

Living in Durham & Loving It

Affordable Cost of Living

High concentration of nonprofits, think tanks, and social enterprises.

Beautiful Weather!

**Politically Engaged
Culturally Open**

**Highest per capita of
PhDs, Scientists and
Engineers in US**

**250k
population and
growing!**

**RTP! One of largest
technology, research and
innovation clusters in US.**

Experience it! [36 Hours in Durham by The New York Times](#)

Food & Drink

We are serious about our food here in the Bull City. Bon Appetit named Durham “[America’s Foodiest Small Town](#)” and Southern Living ranked us the [South’s Tastiest Town](#) (and they know the South!). Head to the year-round [Farmers’ Market](#) on Saturdays to pick up fresh veggies, local meats, fresh cut flowers, and hand-made crafts from local artisans. Make sure to grab breakfast at [Scratch](#) while you’re there!



From Left to Right: Durham Rooftop Restaurant and Bar, Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Food Truck Rodeo

In the mood for....

Burger or BBQ?

- [Bull City Burger & Brewery](#)
- [Geer St. Garden](#)
- [Only Burger](#)
- [The Pit](#)
- [Q Shack](#)
- [Picnic](#)

Fancy Fare?

- [Rue Cler](#)
- [Vin Rouge](#)
- [JuJu Durham](#)
- [Nana’s Restaurant](#)
- [Piedmont Restaurant](#)

Veggies?

- [The Refectory Café](#)
- [The Farmery](#)
- [Heavenly Buffaloes](#)
- [The Palace International](#)

A Night Out?

- [Fullsteam Brewery](#)
- [Clouds Brewing](#)
- [Ponysaurus](#)
- [Bar Virgile](#)
- [MotorCo](#)
- [Bull McCabes](#)
- [The Durham Hotel Rooftop](#)



Fullsteam Brewery (left)
Eno River State Park (right)

Sports & Outdoors

Aside from 5-time NCAA Champion Blue Devil Men’s Basketball... The Durham Bulls are a Triple-A minor league baseball team (the Tampa Bay Ray’s farm team) with a huge following. Tickets are cheap, beers are cheaper, and there’s not a bad seat in their beautiful stadium downtown at the historic American Tobacco Campus. We’re also still celebrating the Panthers trip to the Super Bowl, and the Carolina Hurricanes play right down the road in Raleigh!



American Tobacco Trail (left)
Brightleaf Square (right)



Durham Farmers’ Market

Want to get outside? Good news! Hiking, climbing, mountain biking, skiing, running, swimming, kayaking, fishing, camping, hunting, golfing, bird watching...you name it, we’ve got it! **Need the beach?** Durham is 2.5 hours from the nation’s best beaches. **Craving mountain air?** The Great Smoky Mountains are a quick 2 hours west.

Entertainment & Culture

The Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) brings musicians, comedians, and shows from all over the world. School of Rock, Les Misérables, and The Color Purple are all playing in 2017-18. DPAC is a revolving door for talent and entertainment. John Oliver, Trevor Noah, Steve Martin, and Ira Glass have all hit the DPAC stage in the past year!



From Left to Right: Motorco Live Music, DPAC, Carolina Theater

Live Music

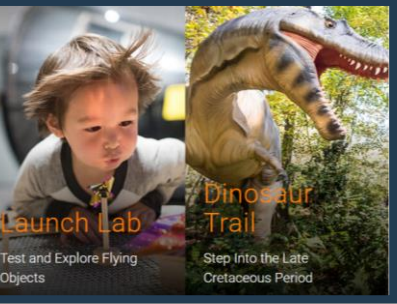
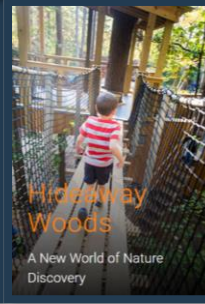
- [Motorco Music Hall](#)
- [Pinhook](#)
- [Duke Gardens](#)
- [Cat's Cradle](#)
- [Local 506](#)
- [The Pour House](#)
- [Lincoln Theater](#)

Movies

- [The Carolina Theater](#)
- [Duke's Center for Documentary Studies](#)
- [The Full Frame Documentary Film Festival](#)
- [IMAX AMC Southpoint](#)
- [SILVERSPOT Cinema](#)

The Arts

- [Nasher Museum of Art](#)
- [Durham Art Walk](#)
- [NC Museum of Art](#)
- [NC Museum of Natural Sciences](#)
- [Duke Homestead](#)



Hiddenway Woods
A New World of Nature Discovery

Magic Butterfly House
Walk with Hundreds of Tropical Butterflies

Launch Lab
Test and Explore Flying Objects

Dinosaur Trail
Step Into the Late Cretaceous Period

NC Museum of Life and Science



Nasher Museum (left)
Streets and Southpoint (right)



Fun For Families

Durham is a GREAT city for families with children. We could create a whole separate guide for all the **kid friendly attractions** in the area. The top places to check out are the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science & the Marbles Museum. Most of the area's restaurants, festivals, and music venues are kid-friendly, and the Triangle has the nation's fastest growing young professionals and young parent populations. Take the kiddos to eat donuts at Monuts, to play pinball games and drink root beer at Fullsteam Brewery, and to watch basketball at the American Tobacco Campus.

With one of the **nation's best education systems**, the Triangle area is home to a number of top-notch preschools, Montessori schools, and both public and private schools. Duke Children's Campus offers full-time care for the young children of Duke employees, and they reserve a handful of spaces for children of graduate students.



Durham Central Park (left)
Marbles Museum in Raleigh (right)





Durham is, simply put, a great place to live. Everything is 15 minutes away, and the airport is not that much further. It is easy to navigate and there is literally always something

going on downtown, in one of the lovely neighborhoods around town, at the museums or at Duke. There are parks to take the dogs to and plenty of restaurants, bars, cafes and co-working spaces to explore. There is even yoga at a Sanford alum's brewery on Sunday mornings! My husband loves it here and he was actually able to quickly find a job (super-awesome bonus when you are down to one income in grad school!) where the commute is, again, 15 minutes. You'll love it here!

Sarah Thelen, MPP 2018



Durham is an amazing place that is constantly growing and evolving! I went to Duke as an undergraduate and coming back I've been excited to re-acquaint myself with Durham and the greater Triangle

community. Whether it be DPAC and the countless Broadway shows coming into town, the Durham Bull's Stadium, the amazing restaurants and atmosphere of the American Tobacco Campus, the awesome bars and outdoor spaces along Geer Street including MotorCo – my go-to Spring and Fall Bar, or any of the old or new fantastic restaurants downtown (you must eat at Dame's Chicken and Waffles), Durham is an exciting place to be! You are also just a short trip away from excellent hiking, Chapel Hill, downtown Raleigh and just a few hours from the beach or the mountains!

Wes Norris, MPP/MBA 2018



I love living in Durham because it is the perfect blend of people, culture, and history. The people of Durham are kind, hospitable and truly love their city. The culture is dynamic and caters to your niche and personal interests no matter who you are. Additionally, Durham's rich history is profound and is visible throughout the

city from architecture and art, to coffee shops and parks. I am proud to call Durham my city and seek to stay here beyond my time at Sanford!

#BullCityLove *Martine Aurelien* MPP 2018



I moved back to North Carolina for one important reason: trees. While New England offers a number of evergreen, elm, and oak trees, Rhode Island never seemed quite as green as NC. Now that I'm back in Durham, I've discovered more things to love. I love the women of Durham.

I volunteer with Dress for Success Triangle NC and can't understate the empowerment of an organization where women serve women. I love Guanajuato on N. Roxboro where I can slip into Spanish and eat some delicious tacos, pupusas, chorizos. I love that my rent's affordable. I love that Durham boasts a quietly humming arts scene. I love that it's not easy to get to know. And I love that this city requires intentional effort to uncover its history. Mostly though, I love the trees.

Kerry Condon MPP 2018



I went to undergrad down the road at UNC. However, before living in Durham I lived in Orlando just 5 minutes from Universal Studios. I wanted to make sure I could still experience the big city vibe. After moving to Durham I've discovered that Durham is the best, like no town ever was. The small-town community combined with the big city scene is why I fell in love with Durham. With Chapel Hill and Raleigh on either side I feel that Durham is geographically perfect. I can easily get to the beach or the mountains with just a short drive. Me and my friends are always going to local concerts, great restaurants, and free events. This is the absolute perfect place to call home!

Dominique Moore MPP/JD 2019