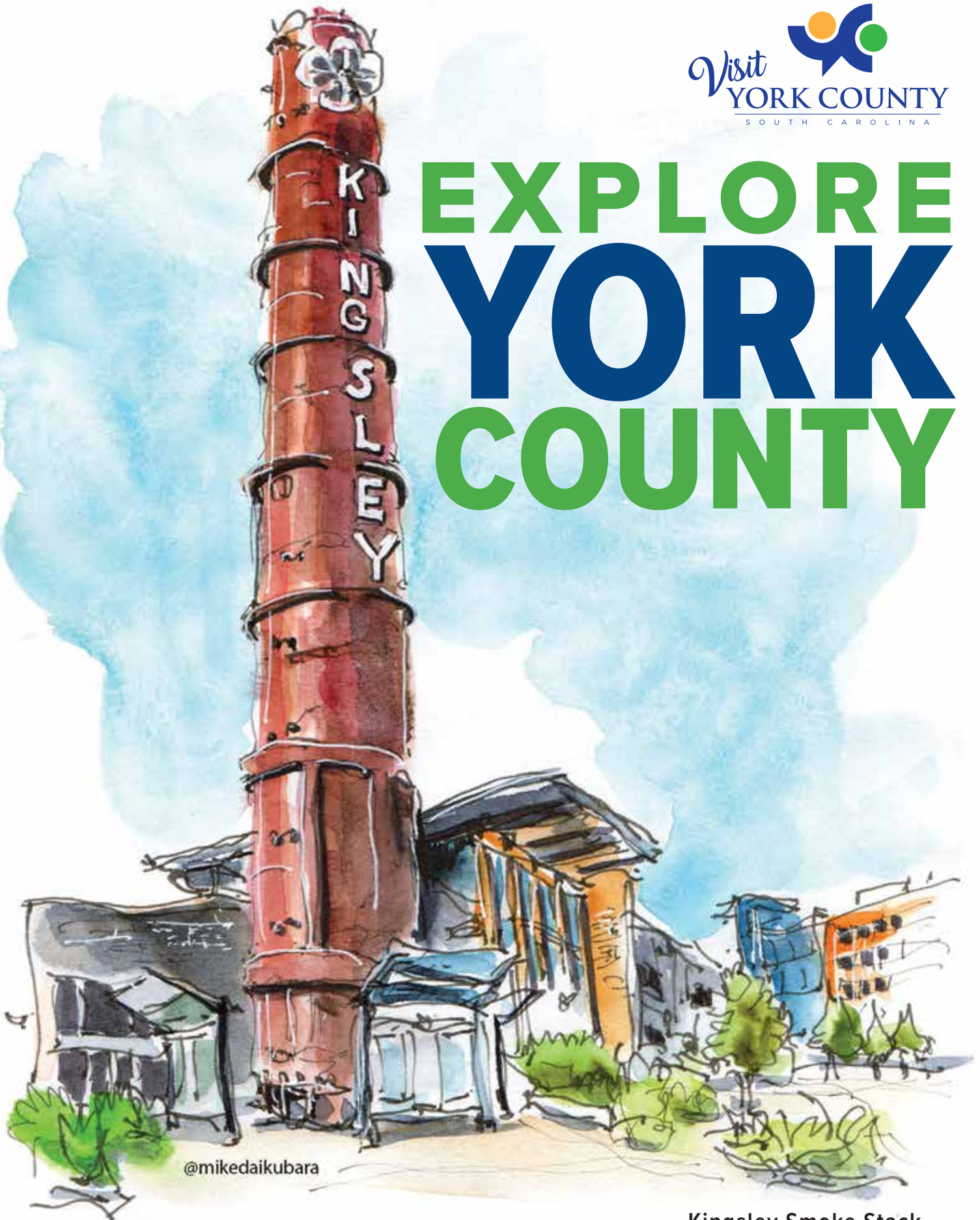


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Kingsley Smoke Stack
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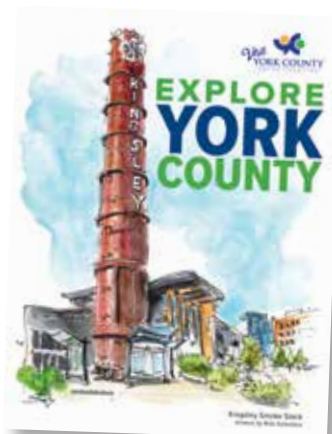
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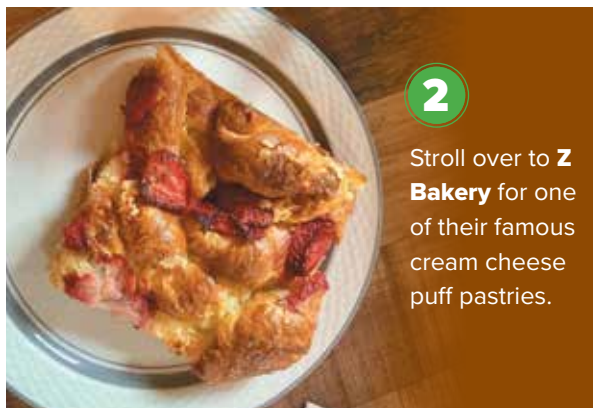
How to spend a day in Fort Mill with @FortMillNow

Fort Mill Now was started in 2017 by Anna Culver with a dream of connecting her online community with this ever-growing community. Fast forward three years and Fort Mill Now serves as a local guide to all things Fort Mill! See how Anna spends the perfect day in Fort Mill.



1

Head to the **Fort Mill Farmer's Market** on Saturday morning in downtown Fort Mill to shop local vendors – food, jewelry, craft beer, coffee, artwork – you name it!



2

Stroll over to **Z Bakery** for one of their famous cream cheese puff pastries.



3

Walk over to **Olive's Mud Puddle** for a craft coffee drink and browse local artwork.



4

Window browse down to **Crossings on Main**, a gift shop at the end of Main Street with a little something for everyone.



5

Rumbling tummies can head to **Local Dish, Improper Pig**, or **Hobo's** for a bite of lunch.



6

Don't miss **Amor Artis Brewing** nearby. This is a cozy spot to grab a pint or head to their back deck for some fresh air amongst the Main Street rooftops.



7

Walk off lunch by heading to the **Anne Springs Close Greenway** for a stop at the **Greenway Gateway** and a walk around **Lake Haigler**.



8 Head to **Baxter Village** for drinks and live music on the rooftop of **The Lucky Duck**, or **Grapevine Wine Bar** across the street for wine with Baxter locals.

If you're not quite ready for dinner, drive across the street to **Kingsley Town Center** for a glass of wine at **Corkscrew Kingsley** or a cocktail at **Spice Asian Kitchen**.

9



10

Take in the sites of this bustling town center as you walk to **Napa at Kingsley** for dinner. Find your seat on the charming patio where you'll enjoy a taste of Napa Valley.

Meet the Artist

MIKE DAIKUBARA

Our cover art is provided by local artist Mike Daikubara.

You can follow along with Mike's adventures via Instagram at @mikedaikubara.



Tell us about why you use sketching as your medium of choice?

I've been Urban sketching (Sketching on-location) for over 20 years now and it's just a pure addiction. Unlike being able to take a quick photograph on your phone, sketching requires you to take a closer look at the subject in order to draw it, which means slowing down to really see and understand what you're looking at. I find this act of 'slowing down' being more important than ever before since the world is just getting faster and faster making it harder to digest our surroundings.

I carry and sketch inside a wire-bound sketchbook using a fountain pen and Watercolor. There are no pencils and it's straight ink to paper from direct on-location observation. This has been the most portable and fastest way of capturing my surroundings.

What do you look for when choosing a subject to sketch?

A best sketching subject just screams at me asking me to sketch when I see it :) But the truth is that any subject (even the most mundane) has something that can be captured. You just need to take a closer look at it and Sketching allows you to slow down to really take a look to find that essence.

Tell us about some of your favorite things to sketch in York County!

Since moving down to South Charlotte, York County has been a top favorite destination for my wife and I and we frequently find ourselves taking a short drive down there.

This summer we got addicted to 'picking' our own fruits and have gone to Black's Peaches & Bush-N-Vine farm to pick peaches. Hand picked fruits are just so amazing! Other favorite places would be the cute little downtown Fort Mill area, Museum of York County, The Pump House, Sunflowers at the Draper Wildlife, Kingsley Town Center (The Chimney!), Papa Doc's shore club... I think I can just keep on going on with the list!!

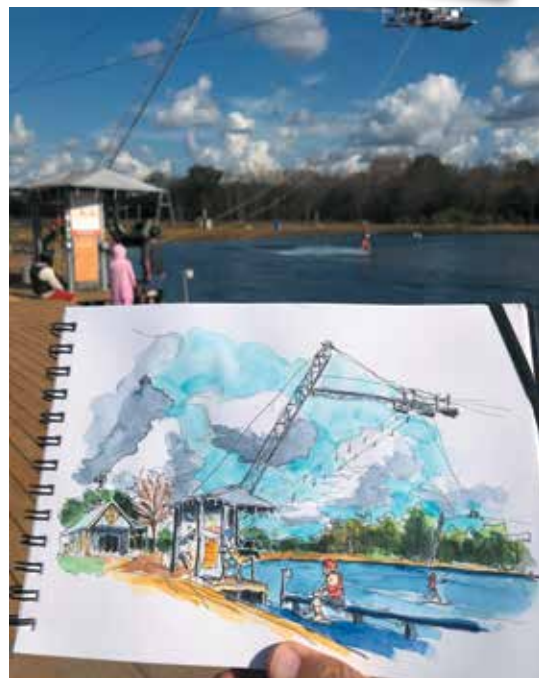
How do we follow along with your art?

My recent sketches are posted on Instagram @mikedaikubara
For more details, please go to www.daikubara.com

What do you hope people take away from your art?

I hope to convey 3 things:

- Even the most mundane things from our daily life can be exciting if you just slow down to take a look.
- Sketching is an art form that can be done by anyone in any situation without any special tools or a dedicated art studio.
- I hope more people will want to pick up bringing sketching into their daily lives since I truly believe sketching makes you happier by being able to focus on the 'now'!



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Winthrop University Sports

If it's college hoops you're after — don't miss a game at Winthrop University's Coliseum. The Winthrop Eagles have made it to the big dance more than once and continue to show why South Carolina is home to some great basketball. Looking for a different sport? Try heading to a Winthrop Baseball game! These outdoor games are fun to watch — and you can grab a beer while you cheer on the local team!

High School Hoops

If you're looking for top talent in high school basketball, you can't miss the annual Battle at the Rock High School Showcase. Featuring sold-out crowds and ranked players and teams from across the country, this three-day event puts on a show! Don't miss the showcase every December inside the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center. Looking for more high school talent? The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Showcase in January gets top South Carolina teams in the same arena.



Cornhole

Cornhole isn't just for your backyard anymore. The American Cornhole League will soon call Rock Hill home, even hosting some nationally televised tournaments inside the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center last year. You can watch these professional cornhole players for yourself at events throughout the year.



Photo courtesy Rock Hill PRT

US Disc Golf Championships

Did you know that Rock Hill is home to the Masters of Disc Golf? For more than 20 years, Winthrop University has been home to the United States Disc Golf Championship each October. Hundreds of the top disc golf players in the world descend on Rock Hill to battle it out for the top spot. Grab a spectator pass and spend time watching these athletes go head to head.



Football City, USA

If you're looking up Rock Hill, S.C., on a map, you may be rerouted to Football City, USA. This area delivers when it comes to its nickname thanks to the nearly two dozen college and professional football players the area high schools have produced. You can catch fan favorites like Jadeveon Clowney (pictured below), Stephon Gilmore or Cordarrelle Patterson making big plays on the big stage any given Sunday. We asked some of our Football City, USA favorites to tell us their favorite things about York County!



What's Your Favorite Ride at Carowinds?

Carowinds is such a great place where I made a lot of great memories growing up. I enjoyed a lot of the roller coaster rides, but my favorite event was Scarowinds in the fall. Walking through their indoor mazes, and feeling the anticipation of being chased by one of their zombies was always a thrill.

– **Mason Rudolph, Pittsburgh Steelers**

What is your favorite restaurant in York County?

Definitely **Captain Steve's**. I love seafood and this restaurant has always been a staple and has so many family memories. I sometimes switch it up, but I usually get the "create a platter" with 3 different items — shrimp, fish, and more shrimp!

– **Jonathan Meeks – drafted by Buffalo Bills in 2013**

Do you have a favorite "guilty pleasure" place you stop at when you visit York County?

I love **PW's Ice Cream!**

– **Chris Hope, Pittsburgh Steelers**

What's your favorite outdoor activity in York County?

Walking **Riverwalk** or running around **Cherry Park!** They're great places for a pretty view and it's really peaceful. I like that Riverwalk is "true to the area" with a country feel to it.

– **Jonathan Meeks**

What do you think of the Panthers coming to Rock Hill?

The thought of the Panthers moving to Rock Hill is so exciting as this will create more exposure and opportunities for people to network with the NFL.

– **Tori Gurley, former NFL player**



Panthers HQ

Construction of "The Rock" is underway in Rock Hill. This state-of-the-art facility off I-77 is expected to bring the Panthers' new headquarters offices, an indoor practice facility, outdoor practice field, premier orthopedic sports medicine facilities and corporate offices. The facility will be home to the Panthers' annual training camp starting in July 2023.

Head to panthers.com/rockhill for full details and updates.

Explore York County's Murals

If a picture is worth a thousand words, our murals personify our vibrant downtowns. Take a day to visit the entire county and see just how many murals you can find!

Pro tip: These murals make for the best Instagram pictures. Upload yours with #VisitYorkCounty.



Love Where You Live: 102 Academy St., Fort Mill

This “Love Where You Live” interactive mural is located on the side of the Crossings on Main shop off Main Street Fort Mill. We love this mural because there are so many ways to take pictures with it!



Freedom Walkway: 139 E. Main St., Rock Hill

Located in Old Town Rock Hill, Freedom Walkway is an alleyway that represents and celebrates local heroes in Rock Hill's history who fought for equality and justice.



Arts Council of York County: 121 E. Main St., Rock Hill

While you're in Old Town Rock Hill admiring Freedom Walkway, take a stroll down the block to the Arts Council of York County! The back of this building has an Art Deco mural with pops of neon colors to brighten your day.

SpringMaid Fabrics: 251 Textile Way, Fort Mill

The SpringMaid Fabrics mural can be found on the Brixx Wood Fired Pizza building in Kingsley! The mural is an ode to Springs Industries, a Fort Mill cotton textile company that became one of the leading textile manufacturers in South Carolina during the late 1800s and early 1900s.



Drink Local: 130 W. White St., Rock Hill

If you're out making progress on the YoCo Brew Trail, stop by Rock Hill's Dust Off Brewing and check out their “Drink Local” mural located in their back alleyway patio.



Rock Hill: 130 W. White St., Rock Hill

One of the newest murals to come to York County is at the Warehouses on White. Located on the side of the building, there is a massive mural, painted by Osiris Rain, filled with faces and bright colors with “ROCK HILL” spelled across it.



Las Americas: 1906 Cherry Road, Rock Hill

This Rock Hill Supermarket is primarily known for its authentic 50 cent Taco Tuesday tacos, but now you can enjoy some art with your meal! Artist Alex DeLarge has painted a series of popular Mexican icons on the walls, such as Frida Kahlo, Selena and El Chavo.



Solutions Salon: 19 N. Congress St., York

The back of Solutions Salon in downtown York just got a recent makeover with the addition of this angel wings mural! The meaning behind this mural is to honor the salon owner's mother.



York Lumber Co.: 13 E. Jefferson St., York

The space occupied today by York Lumber Company in York is the former winter quarters of the circus. It may look ordinary during the day, but at night it becomes illuminated, giving it a whole new look.



The Train: 105 N. Main St., Clover

Before Clover was the Town of Clover, it was just a railroad stop. If you stop off Main Street in downtown Clover, you'll spot this gem that pays homage to the town's history!



Boyd Tire: 110 S. Main St., Clover

While you're in Clover, stop by the Boyd Tire & Appliance store and check out the huge mural that takes up the entire side of the building. Featuring tall trees, plants and bright red and yellow balloons, this mural is definitely one of the most unique ones on this list!



Lake Wylie: 5774 Charlotte Highway, Clover

This map of Lake Wylie mural has a "Where's Waldo?" vibe to it with the bright colors and with so much going on! Located on the side of Archer Automotive in Lake Wylie, this mural was done by Imre Nagy and his 11-year-old son — so much talent!

There are even more murals to come in the near future to York County. As part of Old Town's Mural Mile, artist Shepard Fairey will be completing a mural on the side of the old Bike Town building in downtown Rock Hill. Watch as this mural comes to life in early 2021.

The Best Insta-Worthy Locations

Looking for the perfect shot for the 'gram? Look no further than York County. These locations are sure to have your friends hit the like button on repeat. Don't forget to share your experience with the hashtag #VisitYorkCounty.



Kings Mountain National Military Park



Photo courtesy pumphouserockhill

Pump House Rooftop



Photo courtesy laurareister

Draper Sunflower Fields



Photo courtesy graceeggers

Anne Springs Close Greenway Swinging Bridge



Photo courtesy everydaywithmeghan

Freedom Walkway



Papa Doc's Lake Wylie

Get Artsy!

Get in touch with your inner artist and our immersive arts community. From public galleries to pottery classes and live entertainment, we're connected through art, culture, film and music that combine to create a vibrant community in York County.



TOUR A GALLERY

Center for the Arts

Located right on Main Street in Rock Hill, this hub for artists and the Arts Council of York County holds not just one, but two galleries. The Dalton Gallery hosts multiple exhibits a year in the main area, The Edmund D. Lewandowski Classroom Gallery, and the Perimeter Gallery. This two-story gallery boasts art from every angle, down to the handrails that were custom made by blacksmiths to honor the history of the building.

Gallery 120

Established in January 2015, Gallery 120 at the Clover Community Center was created as a community art gallery with a mission to build a strong vibrant Arts community and encourage growth and exposure of professional and emerging artists while educating our community in the Fine Arts.

LOOM Coworking Gallery

The Gallery@LOOM, an event space within LOOM Coworking, is available for after hours and weekend rental to private groups, as well as for educational and business functions. Changing exhibits of original, regional art will make a stunning backdrop for your meeting, class or event.

City of Rock Hill's Rotunda

Walk inside the City of Rock Hill's offices and you'll be greeted by a stunning rotunda. Upstairs the rotunda holds rotating art galleries for you to view. This is a free community gallery that is meant to help highlight emerging artists.

Alleys as Galleries

You don't have to step foot in a building to view this art gallery. As part of a new initiative to bring art to the people, Alleys as Galleries formed. On Cotton Alley off Main Street Rock Hill you can view several artists' work. The pieces in this alley feature local and regional artists.

Gettys Art Center

The Gettys Art Center is the pulse of the arts community. Home to several artists' studios and galleries like the Courtroom Gallery, it's a haven of creative space. You'll also find two pottery shops inside and the Friday Arts Project. There's a gallery that sits in the courtroom upstairs as well. The Courtroom also holds a concert series featuring lots of local artists.

Winthrop Art Galleries

Winthrop University Galleries presents up to 18 professional, faculty and student exhibitions annually and offers accompanying educational programs, visiting artists and opening receptions to inspire and enrich the lives of Winthrop students, faculty, staff and regional audiences. Students also gain hands-on experience working as gallery assistants. Exhibitions and events are always free and open to the public. There are three galleries in two buildings; the Rutledge and Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Galleries in Rutledge Building and Lewandowski Student Gallery in McLaurin Hall.



Your Turn! Take a pottery class

Ready to try your hand at making local goods? Get messy with a pottery class. Rock Hill Pottery located in the Gettys Center regularly offers classes for you to learn how to make a variety of items. Olive's Mud Puddle in Fort Mill hosts classes throughout the year making specialty sculptures like pumpkins or owls.

Photos courtesy Arts Council



Experience The Arts

Take in the sights and sounds of York County through live performances. Home to premier live dinner theater performances and top-rated musical acts, the sweet melody of York County will keep you coming back for years to come.

NarroWay Productions

Great Food, Great Shows and Guaranteed Great Time! Touted as the premier Christmas theater of the South, NarroWay Productions will captivate you with original scripts, live animals, special effects and an incredible cast — and will feed you with one of the best meals in the area. Want to see all the shows? Grab a Life of Jesus season pass for just \$150 to get access to five dinner theater performances!

Community Theater

Looking for a top-rated performance at a budget-friendly price? Check out our community theater performances. **Fort Mill Playhouse** has been performing live theater for more than 40 years. Make it a date night with dinner and a show right on Main Street. **Rock Hill Community Theatre** is known for quality entertainment and family-friendly shows. Be sure to keep an eye out for their list of annual dates of performances.

McCelvey Center

Don't miss a chance to see this gorgeous historic site in York. The McCelvey Center is the original site of the Yorkville Female Academy founded in 1852 and includes the 500-seat Lowry Family Theater. The Culture and Heritage Museum holds its annual Southern Sound Series here, filled with big name musical acts.

Rock Hill Symphony

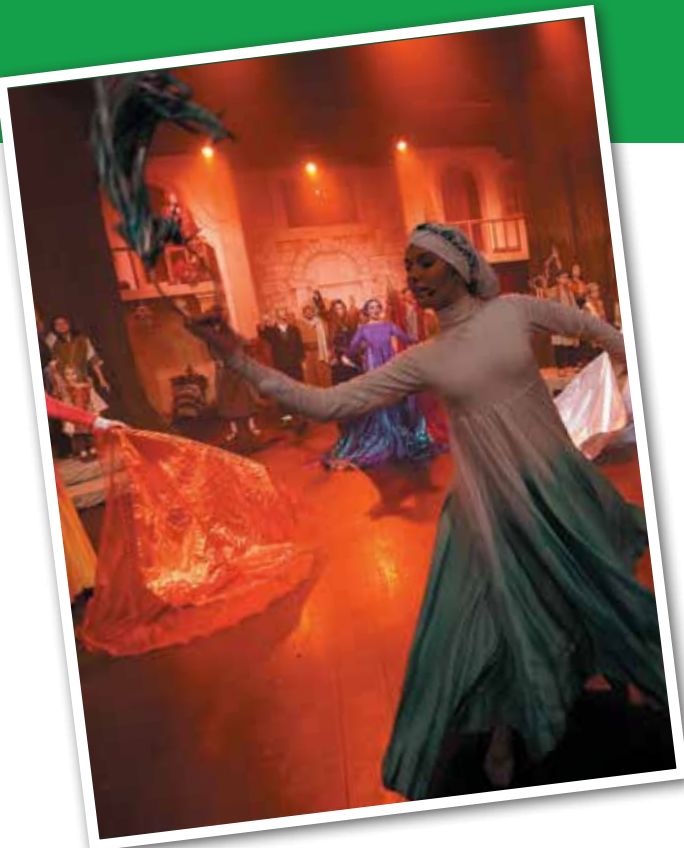
Elevate your trip with the sweet sounds of the Rock Hill Symphony. This newly formed orchestra offers a new experience in York County. With a full billing of shows at an affordable price, you can experience renowned artists on a budget.

Sylvia Theater

This historic theater not only shows movies on a single drop-down screen, but they're a small music venue for large and small acts. The building is more than 100 years old and still packs it in every weekend. This is a must-see destination on your visit to York.



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Looking to get your heart rate up? Try these York County adventures that will take you soaring across tree tops, hitting the water, or heading to the highest point in York County.



Carowinds

Thrill-seekers get ready, Carowinds touts world-class thrill rides, live entertainment and delicious dining options. Get your fix on our astounding collection of world-class rides, including the new Copperhead Strike, the Carolinas' first double launch coaster. Splash, slide and chill at Carolina Harbor Waterpark, included with admission, or pick a shady spot and enjoy some live entertainment. Memories with friends and family are waiting at Carowinds. New for 2021 is Boogie Board Racer, the longest mat racing water slide in the Southeast, and the debut of Grand Carnivale, a nighttime international festival and street party celebrating global culture in grand scale.

Axe Throwing

Darts just became so 1980s. Make it a date night or head out with a group of friends for the ultimate stress reliever. With two options for axe throwing, you can't go wrong. Mr. Stumpy's is an outdoor axe throwing location in Tega Cay, at the 19th hole of Mr. Putty's. Make it a full evening with a round of mini golf, beer and wine and axe throwing! Viking Axes is the ultimate axe throwing location with multiple lanes that accommodate a big party or give you the space you need for some friendly competition. Choose your axe type and get throwing!

Canaan Zipline Canopy Tour

Hope you're not afraid of heights — start at the top of this 70-foot tower to take off across the Catawba River. Zip through the tree tops and challenges including a 900-foot zip. Really want to up your game? Take a nighttime tour!

SouthTown Wake Park

Forget the boat — head to your next adventure via a cable. This wake park is just show up and ride. Pulled by a cable system around this manmade lake, riders get a wake board experience without the open waters. Whether you're a novice or an expert, this park has an experience for you. Looking for something for the younger ones? Hit the aqua park — an inflatable obstacle course on water.

Adventure Air Sports

Jump, Jump, Jump around! Get your ninja on at Adventure Air Sports in Rock Hill. This ultimate jump park has climbing walls, a ninja warrior course, trampolines, foam pits and more. Book a big party or take the kids to get the wiggles out. This park isn't for the faint of heart and will give you a workout!

U-Pick By Season

Farm excursions don't have to be just for pumpkin picking. In York County fun on the farm lasts all year long! Whether you're looking to pick peaches or strawberries or just grab a bushel or two, these are farms you definitely can't miss.



Season: Mid-April to Early June

Start a family tradition and head out to the strawberry fields to pick your own! Try **Bush-N-Vine** in York, **Springs Farm** in Fort Mill and new this year, **Cherry Place Farm** in Rock Hill. Looking for fresh strawberries in the fall? Bush-N-Vine produces strawberries 35 weeks out of the year!



Season: Mid-May – Early September

It's time to pick a peck of peaches! And our peach trees have history. From one of the oldest peach orchards in the state, **Black's Peaches**, or from world-renowned author **Dori Sanders of Sanders Peach Farm**, these peaches make the sweetest pies, jams and jellies. Just looking to pick up a peck? Head to Peach Tree Orchard or Springs Farm!



Season: Late August – Mid October

Grab your flannels and spring into fall with pick-your-own apples at **Windy Hill Orchard**. The only apple orchard in York County will give you all the fall vibes with apple cider doughnuts and cider galore.

***Pro tip:** Not interested in you-pick? Visit Windy Hill in November or December for less crowds and cooler temps. The doughnuts taste even better hot out of the fryer.*



Looking for farm-fresh items?

Don't miss weekly Farmer's Markets each Saturday. Old Town Farmer's Market is held from April to November at Legal Remedy Brewing and Fort Mill's new Farmer's Market will reopen on Saturdays starting this summer at Veterans Park.

Mark Your Calendar:

Once a year more than 20 farms across York County opens to the public through **Ag + Art** in June. Ag + Art is the country's largest self-guided, free farm and art event. The farms on the east side of the county will be open the first weekend of June, and farms on the west side of the county will be open the second weekend of June.

Down on the Farm

WITH FARMER ELI

Farmer Eli had a farm, Ee I ee I oh. Well technically, Historic Brattonsville has a farm, a living history farm in McConnells that is. Historic Brattonsville is an 800-acre Revolutionary War battle site and now a living history farm that houses endangered historic breeds.



What is Historic Brattonsville?

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the site features more than 30 historic structures. The site chronicles the development of the Carolina Piedmont from the 1750s through the 1870s. Historic Brattonsville is included in The Green Book of South Carolina, a travel guide to African American cultural sites. Historic Brattonsville was also one of the major filming locations of the critically acclaimed movie The Patriot, starring Mel Gibson. Various buildings and scenery at Historic Brattonsville were used to add realism and authenticity to the movie. Explore the Historic Brattonsville's Gift Shop, which offers a unique selection of regional items. A visit to the gift shop does not require admission. The site includes the Walt Schrader Trails, more than eight miles of hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails.



Get to know Farmer Eli:

Farmer Eli is the historic farm program manager at Historic Brattonsville. Other than the Revolutionary War part of the site, Historic Brattonsville is an 1840s working farm. On the farm they use historic methods to grow heirloom crops such as corn and cotton along with seasonal vegetables. They also raise heritage breed livestock, including Gulf Coast sheep, Red Devon cattle, Belgian draft horses, Guinea hogs and a variety of chickens. Though they are closed to the public at this time, the animals still need to be taken care of — such as bottle feeding a lamb and five piglets. Animals are always a big hit among visitors here!



What Farmer Eli loves the most about his job is seeing visitors interact with the animals. Unlike past generations, he says that today's children have limited access to farms, so Historic Brattonsville gives children the opportunity to interact with the farm animals they mostly only read about in books. Not only is he a farmer, he's also an educator. He can't wait to have you visit the farm to see all of the animals!





Some of the Friendship 9 gather in 2011 at the lunch counter of McCrory's in Rock Hill for the 50th anniversary of their sit-in protest.

Follow in their *Footsteps*

2021 marks 60 years since nine college students made the brave stance during the civil rights movement inside McCrory's on Main Street. Today the original lunch counter and stools have been restored and the restaurant that now occupies the space, Kounter, honors their legacy. We encourage you to follow in their footsteps in downtown Rock Hill to learn the Friendship 9 story.

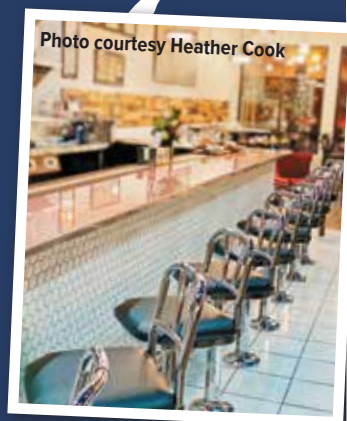


Photo courtesy Heather Cook

In 1961 Rock Hill was about to be placed on the national stage for the Civil Rights Movement. Freshmen at Friendship College in Rock Hill were training for a peaceful sit-in to protest segregation.

On Jan. 31, 1961, 10 students walked nearly a mile from Friendship College to McCrory's Five & Dime on Main Street. Passing dozens of officers, the young men were arrested two by two, after they were denied service at the lunch counter.

Nine of those 10 men declined to pay bail money, instead of being locked up for 30 days at the York County Detention Center. The purpose of staying in jail was to switch the financial burden from social justice organizations to the entity that arrested them.

"The NAACP was doling out \$100 bills every time someone got arrested. That was a lot of money, so with this idea it was the reverse of that," said Mr. Willie McLeod, who was part of the protest.

Demonstrators would flock to Rock Hill, protesting the arrests from the McCrory's sit-in. The phrase "Jail, No Bail" began to emerge and the tactic began being used across the Southeast. McLeod and eight of his fellow protestors who served the 30 days in jail became known as the "Friendship 9."

A group of seven women, who were in the same class at Friendship College, marched alongside the Friendship 9 and continued to march in protest of their arrests. They did not participate in the sit-in because of the dangers of being arrested and jailed.

The nine men's charges were vacated from their record in 2015.



Freedom Walkway won a 2017 American Society of Landscape Architecture Southeast Merit Award.

Visit Freedom Walkway

Not only can you visit the site of original sit-in, just next door is an alleyway honoring the Friendship 9 and other heroes against racial injustice. As you take in the beautiful mural and tile, look closer for symbolism from the artist.

Nine Stools: The nine stools of granite are embedded within the turbulence and okra of the walkway, symbolizing the stools the Friendship 9 sat in.

Obstacles: You'll find boulders placed along the walkway that represent obstacles that were present during the civil rights movement. Can you find these in the mural?

Basketweave: If you notice the brick pattern, you'll see it placed in a basketweave of red and dark bricks. This represents reconciliation and connectedness.

The Friendship 9:

- Robert McCullough
- John Gaines
- Thomas Gaither
- Clarence Graham
- Willie Thomas (W.T. "Dub") Massey
- Willie McLeod
- James Wells
- David Williamson Jr.
- Mack Workman

The City Girls:

- Phyllis Thompson Hyatt
- Peggy Archie Long
- Olivette McClurkin
- Essie Porter Ramseur
- Lucille Wallace Reese
- Patricia Hinton Sims
- Elsie White Springs

More To Learn

Continue learning about African-American history with these locations across York County.



African-American Business District Monument

At the corner of Black Street and Dave Lyle Boulevard in Downtown Rock Hill is a newly placed monument, marking the location of the African-American Business District. The monument pays tribute to the Business District that served the African-American community until it was demolished in the 1970s.

Carroll School

The Carroll School was built in 1929 as part of the Rosenwald School Building Program. The project was funded by Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company, with an idea to build quality schools for African American children. There were more than 5,300 Rosenwald schools, but they are now listed as endangered properties. The Carroll School is now used by the Rock Hill School District for educational experiences outside the classroom.

Clinton College

Clinton College is York County's only open historically black college. Founded in 1894, it was originally founded as Clinton Institute. Clinton College continues to offer an academic environment that not only promotes intellectual growth, but fosters men and women to be lifelong learners and good stewards of society.



Photo courtesy Clinton College

George Fish School

The George Fish School was originally called the "Old Academy" and was the first public school for African Americans in Fort Mill. When the Old Academy was destroyed by a fire in 1924, The Rosenwald Foundation funded the George Fish School, named for a man who advocated for its need in the community. You can now find a historical marker on Steele Street in Fort Mill.

This Town has *History*

Looking to step back in time or just experience a piece of the past? York County has history and we love sharing it.



Catawba Indian Cultural Center: York County is home to the only Federally Recognized Indian Tribe in South Carolina. The Catawba Cultural Center offers a unique look into the lifeways of the Cawtaba Nation featuring indoor and outdoor exhibits. You'll be able to see their beadwork, edible landscaping and long history of pottery for the Catawbans. There's also a gift shop for you to purchase handmade goods, including pottery.

Main Street Children's Museum is currently undergoing renovation work. This magical space, based on the artwork of Vernon Grant, will feature favorite playscapes such as a cozy kitchen and home plus some new surprises! Check the website for reopening status of this much-loved site, as well as for ongoing fun virtual programs and learning experiences for the little ones.

Museum of York County is the regional hub for nature-based learning experiences and research opportunities. The Naturalist Center offers hands-on learning with over 1,500 natural history specimens. The Settlemyre Planetarium presents digital programs in a full dome theater. Ongoing special events and educational programs interpret the museum's permanent and changing exhibits.

"Ice Age Carolinas: Exploring Our Pleistocene Past" is a new major permanent exhibit at the Museum of York County. Visitors will experience the Carolinas' Ice Age story with dynamic, immersive exhibits, life-like models, scenic dioramas, hands-on fossils, engaging interactives and educational opportunities.



Historic Brattonsville features over 30 structures from the 1760s to the late 19th century where three generations of the Bratton family and an enslaved community of African Americans lived. Living history programs interpret traditional foodways, agriculture, architecture and way of life in the Carolina Piedmont. The plantation spreads over 800 acres and includes farmed land with heritage breed animals, a

Revolutionary War battlefield site with interpretive trail, and a nature preserve with miles of walking trails. Historic Brattonsville is included in "The Green Book of South Carolina" — a travel guide to significant African American heritage and cultural destinations across the state.



Local Learning:

Looking to learn more about a specific community? Stop by the **Fort Mill History Museum** that details the textile industry's impact on Fort Mill along with the legacy of the Springs Family. In Rock Hill, visit "**The White Home**," one of the oldest structures in town and former home to Ann White, known as the Mother of Rock Hill. Take a tour of the home or purchase a walking history tour of Rock Hill. Looking to get an in-depth lesson about the more rural areas of York County? Visit the **Museum of Western York County** in Sharon where you can learn agriculture's impact on the area from the 17th and 18th centuries. The **Yorkville Historical Society** collects and preserves history throughout York. Check out their new book, titled Guide to Olde York, that you can purchase at most Congress Street businesses.

Need info?

Historical Center of York County houses the Culture & Heritage Museums' collections of art, archives and historical objects related to the Carolina Piedmont. The archive serves as the county's repository providing opportunities for genealogical and historical research and is home to the Southern Revolutionary War Institute. The facility features a Search Room with access to York County court records, historical documents, maps, rare books, local newspapers, cemetery indexes, family history books, surname files and Ancestry.com.

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Two Parks in One Day: Kings Mountain State and National Parks

York County is home to numerous outdoor green spaces, waterways, and historic sites — but only one State Park and one National Military Park that rolls all of these things into one. Bonus points, they're on the same road making it easy to explore both! Discover Kings Mountain State Park and Kings Mountain National Military Park for a day filled with nature's beauty, American Revolution history and more!

**Three things
you must see**
The State Park's waterfall
feature, and the National
Military Park's monument
and Ferguson's grave.

Start at Kings Mountain State Park

Let's start at the first park

entrance: Boasting over 6,000 acres of land that came to be by way of the Civilian Conservation Corp in the 1930s, you can participate in a wide variety of activities like camping, picnicking, hiking, and riding horses. You can even rent a boat for kayaking or fishing purposes on two lakes located inside the park, plus park admission is only \$2!

Park Features

The park store and gift shop is open for visitors to stop by for souvenirs and select grocery items. The park also has

playground equipment for the kids, and ping pong, basketball, and volleyball courts available to play on for people of all ages. Pets are allowed on a leash, except for in and around lodging facilities. One lesser known feature of the park is the Living History Farm — here you can experience early pioneer life through different events held year-round! Follow the yellow diamonds on the trail to hike directly to the farm.

Camping

Whether you're into a more traditional experience with tents and sleeping bags, or have an RV to bring, there are 115 standard

campsites to choose from available to set up camp. There are also 15 equestrian campsites, with central water and bathrooms nearby, for only \$12 per night!

Picnicking and Trails

Kings Mountain State Park is a great place to have a picnic, surrounded by trees and beautiful views. With five picnic shelters available for group rentals, in addition to the numerous single picnic tables scattered throughout the park, just take your pick and enjoy your meal with a view!

The trails at the park are great for many activities, from hiking to biking to horseback riding. There

are over 20 miles of trails perfect for walking or hiking, and over 30 miles of trails dedicated for equestrian use.

On the Water

Explore the park via water by getting on Lake Crawford or Lake York for fishing or kayaking/canoeing. Feel free to bring your own boat, or rent one of theirs for only \$20. You can purchase a boat rental, paddles included, in the gift shop and it's yours for the whole day! Standard kayaks and canoes, as well as motorized johnboats, are available to choose from. Please note: Swimming is not allowed and you must have a permit to fish.



Now Trek Next Door to Kings Mountain National Military Park

After you've gotten in a few hours' worth of water and land exploration, picnicking and more at the State Park, head down the road for a trip back in time to discover York County's connection to the American Revolution. Not only is this park York County's only National Military Park, but it's also the site of an important battle — the Battle of Kings Mountain. Dubbed "the turning point in the American Revolution," here you'll learn about the battle that was one of few fought entirely by Americans with the exception of one person: British Major Patrick Ferguson. This battle was also one of the only ones fought with the American Long Rifle, which was instrumental in the Patriots' win. Park admission here is free!

Park Features and Activities

Visitors can stop by the Park's Visitor Center to view a short film and explore the small museum. The film is a 26-minute History Channel production all about the Battle of Kings Mountain, its importance, key players and more, and the museum is a state-of-the-art history lover's dream showcasing various exhibits and an original Ferguson rifle!

Still open for the public to explore are the 1.5-mile-long, self-guided Battlefield Trail, wayside trail exhibits highlighting significant battle events, and several monuments. The monuments you must see include the Centennial Monument, U.S. Monument, and even Patrick Ferguson's grave! A tradition of most park goers at this park is to grab a small stone or rock and toss it onto Ferguson's grave as a sign of



respect — but rumor has it that the stones also keep his spirit from escaping!

If you've never been to Kings Mountain National Military Park and want to know what to expect, check out 10 fast facts at www.visitryorkcounty.com/blog/post/10-things-to-know-about-kings-mountain-national-military-park

Grab A Bite Nearby

After a full day of exploration, surely you've worked up an appetite! Take a short trip into nearby Clover to see what this small, charming town has to offer. Some must-go spots for a bite to eat in include Courtney's BBQ, Main St Retreat or Victoria's Diner. Courtney's BBQ is a local favorite for all things barbecue. Main St Retreat, dubbed "Clover's hidden gem," is the place to go if you're looking for a casual vibe with a great outdoor patio. Looking for an early breakfast before the parks? Head to Victoria's Diner, voted York County's best breakfast!

Glamping or Camping? Spend the Night in Nature

Looking to connect with nature overnight? Pack your tent or pull up your RV for the ultimate experience at one of these locations:

Charlotte-Fort Mill KOA

940 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill

Whether you want to rent a camping site, cabin or bring your RV, this full-service campground provides a wooded atmosphere while being close to big city amenities.

Ebenezer Park

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Pull up your RV to one of the 69 full-hookup sites for a camping experience with a view of Lake Wylie at this newly renovated park.

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Reconnect to Nature

Explore the Outdoors Your Way

On Wheels:

Hit the mountain bike trails at the Anne Springs Close Greenway. Start at the Adventure Road entrance and explore nearly 9 miles of trails on this protected land.

In The Air:

Looking to experience York County from above? Take a Canaan Zipline Canopy Tour. Zip across the treetops – starting at 70ft high, zooming across the Catawba River.

Hit The Water:

Experience the Catawba River with a guide. Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism offers guided trips out of River Park multiple times a year for a small fee – kayak and gear provided.

Trek on Dry Land:

Looking to explore a new trail? Head to Kings Mountain State Park to explore more than 20 miles of hiking trails along two lakes!

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Just Flow With It

Whether you're looking for the open waters of Lake Wylie or a gentle flow on the Catawba River, our waterways provide endless entertainment and relaxation.

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Catawba River

Whether you want to kayak, paddleboard or just float down the Catawba River, this dam-controlled river flows more than 200 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains to its confluence with the Wateree River near Camden. Despite its proximity to established communities, much of the land bordering the Catawba River is undeveloped, providing a true escape from the hustle and bustle.

Pro tip: The water levels can fluctuate quickly, so before you hit the water check the flow levels via the Duke Energy App.

Access Points:

Fort Mill River Access, Rock Hill Outdoor Center, River Park, Catawba Nation Hand Carry Boat Launch

Lake Wylie

Located on the border of North and South Carolina, this lake provides more than 300 miles of shore line. Created in 1904 by a hydroelectric dam, Lake Wylie is one of the oldest reservoirs in South Carolina. While its open waters are perfect for cruising in your boat, its many neighborhood coves provide flat water ideal for paddling, boating and fishing. Show off your catch! Share your catch of a lifetime on social media using the hashtag #VisitYorkCounty

Access Points:

Windjammer Park, Buster Boyd Access Area, Nivens Creek, Pitcairn Park, Allison Creek Access Area, Tega Cay Marina, Ebenezer Park.

Need a rental?

Looking for a full-service boat to hit the lake? Check out Lake Club Marina, Tega Cay Marina or Pier 88 Lake Wylie. For kayaks, johnboats, and paddleboards head to Kings Mountain State Park, the Anne Springs Close Greenway, or try a paddle league with The Goat Boater offering lessons and equipment over a series of classes.

Additional Waterways

Jump on the Broad River at Worth Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Hickory Grove with more than two miles of waterfront that includes a concrete boat ramp. At Kings Mountain State Park you'll find Lake Crawford and Lake York that offer fishing opportunities with numerous hiking trails. When heading to the Anne Springs Close Greenway you'll find Lakes Crandall and Haigler that provide endless hours of recreation.

The People of the River:

The Catawba River is named for the Catawba tribe of Native Americans, known in their language as the Kawahcatawbas, "The People of the River." The Catawba Indian Reservation near Rock Hill is home to the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina.



See York County on Two Wheels

The best way to see our towns? By bicycle. Grab your bike and hit the open road or trail to experience York County fully. Here are some of the best locations try your wheels out.



Photo courtesy theriverdist



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Worth Mountain Wildlife Management Area provides scenic views of the Broad River, with a 1.5-mile trail that leads to the top of Worth Mountain. This is a good trail for beginners to get in the groove of things.

The Anne Springs Close Greenway has trails for mountain bikers of all skill levels. With over 8 miles of biking trails, you're sure to get a workout while enjoying the scenery that this 2,100-acre nature preserve has to offer. Bike trail access points for the Greenway are located at Adventure Road Entrance and the Complex Trailhead/Tom Hall Street entrances.

CyleHops: Good Beer and Good Time?

Join CycleHops (pronounced "cyclops") with Amor Artis Brewing for a casual ride around Fort Mill each week. The group leaves from the back of the taproom for an 8-10 mile ride. Best part is you get discounted beer/wine for the rest of the evening!



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Pro tip: Don't have a bike? No problem. Comporium's Bike Share program offers you an easy way to get out on the town. Find bikes at several hub locations, including Legal Remedy Brewing, Fountain Park, Anderson Apartments and Winthrop's campus.



Photo courtesy comporium bikes

Located in the Riverwalk District, the Rock Hill Outdoor Center offers five different courses to cycle and mountain bike:

- **The Giordana Velodrome** — a 250-meter velodrome that hosts competitions as well as cycling programs for cyclists of all skills levels. A certification process is required of all cyclists, regardless of cycling ability, before riding on the track.
- **BMX Supercross Track** — home to the only Olympic-caliber training facility on the East Coast that regularly hosts big UCI caliber events.
- **Criterion Course** — a 1.1-mile long, 22-foot wide paved cycling course that is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in order to provide a safer cycling experience. This course was designed for both recreational and competitive use.
- **Piedmont Medical Center Trail** — a 2.5 mile paved trail along the Catawba River with connections to other trails, this trail makes for an easy biking experience as it is used for walking, running and biking.
- **Mountain Bike Course** — Riverwalk's mountain bike trails cover over 6 miles of terrain alongside the Catawba River. It is recommended to begin at the Piedmont Medical Center trail head and review signs posted to map out your route ahead of time.



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Places to Stay

Whether you are looking for a luxury break, a romantic Bed & Breakfast or a family-friendly accommodation, our hospitality is warm and friendly. York County is ready to be your home away from home!

FORT MILL	Brand	I-77 Exit	Number of Rooms	Free Breakfast	Pool	Pet Friendly	Meeting Room(s)
Avid - Opening Early 2021 154 Springhill Farm Rd.	IHG	90	102	✓			
Best Western 3675 Foothills Way 803.548.8400	Best Western	90	52	✓	Outdoor		✓
Cambria Hotel 340 Amistead Ave. 803.578.9960	Choice	85	127		Outdoor		✓
Clarion Hotel 3695 Foothills Way 803-548-2400	Choice	90	197		Outdoor	✓	✓
Comfort Inn 3725 Avenue of the Carolinas 803.548.5200	Choice	90	153	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Courtyard 1385 Broadcloth St. 803.548.0156	Marriott	85	129		Indoor		✓
Hampton Inn & Suites 1520 Carolina Place Dr. 803.578.2600	Hilton	85	102	✓	Outdoor		✓
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Home2 Suites 1840 Coltharp Rd. 803.547.1111	Hilton	85	110	✓	Indoor	✓	✓
Motel 6 3541 Foothills Way 803.234.3708	Motel 6	90	123		Outdoor	✓	
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TownePlace Suites - Opening Early 2021 3519 Lakemont Blvd. 803.650.6625	Marriott	90	112	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Tru 120 Cristano Ave. 803.228.9175	Hilton	88	97	✓			✓
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Budget Motel 588 South Anderson Rd. 803.329.5211		79	23				
Cambria Hotel - Opening Early 2021 354 Technology Center Way 803.324.0004	Choice	79	126		Indoor		✓
Clarion Pointe 1106 N Anderson Rd. 803.329.1330	Choice	82	60	✓	Outdoor	✓	
Comfort Inn & Suites 973 Corporate Blvd. 803.329.7400	Choice	82	65	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Comfort Suites 1323 Old Springdale Rd. 803.326.3300	Choice	79	71	✓	Indoor	✓	✓
Country Inn & Suites 865 Patriot Parkway 803.329.5151	Radisson	82	43	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Courtyard 1300 River Run Ct. 803.324.1400	Marriott	82	90		Indoor		✓
Days Inn 875 Riverview Rd. 803.329.2171	Wyndham	82	99	✓	Outdoor	✓	
Econo Lodge 914 Riverview Rd. 803.329.7466	Choice	82	98	✓		✓	
Economy Inn Express 840 Riverview Rd. 803.329.5252		82	42				
Extended Stay America 1835 Canterbury Glen Lane 803.620.8180	ESA	79	115	✓		✓	✓
Fairfield Inn & Suites 578 Galleria Blvd. 803.325.2700	Marriott	79	108	✓	Outdoor		✓
Hampton Inn 2111 Tabor Dr. 803.325.1100	Hilton	79	163	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Hillside Inn 126 N. Anderson Rd. 803.329.6998		79	17				
Hilton Garden Inn 650 Tinsley Way 803.325.2800	Hilton	79	127		Outdoor		✓
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LaQuinta Inn & Suites 1235 Springdale Rd. 803.817.7500	Wyndham	79	89	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Lesslie Inn 2869 Lesslie Hwy. 803.325.8435		77	21				
Microtel Inn & Suites 1047 Riverview Rd. 803.817.7700	Wyndham	82	77	✓			✓
Motel 6 962 Riverview Rd. 803.329.3232	Motel 6	82	59			✓	
Quality Inn & Suites 2625 Cherry Rd. 803.329.3121	Choice	82	96	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
Ramada 2640 North Cherry Rd. 803.329.1122	Wyndham	82	99	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
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Tru 800 Galleria Blvd. 803.366.2200	Hilton	79	106	✓	Outdoor		
Wingate 760 Galleria Blvd. 803.324-9000	Wyndham	79	91	✓	Outdoor	✓	✓
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Deluxe Inn & Suites 1568 Alexander Love Hwy. 803.684.2525	Deluxe	82	47	✓	Outdoor	✓	
Royal Inn 631 US Hwy. 321 803.684.9983		82	33			✓	
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Fuel Up For Your Trip!

What's better than a great cup of coffee to start your morning? We have just the place that will hit the spot! Here are seven places in York County that are sure to get you fueled up for the day ahead.



Knowledge Perk

You can't miss this coffee roasting company that has changed the coffee game for Rock Hill! Nestled in the heart of the Knowledge Park

development, the shop is great for specialty coffees such as Burn Rate, which is a heavy dose of rich, smooth Brazilian beans with spicy-sweet Sumatra Mandheling. Make sure you're following them on social media to see all of their specials!

Their most popular cold beverage is called an Ice Perk, their version of a frappuccino — but better.

Amelie's in Rock Hill

Want to take a trip to France? Well, Amelie's French Bakery & Café in Rock Hill can make that happen. The Charlotte- based roaster is located in downtown

Rock Hill right next to Fountain Park. The café offers Café au Lait, Café Crème, and Café Marcotter, which is an espresso with vanilla bean, milk, caramel sauce and sea salt.

When you need to beat the heat, we recommend their Creme Brûlée French Soda- made with vanilla bean simple syrup, sparkling water, ice, salted caramel sauce and a kiss of cream.

York Coffee Roastery

This roastery provides a variety of light, medium and dark roast coffees. Why not support a good cause while drinking coffee?

York Coffee Roastery is a new member of MaxAbilities family, formerly the York County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. In operation for over 40 years, they provide services to individuals in York County with disabilities, autism, head and spinal cord injuries.

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Our favorite cold beverage from Olive's is their twist on a classic — an iced vanilla honey chai latte.

Southern Touch Bakery and Coffee Shop

This full-service coffee shop offers specialty baked goods and Hershey's ice cream. Does that not sound yummy to you or what? Southern Touch is located right across from the courthouse in York.

Cool off while you caffeinate it up with the Iced White Chocolate Mocha, it has an extra shot of espresso to make sure you stay awake!



Virgin Bean Coffee Bar and Creamery

Virgin Bean Coffee Company in the heart of Clover is every coffee lover's dream. The coffee shop offers different coffees that range in flavors such as vanilla and salted caramel and ice cream! Walk around this shop to take in the eclectic collection of antiques and goodies. Meet a friend or just enjoy some quiet time inside the shop.

Meet Virgin Bean's coconut mocha frappe! This frozen treat even tastes like summertime with the addition of coconut.

Fast Frog Bakery

This Lake Wylie bakery is the perfect place to start your morning. They offer a cup of coffee with a smile and the aroma of fresh out of the oven cinnamon rolls. What's better than that? They also offer homemade breads, cookies and cannolis! Make this your morning coffee stop and you'll soon be the office hero!

Keep it cool with a delicious "Frogaccino" from this bakery — their coffee is just as good as their pastries.

Forte Legato Coffee

The newest coffee shop in Rock Hill, Forte Legato Coffee specializes in coffee roasting, first and foremost, but also provides coffee process consulting, mobile retail, kegged cold brew, and online/local retail coffee clubs. Grab a pastry or a bite to eat while you're there!



Mister Chang's Coffee House

Stop in at this Tega Cay coffee house all day long to get your caffeine fix. Grab the perfect breakfast sandwich with farm raised eggs. Not into coffee? Grab a tea or bubble tea! This relaxing atmosphere is the perfect place to sip your coffee and work all day long.



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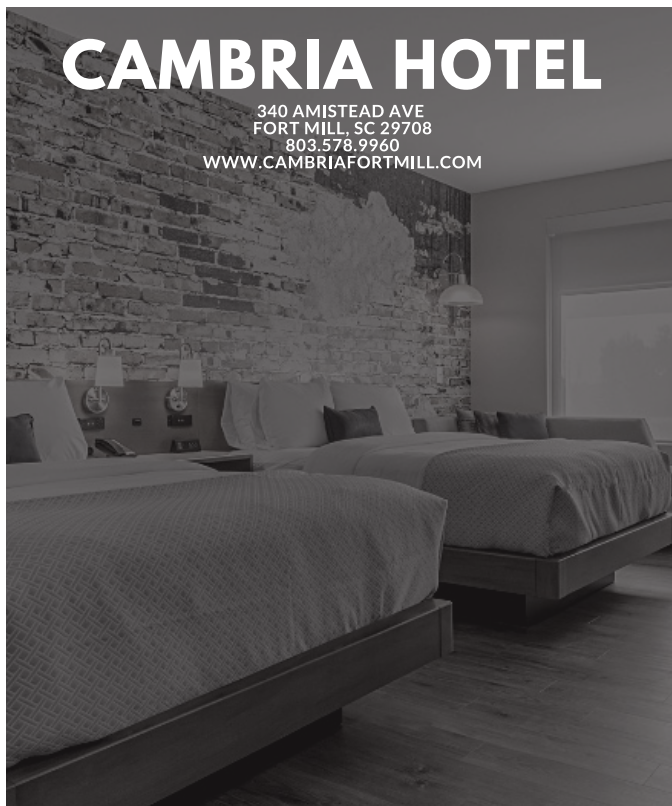
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Brewing Up Some Fun

Grab a Koozie, a Pint Glass and Jump on the #YoCoBrewTrail across York County. To get started, just download the free Visit York County app – the hardest part is choosing which brewery to start at! After you stop at 7 of the locations, stop by Visit York County to earn your free t-shirt to show everyone how you “Drank Your Way Through York County”

We encourage you to drink responsibility and use safe transportation. Uber and Lyft are both available in York County. Or make a weekend out of it by staying at our preferred hotels! The YoCo Brew Trail is proudly sponsored by Comer Distributing.

Amor Artis Brewing: 204 Main St., Fort Mill

Dust Off Brewing Co: 130 W. White St., Rock Hill

Lake Wylie Brewing – Rock Hill: 329 Hands Mill Highway, Rock Hill

Legal Remedy Brewing: 129 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill

LRB Cantina: 1157 Herrons Ferry Road, Rock Hill

Main Street Bottle Shop: 153 E. Main St., Rock Hill

Model A Brewing: 1175 Stonecrest Blvd., Tega Cay

Rock Hill Brewing: 121 Caldwell St., Rock Hill

Slow Play Brewing: 274 Columbia Ave., Rock Hill

Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery (open seasonally): 1860 Black Hwy., York

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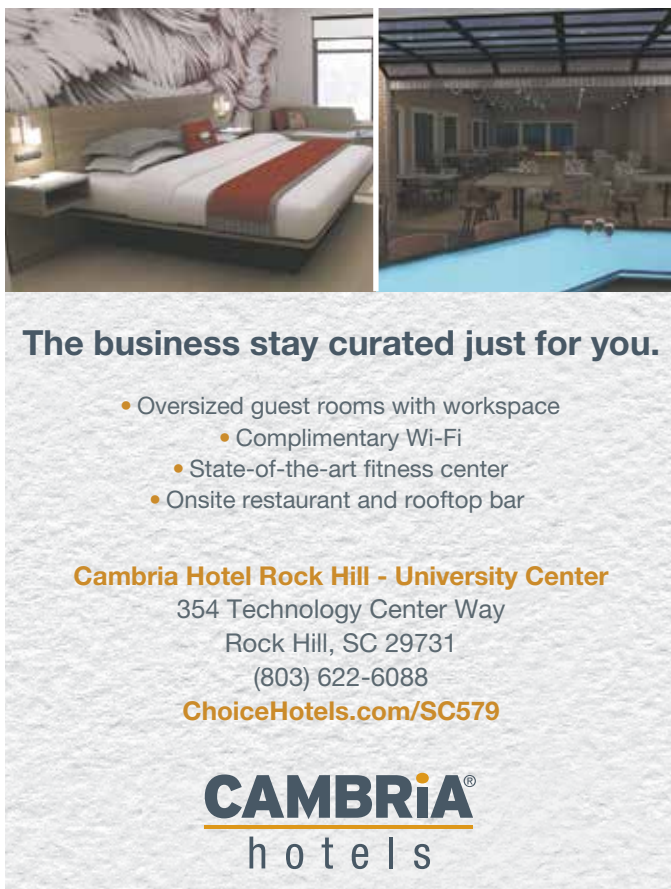
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Come immerse your taste buds in these York County flavors. The YoCo Taste Trail is an interactive trail on the Visit York County app. From sweet to savory, there's a perfect bite for everyone.

Foodies — don't forget to share a pic of your favorite meal with the hashtag #YoCoEats. The YoCo Taste Trail is proudly sponsored by U.S. Foods.



Photo courtesy Cibi Cibi

1. Cibi Cibi: This food truck means business, well actually, it means food — literally it's Latin for food. This double cheeseburger with homemade pickles and special sauce is something you simply can't resist. Add a pan full of fries and you've got yourself a meal for a week. Find them at Slow Play Brewing in Rock Hill.

2. Kounter: New to the scene in a familiar location. Kounter is serving a progressive American menu that will be upscale but approachable. This restaurant will be in the home of the historic Friendship 9 sit-in, restoring the original lunch counter and stools.



Photo courtesy Ebenezer Grill

3. Ebenezer Grill: We're taking you back old school with this stop. No credit cards allowed, so grab your cash and get ready for the hot dog special in this local's favorite. This diner has been feeding locals since the mid-70s. If you're headed down the road looking for this joint, just search for the big hot dog sign out front. Once you walk in, you're family.

4. Hobo's: No trip to downtown Fort Mill is complete without a stop at Hobo's. This joint will serve you anything from a boozy milkshake to chicken and waffles sandwiches. Make sure you sit out on the patio for a night of live music!



5. Salmeri's: From the creators of Flipside Restaurant and Café comes this new Italian eatery. Some scratch-made pasta and Nona's authentic recipes create the perfect date night spot. You have to try the Bolognese, it's worth the hype.

6. Spice Asian Eatery: Let's head to Kingsley, the up and coming food area of York County. Spice will pack in the flavors with

a punch. These Asian flavors transport you with every bite. Our recommended dish? The Bibimbap.

7. Taco Molino: Staying in Kingsley, you have to stop at Taco Molino for these bites. Try the spicy margarita and pair it with Shrimp Tacos that will have you coming back for more!

8. LRB Cantina: Switching the flavors up, let's head south to Tex-Mex. Legal Remedy Brewing's newest venture, Cantina, will have you contemplating Margarita or Mexican Lager. This Riverwalk location is packing heat with their tacos and tortas, but

what you can't miss is the Queso Grande.

9. Sweet Caroline's: We can't have a food trail in South Carolina without a BBQ joint. Head to McConnells for Sweet Caroline's southern cuisine, which of course translates to barbecue. Grab a BBQ plate, brisket or pulled pork, served with two sides and some fresh slaw.

10. Greek Grill: All the classic flavors of Greece transported right to your fork. This casual Tega Cay spot offers the best place to try your hand at Greek food. We recommend not leaving without trying the Lamb Gyro.

11. Bagel Boat: If NYC was transported to York County, you'd have Bagel Boat. Technically it is, as they get their bagels delivered from the bagel capital daily. From ice cream to breakfast sandwiches, you can't go wrong with this lakeside joint.

12. Chef's Kitchen: The newest space in Lake Wylie. These Charlotte chefs are brining high-end to your fork. A fusion of American, Southern and Italian inspirations. The Lobster and Shrimp Scampi is our pick!

13. PW's: Let's get to the main attraction, sweets! PW's is no longer a locals' secret. This

curbside and drive-through ice cream place is the real deal. Grab a turtle sundae to make your taste trail complete.

14. Cupcrazed: If Food Network famous cupcakes are your thing, then you have to stop by Cupcrazed. The decadent Triple Chocolate Cupcake is filled with gooey fudge and chocolate chips. Bring some extras home as it's hard to share.

15. Garden Café: This York staple brings Southern classics straight to your plate. Don't finish the Taste Trail without grabbing a slice of their buttermilk pie!



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The Pump House

This Rock Hill favorite has a rooftop bar that overlooks the Catawba River and is especially pretty when the sun is setting. If you've ever been here, it's no surprise that The Pump House was one of only three restaurants in South Carolina to make the cut on Open Table's "100 Most Scenic Restaurants in America" list in 2017!

Lucky Duck Gastropub

Head to Baxter Village to get your ducks in a row at Lucky Duck's rooftop bar overlooking the quaint downtown! Be sure to grab a picture of one of their famous Insta-worthy cocktails in front of the living wall! Also don't forget to check in on the YoCo Taste Trail while you're here!



Spice Asian Kitchen

Spice things up when you head to this Kingsley restaurant's rooftop patio to enjoy a delightfully unique dining experience! Bonus: it's covered so you can enjoy outdoor dining even if it's raining.

Kingsley

Take in a view of the LPL Financial Pond from these three Kingsley favorites. Taco Molino, Carolina Ale House, **Napa at Kingsley**.



Amor Artis Brewing

Fort Mill's only brewery has the mega-deck of your dreams! With plenty of space available spanning two floors, this will be a new favorite spot to enjoy a cold beer in the heart of Fort Mill. Plus, you can check in on the YoCo Brew Trail!

Cat's Paw Winery

Located in Rock Hill, York County's only winery makes your experience even better by having a great outdoor patio to enjoy your glass of vino. Be sure to say hi to the resident farm animals and cat, Percy!

Papa Doc's Shore Club

Located right on Lake Wylie, sip cocktails as you watch boats zip by. Looking for a bite on the water? Just pull your boat up for service!

The Shore Club at Tega Cay

Take in scenic golf course views while experiencing fine dining at this restaurant in the heart of Tega Cay. Don't leave without trying the Lobster Nachos!



Brewery Patios

These patios will give you all the vibes. Sit under twinkling lights or if you're searching out live music, you'll find it here.

Brewery Bests:

- Amor Artis Megadeck
- Dust Off
- Legal Remedy
- LRB Cantina
- Rock Hill Brewing
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Check in at one (or more!) places on your YoCo Brew Trail when you visit these breweries! Come at night and be mesmerized by the twinkly lights that give these places a whole new vibe.



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Rainbow Donuts: If you're looking for doughnuts to please a crowd, head to Downtown York for Rainbow Donuts. Variety of every flavor, filling and topping you could want! *602 W. Liberty St., York*

Sweet Dough: Need a doughnut cake? Or specialty vegan doughnuts? Sweet Dough in Fort Mill is your place. Preorder to get the perfect variety for your trip. *400 N. Dobys Bridge Road, Fort Mill*



Rainbow Donuts.



Specialty Bakeries

Whether you're looking for an authentic cannoli or a cupcake featured on Food Network, York County can satisfy your sweet tooth.

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- **Candy's Sweets & Treats:** 1051 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill
- **Chocolat Boutique:** 1012 Market St., Fort Mill
- **Cupcrazed:** 936 Market St, Fort Mill
- **Dana's Italian Bakery:** 3 E. Liberty St., York
- **Fast Frog Bakery:** 5400 Highway 55, Lake Wylie
- **Mado Bakery:** 1108 Cherry Road, Rock Hill
- **Z Bakery & Café:** 124 Confederate St., Fort Mill



Ice Cream

- **PW's Gourmet Ice Cream:** 491 S. Herlong Ave., Rock Hill
- **Scoop n' Swirl:** 753 Crossroads Plaza, Fort Mill
- **Scoops:** 1 N. Roosevelt St., York



Milkshakes for adults

If you're looking for a milkshake with a bite, just for adults, try the specialties from Burgers & Barley or Hobo's!

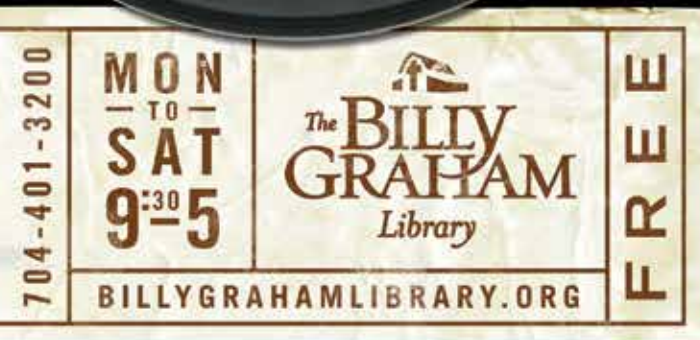




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