

"Best Local History & Culture in Raleigh/Durham"

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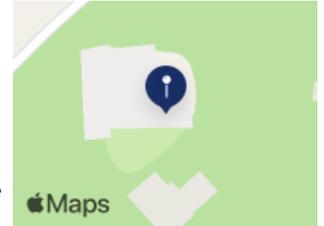
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Duke Homestead State Historic Site

"Tobacco Museum"

This National Historic Landmark has the first homes, farms, and factories where the Duke family grew and processed tobacco, thereby founding the largest tobacco company in world in the 19th Century. In 1931, the farm was purchased by Duke University, and in 1966, the homestead was designated a historic landmark by the National Park Service. It became a North Carolina State Historic Site in 1974. Visitors can see the restored four-room Duke family homestead, with tobacco bars and historical artifacts. The museum offers exhibits about the history of tobacco farming and processing.



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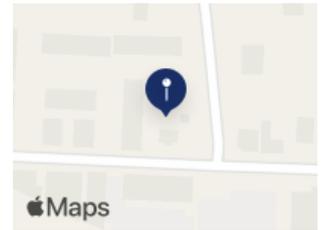
 2828 Duke Homestead Road, Durham NC



Joel Lane Museum House

"Birthplace of Raleigh"

Colonel Joel Lane played a key role in North Carolina's transition from county to state and Raleigh's capital city status. Later known as "The Father of Raleigh," he constructed this establishment in the 1760s in a primarily rural location, making it a recipient of admiration. Owned and restored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, the manor houses a unique collection of artifacts, paintings and furniture that archetypes 18th-century living. The historic site has accolades aplenty to its credit, and guided tours to the museum attract throngs of locals, tourists, historians and educational organizations. The manicured lawns and verdant gardens make for a serene backdrop.



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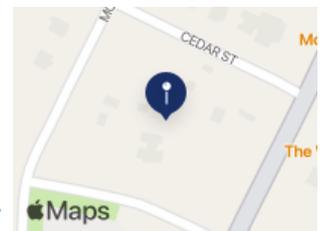
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Mordecai House

"Local History"

The Mordecai House, built in 1785 and home to the Mordecai family until 1964, is the oldest house in Raleigh. The registered historical landmark and museum is the centerpiece of Mordecai Historic Park. Visitors can take guided tours of the museum and surrounding grounds, which include historical structures like the original birthplace of President Andrew Johnson, the Ellen Mordecai garden, and St. Mark's chapel. The museum houses Mordecai family furnishings, historical artifacts, papers, and library.



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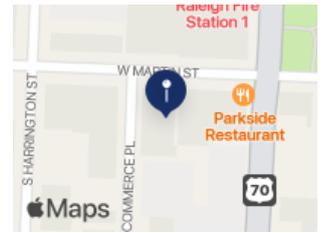
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Local Color Gallery

"Art Co-op"

This woman's art cooperative and gallery focuses on artists in the local community, and exhibits works in a wide range of media on a monthly basis. The gallery is known for helping to organize day-long outdoor painting gatherings, colorful juried shows, and its eclectic studio space. There are studios in every corner of the brick warehouse building where the gallery is housed, along with paintings, jewelry, clothing, prints, and other works of art.



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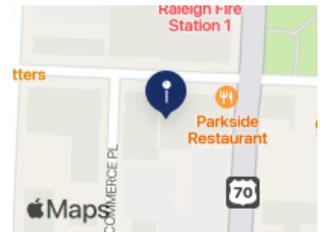
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Visual Art Exchange

"Creating Artists"

The Visual Art Exchange is a non-profit creativity incubator and art gallery showcasing the work of student and emerging artists. As a vibrant community space the exchange features the works of more than 1000 artists in 60 exhibitions every year, while organizing a host of educational programs, including artist nights, lectures, and workshops. The exhibits are designed to instruct artists how to show and handle their work professionally, and are held in the exchange's Martin Street galleries and other community spaces.



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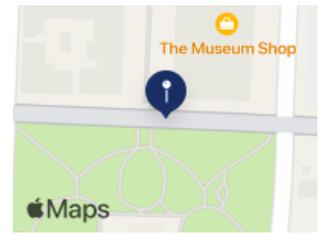
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North Carolina Museum of History

"Explore North Carolina's History"

Founded in 1902, this museum is committed to exploring and preserving North Carolina's historical heritage. Among the permanent exhibits here are the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, a history of the state's role in the creation of funk music, and the expansive Story of North Carolina, a major exhibit tracing life in the state from the time of its first inhabitants through the 20th Century. The museum hosts a variety of temporary exhibits, and a large collection of regional costumes and furnishings.



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City of Raleigh Museum

"Local History"

The City of Raleigh Museum celebrates the history and legacy of Raleigh, from the days of its first inhabitants to those of a 21st-century capitol. The museum was founded in 1993 with initiatives from local historians, and is guided by a mission to store historical artifacts, preserve the city's past, and urge visitors to contemplate the city's legacy and future. Visitors can explore the history of Raleigh through 200 years of artifacts and images, including testimonials of Raleigh's World War II veterans, a history of Raleigh in maps, and an exhibit dedicated to Morgan Latta, a former slave who gained his freedom and established a Raleigh industrial school.



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