
Carolina Population Center Visitor Guide

Welcome! We hope you have a wonderful time visiting Chapel Hill. Here are some tips to make your stay more enjoyable.



Situate yourself

The Carolina Population Center (CPC) is located just behind the Target on Franklin Street, next to a giant orange sculpture. Franklin Street is the main thoroughfare in downtown Chapel Hill. On Franklin Street, you'll find coffee shops, spots to eat, and (in the evening) a student population heading off to the many bars that dot the street.

Directions from Carolina Inn

Many of our visitors stay at the Carolina Inn, which is located at 211 Pittsboro Street and is four blocks away from the Carolina Population Center. To get from the Carolina Inn to CPC, cross the intersection at Cameron and Columbia, continuing on Columbia towards Franklin Street until you reach a light in front of the Ackland Art Museum. Cross at the light towards the fraternities and walk through the fraternity parking lot. You'll see a path and a different parking lot – with a parking garage in front of you. CPC is located in this building. If you follow it around, you'll enter by the orange sculpture next to the overhang that says "123 W Franklin St." We're on the second floor.

Alternatively, you can take Columbia another block up to Franklin Street and make a left at the intersection of Columbia and Franklin. Walk $\frac{1}{2}$ a block. You'll pass a church. Turn at the Target and enter by the orange sculpture next to the overhang that says "123 W Franklin St." We're on the second floor.

How to get around

Chapel Hill has a free bus service that takes you to spots around campus and town. Hop on a blue bus – they're free. You can take the CW, F, and J up Franklin Street. Information and maps are located on the town of Chapel Hill's website (<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/transit/routes-schedules/all-routes-schedules>). You'll also find updated information on Google Maps.

Visitors Center

Both Chapel Hill and UNC have visitor centers with information on what to see and do while you're visiting the Triangle. UNC's visitor center (<https://www.unc.edu/visitors/>) is located at Hill Hall at 145 East Cameron Avenue and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hill Hall is located across the quad from the Morehead Planetarium and just down the street from the Old Well, which is an iconic campus landmark that alumni and current students often visit. The Chapel Hill Visitor's Bureau (<https://www.visitchapelhill.org/>) is located at 501 W Franklin Street and has information on local restaurants, nightlife, and things to see in the area.

Coffee, Places to eat, and Places to drink

Chapel Hill and Carrboro, the town just next door, have lots of great food and drink options. Here are some of our favorites:

Coffee

- Perennial - 401 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Three Waters Café - 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Bread & Butter Bakery & Café - 503 W Rosemary St, Chapel Hill
- Starbucks (full sized) - 103 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Starbucks (in Target) – 143 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Open Eye Café - 101 S Greensboro St, Carrboro
- Gray Squirrel Coffee Co. - 360 E Main St, Carrboro

Breakfast and Brunch

- Ye Olde Waffle Shoppe - 173 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$)
- Breadmen’s - 324 W Rosemary St, Chapel Hill (\$)
- Carolina Coffee Shop - 138 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Elmo’s Diner - 200 N Greensboro St, Carrboro (\$\$)

Lunch and Dinner

- Al’s Burger Shack - 516 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$)
- Time-Out - 201 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$)
- Sutton’s Drug Store - 159 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$)
- Mediterranean Deli - 410 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Bonchon - 205 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Spicy 9 Sushi Bar - 516 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Mama Dip’s - 408 W Rosemary St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Bandido’s Mexican Cafe - 159 ½ E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Crook’s Corner - 610 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Top of the Hill - 100 E Franklin St #300, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Lula’s - 101 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Kipos Greek Taverna - 431 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Vimala’s Curryblossom Café – 431 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- 411 West Italian Café – 411 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill (\$\$)
- Glasshalfull - 106 S Greensboro St, Carrboro (\$\$)
- Acme Food & Beverage Co - 110 E Main St, Carrboro (\$\$\$)
- Tyler’s Restaurant & Taproom - 102 E Main St, Carrboro (\$\$)
- Weaver Street Market -101 E Weaver St, Carrboro (\$\$)

Bars

- Top of the Hill - 100 E Franklin St #300, Chapel Hill
- B-side Lounge - 200 N Greensboro St, Carrboro
- Steel String Craft Brewery - 106A S Greensboro St, Carrboro
- Vecino Brewing Co. - 300 E Main St, Carrboro

Things to see

- Old Well (campus landmark) - E Cameron Ave, Chapel Hill
- Ackland Art Museum - 101 S Columbia St, Chapel Hill
- Flyleaf Books - 752 MLK Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill
- Morehead Planetarium & Science Center - 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- North Carolina Botanical Garden - 100 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill
- Cat’s Cradle (music venue) - 300 E Main St, Carrboro
- Carolina Basketball Museum - 450 Skipper Bowles Dr, Chapel Hill

Luggage

We can store your luggage at CPC if you’re checking out of your room and not returning.

Taxis / Uber / Lyft

If you’re heading to RDU from CPC, the address to use is 123 W. Franklin Street. Uber and Lyft are readily available during the workday, but may run less frequently at night so plan ahead. You will need to call for a taxi ahead of time. A meter, starting with an initial fee of \$3.60 and then \$2.00 per mile after that, calculates the taxi fare. Most companies accept major credit cards. Some options:

RDU Taxi	(919) 840-7277
Charlene's Safe Ride	(919) 244-4444
Skylink Shuttle	(919) 233-3952
Dave’s Airport Transportation Service	(919) 632-5509
Airport & Intown Taxi	(919) 942-4492

