

## "Best Free Sites in Charlotte"

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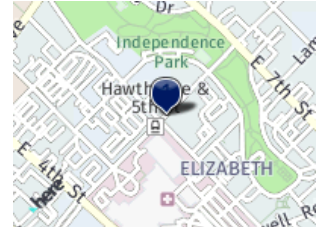
📍 5 Locations Bookmarked



### Independence Park

"A Park with History"

In addition to being the oldest park in Charlotte, this 24-acre parcel in the heart of Charlotte's Elizabeth neighborhood serves your every recreational need. For athletes, Independence Park has a batting cage, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, a volleyball court, and three hiking trails. Families make good use of the sheltered picnic area and the playground. If romance is in the air, stroll by the reflecting pool or through the rose garden. A number of shelters, including the rose garden's gazebo, are available for private events. See website for reservation information.



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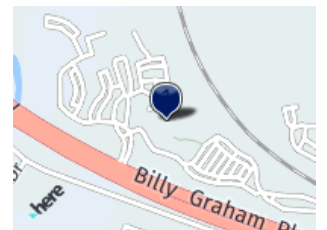
📍 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte NC



### Billy Graham Library

"History and Inspiration"

The Billy Graham Library pays tribute to late American Christian evangelist Billy Graham. The place opened in the year 2007 and spreads across 40,000-square-foot (3,700 meter square). The library features a number of artifacts from different facets of Graham's life, from his small beginnings on a farm to his career as a prominent minister, the place covers everything. Many find the library to be a site of inspiration, regardless of religious connotations.



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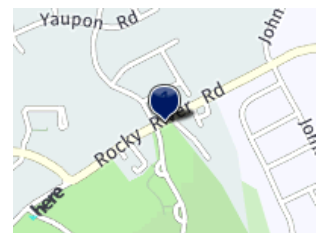
📍 4330 Westmont Drive, Charlotte NC



### Reedy Creek Nature Center

"One With Nature"

Reedy Creek Nature Center boasts more than 10 miles of walking trails through protected forests. These trails lead through a variety of terrain and provide breath-taking views of Reedy Creek Park's lakes, streams, forests and wildlife. The Nature Center also houses live, native animals and an exhibit hall, allowing visitors to learn valuable information about their surroundings on their trip.



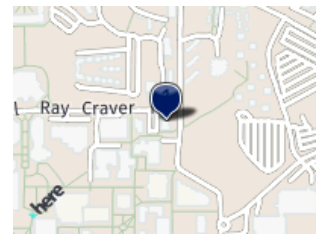
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📍 2900 Rocky River Road, Reedy Creek Park, Charlotte NC





## **UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens**

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**"A Must for Plant Lovers"**

**These botanical gardens are run by the University of North Carolina Charlotte campus and are comprised of three separate sites- the Van Landingham Glen, the Susie Harwood Garden, and the McMillan**

Greenhouse. There is a wide variety of plants among the gardens, including rhododendrons, native Carolina flora, orchids, desert succulents, and carnivorous pitcher plant hybrids. There are also many walking paths and interesting landscape architecture displays to please the eye. The park is open daily and features an ever-changing collection that varies depending on the time of year, so be sure to check the website for updates.

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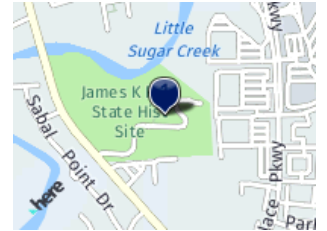


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## President James K. Polk State Historic Site

### "In Memoriam"

The 11th president of the United States, James K. Polk, is honored here. Avail of the guided tour, complete with a costumed interpreter and walk through the president's family home in the country, while collecting nuggets of information on his life and achievements. Camps, festivals and celebrations are also organized here. This is a worthwhile trip indeed for those doing research, or those with a keen interest in politics and public lives. Check the website for some good reading before you visit.



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