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*York County, SC*

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Amy Fortes

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# Meet the Locals

## ON THE COVER

**Tim Smith, *Rock Hill Coffee Roasters***

“I moved to York County, knowing hardly anyone, to start a coffee shop with my best friend in Rock Hill. Well, we have the shop, and I couldn’t ask for a better place to have it! In the two years I’ve been here, I have met so many wonderful people and have built relationships to last a lifetime. Yes, there are many fun things to do in York County, but it’s the people who will leave a lasting impression on you. They are the reason I am staying here.”

**Rac’L Jackson, *Creather***

“I grew up in Chester, South Carolina which means York County is not unfamiliar territory for me. However, since starting my career in York County, there have been a lot of new changes. I am always amazed by the new restaurants, fun tourism attractions, cozy coffee stops, amazing art and unique small businesses in the area. I am most thankful for the community I have built while working and volunteering here. I look forward to continued growth, adventure and success for York County.”

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adventure in  
York County,  
SC? Scan to  
learn more



# Welcome to York County, SC!

Just minutes south of Charlotte, York County's convenient location, vibrant culinary scene, unique history, and abundance of outdoor amenities continue to attract visitors from the Southeast and beyond. From the shores of Lake Wylie and the Catawba River to our vibrant Main Streets, there is something for everyone.

In York County, you're likely to meet people who came for a weekend and decided to stay for a lifetime. We couldn't be happier to have you here and look forward to showing you the best ways to experience this great community.

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**Andy Clinton**, President & CEO  
Visit York County





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# York County

SOUTH CAROLINA

Just south of the North Carolina state line, York County, SC offers an adventurous, affordable, authentically southern experience. Enjoy exploring as you discover York County's big-city amenities and hidden gems that will make your visit unforgettable.

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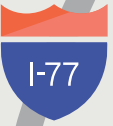
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START PLANNING

# Your Seasonal Guide to York County

## SPRING

The first signs of spring come to life at **Glencairn Garden** in Rock Hill. This backyard garden turned into an 11-acre park will bloom with hundreds of picturesque azaleas. Just as the colors pop, festivals will follow. Mark your calendar for the ten-day **Come-See-Me Festival** in Rock Hill and the **South Carolina Strawberry Festival** in Fort Mill. Speaking of strawberries, don't miss pick-your-own season for the best of nature's candy.

## SUMMER

Slide into summer at 95 miles per hour on the Fury 325 at **Carowinds** or try your hand at wakeboarding through **SouthTown Wake Park**. Explore Lake Wylie at Ebenezer Park or grab your friends for a day of tubing down the Catawba River. Take in the taste of summer through our farms during peach season on the **Ag + Art Tour of York County**.

## FALL

If fall was a food, it would be **Windy Hill Orchard & Cider's** apple cider donuts. As the leaves change, York County farms come to life with pumpkin picking, hayrides, spooky adventures, and activities for the whole family to enjoy the cooler temperatures. Pack your dirndl and discs for our many **Oktoberfest** celebrations and the **U.S. Disc Golf Championship** at Winthrop University.

## WINTER

The magic of the holiday season comes alive as Old Town Rock Hill transforms into a winter wonderland for **ChristmasVille**. Don't miss the Lake Wylie Boat Parade or Christmas traditions dating back to the 1800's at **Historic Brattonsville**.







# *The Ultimate York County* Fall Bucket List

Sip your pumpkin spice latte and enjoy the morning crisp in the air at these local favorite spots for leaf peeping, hayrides, and more.



- ☐ Pick- your-own pumpkins and hop on a hayride at Black's Peaches
- ☐ Grab a cider flight and pick-your-own apples at Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery
- ☐ Hop on the water for one last fishing adventure at King's Mountain State Park
- ☐ Discover a new trail at Anne Springs Close Greenway
- ☐ Spend a spooky evening at Scarowinds







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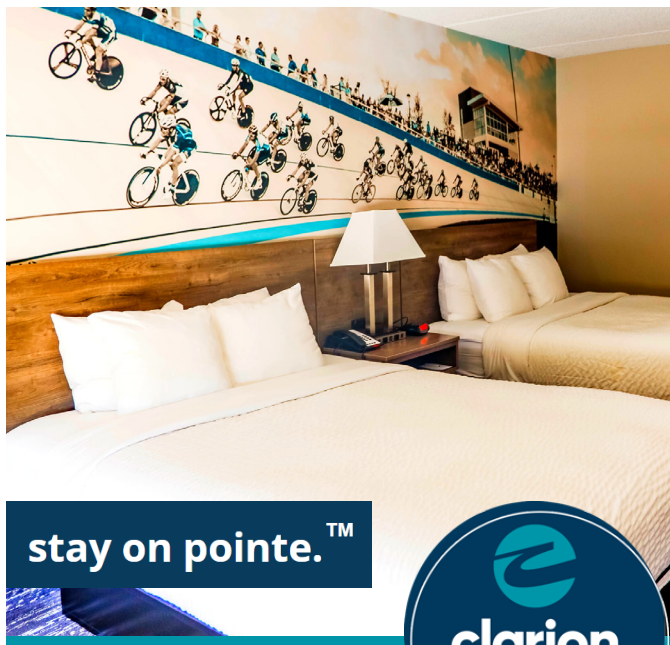
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# Elevate Your Taste Buds

## **Clover Harvest**

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## **Fish Market**

Baxter Town Center's beloved Fish Market Bar & Grill showcases a lush variety of entrees from the land and sea

## **Kounter**

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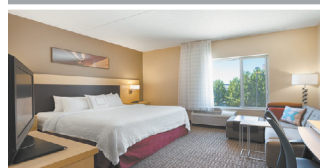
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# A Recipe for Success

Jon and Amy Fortes first met in 2008 while working in a restaurant together. Between their combined 30 years of experience working in kitchens and their love for people, the two decided to go out on their own. Today, the two operate a catering business and four restaurants together— Flipside Restaurant, Flipside Café, Salmeris Kitchen and Fortes Mill Eatery.

## **CHEF JON**

With Jon's travels around the country, he has grown to appreciate and recognize the importance of local cuisine and a strong commitment to farm-to-plate cuisine. Jon won the Fire in the City culinary competition three years in a row, 2012-2014, and he was the overall champion in 2013. He has competed on various Food Network competitions including Guy's Grocery Games.

## **CHEF AMY**

Once a candidate for a medical career, Fortes discovered she preferred the title "Chef" over "Doctor" while a college student working as a part-time dishwasher and sandwich maker. Amy has been honored as a 2017 South Carolina State Chef Ambassador.





## Q&A with Jon & Amy Fortes

### Tell us about The Flipside Restaurant Group.

The Flipside Restaurant Group was established in 2013. Amy and I started it to bring what we originally thought was Charlotte-style food to the growing community of York County. We quickly realized that it wasn't just about the food at our restaurants. It was about creating experiences for families to come together. It was about our community.

### Tell us about Jon and Amy.

Amy and I both moved to the area in 2006 separately. We met while working for The Harpers Group in Charlotte. Now, we reside in Fort Mill. Amy and I just celebrated ten years of marriage and have three great kids—Brennan (17), Dylan (16), and Olive (8). We also have two dogs—a rescue, Minnie, and Mazy, our 7-month-old boxer. While we commit ourselves to our restaurant group, we are also committed to our family.

### Is there a restaurant that you are partial to?

Each restaurant we have tells a story. Both Flipsides are fun, southern comfort food. A tribute to Amy's mom, Salmeris offers authentic Italian fair. Now, our namesake restaurant, Fortes Mill Eatery (pronounced Forts Mill) brings a cuisine and experience that feels different, special if you will. Each restaurant is about creating special memories for families and friends.

Our menus and dishes are inspired by talented chefs, mixologists, and our fantastic team—family members wanting to create an unpretentious dining experience.

### What's next?

I guess the question is more what isn't next. We push ourselves to create restaurants that we feel are needed in York County. We want to continue to ask York County what's next?



Located on Fort Mill's charming Main Street, FM Eatery shines for its globally inspired small plates. The seasonal tapas-style menu offers fresh, inspired selections that bring classic southern dishes to life. Stop in for lunch, dinner, or weekend brunch. Trust us, you won't regret it.

### Must try

- Bacon Wrapped Dates
- Fennel Salted Pork Belly BLT
- Diver Scallops
- Fried Apple Pie





# Brewing Up Some Fun

Grab a koozie and sip your way through the #YoCoBrewTrail.

## HOW IT WORKS

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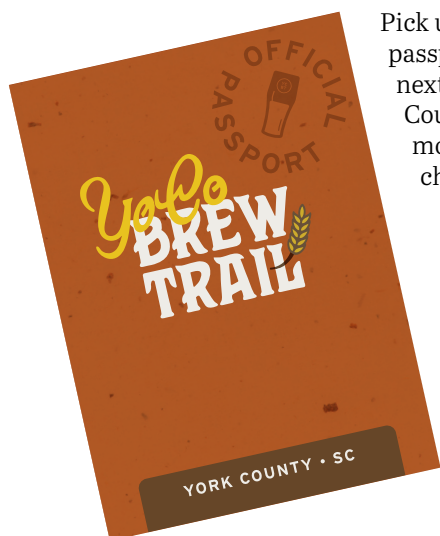
Visit at least 10 listed YoCo Brew Trail locations

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Have your passport stamped at each brewery

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Stop by the York County Visitor's Center to claim your prize



Pick up a YoCo Brew Trail passport as your guide to your next adventure through York County, South Carolina, with more than 14 breweries to choose from.

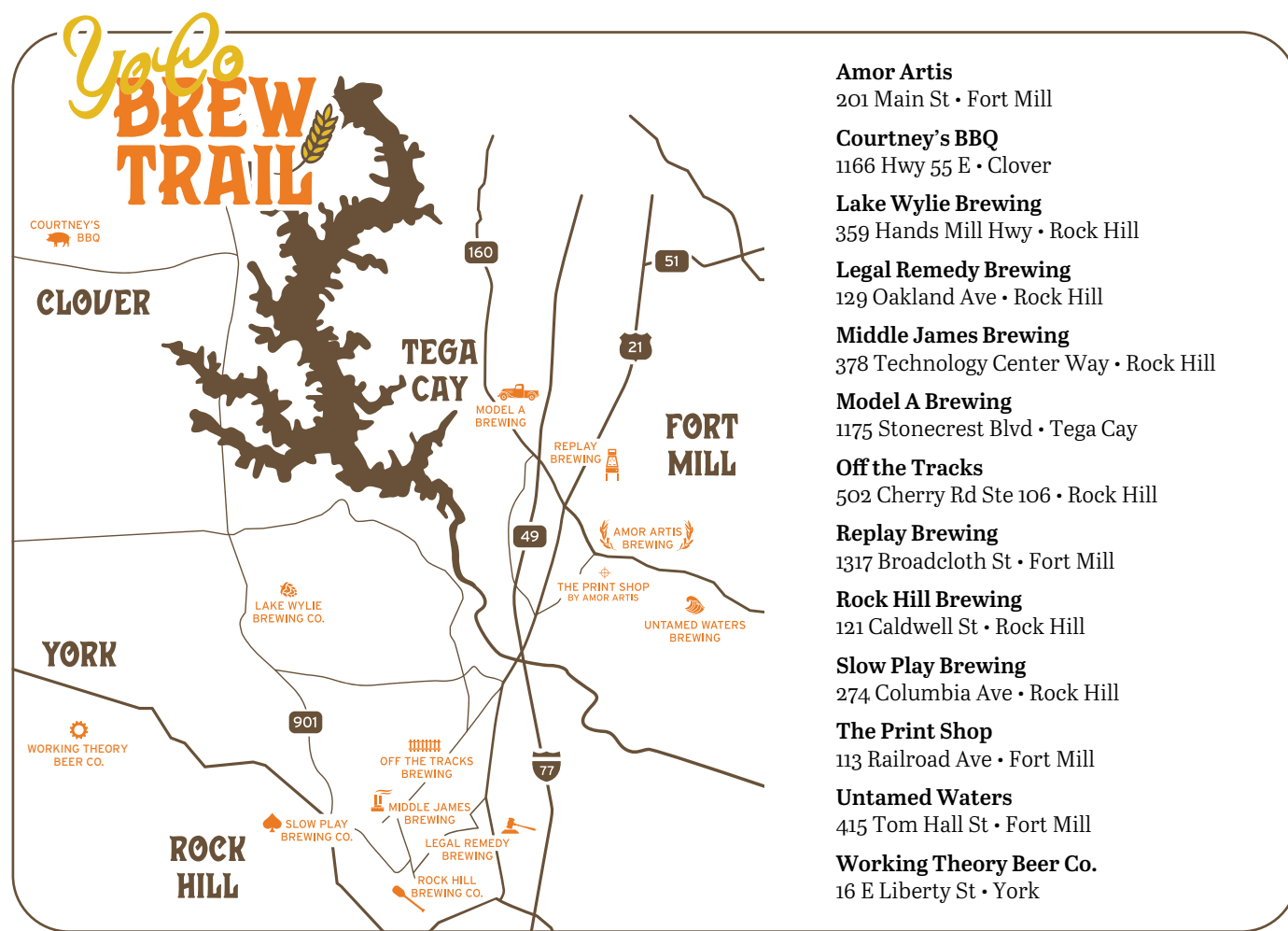
### BONUS

Get a stamp at the Anne Springs Close Greenway, Lore Brewing, Sleeping Giant Distillery, and Windy Hill Orchard and Cidery for additional prizes.



**PRO TIP** Tour the YoCo Brew Trail in style with the YoCo Loco, a vintage trolley that will take you to three breweries with multiple weekend tours.





**Amor Artis**  
201 Main St • Fort Mill

**Courtney's BBQ**  
1166 Hwy 55 E • Clover

**Lake Wylie Brewing**  
359 Hands Mill Hwy • Rock Hill

**Legal Remedy Brewing**  
129 Oakland Ave • Rock Hill

**Middle James Brewing**  
378 Technology Center Way • Rock Hill

**Model A Brewing**  
1175 Stonecrest Blvd • Tega Cay

**Off the Tracks**  
502 Cherry Rd Ste 106 • Rock Hill

**Replay Brewing**  
1317 Broadcloth St • Fort Mill

**Rock Hill Brewing**  
121 Caldwell St • Rock Hill

**Slow Play Brewing**  
274 Columbia Ave • Rock Hill

**The Print Shop**  
113 Railroad Ave • Fort Mill

**Untamed Waters**  
415 Tom Hall St • Fort Mill

**Working Theory Beer Co.**  
16 E Liberty St • York

## EXPERIENCE THE YOCO BREW TRAIL AS A LOCAL

By: Michele Granera, Adventures Aboard



As someone who grew up in Rock Hill when it was still on the smaller side, one of my favorite things to do when I come back home is to taste my way around the ever-growing YoCo BrewTrail. The brewery community in York County is a close-knit one that is welcoming to locals and newcomers alike. It's perfect for families, groups of friends, or even to come solo and make a new friend.

### It starts with a passport

Did you know you can be rewarded for trying out local breweries? Grab a free passport at any participating brewery or the York County Visitor's Center. Make a purchase of \$7 at each brewery to get your passport stamped.

### Sip your way through York County

Off the Tracks Brewing and Rock Hill Brewing Company are great to grab a brew and fresh pizza on the patio. Stop by **Middle James Brewing** in the newly opened Powerhouse and enjoy a variety of food options from ramen to traditional southern fare. In Fort Mill's Kingsley you'll find **Replay Brewing** which takes you back in time with a vintage arcade theme complete with real pinball and a Nintendo 6. **Amor Artis**, **Untamed Waters**, and **The Print Shop** are perfect stops as you stroll along the historic Main Street of Fort Mill.

### Discover new favorites

**Courtney's Brewing** in Clover has excellent BBQ, live local music, and is just down the road from Indigo Iris Flower Farm. Grab an award-winning beer from **Model A Brewing** in Tega Cay. Be sure to stop at **Working Theory** in York, the City's first craft brewery.

Don't miss the collaborations between local farms, the lifeblood of our food supply, and breweries along the trail. Last year, **Slow Play Brewing** worked with Five Blossoms Farm to showcase their honey in their YoCo Buzz Witbier. **Legal Remedy** also highlighted a local ingredient with blackberries from Bush-N-Vine Farm in their Berry Buzzworthy Saison.





# Relax & Unwind

Whether you're searching for a perfectly curated cocktail or a glass of wine, York County offers something for everyone.

## **FORT MILL & TEGA CAY**

### **Corkscrew**

1365 Broadcloth St • Fort Mill

### **Fish Market Bar & Grill**

990 Market St • Fort Mill

### **Illumination Wines**

201 Springs St • Fort Mill

### **Pet Piv Beer Garden**

990 Market St • Fort Mill

### **The Shore Club**

15083 Molokai Dr • Tega Cay

### **Social Cork Wine Bar**

887 Gold Hill Rd • Fort Mill

## **LAKE WYLIE & CLOVER**

### **Copper Premium Pub**

4516 Charlotte Hwy • Clover

### **Main Street Retreat**

1007 Old North Main St • Clover

### **Lily's Bistro**

4547 Charlotte Hwy • Lake Wylie

### **Papa Doc's Shore Club**

3990 Charlotte Hwy • Lake Wylie

### **Sweetwater Sports Bar & Grill**

4582 Charlotte Hwy • Lake Wylie

## **ROCK HILL**

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### **Cats Paw Winery**

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### **Cambria 354 SkyBar**

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### **Green Space Plant Co.**

151 E Main St • Rock Hill

### **Kounter**

135 E Main St • Rock Hill

### **Old Town Kitchen & Cocktails**

300 Technology Center Way • Rock Hill

### **Southern Hills Gastropub**

2685 Celanese Rd • Rock Hill

### **The Pump House**

575 Herrons Ferry Rd • Rock Hill

## **YORK**

### **Hoof & Barrel**

122 N Congress St • York

### **Garden Café**

307 W Liberty St • York

### **SoCo Grille**

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**Sleeping Giant Distillery**

122 Southern St • Rock Hill

Book a tour and tasting at York County's first legal distillery since prohibition. Sleeping Giant, a micro rum distillery offers something for everyone 21 and older with unique flavors like Lemongrass, Vanilla Rum Liqueur, and a semi-sweet Coffee Rum made with Knowledge Perk's coffee beans.





# Fuel Up for the Day

When that coffee craving hits, there are options at every corner in York County. Order hot, iced, pour-over beverages and specialty concoctions from these local-favorite coffee shops.

**Amélie's French Bakery & Cafe**  
157 E Main St • Rock Hill

**Brick & Mortar Mercantile**  
109 N Main St • Clover

**Clutch Coffee Bar**  
2029 Celanese Rd • Rock Hill

**Forte Legato Coffee**  
742 N Anderson Rd • Rock Hill

**Greenhouse Coffee**  
17 N Congress St • York

**Humble Cup Coffee**  
414 Tom Hall St • Fort Mill

**Jackass Café & Wine Bar**  
153 E White St • Rock Hill

**Knowledge Perk**  
130 W White St, Rock Hill  
900 Crossroads Plaza • Fort Mill

**Mado Paris Bakery & Café**  
1108 Cherry Rd • Rock Hill

**Olive's Mud Puddle**  
229 Main St • Fort Mill

**Rock Hill Coffee**  
911 E White St • Rock Hill

**Southern Touch Bakery**  
5 S Congress St • York

**Tega Cay Coffee Co.**  
1177 Stonecrest Blvd • Tega Cay

**York Coffee Roastery**  
132 Blackburn St • York





# Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth

Indulge with these local-favorite sweet treats that are worth the extra calories.



## Carolina Chocolate Company

106 Kings Mountain St • Clover

### • MUST TRY: *Brownie Sundae*

Enjoy mouthwatering sundaes, classic ice cream scoops, or handmade chocolates.

## Clover Donuts

301 S Main St • Clover

### • MUST TRY: *Apple Fritter*

Made from scratch daily, Clover Donuts features mouthwatering fritters, cake donuts, eclairs, and a selection of deli style sandwiches and hot dogs.

## Rainbow Donuts

602 W Liberty St • York

### • MUST TRY: *Rainbow Sprinkle Donut*

Made fresh donuts and pastries that taste as good as they look.

## Prater's

1509 Ebenezer Rd • Rock Hill

### • MUST TRY: *Quarter Pound Cookie*

Cookies, pies, and cakes—Oh my! This husband-and-wife duo bake sweets with a southern influence that will make you a lifetime customer.

## PW's Gourmet Ice Cream

491 S Herlong Ave • Rock Hill

### • MUST TRY: *Concrete*

Ice cream, milkshakes, and cakes with dozens of unique flavors to choose from.

## Breadsmith

2000 SC-160 • Fort Mill

### • MUST TRY: *Apple Pie Bread*

Artisan breads, muffins, scones, and more made from scratch using the finest ingredients.

## Mado Paris Bakery & Café

1108 Cherry Rd • Rock Hill

### • MUST TRY: *Lemon Meringue Tart*

Authentic French savory and sweet treats bring a taste of Paris to the heart of Rock Hill.

## Wild Flour Sweets

1048 Oakland Ave • Rock Hill

### • MUST TRY: *Cinnamon Roll*

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- FREE Visit Kings Mountain**  
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- FREE Tour an Art Gallery**  
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The only show ski team in the Carolinas performs at Windjammer Park in Tega Cay on Fridays June through mid-August. Catch a free performance with the whole family.



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6 years-old

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Experience the best of York County with your four-legged best friend.

### Hit the Trails

Explore the outdoors at the Anne Springs Close Greenway complete with a plunge in Lake Haigler or walk along the Catawba River on the Piedmont Medical Center Trail.

### Bites & Beverages

After you've worked up an appetite, stop for a bite to eat at Hobo's, Inizio Pizza Napoletana, or grab a hotdog with your dog at Surefire Neighborhood Market. Head to one of York County's breweries on the YoCo Brew Trail for a pint.

### Pamper your Pooch

Grab a selfie with your furry best friend in front of one of York County's murals. Stroll along Congress Street and stop in Dogma & Fetch to find a new treat or toy.

After, head to Main Street in downtown Fort Mill for a bite to eat at Center Theatre Pi. Wind down your day with a stop along the YoCo Brew Trail at The Print Shop or Untamed Waters.

Find the perfect dog-friendly hotel on page 54



# Stateline Thrills

**N**ow open year-round, Carowinds is a 400-acre amusement park spanning the North Carolina-South Carolina state line. The park is home to top-rated rollercoasters, including Fury 325, the world's tallest and fastest giga coaster, as well as more than 60 rides, attractions, and live stage shows.

Looking to cool off? Carolina Harbor, a 26-acre water park features a variety of water slides, wave pools, and a three-acre children's play area. Extend your visit and stay at Camp Wilderness or SpringHill Suites by Marriott at Carowinds located on-site.

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Handmade pottery is a tradition for the Catawba Indian Nation dating back more than 4,000 years. To this day, potters utilize clay from the banks of the Catawba River and protected methods that have been passed down through generations. The Catawba Indian Nation's pottery is instantly recognizable, as it is sun-dried and fired outdoors over an open flame. Today, you can find Catawba pottery displays and pieces for purchase in the newly renovated Catawba Cultural Center (1536 Tom Steven Rd, Rock Hill).





# Local Makers

Ready to try your hand at making local goods? Visit **Rock Hill Pottery**, **Olive's Mud Puddle**, or **The Hickory Post**. Make something of your own like pottery or candles at **The Mercantile** in Rock Hill.

## Tour a Gallery

### Art on the Corner

154 E Main St • Rock Hill

### Center for the Arts

121 E Main St • Rock Hill

### Gallery 120

120 Bethel St • Clover

### LOOM Coworking Gallery

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### Gettys Art Center

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## Catch a Performance

### Fort Mill Playhouse

[Fortmillplayhouse.org](http://Fortmillplayhouse.org)

### NarroWay Productions

[Narrowway.net](http://Narrowway.net)

### Rock Hill Symphony

[Rhsymphony.org](http://Rhsymphony.org)

### Rock Hill Community Theatre

[Rockhilltheatre.org](http://Rockhilltheatre.org)

### Old Town Theatre Company

[Onlyinoldtown.com](http://Onlyinoldtown.com)





# Murals

York County is exploding with public art, from the storm drains and alleyways to multiple large-scale murals. Rock Hill's Mural Mile Project brings public art to life. Some of the latest designs include the Clover Harvest mural and the Light of a New Dawn mural painted by Sydney Duarte, the first female artist to participate in the Mural Mile beautification project.







Internationally renowned artist Shepard Fairey, notably known for designing President Barack Obama's HOPE campaign, left his mark on the community that helped to shape him. In 2022, Fairey painted his iconic Rock Hill mural at 153 E White Street. Not only does Fairey have family in Rock Hill, his grandfather was also the President of Winthrop University in the 1970's. Fairey merged his familiar designs to showcase Rock Hill's deep-rooted history and progress.



View this  
interactive mural  
map to start  
exploring.







# Play Like a Pro

## BIKING

Adventure on two wheels takes on a whole new meaning in Rock Hill. The Rock Hill Outdoor Center is home to several disciplines of biking including mountain biking trails, Criterium Course, Rock Hill Velodrome, and the Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track.

In 2024, Rock Hill hosted the 2024 UCI BMX World Championships bringing thousands of riders and attendees from all over the world.



## DISC GOLF

Rock Hill has been the home of the United States Disc Golf Championship for more than 25 years. Each October, thousands of disc golf athletes, fans, and spectators descend on Winthrop University for the annual event, but locals and visitors take advantage of York County's disc golf courses throughout the entire year.

**Anne Springs Close Greenway**  
104 Adventure Rd • Fort Mill

**Boyd Hill**  
1165 Constitution Blvd • Rock Hill

**Camp Canaan**  
311 Sand Island Rd • Rock Hill

**Clover Community Park**  
265 Community Park Dr • Clover

**Fewell Park & Recreation Center**  
1204 Alexander Rd • Rock Hill

**Lookout Park Tega Cay**  
1965 Newberry Ln • Tega Cay

**SouthTown Wake Park**  
255 E Rambo Rd • Rock Hill

**Winthrop Lake**  
1162 Eden Terr • Rock Hill



# The Cornhole Capital of America

The game of cornhole isn't just for your tailgate or backyard barbeque. The American Cornhole League's headquarters is located in the heart of Rock Hill, SC. You can start training now at ACL with lanes and bags for rent to the public, plus a full bar open seven days a week.



## ACL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each summer, Rock Hill hosts the nationally televised American Cornhole League World Championships—the grand finale of the ACL Pro Cornhole season. With tournaments open to the general public, you can get a front row seat to the action and see competitors battling for more than \$700,000 in payouts across 30 events.





# Fun on the Farm

Walk among the blooming peach trees, pick fresh strawberries, or get lost in a corn maze. York County's buzzing agriculture scene gives you a taste of life on the farm.

## AG & ART TOUR OF YORK COUNTY

The South Carolina Ag + Art Tour is a free, self-guided tour of farms and markets that feature local artisans at every stop! During the tour, visitors have the opportunity to see first-hand where their food comes from, watch artists in action and purchase their works, enjoy the melodies of local musicians, and learn more about rural life. The tour is the largest free farm and art tour in the nation with over 45,000 visitors participating since 2012.





**Bush-N-Vine***1650 Filbert Hwy • York*

Explore this multi-generational York farm during all seasons for pick-your-own berries and peaches.

**Springs Farm***1010 Springfield Pkwy • Fort Mill*

This 100-acre Fort Mill farm specializes in peaches, strawberries, and fresh produce.

**Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery***1860 Black Hwy • York*

South Carolina's first hard cidery serves up apple-everything. Open seasonally, this orchard is the perfect place to celebrate fall.

**Black's Peaches***1800 Black Hwy • York*

Black's is the oldest peach farm in South Carolina, continuously running for 99 years. Come for the produce, stay for the Cottonbelt Bakery favorites like the, 'Mater Melt.



# Tatanka Bison Ranch

*Have you dreamed of exploring rolling hills surrounded by wildlife, but thought you'd have to trek out west? Think again.*

Located within a short 20-minute drive from Rock Hill, Tatanka Bison Ranch is home to 215 acres and more than 50 bison. This working ranch not only houses these majestic creatures, but serves as an educational venue.



Get up close and personal with a bison buggy tour or book an adventure with the whole family.





# Explore the Outdoors

## TRAILS GALORE

With more than 470 miles of trails and blue ways, York County offers plenty of opportunity for outdoor adventure. Discover a new part of the **Carolina Thread Trail**, spend the day at the **Anne Springs Close Greenway**, or head to Kings Mountain State Park for ample hiking and biking trails.

## IN THE AIR

Looking to experience York County from above? Take a Canaan Zipline Canopy Tour to zip across the treetops and take in fantastic views of the Catawba River.

The Carolina Thread Trail is your regional network of connected greenways, trails, and blueways that reaches 15 counties, 2 states, and 2.9 million people. There are over 300 miles of trails and 170 miles of blueway open to the public – linking people to places, and communities to each other.



Camp Canaan Zipline





## Spend the Night in Nature



York County is home to campsites that offer amazing adventure and the chance to reconnect with nature. Bring your RV, grab a tent, or simply a sleeping bag to enjoy South Carolina's outdoors at its finest.

### **Allison Creek Park**

*2499 Viesta Rd • York*

With nearly 40 campsites, hiking trails, kayak launches, and picnic areas, Allison Creek Park offers plenty of ways to enjoy the outdoors.

### **Charlotte-Fort Mill KOA**

*940 Gold Hill Rd • Fort Mill*

Whether you want to rent a camping site, or cabin, or bring your RV, this full-service campground has a wooded atmosphere just minutes from city amenities.

### **Ebenezer Park**

*4490 Boatshore Rd • Rock Hill*

With 69 full RV hookup sites, Ebenezer Park offers a dedicated swimming area and unmatched access to Lake Wylie. Check hours of operation during seasonal renovations.

### **Crown Cove RV Park**

*8332 Regent Pkwy • Fort Mill*

With 126 sites among mature trees, you can pull up your RV for a feel of the country in a residential area.

### **Carowinds Camp Wilderness**

*14609 Catawba Trace • Charlotte*

With so much to do, one day at the park just isn't enough. Guests can kick back and relax at the theme park's on-site campground.

### **Kings Mountain State Park**

*1277 Park Rd • Blacksburg*

Enjoy the beautiful Piedmont Forest and camp at one of the park's 115 campsites or designated tent sites.



# Miles of Greenway

The Anne Springs Close Greenway is home to 2,100 protected acres in the heart of Fort Mill. That's more than twice the size of Central Park! With 36 miles of hiking trails and a 28-acre lake, there are endless ways to explore. Hours and pricing are subject to change. Visit [ascgreenway.org](http://ascgreenway.org) before you go.

## FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

The Greenway is home to incredible history, including a trail along Nation Ford Road, one of the nation's oldest travel routes in the Southeast. You will find Billy Graham's grandfather's cabin on the property, available to tour.

## GRAB A BITE AT THE CANTEEN

Enjoy a delicious lunch or grab a beer at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Canteen with their always-fresh, seasonal menu. Don't miss live music or a chance to dine under the forest porch.

## FOR THE ANIMAL LOVER

Get up close and personal with chickens, ducks, rabbits, alpacas, goats, cattle, horses and more at the **Crandall Bowles Children's Farm**. From November to May, check out weekly guided horseback rides.

## EXPERIENCE LAKE HAIGLER

Perfect for water activities and dropping a line to see what might bite, Lake Haigler offers something for adventure-seekers of all ages. Kayak and paddleboard rentals are available.

Crissa Rogers Photography



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# Just Flow With It

*Whether you're looking for the open waters of Lake Wylie or a gentle flow on the Catawba River, York County's waterways provide endless entertainment and relaxation.*



## NEED A RENTAL?

Looking for a full-service boat to hit the lake? Visit the **Lake Club Marina**, **Tega Cay Marina**, or **Pier 88 Lake Wylie**. For kayaks, jon boats, and paddleboards, head to **Kings Mountain State Park**, the **Anne Springs Close Greenway**, or try a paddle league with **The Goat Boater**.



## CATAWBA RIVER

Looking to kayak, paddleboard, or float? Check out the Catawba River. This dam-controlled river flows more than 200 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains down to the Atlantic Ocean.

### Pro tip

The water levels can fluctuate quickly so before you hit the water, be sure to check the flow levels via the Duke Energy app.

**ACCESS POINTS:** Fort Mill River Access, Rock Hill Outdoor Center, River Park, Catawba Nation Hand Carry Boat Launch

## LAKE WYLIE

Spanning areas of North and South Carolina, this lake provides more than 300 miles of shoreline. While its open waters are perfect for cruising in your boat, its many neighborhoods covers provide flat water ideal for paddling, boating, and fishing.

**ACCESS POINTS:** Windjammer Park, Buster Boyd Access Area, Nivens Creek, Pitcairn Park, Allison Creek Access Area, Tega Cay Marina, Ebenezer Park

## ADDITIONAL WATERWAYS

Jump on the Broad River at Worth Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Hickory Grove with more than two miles of waterfront that includes a concrete boat ramp. At Kings Mountain State Park, you'll find Lake Crawford and Lake York which offer fishing opportunities and hiking trails. Head to the Anne Springs Close Greenway to visit Lakes Crandall and Haigler which provide endless hours of on-the-water recreation.



# Step Back in Time

In 2024, South Carolina celebrates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

York County is full of rich, cultural experiences for visitors of all ages. From interactive museums to informative exhibits, you'll learn about the collective history that makes York County unique.

## Museum of York County

4621 Mt Gallant Rd • Rock Hill

Explore the wild wonders of nature with the Museum's award-winning exhibitions and programs that explore a variety of natural history topics. With more than 2,000 specimens at your fingertips, the Naturalist Center allows visitors to explore their interests hands-on. Experience a journey back in time to encounter the strange, gigantic, fierce, and fantastic beasts that once roamed the Carolinas in *Ice Age Carolinas: Exploring Our Pleistocene Past*. In the *Settlemyre Planetarium*, travel the cosmos from the comfort of your seat with state-of-the-art digital projection and new programs. Younger visitors can enjoy *Tot Town*, educational gardens, a Nature Trail, and more.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

The Catawba River is the namesake for the Catawba Tribe of Native Americans, known in their language as the yeh is-WAH h'reh, "The People of the River." The Catawba Indian Reservation near Rock Hill is home to the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina.

## OTHER STOPS TO VISIT

### African American Business District Monument

104 W Black St • Rock Hill

### Anderson Motor Company Exhibit

300 Technology Center Way • Rock Hill

### Catawba Cultural Center

1536 Tom Steven Rd • Rock Hill

### Fort Mill History Museum

107 Clebourne St • Fort Mill

### Jail, No Bail Exhibit

135 E Main St • Rock Hill

### Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd • McConnells

### Historic Rock Hill

258 E White St • Rock Hill

### Historical Center of York County

20 E Jefferson St • York

### Kings Mountain National Military Park

2625 Park Rd • Blacksburg

### Main Street Children's Museum

133 E Main St • Rock Hill

### Vernon Grant Exhibit

300 Technology Center Way • Rock Hill







## JAIL, NO BAIL EXHIBIT

In 1961, ten men staged a sit-in at the McCrory's Five & Dime on Main Street in Rock Hill. Arrested and immediately found guilty of trespassing, nine of them chose to serve a 30-day sentence rather than pay the \$100 fine. Later dubbed, "The Friendship 9," the men's choice became a national movement called, "Jail, No Bail."

Today, the former McCrory's building has been transformed into an exhibit to share the story of the Friendship 9 and their impact on the national Civil Rights Movement. Tour the exhibit located next to Kounter, where the preserved lunch counter, stools, and foot rails where the sit-in took place are still intact. The lunch counter is a stop on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail and the National Parks Service's African American Civil Rights Network.

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Historic Brattonsville is home to the site of the Battle of Hucks Defeat. This battle which took place on July 12, 1780, is referred to as the, "shot in the arm" that the patriots needed to continue their efforts.

Make your way to **Kings Mountain National Military Park**, the site of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which is considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War in the South. Walk the paved battlefield trail that leads to a monument that commemorates those who fought in this important battle. The National Park holds a ceremony each anniversary to honor those who lost their lives.







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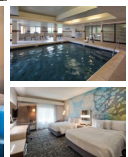


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# ROCK HILL

Named a "Boom Town" by the New York Times, Rock Hill's strategic growth combines history with deep-rooted culture. Known as, "Football City USA" for dozens of NFL players that grew up here, Rock Hill is a sports tourism powerhouse. With a burgeoning arts and culinary scene, there is so much to explore.

## KNOWLEDGE PARK

Bustling with new development, the Knowledge Park corridor spans from Winthrop University to Fountain Park. Try your hand at cornhole at the **American Cornhole League's** headquarters or plan a date night at **The Power House**.

## RIVERWALK

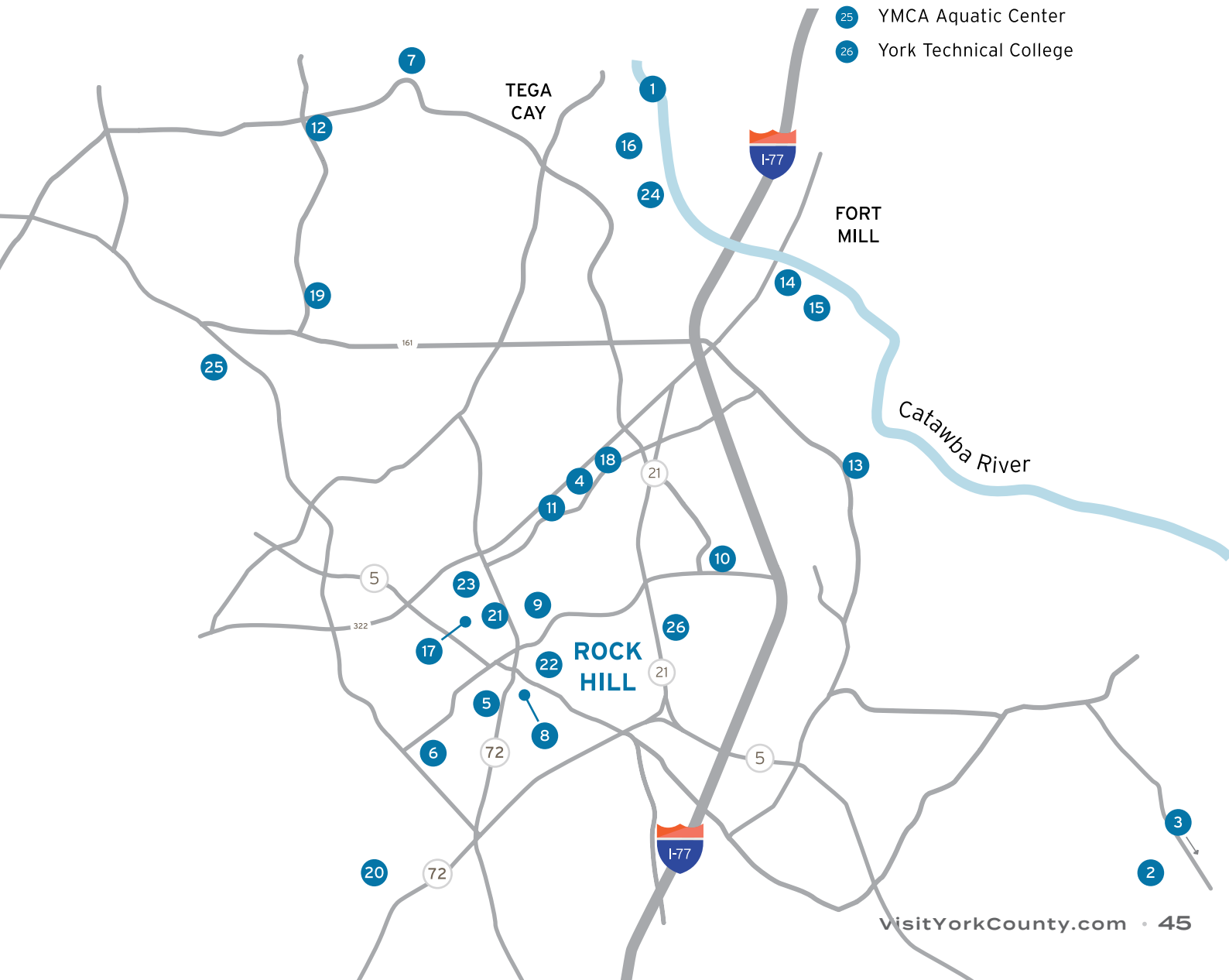
Experience the beauty of the Catawba River along the **Piedmont Medical Center Trail** and head to the **Pump House** for a delicious meal. Riverwalk is also home to the **Rock Hill Criterium Course**, **Mountain Bike Trails**, **Rock Hill Velodrome**, and the **Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track**.



## OLD TOWN ROCK HILL

Explore Rock Hill's charming downtown district on foot with ample shops and restaurants. Grab a selfie along the **Mural Mile**, try to find the Old Town Frogs, or plan a visit to the **Main Street Children's Museum**.

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|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1  | Camp Canaan                | 12 | Museum of York County            |
| 2  | Catawba Bend Preserve      | 13 | River Park                       |
| 3  | Catawba Indian Reservation | 14 | Riverwalk                        |
| 4  | Cherry Park                | 15 | Rock Hill Outdoor Center         |
| 5  | City Hall                  | 16 | Rock Hill Park                   |
| 6  | Clinton College            | 17 | Rock Hill Sports & Events Center |
| 7  | Ebenezer Park              | 18 | Rock Hill Tennis Center          |
| 8  | Fountain Park              | 19 | Rock Hill/York County Airport    |
| 9  | Glencairn Garden           | 20 | Southtown Wake Park              |
| 10 | Manchester Meadows         | 21 | The Power House                  |
| 11 | Miracle Park               | 22 | The White Home                   |
|    |                            | 23 | Winthrop University              |
|    |                            | 24 | Westminster Park                 |
|    |                            | 25 | YMCA Aquatic Center              |
|    |                            | 26 | York Technical College           |





# FORT MILL

Located just south of the North Carolina state line, the Town of Fort Mill, SC is one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Thoughtful urban planning brings together Fort Mill's rich textile history with sprawling green space.

Residents and visitors alike enjoy Fort Mill's vibrant Main Street and the 2,100-acre Anne Springs Close Greenway. Find a specialty cocktail, dine at one of Fort Mill's award-winning restaurants, or spend the day exploring locally-owned shops at Kingsley or Baxter Village.

From hidden gems to unlimited thrills, there is always something to discover in Fort Mill, SC.

- 1 Anne Springs Close Greenway
- 2 Banks Athletic Park
- 3 Baxter Village
- 4 Carowinds
- 5 Comporium Athletic Complex
- 6 Doby Bridge Park
- 7 Fort Mill Golf Club
- 8 Fort Mill History Museum
- 9 Harris Street Park
- 10 Kingsley
- 11 Main Street Fort Mill
- 12 NarroWay Productions
- 13 Springfield Golf Club
- 14 Walter Elisha Park







## MAIN STREET

Enjoy delicious barbeque at the **Improper Pig**, find live music at **Hobo's**, or grab a beer at **Amor Artis**. Find the perfect gift at **Crossings on Main** and head to the **Fort Mill History Museum** to learn something new. A trip to Main Street Fort Mill is not complete without a stop at **PuckerButt Pepper Company**, home to the hottest pepper in the world.

## KINGSLEY

Throw a stone in any direction and you're in for a treat. For drinks, try **Corkscrew Wine Bar** or **Replay Brewing**. Grab a bite to eat at **Epic Chophouse**, **Spice**, or **Napa at Kingsley**. Be sure to book your stay for the weekend at the **Courtyard Marriott at Kingsley**.

## BAXTER VILLAGE

Inside this planned community, you'll find 1,400 homes with a charming downtown district. Explore Specialty shops like **Cupcrazed**, **LemonLime**, or **Page 6 Boutique**. Make dinner plans at **Fish Market Bar & Grill** or **Killington's**. Grab a glass of wine or craft beer from **Grapevine** or **Pet Piv**, Baxter's newest beer garden.



## EXPLORE OUR CITIES

# TEGA CAY

Located on a 1,600-acre peninsula on Lake Wylie, Tega Cay offers residents and visitors an incredible taste of the outdoors. With six miles of scenic walking trails, a 27-hole golf course, and 13 miles of waterfront, there's something for everyone.

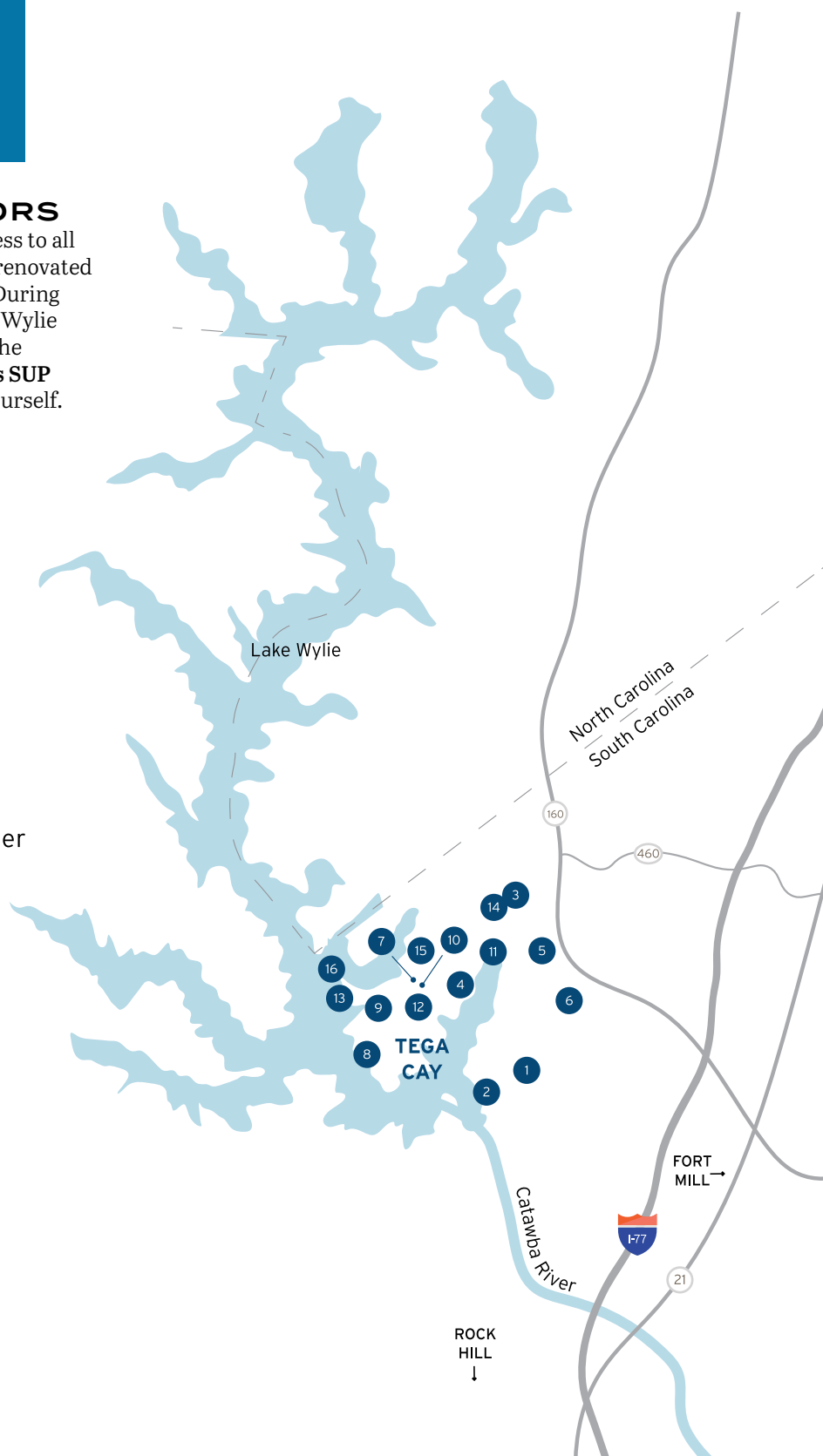
## EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS

The City of Tega Cay's annual pass grants you access to all of the area's lakefront parks, including the newly renovated Windjammer Park which includes beach access. During the summer you can catch free ski shows on Lake Wylie by the **Carolina Show Ski Team**. Looking to test the waters for yourself? Take one of the **Goat Boater's SUP Paddleboarding** courses or rent the boards for yourself.

- 1 Catawba Park
- 2 Catawba River Access
- 3 Living Memorial Gardens
- 4 Lookout Park & Disc Golf Course
- 5 Model A Brewing
- 6 Mr. Putty's Fun Park
- 7 Philip T. Glennon Community Center
- 8 Pitcairn Park
- 9 Runde Park
- 10 The Shore Club
- 11 Tega Cay Beach & Swim Center
- 12 Tega Cay Golf Club
- 13 Tega Cay Marina & Boat Rentals
- 14 Trailhead Park
- 15 Turner Field
- 16 Windjammer Park

## PLAY A ROUND

With a 27-hole public course, Tega Cay is the perfect place to hit the links. End your day at **The Shore Club**, where fine dining meets incredible views of the course. Looking for family fun? Visit **Mr. Putty's Fun Park** or, for the craft beer lover, head to Tega Cay's first brewery, **Model A Brewery**.



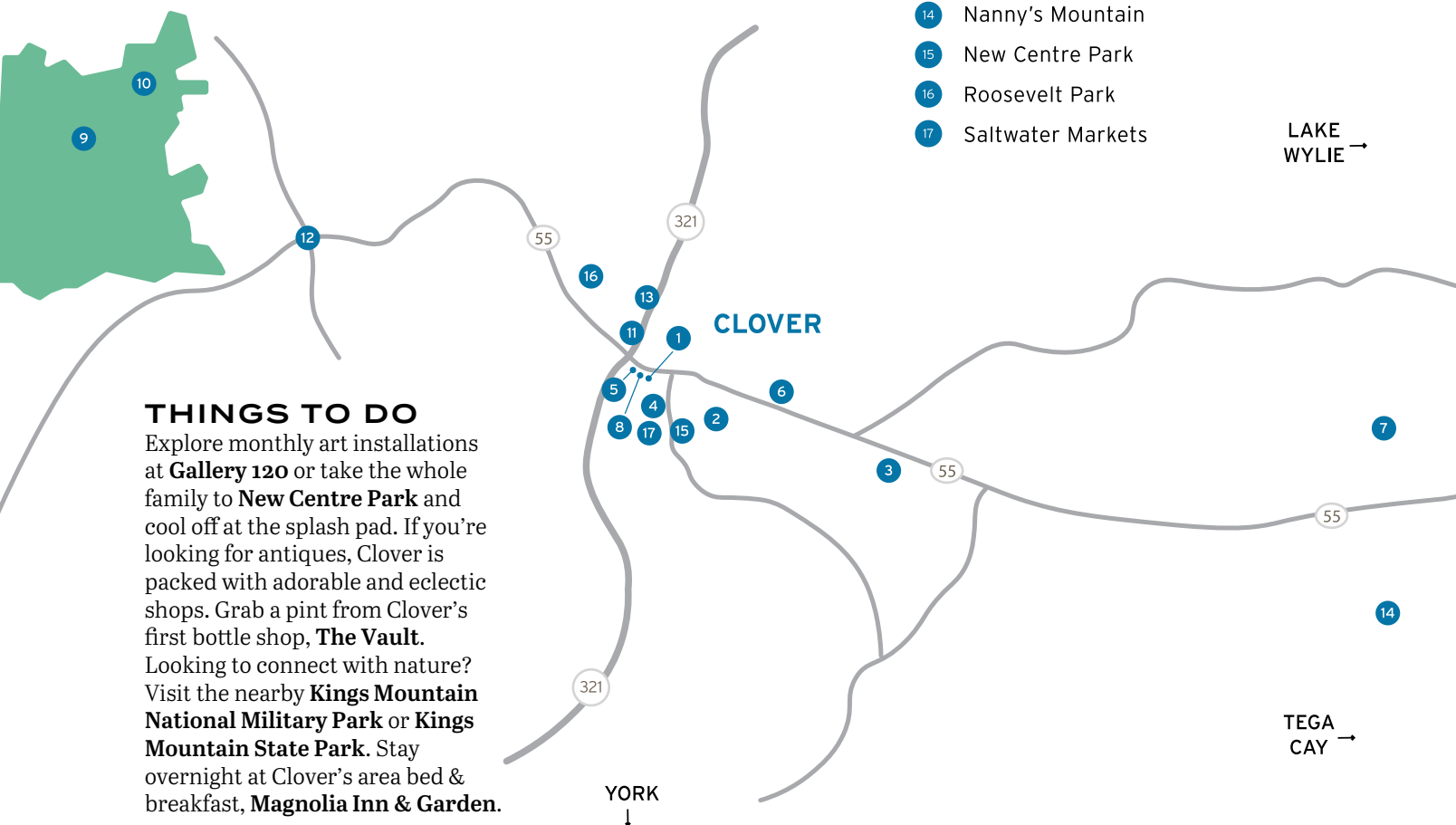


# CLOVER

The town with *Love* in the middle of it offers a charming small-town setting to visitors with rich history and great shopping. With deep roots in Scots-Irish history and heritage, Clover is home to the Feis Chlobhair, Scottish games each fall.



- 1 Clover Community Center & Gallery 120
- 2 Clover Community Park
- 3 Clover High School
- 4 Clover Memorial Stadium
- 5 Clover Town Hall
- 6 Courtney's BBQ
- 7 Field Day Park
- 8 Greater Clover Chamber of Commerce
- 9 Kings Mountain National Military Park
- 10 Kings Mountain State Park
- 11 Larne Building & Centennial Park
- 12 McGill's Store
- 13 Magnolia House & Gardens
- 14 Nanny's Mountain
- 15 New Centre Park
- 16 Roosevelt Park
- 17 Saltwater Markets



## THINGS TO DO

Explore monthly art installations at **Gallery 120** or take the whole family to **New Centre Park** and cool off at the splash pad. If you're looking for antiques, Clover is packed with adorable and eclectic shops. Grab a pint from Clover's first bottle shop, **The Vault**. Looking to connect with nature? Visit the nearby **Kings Mountain National Military Park** or **Kings Mountain State Park**. Stay overnight at Clover's area bed & breakfast, **Magnolia Inn & Garden**.



# YORK



Once known as the “Charleston of the Upstate” the White Rose City is packed with historic charm with nearly 200 state and nationally historically registered locations.

## SHOP

York is steeped with locally-owned and unique shopping. A quick walk down Congress Street will showcase various specialty stores like **Books-4-Ewe**, **Dogma & Fetch**, or **The Blush Blossom Boutique**. **Yorkville Marketplace** is home to dozens of vendors from plants and furniture to homemade crafts and goods.

## DINE

All that shopping can work up quite the appetite. Grab a bite at **Hoof & Barrel**, **SoCo Grille**, or **Towne Tavern**. Make it a dreamy date night at the **Garden Café**. Be sure to grab a beer from **Working Theory**, York's first craft brewery.

## NEARBY THINGS TO DO

York's small-town charm extends well past the downtown. Experience life on the farm with a visit to nearby **Historic Brattonsville**, a living history farm. Or head to one of our working commercial farms, **Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery**, **Bush-N-Vine**, or **Black's Peaches**.

↑  
CLOVER

- 1 Black's Peaches
- 2 Bush-N-Vine
- 3 City Hall
- 4 City Park
- 5 Garden Cafe
- 6 Green Street Park
- 7 Historic Brattonsville
- 8 Lincoln Park
- 9 Magnolia Street Park
- 10 McCelvey Center
- 11 Moore Park
- 12 Springlake Country Club
- 13 Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery
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- 15 York Comprehensive High School
- 16 York County Library
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- 18 Yorkville Marketplace

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# Things to do with Kids in Charlotte:

## TAKE A DAY TRIP TO YORK, SC



By Karla Hsu  
@CharlotteMam

Nestled in the rolling hills of upstate South Carolina, York is a charming town that offers something for everyone. Whether you're a foodie, a nature lover, or just looking for a fun day out with the family, York is the perfect destination for a day trip from Charlotte, North Carolina.

First on the agenda is a visit to Rainbow Donuts. This small, family-owned shop is known for its delicious, made-from-scratch donuts in a variety of flavors, from classic glazed to fun and creative options like maple bacon, Fruity Pebbles, and my personal favorite the apple fritter. The bright and cheerful decor of the shop is just as inviting as the donuts themselves, with rainbow-colored walls and quirky decor that will put a smile on your face. Be sure to arrive early, as the donuts tend to sell out quickly, and don't forget to snap a few pictures for your Instagram feed!

Next up is a visit to Bush-N-Vine Farm. For more

than 150 years, this family-owned farm has been a beloved fixture in the York community and is a must-see destination for anyone interested in farm-to-table cuisine or seeking a taste of rural life. The farm boasts a range of seasonal activities, from summer's strawberry, peach, and blueberry picking to autumn's pumpkin patches. Visitors can also peruse the farm store, stocked with fresh produce and other local goods, or savor a picnic on the picturesque grounds. As a unique feature, Bush-n-Vine partially occupies an airstrip, providing an exciting opportunity to watch the planes land. Additionally, kids will delight in the playground, featuring a sandbox, swings, playhouse, and tube slide. Don't forget to check the farm's website for current hours of operation and offerings.



The next stop is the Garden Cafe for lunch. This place is seriously charming and has both indoor and outdoor seating surrounded by beautiful plants and flowers. They've got all kinds of tasty farm-to-table dishes on the menu, including plenty of options for vegetarians and folks who are gluten-free. Just a heads up though, they sometimes close for weddings or other events,

so make sure to peep their website for the latest hours.

After a morning of indulging in donuts, farm-fresh produce, and

lunch, it's time to burn off some calories with a visit to City Park. This 68-acre park is a favorite among locals and visitors alike and offers something for everyone, from playgrounds and sports fields to hiking trails and picnic areas. Kids will love the splash pad, while adults can enjoy a peaceful walk through the park's

wooded trails. Be sure to bring plenty of water and sunscreen, as the South Carolina sun can be intense during the summer months.

Last but not least is a visit to Yorkville Marketplace. This eclectic indoor market is home to a variety of vendors selling everything from handmade crafts and vintage clothing to artisanal foods and craft beer. Visitors can browse the stalls at their leisure, sampling local products and chatting with friendly vendors. Don't miss the opportunity to try a flight of beer at the market's onsite taphouse, or to pick up a unique souvenir to remind you of your day in York.

In conclusion, a day trip to York, SC is a perfect way to experience the best of small-town Southern charm. From delicious donuts to farm-fresh produce, and serene parks to eclectic markets, York offers something for everyone. So why not grab your family or a few friends and spend a day exploring this hidden gem of the South?







★ Preferred Hotels

FORT MILL	Brand	I-77 Exit	Number of Rooms	Free Breakfast	Pool	Pet Friendly
★ <b>avid Hotel</b>   154 Springhill Farm Rd.   803.228.9235	IHG		102	✗		
<b>Best Western</b>   3675 Foothills Way   803.548.8400	Best Western		52	✗		
★ <b>Cambria Hotel</b>   340 Amistead Ave.   803.578.9960	Choice		127			
<b>Clarion Hotel</b>   3695 Foothills Way   803.548.2400	Choice		197			
<b>Comfort Inn</b>   3725 Avenue of the Carolinas   803.548.5200	Choice		153	✗		
★ <b>Courtyard</b>   1385 Broadcloth St.   803.548.0156	Marriott		129			
★ <b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</b>   1520 Carolina Place Dr.   803.578.2600	Hilton		102	✗		
★ <b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites</b>   1655 Carolina Place Dr.   803.802.0300	IHG		87	✗		
★ <b>Home2 Suites</b>   1840 Coltharp Rd.   803.547.1111	Hilton		110	✗		
★ <b>Motel 6</b>   3541 Foothills Way   803.234.3708	Motel 6		123			
<b>Quality Inn</b>   3560 Lakemont Blvd.   803.548.0100	Choice		68	✗		
<b>Sleep Inn</b>   3540 Lakemont Blvd.   803.547.2300	Choice		80	✗		
★ <b>TownePlace Suites</b>   3519 Lakemont Blvd.   803.650.6625	Marriott		112	✗		
★ <b>Tru</b>   120 Cristano Ave.   803.228.9175	Hilton		97	✗		
<b>WoodSpring Suites</b>   3471 Highway 21   803.591.9289	Choice		122			



ROCK HILL		Brand	I-77 Exit	Number of Rooms	Free Breakfast	Pool	Pet Friendly
<b>Bestway Inn</b>   825 Riverview Rd.   803.329.1177		Bestway		60	✗		
★ <b>Best Western</b>   888 Riverview Rd.   803.980.0400		Best Western		63	✗		
<b>Budget Motel</b>   588 South Anderson Rd.   803.329.5211				23			
★ <b>Cambria Hotel</b>   354 Technology Center Way   803.324.0004		Choice		126			
★ <b>Clarion Pointe</b>   1106 N Anderson Rd.   803.329.1330		Choice		60	✗		
★ <b>Comfort Inn &amp; Suites</b>   973 Corporate Blvd.   803.329.7400		Choice		65	✗		
★ <b>Comfort Suites</b>   1323 Old Springdale Rd.   803.326.3300		Choice		71	✗		
<b>Country Inn &amp; Suites</b>   865 Patriot Parkway   803.329.5151		Radisson		43	✗		
★ <b>Courtyard</b>   1300 River Run Ct.   803.324.1400		Marriott		90			
<b>Days Inn</b>   875 Riverview Rd.   803.329.2171		Wyndham		99	✗		
<b>Econo Lodge</b>   914 Riverview Rd.   803.329.7466		Choice		98	✗		
<b>Economy Inn Express</b>   840 Riverview Rd.   803.329.5252				42			
<b>Extended Stay America</b>   1835 Canterbury Glen Lane   803.620.8180		ESA		115	✗		
★ <b>Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites</b>   578 Galleria Blvd.   803.325.2700		Marriott		108	✗		
★ <b>Hampton Inn</b>   2111 Tabor Dr.   803.325.1100		Hilton		163	✗		
<b>Hillside Inn</b>   126 N. Anderson Rd.   803.329.6998				17			
★ <b>Hilton Garden Inn</b>   650 Tinsley Way   803.325.2800		Hilton		127			
<b>Holiday Inn</b>   503 Galleria Blvd.   803.323.1900		IHG		114			
★ <b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites</b>   680 Tinsley Way   803.630.8452		IHG		92	✗		
★ <b>Home2 Suites</b>   1285 Old Springdale Rd.   803.980.6000		Hilton		105	✗		
<b>Howard Johnson</b>   911 Riverview Rd.   803.329.7900		Wyndham		54	✗		
★ <b>LaQuinta Inn &amp; Suites</b>   1235 Springdale Rd.   803.817.7500		Wyndham		89	✗		
<b>Lesslie Inn</b>   2869 Lesslie Hwy.   803.325.8435				21			
<b>Microtel Inn &amp; Suites</b>   1047 Riverview Rd.   803.329.7700		Wyndham		77	✗		
<b>Motel 6</b>   962 Riverview Rd.   803.329.3232		Motel 6		59			
<b>Quality Inn &amp; Suites/Suburban Studios</b>   2625 Cherry Rd.   803.329.3121		Choice		96	✗		
<b>Ramada</b>   2640 North Cherry Rd.   803.329.1122		Wyndham		99	✗		
<b>Red Roof Inn</b>   1037 Riverview Rd.   803.329.3150		Red Roof		74	✗		
<b>Royal Regency Inn</b>   952 Riverview Rd.   803.329.3535				38	✗		
<b>stayAPT Suites</b>   840 Patriot Pkwy.   803.392.3799		stayAPT		58			
★ <b>Staybridge Suites</b>   493 Galleria Blvd.   803.329.0000		IHG		92	✗		
★ <b>TownePlace Suites</b>   2135 Tabor Dr.   803.327.0700		Marriott		97	✗		
★ <b>Tru</b>   800 Galleria Blvd.   803.366.2200		Hilton		106	✗		
★ <b>Wingate</b>   760 Galleria Blvd.   803.324.9000		Wyndham		91	✗		

YORK		Brand	I-77 Exit	Number of Rooms	Free Breakfast	Pool	Pet Friendly
<b>Deluxe Inn &amp; Suites</b>   1568 Alexander Love Hwy.   803.684.2525		Deluxe		47	✗		
<b>Royal Inn</b>   631 US Hwy. 321   803.684.9983				33			
<b>York Motor Lodge</b>   1240 Chester Hwy.   803.684.6666				30			



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**ATLAS COPCO**

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# WELCOME TO YORK COUNTY, SC!

York County has added more than 24,000 jobs in the last 10 years reflecting the area's strategic position as a home to many diverse and innovative companies and startups alike. Come be part of our community that is built on a rich history and new collaborative approaches towards future prosperity for all. York County is-  
**The Location You Need. The Life You Want.**



**David Swenson**  
*Executive Director, York County  
Economic Development*



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**30%**  
EMPLOYMENT  
GROWTH  
2010 - 2020

**#3**  
TOP STATES  
FOR DOING  
BUSINESS

**1,209,669**  
LABOR SHED WITHIN 45 MINUTES

**#3**  
BEST BUSINESS  
CLIMATE,  
CHARLOTTE  
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## GETTING HERE

Situated on the East Coast of the United States, York County, South Carolina is approximately halfway between New York and Miami. In addition to York County's mild winters and ample sunshine, residents and visitors alike enjoy the area's close proximity to the mountains and Carolina beaches. Just minutes from the North Carolina state line, York County is conveniently situated along the I-77 corridor providing access to 200 million U.S. and Canadian customers.

### CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

York County is within 20 miles of Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), ranked among the top 10 busiest airports in the world, averaging 1,600 daily aircraft operations. CLT serves approximately 178 nonstop destinations around the globe and welcomes more than 50 million passengers annually. The Charlotte Air Cargo Center, the region's premier air cargo facility is also located at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

### ROCK HILL- YORK COUNTY AIRPORT

The Rock Hill-York County Airport serves business travelers with streamlined arrival and departure capabilities without the congestion of larger airports. With a runway length of 5,500 feet and a 7,200 square-foot terminal building, the Rock Hill/York County Airport continues to grow to meet local demand.

### I-77 CORRIDOR

Interstate 77 connects York County to Charlotte, North Carolina, and Columbia, South Carolina. To support unprecedented regional growth, I-77 has been consistently widened and improved, making all parts of York County accessible to I-77, I-85, and other significant routes throughout the southeast.



## FAST FACTS

**73/50°**  
AVERAGE HIGH/LOW  
FALL TEMPERATURE

**96.7** COST OF  
LIVING INDEX

**470**  
MILES OF  
TRAILS &  
BLUEWAYS

**2X**  
YORK COUNTY'S  
POPULATION  
GROWTH IS  
EXPECTED TO  
DOUBLE BY 2050

**35+**  
PARKS, TRAILS  
& GREEN SPACE

**298,320**  
TOTAL POPULATION

**1.2M** LABOR SHED  
WITHIN 45  
MINUTES

**39**  
MEDIAN AGE



\*Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ 2022Q3  
Comptia Tech Town Index 2022, Business Facilities - 2022 Metro & Global Rankings Report



## AREA OVERVIEW

### PEOPLE LOVE LIVING IN YORK COUNTY, AND IT SHOWS.

York County is on track to surpass 300,000 residents this year. Despite a slight decrease in growth rates, new U.S. Census Bureau estimates suggest a continued influx of residents to York and Lancaster counties. York County's growth rate has remained between 1.4% and 3.2% annually since 2011, with last year's 1.4% increase adding over 4,000 new residents.

Consistently ranked as one of the best public school systems in the state, York County's four public school districts include some of the most highly respected elementary, middle, and high schools in South Carolina. In addition to K-12 education, York County schools provide vocational training and adult education.

York County is also home to 22 private or charter schools that serve more than 3,000 students. Noted as some of the most affordable private schools in the nation, York County private schools are routinely recognized for exceptional scores in standardized testing (SAT), advanced placement (AP) course offerings, and plentiful extracurricular activities for students.





## ROCK HILL



**77,326**  
POPULATION



**40 min**  
Distance to CLT



**5th** Largest city  
in the state

*Fastest Growing Industry*  
**TRANSPORTATION  
& WAREHOUSING**  
*up 41% in the last five years*

### RIVERWALK

Riverwalk, a vibrant riverfront community situated along the scenic Catawba River in Rock Hill, offers a distinctive outdoor lifestyle. Spanning 1,008 acres, it encompasses 850 home sites, 250 townhomes, and 550 apartments, accompanied by several fantastic dining, shopping, and entertainment options, as well as a top-notch cycling venue, all spread along a 2.5 mile stretch of the river.

### OLD TOWN

Bustling with charm, historic Old Town Rock Hill is home to local shops, restaurants and public art at every turn. New developments including The Thread and University Center will bring a mix of innovative companies and young professionals to the heart of Rock Hill.

### ROCK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

Most Diverse School Districts in South Carolina: 6 of 76

Best School Districts for Athletes in South Carolina: 6 of 75

## FORT MILL



**28,178**  
POPULATION



**30 min**  
Distance to CLT

*Fastest Growing Industry*  
**FINANCE & INSURANCE**  
*Tripled in the last five years*

### KINGSLEY

Rooted in history and the rich textile past of Fort Mill, Kingsley is a 600+ acre mixed-use heirloom project created and developed by the Clear Springs Development Company. Born out of the textile past of Springs Industries, Kingsley tells a story using contemporary mill architecture, sophisticated gathering spaces and unique place making elements. Already home to two large corporate office headquarters, it boasts one hotel, luxury apartments over retail space, a large lake, an amphitheater and plenty of small shops and restaurants.

### BAXTER VILLAGE

The popular Baxter Village is a master planned community with homes designed for front porch living. Take a stroll along Market Street which offers ample play, work, and living spaces.

### FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 4

Best School Districts in South Carolina and the Charlotte Region: 1 of 76 (in the State) and 1 out of 10 (in the Charlotte Region)

Districts with the Best Teachers in South Carolina: 2 of 76

Best Places to Teach in South Carolina: 5 of 76



## YORK



**8,810**  
POPULATION



**50 min**  
Distance to CLT

*Fastest Growing Industry*

### PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES

*up 40% in the last five years*

Established as the seat of York County more than 130 years ago, the City of York is a small-town community that remains steeped in history while embracing the future. The city's industrial group includes steel, filtration, textiles, automotive and truck parts, and machine shops. York continues to recruit for East York Industrial Park with plans for a new industrial park underway.

## CLOVER



**7,312**  
POPULATION

*Fastest Growing Industry*

### MANUFACTURING

#### CLOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

Best School Districts in South Carolina:

3 of 76 (in the State) and 2 out of 10 (in the Charlotte Region)

Established in 1887 in western York County, Clover grew up around a 5,000-gallon water tank that was built to serve steam engines that passed through town. Legend says that water overflowing the tank created fertile ground for patches of clover to spring up. While many residents commute to businesses in nearby cities, the town has a diverse and skilled workforce that would be eager for jobs in their hometown. Other than the education sector, the town's jobs primarily are in manufacturing with businesses such as Honeywell and Permashrink.

## TEGA CAY



**13,278**  
POPULATION



**35 min**  
Distance to CLT

*Fastest Growing Industry*

### MANAGEMENT

The City of Tega Cay has grown significantly since its beginnings as a small, gated community along the shore of Lake Wylie in the mid-1970s. With more than 12,000 residents, it has become one of the fastest-growing cities in South Carolina and has maintained its focus on growing "the right way" by mixing residential and commercial development and creating village-style neighborhoods.



## Housing Facts

Source: Canopy MLS December 2023  
Niche.com 2023

### York County

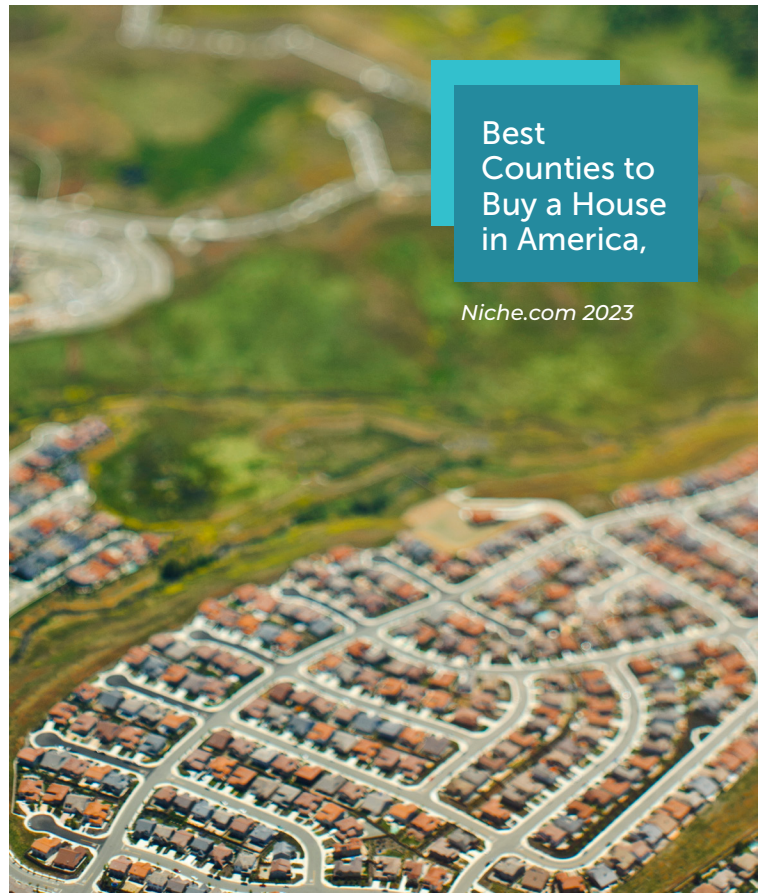
**Med\$: \$375,000**

**Avg\$: \$446,943**

### York County Multifamily

Studio	\$1,101
1 Bed	\$1,344
2 Bed	\$1,506
3 Bed	\$1,811

Source: CoStar 2023Q4



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## HIGHER EDUCATION

A community of creatives, makers, scientists, and scholars, York County highly values education and offers learning options for all stages of life. Located within York County's labor shed, 18 higher education institutions fuel a skilled workforce and continue to attract young professionals.

### CLINTON COLLEGE

Clinton College is the oldest Historically Black College in York County. Since opening in 1894, the four-year Christian liberal arts college offers students an affordable education in an intimate and familiar environment through a holistic curriculum that prepares students to excel in today's global economy. Associate degree

programs include Business Administration, Early Childhood Development, Liberal Arts, Religious Studies, and Natural Sciences. Bachelor's degree programs include Business Administration, Religious Studies, and Biology. Their new programs are Cybersecurity, Nursing, and Elementary Education.

### Alumni Spotlight

### DONTAY JAMAL OSBORNE

**Degree:** Associate in Business Administration · **Year graduated:** 2019

**Tell us about your experience as a student at Clinton College.**

As a first-generation college student, Clinton College stood as a beacon of light during a process that was entirely unfamiliar to me. Throughout my journey at the college, I took on various leadership roles, such as serving as the SGA president, the Rotaract Club president, and a student ambassador. Being fortunate enough to be involved in a multitude of experiences allowed me to create lasting memories and forge lifelong friendships that will forever hold a special place in my heart.

**How did your experience at Clinton Shape your professional career today?**

Clinton College played a significant role not only in my educational journey but also in my professional development. It was during my time at Clinton College that I was fortunate enough to secure an internship at the esteemed York County Sheriff's Office, where I am currently employed. The professors and administrators at Clinton College went above and beyond their classroom duties, investing their time and effort in molding and shaping me into the confident and capable leader I am today.

**What sets Clinton College apart?**

Clinton College stands by the motto, frequently echoed by Dr. Lester McCorn, of "Excellence without excuses." This demonstrates the unwavering commitment of both the professors and the administration to the students, as they consistently hold them to a higher standard. Unlike other institutions, Clinton College views its students as more than just numbers; they are embraced as valued members of a close-knit family. This emphasis on personal connection is what truly distinguishes Clinton College from the rest.





## YORK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

As a member of the South Carolina Technical and Comprehensive Education System, York Technical College is a public, two-year institution of higher education that offers more than 100 degree, diplomas, and certificate programs in the areas of engineering technology, industrial technology, information technology, business, health science, and public service. Through an open admissions policy for qualified students, York Technical College annually enrolls 5,000-7,000 credit students. The College seeks to contribute to the economic growth and development of York, Lancaster, and Chester counties and of the state.



## WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

Winthrop is a public, comprehensive university that is ranked 5th by U.S. News & World Report among Southern public universities and in the top 15 of public and private institutions in the region. Founded in 1886, Winthrop offers bachelor's and master's degrees through both online and on-campus programs.

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DIVISION  
I NCAA  
SPORTS

# 4,694

TOTAL STUDENT BODY

# 46

UNDERGRADUATE  
MAJORS

# 12:1

STUDENT  
TO FACULTY  
RATIO

# 22

GRADUATE &  
CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS

Winthrop's historic and scenic campus is located in Rock Hill, South Carolina, just 20 minutes south of Charlotte. Through an educational experience that blends liberal arts, professional programs, global awareness, and civic engagement, Winthrop will help you develop the knowledge, skills, and values that will enrich your life and prepare you for all the future holds.



Ashley Briggs '17

### MY WINTHROP EXPERIENCE

#### Alumni Profile

**Degree:** Mass Communication

**Occupation:**  
News Producer,  
Queen City News/WJZY-TV

*"My time at Winthrop really challenged me and was very influential in preparing me and giving me the skills I needed to succeed,"*



# CONNECTING TALENT TO OPPORTUNITY

Key institutions at the local and state levels are dedicated to bringing education, business, and workforce partners together- all in an effort to grow and sustain a high-quality workforce for York County.



32.4%

employment growth  
2011-2021



93,995

prime age(25-54)  
labor force



84.9%

prime age labor  
force participation  
rate (25-54)



1,215,056

labor shed within 45 mins



145,481

York County's  
labor force

Partners/Programs in Workforce Development	
Winthrop University	SC Works
York Technical College	Apprenticeship Carolina
Clinton College	Talent Pipeline
High School Applied Technology Centers	Career Village
York County Economic Development	Gravity Center
Rock Hill Economic Development	Readysc
South Carolina Veterans Affairs - Employment	South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation
York County Regional Chamber of Commerce	Catawba Regional Workforce Development

Sources: JobsEQ, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016 -2020, Bureau of Labor Statistics 2021



## BEHIND THE SCENES: ATLAS COPCO



**P**aul Humphreys, Vice President of Communications and Branding for Atlas Copco shares why the company is deeply rooted in Rock Hill and what's next for the leading provider of industrial productivity solutions.



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# *Atlas Copco*

### TELL US ABOUT ATLAS COPCO.

Atlas Copco Group is a leading provider of industrial productivity solutions. Every day, across the United States and around the world, Atlas Copco Group products are working to produce just about everything we need and consume. Solutions include compressors, vacuum pumps, industrial tooling, and portable power equipment. In 2023, the Group had revenues in excess of \$16-billion and had 52 000 employees. Look out for our yellow portable power solutions, working on construction sites, across York County.

### WHY YORK COUNTY?

A business within the Atlas Copco Group first moved to York County in 1997. In the early 2000s the Group's footprint began to grow and expand. York County was very attractive to the Group due to the excellent pool of diverse talent that exists in the area, with many great universities and businesses, especially in engineering and manufacturing. This along with the ease of accessibility for global audiences to travel in and out, plus excellent logistics, provides a great combination.

### TELL US ABOUT THE ATLAS HQ.

Atlas Copco Group has three locations in York County. This includes one of the Group's global divisions as well as the national headquarters for two business units. We have utilized the local redevelopment of the area and have three great locations. One in the downtown area in the Lowenstein building, one in the manufacturing area on Paragon Way, and one close to Waterford Golf Club. We are a decentralized company and so we chose these different locations to ensure we could best serve the needs of the business.

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR ATLAS COPCO?

York County is now part of our DNA. If everything goes according to plan, we know we will need to grow again and we are confident that we are in an area that will fully support us on this journey. With a goal to continue to attract top talent and be an employer of choice, we continue to work in the local community when it comes to supporting education, internships, and ensuring that we continue to help this area economically thrive – because that benefits all of us.

To learn more about Atlas Copco, visit  
[www.atlascopcogroup.com](http://www.atlascopcogroup.com).



## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS



**Employees:** 986  
**Facility Type:** Utility  
**City:** Rock Hill



**Employees:** 793  
**Facility Type:** Utility  
**City:** York



**Employees:** 3242  
**Facility Type:** Headquarters  
**City:** Fort Mill



**Employees:** 2000  
**Facility Type:** Healthcare  
**City:** Rock Hill



**Employees:** 3996  
**Facility Type:** Distribution  
**City:** Fort Mill



**Employees:** 967  
**Facility Type:** Manufacturing  
**City:** Fort Mill



**Employees:** 642  
**Facility Type:** Manufacturing  
**City:** Fort Mill



**Employees:** 579  
**Facility Type:** Distribution  
**City:** Fort Mill



**Employees:** 1283  
**Facility Type:** Office  
**City:** Fort Mill



# STARTUP SCENE

In York County, entrepreneurs and small businesses are at the heart of our local economy. Together, business leaders, investors, public officials, and private partners are committed to cultivating and accelerating entrepreneurial success. With a strong local support network, flexible space options, and resource offerings that encourage growth, York County is emerging as a budding destination for business at all stages.

## KNOWLEDGE PARK

Knowledge Park is a walkable, multi-faceted district of Rock Hill that encompasses both Winthrop University and the City Center. The urban development which spans one square mile was created to encourage innovation, collaboration, and target industry job creation through shared experiences and shared spaces. Knowledge Park is projected to attract more than \$517 million in investment.

## YORK COUNTY LAUNCHPAD

York County LaunchPad is a free and open-to-the-public event held the first Wednesday of every month at Knowledge Park. At each meeting, two local startups take the stage to talk about their business and to share their experiences that have added to or inhibited growth.

## THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER @ TECHNOLOGY PARK

Knowledge Park's Technology Incubator offers entrepreneurs access to resources and technical support designed to help launch an idea into a successful business operation. More than a shared space, the Incubator grows and develops founders to graduate from the program in approximately 8 to 12 months.

## ZIPSTREAM

Through technology made available by Comporium, Zipstream internet service provides download and upload speeds of 1,000 megabits per second (mbps), or one Gigabit over a fiber optic network. The vision is to make York County recognized for recruiting, launching, and growing high-impact technology businesses. Further, Comporium's residential and business customers in fiber neighborhoods or business parks have access the Zipstream gigabit service.



## THE GRAVITY CENTER

The Gravity Center is a one-stop resource hub for entrepreneurial collaboration and development. Founded in 2021, the Center is owned and led by local entrepreneurs. Gravity Center members can expect to:

- Connect with other local entrepreneurs**
- Learn and utilize available resources**
- Receive coaching from established founders and business owners**
- Access professional services**
- Experience exponential growth**



# GROWING ROCK HILL ONE SEED AT A TIME



Husband-and-wife-duo, Jonathan and Crystal Nazeer are committed to transforming communities through urban farming, food production, food access, and job creation starting with their hometown of South Rock Hill, SC.

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

A Carolina native, Jonathan Nazeer spent 25 years working in radio and television. Throughout his marriage to his wife, Crystal, the pair and their four children always enjoyed and prioritized gardening. What started as a beloved hobby for The Nazeers blossomed into something much bigger at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

"At that time, we realized that many of our neighbors were suffering behind closed doors with food insecurity," said Jonathan. "Victory Gardens began as a community project that really snowballed into something bigger."

In 2020, Jonathan left the radio and television world to focus full-time on their new venture. With Jonathan's experience and Crystal's background in banking and accounting, Victory Gardens International was born. Today, Victory Gardens seeks to help the ongoing issue of food apartheid by offering fresh produce to lower-wealth residents.

"We are trying to instill a sense of self sufficiency in people and that you reap what you sow," said Jonathan.

With deep roots in South Carolina and York County, the Nazeers looked no further than south Rock Hill to start and grow their business.

"The South is something special and there is a new migration back to the South and back to the farm and we are excited to celebrate that," said Jonathan.

## THE FARMACY

Located at 641 Crawford Road, the FARMacy Community Farmstop brings local farmers and their goods to South Rock Hill where there is currently no anchor grocery store. Beyond that, FARMacy offers fresh produce, dairy, artisan goods, books, records, gardening supplies, and everything in between. With indoor-outdoor seating, the cafe provides the perfect atmosphere to connect, unwind, or attend one of Victory Gardens' monthly events.

"FARMacy is about feeding the mind, body and soul," said Jonathan. "Everyone wants to support local farmers, but it's difficult to find them beyond only the Saturday morning seasonal farmers market."

The FARMacy Community Farmstop hosts roughly fifteen events each month that celebrate the African American spirit through culture, arts, literature, and music. Beginning in May and running through October, FARMacy also hosts the South Side Rock Hill Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from 8 am- 2 pm.

## INNOVATION GARDEN

Victory Gardens Tower Farms— the first in the state of South Carolina bring a new meaning to urban farming. The growing systems are designed to flourish in urban environments despite surrounding elements.

Currently, underway, the Cropbox is a controlled environment agriculture system similar to a shipping container that produces gourmet mushrooms and microgreens year-round. From seed to harvest in just 29 days, Victory Gardens will produce about 1,900 heads of lettuce.

"We are growing the equivalent of a 4.5-acre farm and we can grow year-round," said Jonathan. "This is the future of agriculture, and this is something that the next generation gets excited about." The best part? Everything grown at Victory Gardens stays local supporting five area restaurants, the FARMacy, and at various South Rock Hill locations.



## COWORKING

Once geared towards the individual worker, coworking spaces are often now permanent solutions for startups and medium-large companies alike. Where businesses used to be tied into multiyear commercial real estate leases for certain square footage, now companies can pay lower monthly memberships per employee.

- 742 North Coworking & Event Space • Rock Hill
- BNA Cowork at Riverwalk • Rock Hill
- Collison Cowork • Rock Hill
- Gravity Center • Rock Hill
- LOOM Coworking • Fort Mill
- Regus • Rock Hill

### ENTREPRENEURIAL RESOURCE PARTNERS

- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Winthrop
- Catawba Regional Development Corporation (CRDC)
- City of Rock Hill - Open For Business Program
- York County Development Services
- York County Regional Chamber of Commerce - Small Business Council
- The Black Economic Leadership League





A woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark green patterned shirt and white pants, stands in a room filled with various green plants. She is smiling and holding a glass of red wine. In the background, there is a large vertical planter with many different types of plants, and a brown leather sofa is visible on the left.

# ROOTED IN SUCCESS

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**W**hitney Shea's journey from teacher to small business owner is a genuine testament to resilience, community, and green thumbs. When Whitney's husband gifted her a greenhouse, little did she know it would become the heart of her budding business, Green Space Plant Co.

"Whitney's story is a shining example of how passion and community support can turn dreams into reality," says Mike Geddings, a fellow small business owner and board chairman of the Gravity Center Foundation. "Her journey resonates deeply with many entrepreneurs, highlighting how hard work with the right support from the community, anyone can achieve their dreams."

Starting with weekend markets and pop-ups, Whitney quickly realized the importance of community. "Coming from a background in education with absolutely no business experience, I knew I would need to find resources in order to be successful," she says. "And resources, there were. I attended my first York County

LaunchPad meeting (a program stewarded by the Gravity Center) in summer 2021, and have attended regularly since. I was amazed by the number of people I met, the connections I made and the overwhelming support I received."

**“Green Space Plant Co. is not just a store; it's a sanctuary”**

Whitney's involvement with the Gravity Center, a local entrepreneurial hub, further fueled her success. Through their programs, she gained valuable insights and connections that helped her business flourish. And now, with the opening of her brick-and-mortar store on Main Street in Rock Hill, Whitney's journey has come full circle.

"Green Space Plant Co. is not just a store; it's a sanctuary," Geddings emphasizes. As a board member and the business owner of Panther Heating and Cooling, Mike finds Whitney's story inspiring. "It's a reminder of the potential that lies within each of us, and the impact we can make with the support of our communities and the resources available to us."

For more information about the Gravity Center, please visit their website: [www.mygravitycenter.com](http://www.mygravitycenter.com).



## HEALTHCARE

York County is home to high-quality healthcare options for all stages of life. Piedmont Medical Center, a 288-bed full-service hospital located in Rock Hill first opened its doors in 1983. They expanded with an emergency department in Fort Mill in 2020 and opened a new state-of-the-art hospital in Fort Mill in 2022.



**Piedmont**  
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### **EmergencyMD**

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1462 Constitution Blvd • Rock Hill

### **Med First Primary & Urgent Care**

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502 Sixth Baxter Xing • Fort Mill

### **Piedmont Medical Center – Fort Mill**

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### **Piedmont Medical Center – Rock Hill**

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## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

**City of Rock Hill**  
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**Duke Energy**  
Duke-Energy.com

**York Electric Cooperative**  
YorkElectric.net

### NATURAL GAS

**York County Natural Gas Authority**  
YCNGA.com

### TELEPHONE

**AT&T (Clover)**  
ATT.com

**Comporium Communications**  
Comporium.com

## GOVERNMENT OFFICES

**City of Rock Hill**  
155 Johnston St  
CityofRockHill.com

**City of Tega Cay**  
7725 Tega Cay Dr  
TegaCaySC.org

**City of York**  
10 N Roosevelt St  
YorkCitySC.com

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CloverSC.org

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### York County Government

6 N Congress St  
YorkCountyGov.com

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Rock Hill Economic Development

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