

101 things to do in CHARLOTTE

1. Experience the world's most unique outdoor recreation and environmental learning experience at the **U.S. National Whitewater Center**. Share over 300 acres of woodlands along the Catawba River with Olympic-caliber athletes, weekend warriors and those looking for high adventure. www.usnwc.org
2. Experience the best of Broadway musicals with the **NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Stanford Broadway Lights Series**. The 2007 season includes such smash hits as *Doubt*, *Sweet Charity* and Disney's *THE LION KING*. www.blumenthalcenter.org
3. September means **Charlotte Shout**, a month-long celebration of art, culture, and community, incorporating over 200 performances and events throughout the Charlotte region. Shout's Culinary Arts Experience, a one-of-a-kind culinary extravaganza, touts celebrity chefs such as Wolfgang Puck and interactive cooking demonstrations. www.charlotteshout.com
4. Experience the nation's most comprehensive collection of contemporary studio craft at the **Mint Museum of Craft + Design**, located in Center City. 2007 exhibits include *Observations: A Retrospective Exhibition of Works by Ann Wolff*. www.themintmuseums.org
5. Once the location of the first branch of the United States Mint, the **Mint Museum of Art** is a rich and diverse resource with noted collections of American and pre-Columbian art, American and European ceramics, and contemporary art and photography. www.themintmuseums.org
6. Don't miss the excitement of the **NBA Charlotte Bobcats** as they host the league's brightest stars in the Charlotte Bobcats Arena. www.bobcatsbasketball.com
7. For over half a century, **Children's Theatre of Charlotte** has been opening young minds to the wonders of live theatre, creating what one local critic called "the most technically imaginative and resourceful theatre productions in the region." www.ctcharlotte.org
8. The **NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Challenge** has evolved from a novelty to a showcase, a spring ritual of speed and daring resulting in yearly additions to the book of NASCAR lore. Catch the excitement as motorsports history is written at over 180 mph each May. www.lowesmotorspeedway.com
9. **ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center**. Reflecting an original approach to education, learning and the arts, the 106,000 square-foot facility serves as an unprecedented resource for families, creating a synergy between educational drama experiences and the critical skills of reading unlike any in the country. www.imaginon.org
10. Join the half-million people from all over the United States who visit **Discovery Place**. Walk through the world's largest eyeball in Activity: Eyeball Exhibit. Go deep into the heart of a tropical rain forest in Knight Rain Forest. Discovery Place is an ever-changing ever-growing, cutting edge science center. www.discoveryplace.org
11. Fore! 2007 will mark the fifth year of the **Wachovia Championship**. Hosted at Charlotte's Quail Hollow Club, the tournament is recognized by the national and international golf community as one of the top events on the PGA TOUR. Don't miss a swing, April 30 - May 6. www.wachoviachampionship.com
12. The most hair-raising rides, the wettest water park, the most sizzling stage shows, and tons of other cool stuff everyone can enjoy. **Carowinds** offers guests more than 108 acres of ultimate entertainment for the entire family including Boomerang Bay, 16 acres of "Aussome" flowing fun and Nickelodeon Central. Ride, spin, twirl and hug the day away with your favorite characters from your favorite Nickelodeon TV shows. www.carowinds.com
13. As the chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup heats up, racing action returns to Lowe's Motor Speedway as it hosts the **Bank of America 500** in October. The fifth race out of the final ten for the NEXTEL Championship, the Bank of America 500 promises high-speed action and excitement. www.lowesmotorspeedway.com

14. Catch the **NFL Carolina Panthers** as they compete at Bank of America Stadium during the 2007 season. Home games will include battles with the Dallas Cowboys and Super Bowl champs Indianapolis Colts. www.panthers.com
15. Visit **Levine Museum of the New South**, an interactive history museum, and experience the nation's most comprehensive interpretation of post-Civil War southern society with *Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers*, named one of the best exhibitions in the Southeast by the Southeastern Museums Conference Curators' Committee. www.museumofthenewsouth.org
16. Shop 'til you drop at **Concord Mills**, one of the state's leading tourist attractions. An amazing themed complex, Concord Mills offers 200 stores, restaurants and entertainment venues including a 24-screen AMC Theatres, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World and NASCAR SpeedPark. www.concordmills.com
17. Imagine an arts and music festival highlighting emerging local artists, children's area, music stages and fun for the entire family! **Art & Soul of South End** showcases the Original Block Party, Avenue of the Arts, the Children's Arts Festival and Battle of the Bands. www.artandsoulofsouthend.com
18. If you love flowers, you're not going to want to miss this. Named one of the nation's "20 Great Gardens" in HGTV's popular book, *Flower Gardening*, **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden** features 110 acres of themed gardens, a dozen sparkling fountains, a spectacular Visitor Pavilion and nine distinctly themed gardens. www.dsbgo.org
19. Lowe's Motor Speedway, home of NASCAR's only 600-mile race, hosts the **Coca-Cola 600** for the 48th year in 2007, a week after the NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Challenge. www.lowesmotorspeedway.com
20. Enjoy America's favorite past time at Knights Stadium. Catch the **Charlotte Knights**, Chicago White Sox affiliate, compete with the best teams of AAA minor-league baseball. www.charlotteknights.com
21. Nationally-acclaimed conductors Christof Perick and Albert-George Schram lead the **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra** in its popular Classics and Pops series. The Pops series allows the Charlotte Symphony to play with special guests such as Peter Nero and Wynonna Judd. www.charlottesymphony.org
22. Experience theatre "off the beaten path." Valued for its edginess, relevance, daring, and artistic polish, **Actor's Theatre of Charlotte** presents critically acclaimed works such as *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* and *Hedwig and The Angry Inch*. www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org
23. Don't miss the cuts, scrapes and power plays of minor league hockey! The **ECHL Charlotte Checkers** take the ice each October at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena. www.gocheckers.com
24. Visit the **Afro-American Cultural Center** (AACC). Through comprehensive programs and presentations in the visual arts, performing arts and through innovative educational programs, the AACC preserves, promotes, and presents African-American culture to the nation. www.aacc-charlotte.org
25. The Lowes Foods **Taste of Charlotte** food festival draws more than 150,000 people to Center City Charlotte each June to experience a wide array of family activities, live music and fantastic food from the area's hottest restaurants. www.tasteofcharlotte.com
26. Explore the **Charlotte Museum of History** and the Hezekiah Alexander home site for a glimpse of living history. Docents, dressed in period attire, guide guests through exhibits chronicling the 18th - 20th centuries. www.charlottemuseum.org
27. Tired of dinner and a movie? How 'bout dinner and music! In Elizabeth you can experience fine dining, from casual to unique, and then head over to the **Visulite Theatre** for great live music or experience Charlotte's oldest live music venue, the **Double Door Inn**. The Double Door has seen the likes of many legendary Blues performers during its storied, 30+ year history. You may even witness a future legend of the stage here on any given night. www.visulite.com, www.doubledoorinn.com
28. Step inside **Charlotte Observer IMAX® Dome Theatre** at Discovery Place. The giant-screen theatre surrounds you with larger-than-life images and amazing sound while providing a new look at the world in which we live. www.discoveryplace.org
29. **Carolina Raptor Center** is dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey through public education and the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned raptors. Tour Carolina Raptor Center's bird hospital and get a sneak peak at what happens behind the scenes, from patients' initial exam to strengthening their wings in outdoor flight cages. www.carolinaraptorcenter.org
30. **NoDa**, Charlotte's fringe art neighborhood, hosts a free Gallery Crawl every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. Browse the area's swanky galleries, enjoy a bite to eat and relax to smooth music played by local street musicians. www.noda.org
31. The **North Carolina Dance Theatre** will reach new heights during the 2007 season with its performance of *Natural Beauty* and a production of *Rhythm & Moves*. This World Première by Mark Diamond showcases the music of the Grammy® award-winning group Béla Fleck and the Flecktones. www.ncdance.org
32. Rock out with your favorite musical performers at **Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre**, Charlotte's only multimillion dollar, open-air music venue. Verizon brings the country's hottest stars in 2007 including *Toby Keith*, *Brooks & Dunn*, *Gwen Stefani* and *Akon*. www.livenation.com
33. Visit the **Charlotte Nature Museum**, an urban science center that exhibits the animals and plants of the Piedmont including an ever-changing Butterfly Garden. www.discoveryplace.org
34. Find inspiration with **NarrowWay Productions**. NarrowWay offers dynamic Christian musicals and dinner theatre. www.narrowway.net
35. **The Light Factory** is a nonprofit arts center dedicated to exhibition and education programs promoting the power of photography and film. The Light Factory offers classes throughout the year in SLR and digital photography and filmmaking. www.lightfactory.org



36.

Shop with class and sophistication at **SouthPark Mall**. Stores include Belk, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and cult favorites like Anthropologie, Burberry, Kate Spade and Louis Vuitton. www.simon.com

37.

Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented gold find in the United States (1799). Today, it features exhibits on gold, the geology of gold, mining technology, and equipment. Portions of underground tunnels at this NC Historic site have been restored for guided tours. Come pan for gold in the same creek that led to America's first gold rush. www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/reed/reed.htm

38.

Relax and enjoy the serenity of **Wing Haven**, a unique part of Charlotte since its creation in 1927. The gardens and bird sanctuary, enclosed on all sides by brick walls, encompass three acres in the heart of a quiet residential neighborhood. www.winghavengardens.com

39.

Get swept away in a southern winter wonderland. **Holidays in the City** is a month-long celebration of the holidays highlighting the city's rich traditions and culture in countless events throughout Center City Charlotte. www.holidaysinthecity.org

40.

Experience the Charlotte Antique & Collectibles show monthly at the **Metrolina Expo Trade Center**. Twice a year (April & November) the "Antiques Spectacular," acclaimed as one of the largest events of its kind, anywhere features over 2,000 dealers from all over the world, offering an array of quality antiques and collectible items. www.dmgantiqueshow.com/metrolina

41.

Visit Charlotte's **Historic South End** neighborhood. With its roots in the 1850's, Historic South End has become a nexus for creative expression and a vibrant retail and restaurant district. www.historicsouthend.com

42.

Travel back to the 19th century at **Latta Plantation and Nature Preserve**. Once a thriving cotton plantation, Latta Plantation is now a living history farm. Experience what life was like for yeoman farmers in the North Carolina backcountry during the 19th century. Visit the Latta Nature Preserve for an unspoiled look at the natural beauty of the Carolinas. www.lattaplantation.org

43.

Nestled at the gateway of the Yadkin Valley, **Childress Vineyards** is quickly becoming recognized as North Carolina's signature winery. Richard Childress brings a passion for fine wine as genuine as his passion for auto racing. Discover a taste of the old world in the heart of the piedmont. www.childressvineyards.com

44.

Take a tour of Charlotte's public artworks. The **Arts & Science Council of Charlotte** views public art as integral to a community's fabric by recognizing the potential of art to create livable cities and enrich the spirit and pride of its citizens. Stop into Visit Charlotte at Main Street for a guide to Center City's public artworks. www.artsandscience.org

45.

Take the family to **NASCAR SpeedPark** and renew sibling rivalry on five scaled race tracks. The premier track at NASCAR SpeedPark, Mini-Motor Speedway, features a quarter mile oval and 5/8 scale NEXTEL Cup style cars. Miniature golf is also available. www.nascarspeedpark.com

46.

Celebrate spring in the Piedmont countryside with the prestigious **Queen's Cup Steeplechase**, the Charlotte area's only horse racing event. www.queenscup.org

47.

Victory Lane Indoor Karting Center offers a 1/3 mile European-style road course and the very best of competition karting. Their competition karts are made in Italy by SODI Kart. Karts average at speeds of 35 mph. www.377fast.com

48.

The **Richard Petty Driving Experience** (RPDE) opened its doors in 1994 and today has emerged as the premier motorsports entertainment company in the industry. RPDE students have several options in customizing their racing experience by choosing specific curriculum ranging from a Ride-Along to the Advanced Racing Experience. www.1800bepetty.com

49.

Visit the house that *The Intimidator* built. **Dale Earnhardt, Inc.**, owning the teams of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup drivers Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Martin Truex, Jr., opens its showroom and retail store to the public throughout the week. www.daleearnhardtinc.com

50.

At the **Hendrick Motorsports** racing complex fans can view the race shops of Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson or visit **Hendrick Motorsports Museum**. The 15,000 square-foot museum and souvenir shop showcase almost two decades of HMS racing. www.hendrickmotorsports.com

51.

Take a walking tour through Charlotte's historic **Fourth Ward** neighborhood and delight in the architecture of homes dating back to the 1800's appropriately called the "Grand Old Ladies." Stop into Visit Charlotte at Main Street for a guide. www.visitcharlotte.com

52.

Historic Brattonsville, in nearby McConnells, SC, is a 775-acre living history village that includes a Revolutionary War battlefield site. The site features 29 historic structures, which may be toured and are also used during living history programs where docents (costumed-interpreters) "relive the past" by demonstrating a variety of themed days. www.chmuseums.org

53.

Travel a few miles north to the **Bob Timberlake Gallery**. From fine art reproductions to finely crafted furniture inspired by 18th century artisans, decorative accessories, to home finishings. Everything that bears the Bob Timberlake name reflects all the comforts of home. www.bobtimberlake.com

54.

The **Lazy 5 Ranch** is a privately owned exotic animal drive thru park that offers a 3.5 mile safari through the gently sloping pasturelands of Piedmont, North Carolina. While visiting at the Lazy 5 Ranch you will have the opportunity to view over 750 animals from six different continents. www.lazyfiveranch.com

55.

Indulge at the #3 spa in North America as voted by *Conde Nast*, **The Spa at Ballantyne Resort**. Their specialties are the Ballantyne Facial Classic, Field Lavender Massage, Milk Whey Bath or Field Lavender Soak, Herbal Wraps, Spa Manicures, Pedicures, and hair design. www.ballantyneresort.com

56. Beat the heat...or cold at **Ray's Splash Planet**, a 29,000 square foot indoor water park and fitness facility. The water park is loaded with fun features: a double-figure eight waterslide, water squirters, a lazy river, and tumble buckets. www.raysplashplanet.com
57. Visitors to **Cricket Arena** experience a true feeling of a 1950's-style building. The arena houses a diverse range of entertainment events for all ages. Top events and performances at Cricket Arena have included Elvis and Prince. www.cricketarenacharlotte.com
58. Southern Shows, Inc. presents the **Southern Christmas Show** and **Southern Spring Home & Garden Show** each November and March. www.southernshows.com
59. "Step" into town each March to join 100,000 fans during the **CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament**. When the final buzzer sounds the streets come alive. Don't miss the Ford Fan Experience or some of music's most popular recording artists at "Showtime at the Apollo." www.theciaa.com
60. Celebrate the May races during **Food Lion Speed Street**. The 600 Festival transforms the streets of Charlotte into a showcase of motorsports with non-stop entertainment, appearances by top NEXTEL Cup Drivers, NASCAR show cars and simulators and fun for all ages. www.600festival.com
61. Charlotte's collection of 1,400 exquisitely manicured greens, expertly sculpted **golf courses**, come together to produce one of the most unique golfing experiences. For a complete list of the area's more than 80 golf courses go to www.visitcharlotte.com.
62. Outdoor enthusiasts are sure to find the "perfect spot" among the over 175 parks operated by the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks & Recreation Department**. Enjoy a day of hiking, playing, or championship Frisbee golf. www.parkandrec.com
63. Visit **Plaza-Midwood**, Charlotte's most diverse streetcar-era neighborhood. Its earliest avenues were plotted in 1903 and its newest date from after the Second World War. Buildings range from turn-of-the-century factories and blue collar housing to the city's most prestigious country club and thriving nightspots. www.plazamidwood.org
64. Practice your swing at the **Dana Rader Golf School**. Located at the Ballantyne Golf Resort, the Dana Rader Golf School was named to *Golf Magazine's* prestigious "Top 25 Golf Schools" and features a nationally acclaimed team of PGA and LPGA instructors. www.danarader.com
65. Take a cultural excursion into learning at the **Museum of York County**. Permanent exhibitions include more than 200 full-mounted African animals as well as an outstanding collection of African artifacts. www.chmuseums.org
66. Experience live music, an art gallery, and a latte at **The Evening Muse**. The Muse features original artists in a wide variety of genres. Or cross the street to take in more great live music at the **Neighborhood Theatre**. Also hosting an eclectic mix of artists, plus a regular stop for many well-known Americana legends. www.theeveningmuse.com, www.neighborhoodtheatre.com
67. Held each October since 1991, the Public Library of Charlotte's award winning **Novello Festival of Reading** is a celebration of reading and books including presentations by best selling authors, a street festival and other reading-related activities. www.novellofestival.net
68. The **UNC Charlotte 49ers** grab your "A10tion," part of the Atlantic 10 Conference. With the James H. Barnhardt Student Activity Center and Dale F. Halton Arena serving as the centerpiece, the 49ers boast some of the best collegiate sports teams and facilities in the nation. www.charlotte49ers.com
69. Savor the flavor of **Shelton Vineyards**, named to *The Wine Report's* list of "50 Forbidden Wines." The vineyard offers tours and delicious wines, including the award winning 2003 Shelton Vineyards Riesling. www.sheltonvineyards.com
70. **Ovens Auditorium** hosts numerous traveling Broadway musicals, national touring comedy acts and celebrity musicians. Surrounded by its trademark fountains and rose gardens, Ovens Auditorium is truly among the finest of Charlotte's landmarks. www.ovensauditorium.com
71. **Carolina Place** mall in Pineville attracts visitors to its more than 140 specialty stores and five anchors. Come to shop, eat and be entertained! www.carolinaplace.com
72. Let your imagination soar at the **Carolinas Aviation Museum**. Relive the country's proudest moments with exhibits featuring aircraft from war and peacetime. www.carolinasaviation.org
73. The walls of the **Sam Bass Gallery of Motorsports Art**, located less than a lap away from Lowe's Motor Speedway's high-banked oval, are alive with vivid recollections of racing's most exciting and endearing events. www.sambass.com
74. Explore **Lake Norman** and enjoy the area's best water recreation. Boating, swimming, and waterskiing are all possibilities, but the area also offers unique shops and restaurants you won't want to miss. www.lakenormancvb.org
75. Experience north Charlotte's retail boom at **Northlake Mall**. The two-level, enclosed mall features 150 stores, restaurants and a 14-screen AMC Theatres megaplex. Steeped in rich artistic and commercial heritage, the architectural design evokes southern warmth infused with a distinctly Charlotte spirit. www.shopnorthlake.com
76. Central Piedmont Community College has hosted an annual **Spring Literary Festival** for the past 15 years. With writers and visual artists ranging from novelists to landscaper painters to international poets and multicultural storytellers, CPCC brings a stunning array of talent to Charlotte. www.cpcc.edu
77. Relax on **The Green**, Center City Charlotte's outdoor, novella-themed park, located across the street from the Charlotte Convention Center. Upscale restaurants and outdoor entertainment are all footsteps away. www.thegreenuptown.com
78. Cast a line or hunt for bargains at **Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World**, the largest supplier of outdoor recreational products in the world, located at Concord Mills Mall. www.basspro.com



79. Sit back and enjoy the ride or suit up, buckle in and drive an actual NEXTEL Cup car for eight heart pounding laps around the speedway at the **Jeff Gordon Racing School**. The speed and g-forces alone make it a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you will never forget. www.jeffgordonracingschool.com

80. An urban oasis in the heart of the entertainment district, the **Roof Garden at The Forum** sets the stage for sunset gatherings, star gazing and people watching. The QC's only rooftop lounge serves cocktails with a side order of Charlotte's ever changing skyline. www.thecharlotteforum.com

81. Experience the collection of renowned public artworks that adorn the **Charlotte Convention Center**, or attend a variety of tradeshows and conventions open to the public, including the Charlotte International Car Show and Mid Atlantic Boat Show. www.charlotteconventionctr.com

82. Celebrate nature's splendor each spring as the Mint Museums host **Charlotte's Annual Home & Garden Tour**. The tour features a splendid array of elegant homes and spectacular gardens located in some of Charlotte's most beautiful neighborhoods. www.themintmuseums.org

83. **Phillip's Place**, located in Charlotte's South Park neighborhood, offers a main street stroll with a wide variety of elegant gift boutiques, entertainment, and cuisine. www.upstreamseafood.com

84. Experience NASCAR racing from a unique perspective through **PIT Crew U** and **5 OFF 5 ON**, the experimental education and practice, placement, and coaching divisions of PIT Instruction & Training. While completion of the programs doesn't guarantee "playing time" at the track, it gets you up close and personal with the fastest 15 seconds in the sport. www.5off5on.com

85. View the black No. 3 GM Chevrolet driven by the late Dale Earnhardt Sr. at the **Richard Childress Racing Museum**. In all, 47 vehicles are on display in the museum including all six of the No. 3 special paint scheme cars driven by Earnhardt in The Winston from 1995-2000. www.rcrracing.com

86. Tickle your funny bone at **The Comedy Zone**, located in Charlotte's north end entertainment district. The Comedy Zone welcomes national celebrities such as Chris Rock and Dave Chappelle. www.thecomedyzone.net

87. Charlotte is called the **City of Frescoes**. Rare in the U.S., Charlotte is home to several sites painted by Ben Long, a NC native. Frescoes adorn the lobby of the Bank of America Corporate Center, The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and Transamerica Square. www.artsandscience.org

88. Bravo! **Opera Carolina** is the largest professional opera company in the Carolinas and entertains the region through the presentation of excellent Opera, Operetta, Musical Theatre and Education & Outreach Programs. www.operacarolina.org

89. Giddy up! Take a horseback ride at **Latta Equestrian Center**. Guided trail rides and individual and group riding lessons are available. www.charmeck.org

90. At Central Piedmont Community College's **Dale F. Halton Theater** education meets entertainment. Catch theatre, music and dance productions on a stage worthy of the world's great artists. www.halton.cpcc.edu

91. Celebrate the state's heritage of motorsports at the **NC Auto Racing Hall of Fame**. Located in Mooresville, a.k.a. "Race City USA," the Hall of Fame features various exhibits spanning all forms of motorsports present in North Carolina. www.ncarhof.com

92. If you're a creative spirit, you won't want to miss the **Hart Witzen Gallery**. Part gallery, live performance venue, movie theater and artist studio, the Hart Witzen Gallery, located in the NoDa fringe arts neighborhood, exhibits cutting edge visual and performing arts. www.hartwitzengallery.com

93. Experience a behind-the-scenes look at NASCAR with **Lowe's Motor Speedway's Over the Wall Tour**, the only tour of its kind in the country to be offered at a NASCAR track. www.lowesmotorspeedway.com

94. Enjoy the historic elegance of the **Van Landingham Estate** (704) 334-8909, the **Morehead Inn** (704) 376-3357, or the **Duke Mansion** (704) 714-4400. www.visitcharlotte.com

95. Board the Catawba Queen, a replica of a Mississippi River Paddle Wheeler or the Lady of the Lake at **Queen's Landing**, to watch a romantic sunset or enjoy a dinner cruise on Lake Norman. Got a boat of your own? Tie up at the Floating Dock Bar and cool off with an ice cold beverage. www.queenslanding.com

96. Visit the **McColl Center for Visual Art**. The Center supports an active artist in residence program and their works can be viewed by the public. The Center also offers lectures and artists forums. www.mccollcenter.org

97. Explore the **Duke Power Energy-Explorium**, located at McGuire Nuclear Station. The Energy-Explorium features hands-on energy information exhibits, a Lake Norman movie, wildflower garden and one mile nature trail. www.duke-energy.com

98. Wind your way through **Ribbon Walk**, a 137-acre botanical forest and environmental education center featuring four walking trails, three large ponds, and free flowing creeks. www.parkandrec.com

99. Tour **The Federal Reserve Bank of Charlotte**. A money exhibit features the history of money in the U. S. from Colonial days to present including a display highlighting the gold mining era in the Piedmont region of NC. www.richmondfed.org

100. Visit the Southeast's most complete collection of mammals at the **Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium** in Gastonia. The 18th Century Backcountry Farm and Catawba Indian Village complete the educational journey. www.schielemuseum.org

101. Visit the site of what was once Southern Railway Company's largest steam locomotive repair facility at the **NC Transportation Museum**. The site contains an authentic train depot, antique automobiles, and a 37 stall roundhouse with 25 locomotives and other exhibit areas. www.nctrans.org

