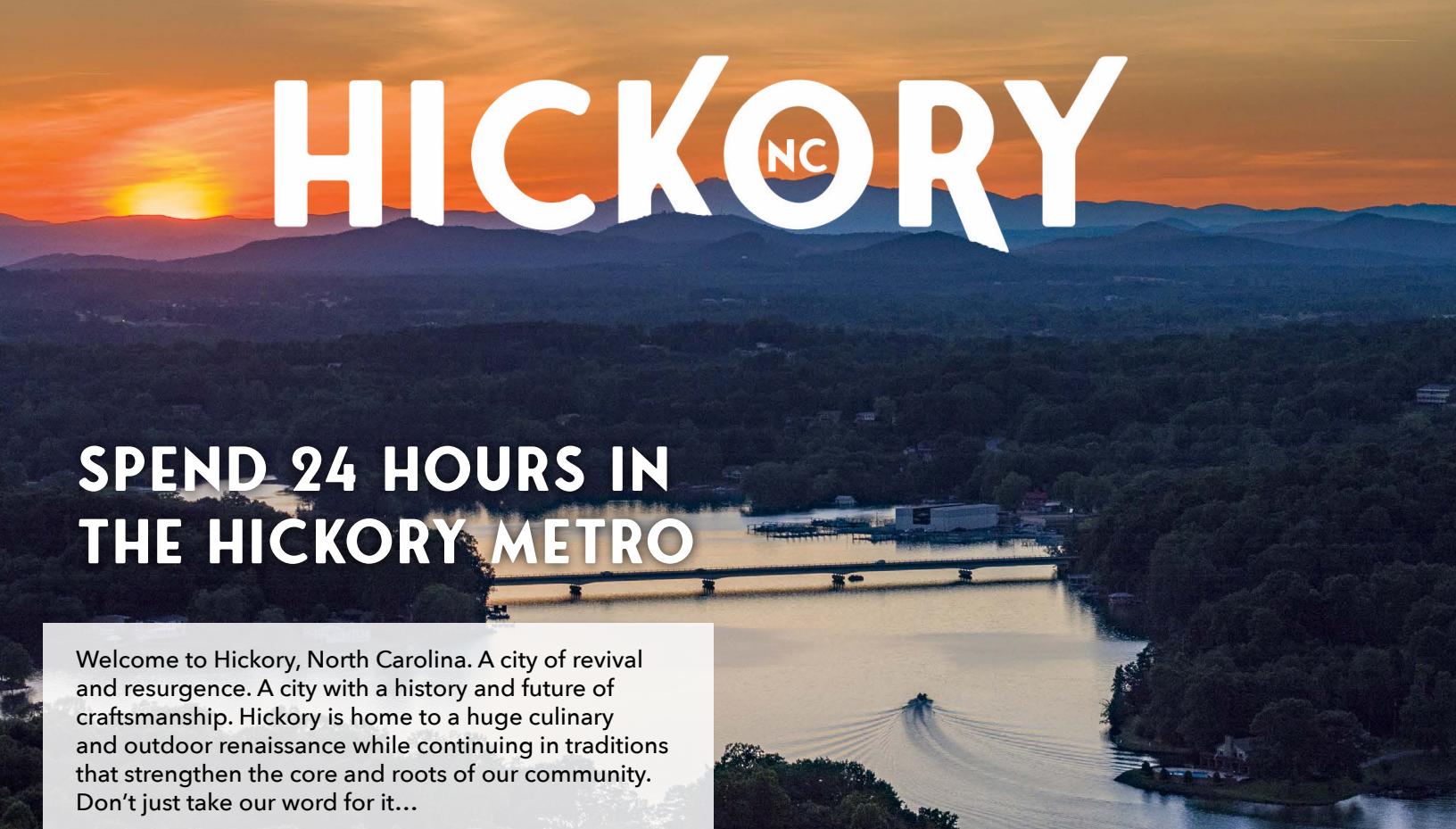


HICKORY



SPEND 24 HOURS IN THE HICKORY METRO

Welcome to Hickory, North Carolina. A city of revival and resurgence. A city with a history and future of craftsmanship. Hickory is home to a huge culinary and outdoor renaissance while continuing in traditions that strengthen the core and roots of our community. Don't just take our word for it...



STAY IN STYLE

While we offer several options for traditional hotel accommodations (we get it - we like those loyalty points too) we also offer some downtown locations that give you the opportunity to walk to much of what's going on at night!

2nd Street Inn is located in Downtown Hickory along the newly finished City Walk. This 14-room location can be booked through AirBnB or the 2nd Street Inn website. Each room is uniquely decorated with custom artwork and furniture pieces, an industrial with original brick walls and the original elevator wheels. The Inn was created with a vision to offer downtown lodging for people to be able to enjoy what all Hickory has to offer in the evenings.

Walk to downtown restaurants, shops, and nightlife.



EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

For the thrill seeker we have lots of outdoor adventures...

Lake Hickory - offers over 100 miles of shoreline, 16 public boat launches and six marinas and future home to Hickory's Riverwalk. Future amenities include kayak and sup launch sites and more.

Catawba County's newest outdoor destination, **Mountain Creek Park**, has already been getting rave reviews. Situated 34 miles northeast of Charlotte, N.C., on the northwestern tip of Lake Norman, this 606-acre park with nearly 20 miles of trails and a host of other amenities has quickly become a favored destination for outdoors enthusiasts.

Mountain biking is at the heart of Mountain Creek Park. The park's 19.52-mile multi-use trail system was designed to optimize mountain biking and consists of interconnected loops that range in difficulty from "easy" to "intermediate" to "most challenging."

Named after the creek that winds through the park, Mountain Creek Park is nestled along a cove on Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in North Carolina. A paddle launch invites paddlers to put in their canoe, kayak or paddle board to adventure into the park along Mountain Creek or float out into the lake.



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FEED YOUR SOUL

Feast your eyes upon our growing culinary scene in the Hickory Metro. Here are a few foodie favorites with new restaurants opening soon.



Mas Amor Cantina - is your neighborhood Tex-Mex restaurant with solid North Carolina roots that will keep you craving more!

Cowa Saké - Hickory's newest asian fusion concept in the heart of downtown, incorporates the art of ancient wok cooking, Japanese street food, and the freshest ingredients. From flaming desserts to tableside smoked sushi rolls and cocktails Cowa Saké promises an evening like no other.

Charolais Steakhouse - serves amazing steaks! They offer a full menu that includes seafood, chicken, appetizers, and their famous homemade soup, salad, and cheese bar. In addition, they have a world-class selection of wines and cocktails.

Standard Oyster Co. - indulge in a chilled seafood platter, steamed shellfish, or another classic American fare. Oyster Happy Hour 4 pm-6 pm.

Fourk - makes food and drinks with a twist offering seasonal rotating menu options.

Boca - specializes in Mediterranean dishes and tapas, including seafood and marinated olives.



HISTORY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

Hickory is home to **The SALT Block**, and their main purpose is to promote science, the arts, and literature together. Housed all on one square block, the SALT Block is home to **Hickory Museum of Art, Catawba Science Center, Hickory Choral Society, United Arts Council, and the Western Piedmont Symphony**. Learning and growth is encouraged for all ages when visiting the Salt Block. Relax and let your imagination run wild with world renowned art exhibitions, science center, planetarium, and more.



While visiting The SALT Block stop by the **Hickory Museum of Art**, the 2nd oldest art museum in North Carolina, housing a dedicated folk art exhibition and rotating nationally recognized artists.



Hart Square Village is known as the world's largest collection of historically accurate 1800's log cabin structures. See the village come to life with hundreds of knowledgeable docents and reenactors at the Annual Living History Festival every fourth Saturday in October.

NEW & IMPROVED



Crafting Hickory: The Riverwalk and Citywalk projects are just a couple of ways that Hickory is enhancing our city with more walkable ways to explore. The City Walk which is nearing completion will allow access from our Downtown Hickory area to Lake Hickory. Renovations are now complete on Union Square, and construction is well under way on the Riverwalk. Once completed the entire project will boast over 10 miles of connected trails throughout our city and along Lake Hickory.

ON THE "FOODIE" RADAR

1

Frothy Rooster - Hickory's newest and chicest Brunch/Lunch spot is now open! This sophisticated locale is offering breakfast sandwiches, smoothies, specialty coffees, and more.

2

Cranford Brothers BBQ, City Walk Brewing, & City Walk Distillery - Located directly along the City Walk and inside the social district, this location offers Hickory's newest smoking BBQ joint, City Walk brewery and tasting room, and the much anticipated City Walk Distillery and hidden gem "No Entry" - a speakeasy-style cocktail lounge that offers a beautiful atmosphere and even tastier cocktails.

3

Plant Based Boss - Hickory's 100% vegetarian and vegan restaurant with a unique vibe.

4

Battle Axe Mead House - A truly unique meadery experience in downtown Hickory offering traditional Nordic style meads. Try a mead flight in authentically crafted ox horn mugs.