THINGS TO DO for SUMMER VISITORS and FAMILIES

SUMMER IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO

VISIT Chapel Hill and the Orange County region of North Carolina. Whether you are here visiting friends and family, on vacation or a weekend getaway, or here for one of the numerous summer camps, there is so much to do. The weather is mild, the days are long and most of the attractions are free. For complete details, be sure to get a copy of the Chapel Hill/Orange County Official Visitors Guide or visit www.visitchapelhill.org. Here are some fun ideas:



WALKING TOURS

Take one of the "Walk this Way" guided tours from Preservation Chapel Hill. Topics are Fact and Folklore of Historic Franklin Street, Anonymous was a Woman, West Franklin Street and the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery from the cemetery's gazebo on the UNC Campus. Tours are \$5 and scheduled monthly or by appointment for groups of 4 or more. Tours based on volunteer guides availability. Guided Tours of the campus are available by appointment from the UNC Visitors' Center. Weekly Food Tours highlight the award winning eclectic cuisine of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough.

LIVE & LOCAL MUSIC AT 140 WEST

Come to the Plaza at
140 West on West Franklin
Street for music, dance and
more every Friday from 6 – 9 pm
through June, plus various Saturday
afternoon concerts and events including children's
music, beach, R&B and more. For other events visit
www.140westfranklinplaza.com. For weekend
entertainment, enjoy ongoing movies and concerts on
the Green at Southern Village throughout the summer.

FARMERS MARKETS

Fresh farm produce, dairy products and items are for sale by farmers within a 60-mile radius. We have five farmers markets in Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough. You can shop on Saturday and Tuesday–Thursday, throughout the summer. Get there early for the best selections. You can also enjoy tastings, chef demonstrations and live music.



Visit the 29,000 square foot green Education Center at the **North Carolina Botanical Garden**. See beautiful native plant landscaping, trails, educational exhibits and a Conservation Garden. Tour the NC Botanical Garden, one of the largest natural botanical gardens



in the southeast, with highlights including carnivorous plants, an herb garden and the large chess set. Take a free guided tour of the display gardens Saturdays at 10 am. There are also numerous **parks, hiking and bike trails** throughout Orange County to while away a great summer day. Guided tours at Coker Arboretum are the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11 am. Take a kayak, flat bottom boat or canoe trip on University Lake or Cane Creek Reservior on the weekends.

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KIDZU CHILDREN'S **MUSEUM**

For the youngsters (up to age 10), be sure to check out the handson exhibits, creative arts studio and more at the Kidzu Children's Museum new location at University Mall and UNC's

Morehead Planetarium

& Science Center, the largest

fulldome digital video planetarium in the southeastern US. For sports lovers see the free exciting Carolina **Basketball Museum** with its interactive displays, videos and memorabilia highlighting Carolina on the court.



Check out UNC's Ackland **Art Museum**, or the **ArtsCenter** in Carrboro (art, music and theatre), plus the second Friday Artwalk around Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Don't miss the art co-op gallery FRANK, in the heart of downtown Chapel Hill.



FRIDAYS ON THE **FRONT PORCH** AND WEAVER STREET MARKET **MUSIC**

All types of music and food abound at Fridays on the Front Porch held on the lawn of the **Historic**

on Fridays through early

Carolina Inn from 5-8pm October. Enjoy concerts and food on the lawn Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings at Carrboro's Weaver Street Market and the Hillsborough Outdoor Music Series on Thursdays from 6-8 pm at the Hillsborough Weaver Street location. Wine tastings are on Fridays at all three Weaver Street Market locations, at Uncorked at Southern Season and on First Fridays at Hillsborough Wine Company. Thursday



SHOPPING

Stroll, browse and shop in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough. You'll find antique stores, boutiques, specialty shops, memorabilia stores and more. You are sure to find the perfect keepsake to take back home.



LAST FRIDAYS IN HILLSBOROUGH

Live music on the courthouse lawn as well as artists, food vendors and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks in **downtown** historic Hillsborough the Last Friday of the month from 6:30 – 9:30 pm through September. Also enjoy Art Walks and visit galleries, restaurants, museums and historic sites for special events.



DINING

With nearly 300 restaurants to choose from, you'll flock to our restaurants to feast on nouvelle cuisine, traditional barbecue. local farm dinners and southern favorites from chicken and dumplings and sweet potato biscuits to shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes and honeysuckle sorbet. Don't



forget the local farm fresh ice cream, gelato, handmade chocolates and pastries, gourmet cupcakes, and more.



