2009 Raleigh City Guide for Elon Alumni

- **Chapter Contacts**
  - **Triangle Area Alumni Chapter** – Holds social events every other month. Great place to meet new alumni, network to find a new job, or catch up with old friends.
  - Email [elontrianglealumni@yahoo.com](mailto:elontrianglealumni@yahoo.com) to get on the email list for events or to get involved with the chapter.
  - President: Lisa Johnston Smithdeal ’83

- **Job Guides**
  - **Raleigh News and Observer**: Raleigh’s main newspaper with a robust job section
  - **Triangle Jobs**: A local Raleigh website offering job postings specific to the triangle ([www.trianglejobs.com](http://www.trianglejobs.com))
  - **NC Nonprofits**: a great website for those interested in the non-profit world ([http://jobs.ncnonprofits.org](http://jobs.ncnonprofits.org))
  - **Triangle City Search**: offers information on jobs and other city information ([http://triangle.citysearch.com](http://triangle.citysearch.com))

- **Relocation Sites:**
  - **Chamber of Commerce**: website for relocating to Raleigh. Includes information on house options, job options, schools, and much more ([www.raleigh-north-carolina-living.com](http://www.raleigh-north-carolina-living.com))
  - **City of Raleigh Website**: offers great information on job opportunities, leisure activities, current projects and general city info. ([www.raleigh-nc.org](http://www.raleigh-nc.org))

- **Newcomers and Social Clubs:**
  - **Triangle Meetup**: Club for young professionals in Raleigh. Call 919.601.9600 for info.
  - **Triangle Windsurfing & Boardsailing Club**: Based in Raleigh. Call 919.387.5969 for info.
  - **Chapel Hill Jaycees**: Junior Chamber of Commerce/Community Service. Call 919.942.0854 for info.
  - **Apex Jaycees**: Junior Chamber of Commerce/Community Service. Call 919.990.1250 for info.
  - **Raleigh Jaycees**: Junior Chamber of Commerce/Community Service. Call 919.713.0031 for info.
  - **Durham Jaycees**: Junior Chamber of Commerce/Community Service. Call 866.6104887 for info.
  - **Cary Jaycees**: Junior Chamber of Commerce/Community Service. Call 919.406.6200 for info.
- **Areas to live**
  - **Raleigh**
    - **Inner Beltline**: (Inside the 440 Hwy loop or Beltline around Raleigh) Considered the place to live for the younger crowd, it provides access to everything, mainly the primary nightlife located in Raleigh. However it costs a little bit more to live in this area, but good deals can still be found.
    - **North Raleigh**: A great area to live that is still convenient to everything essential. A little lower in price but also a bit further to some of Raleigh’s prime features.
    - **NCSU area**: (North Carolina State University) Another good area for young people, you can find nice housing for cheap and still great access to Raleigh’s downtown attractions.

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- **Chapel Hill**: Home of UNC-Chapel Hill, this town can be expensive to live in but offers a great variety of small, locally owned business with great restaurants and attractions.

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- **Cary**: About 15-20 minutes west of Raleigh, Cary is an upscale town with more of a “suburb” feel. Living can be a little pricey here but as far as the town is considered, it is an immaculate place to live.

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**Apex**: About 25 minutes southwest of Raleigh, Apex offers cheap living and a very booming economy. The town is still on the smaller side but growing at a rapid rate. It has lots of small businesses and is very safe.

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**Durham**: A big city that is very diverse. Different parts of Durham offer very different things but the right area can be a great place to live. It is the home to Duke University, the Durham Bulls, and Southpoint Mall.

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**Wake Forest**: Similar to Apex, just north of Raleigh instead of South. Small town feel.

**Knightdale**: A town that borders on Raleigh and is fairly convenient to get anywhere in Raleigh. Very affordable housing but doesn’t offer that much in the line of attractions.

**Garner**: A town to the southern part of Raleigh, it is mainly an industrial town but offers quick access to the downtown area of Raleigh with cheap living.

**Clayton**: Just south of Garner, it is similar to Apex and Wake Forest but a tab smaller than those two.

### Places to go out

- **Glenwood South**: The primary place to head out in Raleigh, a long street with multiple restaurants and bars. Close to downtown Raleigh.
- **North Raleigh**: A little more spread out but offers great restaurants and bars.
- **Five Points**: An eclectic area of Raleigh featuring an independent movie theatre and great eateries.
- **Cameron Village**: A large open shopping area of Raleigh with unique boutiques and a few great restaurants. Close to NCSU.
- **Downtown (Fayetteville St)**: Newly renovated after $16 million in funding and an up and coming area of the nightlife scene; it seems that a new pub or bar opens monthly.
- **Moore Square:** With a park as the center of it, it features everything from a huge traditional Irish pub, to an IMAX movie theatre, to a dueling piano bar. There are lots of places to hear live music in this area.

- **Power District:** A small “square” like area near Glenwood south that offers some trendy bars and restaurants.

### Outdoor activities

- **Jordan and Harris Lake:** Two enormous lakes with beaches, watercraft, and fishing for its activities.

- **Umstead Park and Lake:** (Between Raleigh and Durham) A smaller lake, it is best know for its expansive hiking and hiking trails that are gorgeous, especially during the fall season.

- **Pullen Park:** A small “homey” feeling park near downtown Raleigh and NCSU campus that features a small pond with paddle boats. Pullen Park offers its guests amusement rides for patrons of all ages such as the carousel.

- **Crabtree State Park:** (near the airport) A great park with tons of hiking and biking trails as well as a lake that offers canoe and kayak rentals.

- **Golf Courses:** There are a whole slew of golf courses in the area in every price range and the infamous Pinehurst Golf Course is only an hour away to the south.

- **NCSU:** A huge school with numerous things to do, including football games and tailgates. Hillsborough Street is the main street through campus with tons of restaurants and bars.

- **Duke University:** A beautiful school in Durham to walk around with a wonderful free garden/park (Duke Gardens). The famous Duke Chapel also holds concerts and Handel’s Messiah at Christmas.

- **Koka Booth Amphitheatre:** (Regency Park- Cary) This outdoor park and amphitheatre hold outdoor concerts throughout the summer, including a free performance of the NC Symphony and fireworks on July 4th. They also show outside movies on the lawn for $3 every Thursday during the summer; bring your own food, beverages, and a blanket and laugh under the stars! ([www.amphitheatreatregencypark.com](http://www.amphitheatreatregencypark.com))

- **NC Art Museum:** (Raleigh) Also features a decent size amphitheatre that attracts some great music acts and shows movies on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer. This venue also allows you to bring your own food and beverages.

- **Alive After Five:** (Fayetteville Street in Downtown Raleigh) Outdoor music after work every other Thursday. Great place to go out with other young adults after work.

### Sites to See

- **NC Art Museum:** The North Carolina Museum of Art often features very famous exhibits featuring such artists as Van Gogh.

- **Museum of Natural Science:** Imagine the Smithsonian, just four stories and smaller. Free admission.

- **NC History Museum:** A broad museum featuring all the history of North Carolina. Free admission.

- **NC Theater and Raleigh Memorial Auditorium:** both local and Broadway productions.

- **Beaches:** Wilmington is less than two hours away with many other beaches almost as close.

- **Mountains:** Asheville is only three hours away. Hike, camp, and take a ride on the Blueridge Parkway in October to view the leaves at their peak,
- **RBC Center**: Home of the Carolina Hurricanes and NC State basketball, this state of the art venue also brings in huge acts such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers.
- **Alltel Pavilion-Walnut Creek**: A huge outdoor amphitheatre on the east side of Raleigh that brings many of music’s best acts with front level seating that puts you about 15 feet from the band. They also have lawn seating (VERY cheap) where you can sit and eat and drink during the summer. Buy tickets through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).
- **Lincoln Theatre**: (Downtown Raleigh) Similar to Ziggy’s in Winston Salem, this venue brings many Indie favorites and other famous acts.
- **Cats Cradle**: Pretty much the same thing as Ziggy’s and Lincoln theatre, only it’s located in Chapel Hill.
- **Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team**: Stanley Cup champs of 2006 that play in Raleigh. Their season runs from September through April; keep an eye on their website, as they often run specials for cheap seats. Great group event!
- **Durham Bulls Baseball**: Minor league baseball team in Durham, made famous by the movie *Bull Durham*. Tickets are only $6-$12 and the season runs from April through September.
- **Carolina Mudcats Baseball**: Minor league baseball team in Zebulon, about 30 minutes east of Raleigh.
- **NC State Sports**: Mainly Football and basketball. Buy tickets through the school website.
- **UNC-Chapel Hill Sports**: Again mainly basketball, then football. Buy tickets through the school website.
- **Duke**: Mainly Basketball. Buy tickets through the school website.
- **NCCU**: Historically black college in Durham. Football and basketball games are popular.

### Annual events
- **NC State Fair**: Yearly state fair draws crowds from all over NC. Located at the Fairgrounds in Raleigh near NCSU, the fair runs for two weeks each October. Buy admission tickets ahead of time online for a discount and ride the tram from Cary Soccer Park or the RBC Center for free parking. One night of the fair is canned food night where you get a discount by bringing several cans. Come for the big music acts at night (extra cost), animal and craft exhibits, fried candy bars and funnel cakes, and rides at the Midway.
- **Beach Music Fest**: A yearly festival in April held at huge field in Garner, it features the famous beach band Chairman of the Board. Admission is $20 but you can bring as many beverages and food as you want. Basically a Jimmy Buffet concert minus Jimmy Buffet.
- **Moore Square Summer Concert Series**: Held in the Moore Square Park, they book such acts as the Violent Femmes, Gin Blossoms, and Warrant. The best part is it’s absolutely free.
- **Summer Concert series at Alltel-Walnut Creek**: Most lively from late spring to early fall, they book some of the biggest acts in the biz.
- **World Beer Festival**: Durham in the fall and Raleigh in the spring, it showcases beers from around the world.
- **St. Patty’s Day Parade and Festival**: Every St. Patty’s day weekend Raleigh holds the second largest parade in the South (next to Savannah, GA) with a huge all day celebration in Moore square afterwards. Sponsored by Tir Na Nog, the local Irish pub and restaurant, the park features local Irish merchants, traditional music, bagpipes, and of course all things green.
- **Eno River Festival**: A festival in Durham that focuses mainly on the independent arts and music of the triangle.