



## About Kannapolis

Kannapolis is a thriving city of 43,000 located along the I-85 corridor just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. A central point in the high-growth area north of Charlotte's city center, Kannapolis is less than 20 minutes from I-77, Uptown Charlotte, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Davidson College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Kannapolis is home to the N.C. Research Campus, a \$1.5 billion life sciences hub that is home to eight universities as well as major corporations like General Mills. Built on the site of the former Cannon Mills complex, you can check out the campus at [www.ncresearchcampus.net](http://www.ncresearchcampus.net).

Not only is Kannapolis an emerging biotech powerhouse, but the city also has a proud motorsports tradition. The hometown of Dale Earnhardt, the city continues its strong racing legacy with major teams like Stewart-Haas Racing headquartered here.

For families, Kannapolis offers a Summer Events Series that features concerts, live arts, storytelling and movies each weekend. Our [park system](#) boasts a train, splash pad, athletic facilities and greenways. Our minor league baseball team, [the Kannapolis Intimidators](#), provides outstanding entertainment, fireworks and of course, professional baseball for much of the year.

Our neighbors in the rest of Cabarrus County offer many things to see and do as well. Whether it's a visit to [Charlotte Motor Speedway](#) to catch a race, [Concord Mills](#) to do a little shopping or the [Davis Theatre](#) to take in a Broadway revue – there's something for every member of your family.

Nearby Charlotte also offers a wealth of opportunities to enjoy the arts, cultures and sports. The NFL [Carolina Panthers](#) and the NBA [Charlotte Bobcats](#) call Charlotte home. The exciting new [Levine Cultural Campus](#) is just opening and is home to [The Mint Museum](#), the [Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#), the [Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture](#) and the Knight Theatre. In addition to the new cultural campus, the [NASCAR Hall of Fame](#) is downtown and the [Blumenthal Performing Arts Center](#) hosts operas, symphony performances and Broadway musicals.



*“The Research Campus will be a thriving scientific community where the best minds will shape the way we understand nutrition and its relationship to disease.”*

*—David H. Murdock - N.C. Research Campus  
Founder and Visionary*



## Living in the Charlotte Region

Kannapolis is less than 20 minutes from Charlotte, the largest city in North Carolina and one of the fastest growing cities in the nation.

Charlotte ranks sixth nationwide among cities with the most Fortune 500 company headquarters. The region's major employers include Carolinas Healthcare System, Bank of America, Duke Energy, Harris Teeter, US Airways, Belk, Family Dollar Stores and Lance.

Charlotte is rich in cultural amenities, offering a plethora of opportunities to enjoy the performing and visual arts. The city's thriving performing arts community includes the [Charlotte Symphony](#), [Charlotte Philharmonic Orchestra](#), [Charlotte Civic Orchestra](#), [North Carolina Dance Theatre](#), [Carolina Voices](#), [Opera Carolina](#), [Theatre Charlotte](#), [Actor's Theatre of Charlotte](#) and the [North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's](#) Broadway Lights Series.

Patrons of the visual arts will enjoy [The Mint Museum](#), the [Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#), [The Harvey B. Gantt Center](#), the [McColl Center for Visual Art](#) and [The Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film](#).

Additionally, in Cabarrus County the [Cabarrus Arts Council](#) programs and runs the [Davis Theatre](#) which hosts spectacular Broadway revues, riveting professional theater and award-winning musicians. The Council also curates the five [Arts Council Galleries](#) in the Historic Cabarrus Courthouse which display work by regional and national artists. Art Walks, movie nights and other special events are often held in the Galleries.

Charlotte's many museums and nature centers offer a chance for visitors of all ages to explore the region's past and present. These include the [Carolina Raptor Center](#), [Charlotte Museum of History](#), [Discovery Place](#), [Historic Rosedale Plantation](#), [Latta Plantation](#), [Levine Museum of the New South](#) and [Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary](#).

The Charlotte region is also a hub for professional sports, including the [Carolina Panthers](#) (NFL), [Charlotte Bobcats](#) (NBA), [Charlotte Knights](#) (MiLB), the [Kannapolis Intimidators](#) (MiLB), [Charlotte Checkers](#) (ECHL), [Charlotte Eagles](#) (USL-2), [Lady Eagles](#) (USL W-League) and [Carolina Speed](#) (AIFA).

In addition, the area hosts a number of major sporting events annually, including the PGA's [Quail Hollow Championship](#), the [CIAA Tournament](#) and three major NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at [Charlotte Motor Speedway](#). Additionally, the [NASCAR Hall of Fame](#) calls Charlotte home.

Kannapolis also offers a wealth of activities for the outdoor enthusiast within a short drive. Closer to home, [Lake Norman](#), the state's largest man-made lake, features 520 miles of shoreline within 20 minutes of Kannapolis and is perfect for sailing, wind surfing, power boating and fishing. Just 40 minutes from Kannapolis is the [U.S. National Whitewater Center](#), a world-class outdoor adventure center that is both a public recreation facility and a training ground for Olympic athletes.

For more information about things to do in and around Kannapolis and the Charlotte region, please visit the following:

[Cabarrus CVB](#)

[Visit Charlotte](#)

[Charlotte Center City Partners](#)

