Lincoln Cultural Center

Located in downtown Lincolnton, the Lincoln Cultural Center has been housed in the former location of the First Baptist Church since 1991. The Classical Revival style building was constructed in 1922 after being designed by Charlotte architect J. M. McMichael. One of its most beloved features is the magnificent stained glass Rosette window in the dome of what is now Timken Performance Hall.

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Lincoln Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony

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VENUES

The Lincoln Cultural Center, formerly First Baptist Church is a beautiful historic landmark in the heart of downtown. The Center houses Lincolnton’s first historical museum and a performance hall for live theatre productions, concerts, and lectures. In addition, the Cultural Center features exhibition galleries, studio and classroom space. Many of the non-profit arts groups are housed in the Lincoln Cultural Center. Call for more information about opportunities and the organizations at the cultural center.

Contact: (704)-732-9055

The James W. Warren Citizens Center is often alive with activity, hosting dance, musical and theatrical performances.

Laboratory Mills — Ounce called The Lincolnton Cotton Factory in 1819 became home to one of seven laboratories established by the Confederate States of America to manufacture drugs for the troops from indigenous plants. Laboratory Mill has been for a few years under restoration efforts.

Vesuvius Vineyard — Built in 1792, the home known as Vesuvius is the oldest house in Lincoln County. The original builder of the house was Joseph Graham, a very prominent figure in North Carolina history. Graham was also instrumental in bringing the iron industry into North Carolina, building an iron furnace on his property that stayed in operation until after the civil war. Vesuvius Vineyards is now an events destination, specializing in weddings and parties. A variety of events are held at the vineyard. Over 350 acres allows abundant space for weddings, parties, or any event.

Woodmill Winery — WoodMill Winery is nestled in the shadows of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, and surrounded by the natural beauty, tranquility and charm of the rolling foothills of Vale, Lincoln County, NC. WoodMill Vineyard started as an acre planting of approximately 100 Muscadine vines in the spring of 2001 and has constantly grown year-by-year to now consist of five-acres and approximately 1100 vines. WoodMill Winery produces Muscadine, Scuppernong, and Blueberry wines from Dry to Sweet in residual sugars.

Organizations

County Concert Association

Brings performing artists to local audiences by presenting at least three nationally and internationally acclaimed performers annually. Contact: (704)-748-9175

Arts Council

The Arts Council sponsors art, literacy and amateur photography competitions along with numerous exhibits. The group provides children’s programs, sponsors the Arts in Education program to bring performing artists to Lincoln County school students and hosts an art exhibit for special needs children of A Place to Grow. The Arts Council co-sponsors programs for senior citizens and holds an art camp each summer for children ages 5-12. Contact: (704)-732-9044
Organizations

Lincoln Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony

The Chapter hosts an evening concert of the North Carolina Symphony. The symphony holds concerts for Lincoln County school students and a special hands-on musical discovery program.

County Historical Association

The County Historical Association operates Lincoln County Museum of History. The group encourages public interest in and knowledge of local history and heritage of Lincoln County. The association cooperates with the Lincoln County Library in gathering and preserving historical materials for the Lincoln County Room and assists the library staff as requested. Local history Contact: (704)-748-9090

Theatre Guild

The Theatre Guild represents the performing arts by hosting musical, comedy and dramatic productions. The organization provides free performances for students as part of an educational outreach and conducts an annual drama camp each summer. Adults and children participate in the theater’s ongoing acting classes. Contact: (704)-735-2281

Regional Cultural

North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

Blumenthal Performing Arts is home to outstanding arts organizations including Charlotte Symphony, Community School of the Arts, North Carolina Dance Theatre, NCDT2 (Apprentice Company of North Carolina Dance Theatre), On Q Productions, Opera Carolina, Queen City Theatre Company, and The Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film.

The Blumenthal also takes the performing arts off the stage and to area classrooms. Our arts-integrated instruction helps to raise test scores, boost student enrollment and retain talented teachers. Visit BlumenthArts.org/Education for more information.

Tel: (704) 372-1000 Address: Founders Hall, 130 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC USA
At full-capacity, the Belk Theater can host 2100 patrons of the arts. Designed in a European-styled horseshoe arrangement, no seat is more than 135 feet from the stage. Tel: (704) 372-1000 Address: Founders Hall, 130 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC USA

A 434 seat facility, the Booth Playhouse is a courtyard-style proscenium theater. The theater has the capability for theater-in-the-round. Generally, the Booth Playhouse hosts choral, dance and musical ensembles. Tel: (704) 372-1000 Address: Founders Hall, 130 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC USA

Located in Spirit Square, Duke Power Theatre offers a multi-purpose performing arts space. A black-box theatre, this venue can host a capacity audience of 190 patrons. Tel: (704) 372-1000 Address: 345 N. College Street, Charlotte NC USA

Formerly the First Baptist Church, the McGlohon Theatre can host 700 people. Located in Spirit Square, the theatre is host to local and national performances. Tel: (704) 348-5740 Address: 345 N. College Street, Charlotte NC USA

Ovens Auditorium can seat 2600 patrons. Tel: (704) 372-1000 Address: 2700 East Independence Blvd., Charlotte NC USA

**Spirit Square Center for the Arts & Education:** A interdisciplinary arts center is a unique multipurpose facility with two theatres, five galleries and fifteen classrooms/meeting rooms which can accommodate performances, lectures, concerts, receptions, classes, meetings and more. Tel: (704) 333-4686 Fax: (704) 376-2289 Address: 345 North College Street, Charlotte NC USA

**Palladium Amphitheatre** at Carowinds Outdoor amphitheater seating 13,000. Concerts are presented mid-spring through mid-fall. Tel: (704) 588-2600; Address: 14523 Carowinds Boulevard, Charlotte NC,

**The Charlotte Museum of History,** an educational organization, captures and shares the stories of the Charlotte region from settlement forward through exhibits and programs. The museum collects, preserves, researches, and interprets regional artifacts, including the oldest surviving house in Mecklenburg County, the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Homesite. History Preserved and History in the Making. The Charlotte Museum of History serves as a welcoming and inclusive learning environment to explore issues of regional importance enlightened by our past so together we may imagine our future.

**The Charlotte Symphony** offers concerts regularly throughout the year. Series include: classics, pops, family matinees and “Lollipops” for children. The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte (OSC) serve as the official chorus of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, while the Charlotte Symphony Junior Youth Orchestra maintains a membership of 78 students, all from Charlotte and surrounding counties.

**Discovery Place,** a major attraction in the southeast and one of the best science centers in the country, is located in uptown Charlotte. This hands-on, minds-on museum attracts nearly 700,000 visitors and serves over 240,000 school children each year. One of the top hands-on science museums in the nation, Discovery Place provides ever changing, entertaining facilities that foster experiences in areas that range from life science to space exploration. More than a half-million people from all over the United States visit Discovery Place, IMAX Dome Theatre and its planetarium each year.
The Nature Museum, a Queen City tradition for more than 50 years, provides a place to explore nature at its unique location near Freedom Park. The Museum of Coastal Carolina is the Carolina coastal area’s premiere natural history museum. Expanding the traditional model of the art museum, The Light Factory functions as a dynamic, non-collecting laboratory for the education and presentation of photographic art and current issues.

The Light Factory is a non-profit arts center dedicated to exhibition and education programs promoting the power of photography and film. Each year thousands of people visit The Light Factory, in Uptown Charlotte’s Spirit Square, to experience our exhibitions, take classes, hear talks, and see films. Incorporated over 30 years ago to serve as an art space where people could view the best in lens based media, classes are offered throughout the year in SLR & digital photography and filmmaking. Today The Light Factory is one of only four museums in the United States that promote the power of image through photography and film, featuring large-scale exhibitions of photography and digital video art, year-round screenings and major film events, as well as more than 90 classes in photography and filmmaking, and life-changing outreach programs.

The Mint Museum of Art has diverse permanent collections and changing exhibitions of regional, national and international artists and cultures. Activities for adults and children include art classes, lectures, tours and independent films. The Mint Museum of Art initially served the region as the first branch of the United States Mint, coining $5 million in gold from 1836 to the outbreak of the Civil War. A grass roots community effort during the Depression saved the original Federal style building designed by William Strickland from demolition and moved it to its present Randolph Road site. The museum formally opened to the public on October 22, 1936 as North Carolina’s first art museum. Today it is a rich and diverse resource with noted collections of American art, pre-Columbian art, American and European ceramics, American decorative arts, historic costumes and accessories, African art, Asian art, historic maps, contemporary art and photography. Enhancing the permanent collections is an active schedule of changing exhibitions and education programs. The Mint originates and hosts major national and international exhibitions and features public programs including daily tours, seminars, lectures, family day festivals, and adult and children’s art classes. Resources include two research libraries, a slide and videotape library, teacher training programs, in-school programs and a facility rental program.

North Carolina Dance Theatre is a Charlotte-based, world class repertory dance ensemble. It performs classic, contemporary and cutting-edge dance with virtuosity, energy, and artistic excellence for local, statewide and national audiences. Dance Theatre’s collective talents provide the opportunity and give us the responsibility to challenge, stimulate, educate, entertain, and thereby enrich our audiences. NCDT’s impressive reputation is based on superb dancers with high energy, precision and speed and their ability to perform a versatile repertoire ranging from full-length classical ballets to bold contemporary works. The company tours nationally, appearing at major festivals including the Spoleto Festival, the American Dance Festival and Dance Aspen. NCDT has made several New York appearances and completed two European Tours. Robert Lindgren founded NCDT in 1970 at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Salvatore Aiello, who served as artistic director for a decade, was responsible for bringing the company to Charlotte in 1990. North Carolina Dance Theatre’s breathtaking beauty, boundless energy, and amazing athleticism have dazzled audiences and critics the world over.
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden offers a wide and wonderful selection of community classes, summer camps, school programs, and group tours, both guided and self-guided. People of all ages bloom at DSBG! DSBG’s Education Department offers a wide variety of educational programs, each tailored to meet the needs of a specific audience. Some programs are designed for group registration while others are open only to individuals enrolling themselves, their children or their families. Topics vary but most focus either on horticulture and gardening or on some aspect of life science or conservation. Program formats include classes, tours, lectures, workshops, symposia and events. Tel: 704)-825-4490 Address: 6500 S. New Hope Road, Belmont, NC USA.

Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium offers exceptional opportunities for families and visitors of all ages to see the region’s rocks and minerals, hills and rivers, plants and animals with fresh wonder. You also can learn what connects this to all the past and present peoples of the Carolinas’ Piedmont. Museum families also have been able to meet Smoky Bear, travel to prehistoric campsites, paint a fish and discover what walking through the NASA International Space Station might be like. Tel: (704)-866-6900 Address: 1500 E. Garrison Blvd, Gastonia, NC, USA
Recreation

Recreation Facilities

Parks
Betty G. Ross Park - 800 Madison Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092 | Phone: 704-735-2671
Highland Drive Park - Highland Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092
East Lincoln Park - 8160 Optimist Club Road, Denver, NC 28037
Beatty’s Ford Park - 8335 Shipley Lane, Denver, NC 28037
McBee Street Park - East McBee Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092
West Lincoln Park - 369 Hulls Grove Church Road, Vale, NC 28168
Vale Recreation Park - 4875 Reepsville Road, Vale, NC 28168

Update: New Park under Construction: “East Lincoln Rescue Park” in the Denver, NC Area

For more information, including reservations and fees, contact the Recreation Department at: 704-748-1518

Public Golf Courses

Lincoln Country Club - 2052 Country Club Road Lincolnton, NC 28092 | Phone: 704-735-1382
Westport County Club - 7494 Golf Course Drive S. Denver, NC 28037 | Phone: 704-483-5604

Private Golf Courses

Cowan’s Ford Golf Club - 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC 28164 | Phone: 704-827-3088 | www.cowanford.com

Verdict Ridge Golf and Country Club 7332 Kidville Road Denver, NC 28037 |
Phone: 704-748-6683 |

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail-Trail

The one-mile Marcia H. Cloninger Rail-Trail, known locally as the Lincolnton Rail-Trail, offers a chance to experience the City of Lincolnton by foot. This trail is highlighted by a stately courthouse, an active Main Street and much more. Currently one-half mile of the rail trail is currently completed. Part of the former Norfolk Southern Railroad corridor, from the old railroad depot at Pine and North Poplar streets, two blocks north of Main street, the trail meanders through town, briefly sharing its corridor with an active railroad line.
Lake Norman

Where else better to look first when it comes down to lifestyle in Lincoln County that is Lake Norman. Nearly 50 years old, Lake Norman is making a name for itself as a premiere waterfront lifestyle.

- Sailing
- Golfing
- Water Skiing
- Jet Skiing
- Swimming
- Sculling
- Boating
Lake Norman is made up of 520 miles of pristine shoreline that includes Eastern Lincoln County, creating the perfect lifestyle. With close proximity to major interstates, but without the frantic pace of a metro environment, Lake Norman offers attractive business opportunities, waterfront living, a talented workforce of professionals to meet every business or family need. People have discovered that Lake Norman is a great place to live, work, and play.

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<th>Year Built: 1959-1964</th>
<th>Elevation at full pond: 760 feet above MSL</th>
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<td>Area: 32,510 acres at full pond</td>
<td>Retention Time: 207 days (average)</td>
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<td>Length: 33.6 miles</td>
<td>Drainage Area: 1,790 square miles</td>
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<td>Width: 9 miles</td>
<td>Average River Flow @ Cowans Ford Dam: 1,726 MGD</td>
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<td>Shore line length: 520 miles</td>
<td>Named for: Norman Atwater Cocke (former president of Duke Power)</td>
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<td>Maximum Depth: 110 feet</td>
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<td>Average Depth: 33.5 feet</td>
<td>Lake level: Call 1-800-829-5253</td>
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<td>Maximum Drawdown: 15 feet</td>
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Lake Norman History

Cowans Ford Dam created the largest man-made body of fresh water in North Carolina when it dammed the Catawba River in 1963. Lake Norman is an “inland sea” with 520 miles of shoreline and a surface area of more than 32,475 acres. Named after former Duke Power president Norman Cocke, Lake Norman is nearly as large as the other 10 lakes on the Catawba combined.

The water of Lake Norman is used in two ways to provide electricity to the Piedmont Carolinas. It's used to power the generators at Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Station and by Marshall Steam Station and McGuire Nuclear Station to cool the steam that drives the turbines. This steam is condensed back to water so it can be pumped back through the plants and used again.

The lake provides a dependable supply of water to Lincoln County, Davidson, Mooresville, Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Huntersville.

Recognizing that Lake Norman is an invaluable recreational asset, Duke Power makes every effort to keep it an attractive place to live and play. Duke Power partnered with the state in the establishment of the Duke Power State Park. In addition, Duke has built two bank fishing areas and eight public boating access areas along the shoreline. The public can also enjoy free tours and exhibits offered by the Energy Explorium, Duke’s energy information and education center located near McGuire Nuclear Station. Many of the Duke Power public access areas operate in partnership with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and various recreation and law enforcement agencies.