



Welcome to Charlotte

Stroll through the streets of Charlotte and you'll find a city on the move with modern skyscrapers standing tall amongst historical landmarks. Take an adventure through Uptown to discover the many gems of the Queen City.

This self-guided walking tour includes sites of historical, artistic, architectural and entertainment interests.



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1 Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture
Named for Charlotte's first African-American mayor, this building showcases a unique display of African-American art and expressive culture. At only 45 feet wide, it holds the record as Charlotte's skinniest attraction.

2 The Green
Magical sounds will enliven your stroll through this literary-themed wonderland of a park. Adjacent to the park you will find St. Peter's Catholic Church, established in 1851 this is Charlotte's oldest Catholic Church.



3 Ratcliffe's Flowers Sign
This historic sign hung above the entrance to Ratcliffe's Florist Shop. The building was constructed on the site in 1929 and later relocated 75 feet north.

4 Wells Fargo History Museum
Enter this free museum to see a rare Concord stagecoach, built in the mid-19 century. You can also electronically pan for gold.



5 Bechtler Museum of Modern Art
Take a picture with "The Firebird." Standing 17 feet and 5 inches tall, the sculpture is a whimsical, bird-like creature covered from top to bottom in pieces of mirrored glass.

6 Mint Museum Uptown
This art museum has one of the largest collections in the Southeast. The uneven exterior on the building's north side was part of an urban rock-climbing date on ABC's reality show "The Bachelorette."

7 Bank of America Stadium
Welcome to the home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers. This 73,778 seat stadium is guarded by larger-than-life bronze panther sculptures.

8 Green's Lunch
Opened in 1926, this diner is Uptown Charlotte's oldest restaurant.

9 Romare Bearden Park
This 5.2-acre park is named for Romare Bearden, an internationally renowned artist who was born in Charlotte in 1912. The BB&T Ballpark next door is the home of the Charlotte Knights, Triple-A Affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

10 Latta Arcade
Built in 1914, this building was originally used for grading cotton under the natural light of the glass ceiling. Just outside, you'll find Brevard Court, a cobblestone courtyard filled with pubs, restaurants and various shops.

11 Wells Fargo Plaza
Celebrate the exuberance of your childhood with the statues of children playing in the cascading fountain, created by Dennis Smith and David Wagner.

12 Il Grande Disco
The large, coin-shaped piece with dark edges was created for the space by Italian sculptor Arnaldo Pomodoro. The disco wheel was installed in October 1974. A sister piece was placed in the Piazza Filippo Meda, in Milan, Italy in 1980.

13 The Square at Trade and Tryon
This intersection has existed for hundreds of years. It was an Indian trading path where countless generations of Native Americans stopped on their way to the mountains or the coast. On all four corners, you'll find statues representing commerce, transportation, industry and the future.

14 Bank of America Corporate Center
The lobby of Charlotte's tallest building is filled with frescoes by Ben Long.

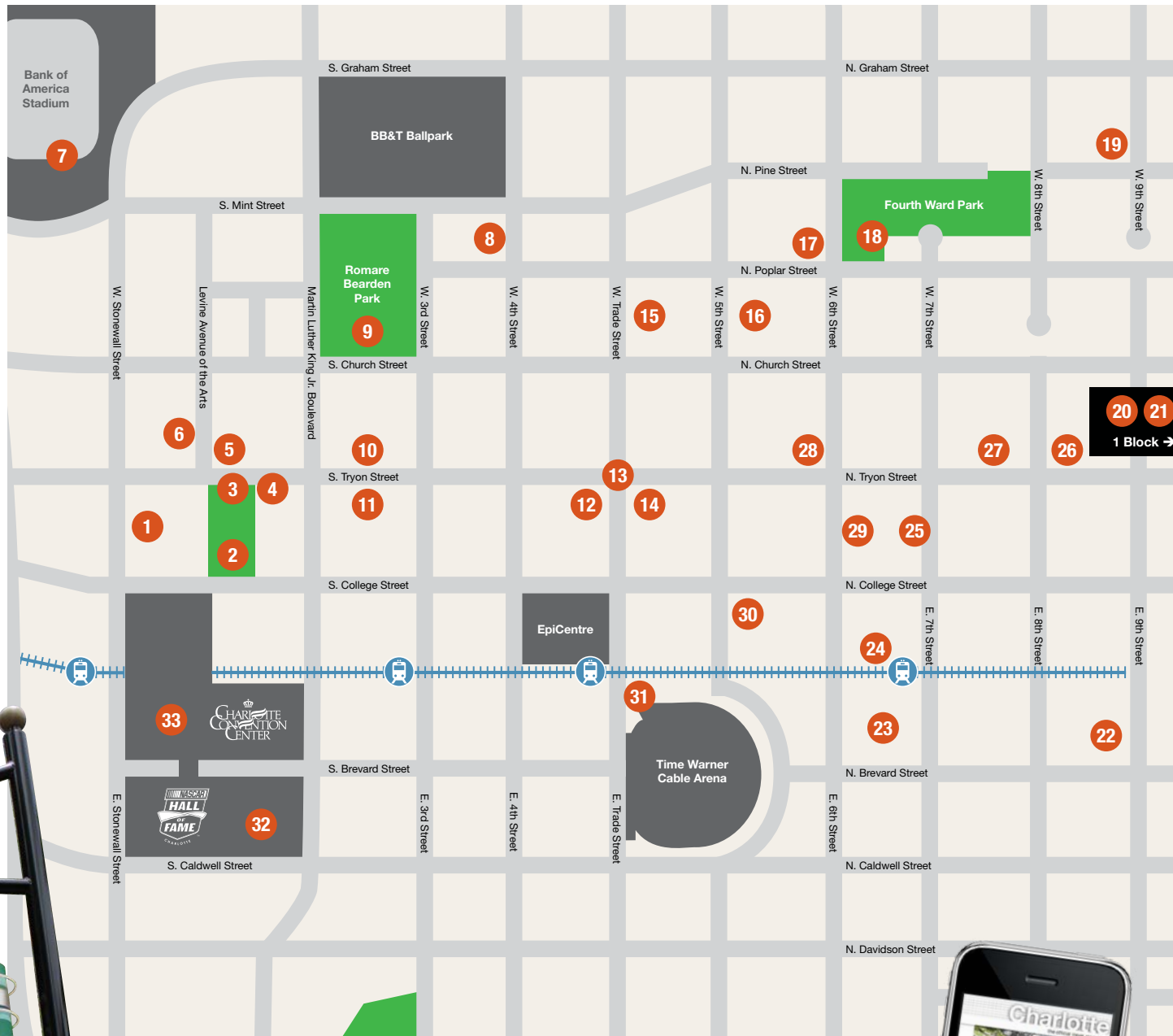
15 First Presbyterian Church
Tucked away among Charlotte's modern skyscrapers, you'll find this Gothic Revival church featuring Ben Long's fresco, The Good Samaritan, in the fellowship building.

16 Settlers' Cemetery
This was the town cemetery from 1776 to 1867. Those laid to rest here include town founder Thomas Polk.

17 St. Peter's Hospital
When this facility opened its doors at this location in 1878, it was the first civilian hospital in North Carolina. It would close on Oct. 8, 1940, when Charlotte Memorial Hospital, what is today's Carolinas Medical Center, opened its doors.

18 Fourth Ward Neighborhood
This historic neighborhood artfully blends restored 100-plus-year-old Victorian homes with luxury condominiums. It is anchored by the beautiful Fourth Ward Park. Free maps detailing the stately homes can be found at Poplar and 6th streets and at Poplar and 9th streets—don't miss Overcash House, which was built before the Civil War.

19 Alexander Michael's
Founded in 1983 and named after its creators Alexander Copeland III and A. Michael Troiano Jr., Alexander Michael's is a restaurant and tavern located in the former Crowell-Berryhill Store, a grocery store that opened in 1897.



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20 Patricia McBride and Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance
This center is named for two former New York City Ballet stars who are now NC Dance Theatre's artistic directors. Pliés and pirouettes are visible to passers-by on Tryon Street in these NC Dance Theatre studios.

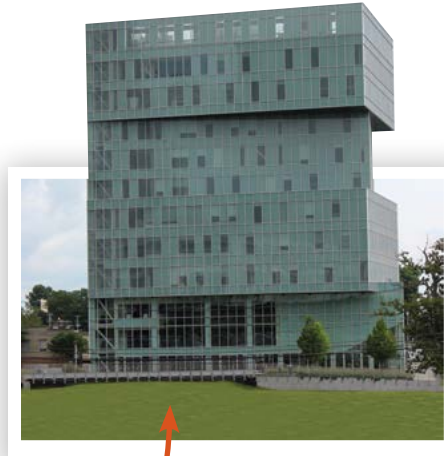
21 McColl Center for Visual Art
Built in 1926 as a church and repurposed after a fire as a sanctuary for artists in 1999, the exposed brick and vaulted ceiling provides the perfect canvas for galleries and studios. Peek in one of the studios to catch an artist in residence at work.

22 UNC Charlotte Center City Building
This prominent 12-story building showcases a modern design reflective of its vibrant, urban location. Note that it looks like a stack of school books!

23 ImaginOn: The Joe and Joan Martin Center
Enjoy the large outdoor sculptures of The Writer's Desk by Larry Kirkland.

24 Seventh Street Parking Deck
The exterior of the building features Christopher Janney's "Touch My Building," which showcases dozens of 30-foot-tall "light fins" that light up and play a melodic tune when touched.

25 Spirit Square / The Light Factory
This arts and education complex was originally the First Baptist Church built in 1909. Spirit Square now houses two theatres along with the The Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film, one of only four such museums in the country.



26 At Peace, At Play
Part of the Bank of America Art Collection, this sculpture was forged and fabricated from bars and flat sheets of steel, using heat and hammer. No molds or casting were used in the construction. The oak trees featuring a variety of animals found in North Carolina form a welcoming arch to mark the entrance to a peaceful garden.

27 Transamerica Square
In the middle of the building's domed arched walkway, Ben Long's open-air fresco, Continuum, portrays a variety of NC symbols. Look closely along the dome's rim for the blue goat Tar Heel mascot, Bank of America CEO Hugh McColl & more.

28 The Dunhill Hotel
Built in 1929, this elegant 10-story hotel with neoclassical features is the only historic hotel in Uptown Charlotte.

29 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
Find your favorite quote among the dozens adorning the columns at Charlotte's main library branch. From Aristotle to Jimmy Buffett, you'll discover words of wisdom from a variety of iconic figures in history.

30 Queen Charlotte
Charlotte was founded in 1768 and named for Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III of England. This statue features Queen Charlotte and her dogs in a garden.



31 Time Warner Cable Arena
The arena is home to the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, the AHL's Charlotte Checkers and also serves as a venue for top entertainers. On the Plaza between Trade and Fifth streets, see Andrew Leicester's colorful cylindrical art that celebrates Charlotte's textile mill roots with his 23-foot Bobbins and six-foot Textile Shuttles.

32 NASCAR Hall of Fame
Walk through the Ceremonial Garden to see the names of legends that have been enshrined in the NASCAR Hall of Fame®, a museum honoring the history and heritage of the sport.

33 Charlotte Convention Center
The facility houses artists from across the nation in addition to creations from homespun talent. Look up to take in the "Oculus Reflector" by nationally acclaimed artist James Carpenter. Not just an intricate skylight, this piece uses glass and steel to reflect and refract sunlight creating shifting patterns and designs on the floor.

