

Welcome to Central North Carolina!

Here is basic information to help you as you begin the relocation process. More than 2,000 Indiana University alumni already live in this area and we're glad you are thinking about living, working, and playing in central North Carolina.



Central Carolina Chapter members volunteer at the Duke University Health System's Ronald McDonald House.

The Piedmont Area of N.C.

(from www.visitnc.com)

Covering nearly half of North Carolina in the central part of the state, the Piedmont is an area of gently rolling foothills with the occasional boulder or unexpected rock outcropping.

The Piedmont region boasts one of the most dynamic economies in the United States and is home to the state's largest cities and biggest financial institutions. Renowned research universities, textile and furniture factories, tobacco farms, shopping meccas, top golf courses, and abundant historic sites are also part of the makeup of the Piedmont.

Although the area enjoys four distinct seasons, temperatures are mild year round. The average wintertime temperature is about 42 degrees. In summer, it's 77 degrees. The area also enjoys sunshine for about 210 days a year.

General Information

Here are some Web sites that may help you explore relocating to the area:

<http://www.relocationguide.biz/the-triangle-nc.html>
<http://know.triangle.com/guide>

Regional Newspaper

The News & Observer:

<http://www.newsobserver.com/>

Airports

Raleigh-Durham International: <http://www.rdu.com/>

Piedmont Triad International (between Winston-Salem and Greensboro): <http://www.flyfrompti.com/>

Other Transportation

Public transportation options between the population centers of central North Carolina are minimal, but for more information explore the routing system available at <http://www.gotriangle.org/>

Amtrak's passenger train service offers 12 daily trains serving 16 North Carolina cities, including those in both the Triad and Research Triangle areas. More information: <http://www.bytrain.org/passenger/>

Finding a Place to Live



For rentals (including those near the NCSU, UNC-CH, and Duke University campuses):

<http://www.triangle.com/shop/rentals/>

For purchases, this multiple listing service access point leads to an interactive map of the central North Carolina area with available properties highlighted: <http://www.fmrealty.com/site/property/search.asp>

Driver's Licenses

A vehicle can be registered or a driver license obtained from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. For more information see: <http://www.ncdot.org/dmv/>

Looking for Work

The North Carolina Employment Security Commission is the official agency for listing job vacancies in North Carolina: <http://www.ncesc.com/>
Another resource in central North Carolina is newspaper-sponsored: <http://www.newsobserver.com/careerbuilder/>

Attractions and Parks

Find out more about parks, lakes, museums, cultural opportunities, historic sites, etc. at:

<http://www.visitnc.com/>



Recreation and Fitness

All of the counties and communities in central North Carolina have departments of parks and recreation that provide indoor and outdoor activities for people of all ages. Amateur sports leagues; tennis and racquetball courts; public swimming pools; and hiking and biking trails are available as part of the services of local governments. In addition, YMCA facilities are available. More specific information about the YMCA is available at: <http://www.ymcatriangle.org/home.aspx>

Golf

The southern part of the central North Carolina region is well known for its golf facilities. The area surrounding Pinehurst and Southern Pines often hosts amateur and professional women's and men's golf tournaments. Many people come to the area specifically for the privilege of playing those courses, but good golf courses, which are open year round, are available throughout central North Carolina. For more information on golf venues, go to: <http://www.visitnc.com/journeys/highlights/golf-in-nc>



Professional Sports

The central North Carolina region is home to several professional sports teams: The Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League, two minor league baseball teams, and a professional men's soccer team.

Carolina Hurricanes: <http://hurricanes.nhl.com/>

Durham Bulls: <http://www.durhambulls.com/>

Carolina Mudcats: <http://www.gomudcats.com/>

Carolina Railhawks (soccer):

<http://www.carolinarailhawks.com/>

A two-and-a-half hour drive or a longer train ride will get you to Charlotte for the NFL's Carolina Panthers games. More information: <http://www.panthers.com/home/>

Entertainment

Each community of the central North Carolina region has its own cultural and arts venues. In addition to local, community-based resources, regional information can be found at:

<http://know.triangle.com/guide/life> and

<http://www.triangle.com/enjoy/>

Eating Out



Central North Carolina has award-winning, unique restaurants and chefs along with favorite chains. To find restaurants, locations, and reviews in the region, key the name of a central

North Carolina community into the box at:

<http://events.triangle.com/restaurants>

Shopping

As you get to know the central North Carolina region you will develop shopping venue favorites. To get an overview of all the area has to offer – from factory outlets to high-end retail, take a look at:

<http://triangle.citysearch.com/find/section/triangle/shopping.html>

Other Activities and Events

Here are additional sites that are helpful in getting to know the area:

http://www.rtplinks.com/Travel_and_Lodging/Visitors_Bureau/index.html

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/>

<http://www.durham-nc.com/>

<http://www.sandhills.org/>

<http://www.chocvb.org/>

Connecting with Fellow Hoosiers

The Central Carolina Chapter of the Indiana University Alumni Association sponsors several events a year to bring together alumni for cultural, service, social, and sports events. Check the local chapter Web page at <http://alumni.indiana.edu/clubs/carolina/> for information about specific events and people to contact to get involved in local activities.