

by the college. In 1879, the Town incorporated as beseel brei no sessenieud wei a few businesses on land leased around the college consisted mainly of small farms 64 students as a manual labor institute. The area In 1837, Davidson College opened to approximately

> Around Lake Norman **PLACES OF INTEREST**

Following its hundreds of miles of shoreline, the Lake Norman Bicycle Route traverses three counties and visits five cities and towns. Enjoy the varied character of the Lake region on over 60 miles of designated bicycle route interlaced with a growing network of greenways. The route reveals miles of shoreline views and passes through acres of parkland and a rural canvas of field and forest. Experience quaint towns with treespend a quiet day fishing on the Lake and stay the night in one of the area campgrounds or a B&B. Take an afternoon to explore the wonders of hydroelectric power, or to sample the local vintag Follow one of the four unique signature

Piedmont.

adventure.





covered in 1900. In 1921, its wooden shingles were

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge

Originally constructed as an open span, the bridge was

two original remaining covered bridges in North Carolina.

Built in 1895, the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge is one of only

by people of all denominations from surrounding counties.

week around the second Sunday in August and is attended

at the site since 1830. The meeting currently lasts for one

Camp Ground in Lincoln County. With only two exceptions,

camp meeting moved to its current site at the Rock Creek

the morning, afternoon and evening. In 1830, the annual

over open fires and attend religious services throughout

come together to camp in tents and covered wagons, cook

were annual events where people from the region would

the Rock Springs Camp Meeting has been held annually

Methodist Church in Catawba County. Camp meetings tor several days and nights at the site of the Rehobeth to 1794 when a "camp meeting" was held in the woods The Rock Springs Camp Meeting traces its roots back

Rock Springs Camp Meeting

mile nature trail. the Explorium also offers a wildflower garden and a oneproviding insight into electricity and how it is produced, Norman. Along with a variety of interesting exhibits in learning more about electricity generation and Lake educational and fun activities for everyone interested County, Duke Energy's Energy Explorium offers Located at McGuire Nuclear Station in Mecklenburg

Duke Energy Explorium

on Wilson, cross US 21 and stay on Brawley School Rd. About a mile past I-77 is Williamson Rd. with Lowe's **YMCA** just 2 blocks north. Six miles past I-77, the Peninsula Pedal officially ends at a 250' wide traffic circle. Brawley School Rd. continues for another 3 miles. You are nearly surrounded by water and almost any side road along the peninsula will give you a view of it.

Main Street Ride (27 miles round trip)

There are vibrant communities along the shores of Lake Norman. The Main Street Ride connects three downtowns and other nearby commercial centers.

at S. Academy St. and W. Wilson Ave., the Ride begins with a circle of Downtown. Head northeast on Academy, turn right onto E. Moore another right on S. Church, and right again on W. Wilson back to Academy. Now turn left on S. Academy. Just past the ball field turn left onto W. Gray, right on W. Broad, then left on Norman to cross the

(NC 115). Continue south on NC 115 for 5 miles into **Davidson**. Turn right onto Beatty just south of the Mecklenburg County line. Cross Griffith and continue onto Sloan at Davidson Lake Park. Here the Ride runs just west of Downtown, following Gamble. Turn left on Jetton, and then left on Potts until it ends on Main in Cornelius. The intersection is steep, winding and often busy with traffic, so turn right onto the widened sidewalk, and then right again onto Cornelius St. Head left at Church, and right on Washam. Here the Lake comes into view and the opportunity to go off-road for a 2-mile shoreline ride. Continuing south on Washam, turn right on Brinkley and left on Beard. At Catawba Ave., turn right (to the left is Downtown Cornelius). Head left on Statesville Rd. (US 21). Cross I-77 on Westmoreland and look immediately for the entrance to the McDowell Creek Greenway. Follow the greenway south to Birkdale Village in Huntersville.





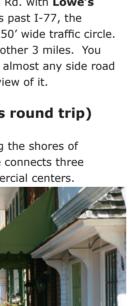




Starting in Mooresville



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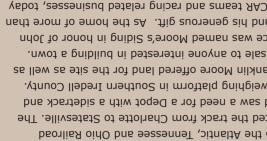
crossing US 21 to start your ride south on Wagner. After 1.5 miles, veer right d drinking fountain (mid-

right after the Park's west gate. St. John's Rd. ends at E. Monbo Rd. Turn right, and in a ¹/₄-mile, veer right to stay on E. Monbo and the Loop. E. Monbo stretches another 4 miles through hilly, rural horse country before reaching Old Mountain Rd. (To visit **Daveste' Vineyards**, divert right onto Talley St., past Hicks Creek Rd., and another right onto Lytton Farm.) Continue to Troutman, turning right on Old Mountain Rd. to reach US 21/NC 115. At the light, turn right. After a ¼ mile, turn left at Old Murdock, then right onto Eastway. Notice the "Richardson Greenway" path across from Town Hall. In 34-mile return to the Depot. If you're hungry, enjoy one of the several restaurants you just passed along Main St.

Catawba Run (20 miles round trip, includes some steep slopes)

See the Catawba River and the rural beauty of Iredell and Catawba Counties. Begin in Lake Norman State **Park** at the Park Lake parking lot. Head west along

onto State Park Rd. The scenery becomes more rural and wooded approaching Lake Norman State **Park**. Past the first bridge, see a parking area at Park Lake. Boats can be rented here during summer. The building provides restrooms March to November). A Porta-John is located at the north entrance of the parking lot by the **Itusi** Mountain Bike Trail entrance. A mile further on State Park Rd., turn





to the period, and an array of other period buildings. an exhibit gallery, the 1913 John Murray House, furnished & Minges General Store, the 1880s Wheathouse, used as Catawba County are the 1913 mill itself, the 1890s Murray Preserved intact on this National Register Historic Site in by the Catawba County Historical Association since 1980. last milling complex in the county, meticulously preserved The picturesque structures and surrounding land form the Murray's Mill Historic District

two miles east of Claremont on US Highway 70 in Catawba

Revolutionary Wars. Bunker Hill Covered Bridge is located

the bridge played an important role in both the Civil and

as a National Civil Engineering Landmark. The location of

replaced with a tin roof. In 2001, the bridge was honored

State Park Rd., pass the gate, and turn right onto St.

John's Rd. Turn right onto E. Monbo Rd. In a ¼-mile,

Buffalo Shoals Rd. Be prepared for a steep ride here.

In 4 miles, cross the Buffalo Shoals Bridge. Stop in at

Bill's Marina if you're hungry. At this point, you could

take a detour along Hudson Chapel Road to visit the

Town of Catawba and on to Bunker Hill Covered

Bridge. To follow the main route, head south now on

into the woods. 1.3 miles from Buffalo Shoals Bridge

is Long Island Rd. Long Island Access Area is just

along Long Island Road and Sherrills Ford Road to reach

Murray's Mill.) Turn right to follow the Run. The view

opens up to farm fields before Monbo Rd. Turn left to

follow Monbo, then veer right onto Molly's Backbone

Rd. You'll see a pond and cross a small bridge. In a

Ford Optimist Club and maybe catch a baseball

game. Staying right, follow Molly's Backbone Rd, cross

the RR tracks, then turn left on Sherrills Ford Rd. The

Sherrills Ford Branch Library lies just past Beatty

Road. Continue south, turning right at Slanting Bridge

Rd. You'll soon reach NC 150 and the southern end of

the Run. You can also visit the historic **Terrell Country**

Peninsula Pedal (19 miles round trip, flat

Lake Norman's largest peninsula extends nearly 8 miles

into the Lake. Views of the water and beautiful lake

properties attract many bicyclists to the peninsula's

quiet winding roads. Begin the Pedal in Downtown

Mooresville. Head southwest on S. Academy from W.

Moore Ave., turn right onto Lowrance Ave., continue west

Store, nearby at Sherrills Ford Rd. and NC 150.

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1/2-mile of a more woody character, you'll reach Sherrills

0.3 miles to the left. (Another detour will take you

Kale Rd. to ride along the Catawba River before heading

veer left with caution onto Pineville Rd. Bear left at

Christmas Day, but times vary.

Lake Norman State Park

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fishing and boating. The Park is open year round, except

and lockers. The park also has its own 33-acre lake for

Norman and is equipped with a concession stand, vending

the only public swimming access on the shoreline of Lake

and pedal boat rentals, picnic areas, interpretive programs

hiking trails, fishing and boating facilities, seasonal canoe

This 1,500 acre state park features mountain biking trails,

and campgrounds. The park's 125-yard-long beach is

machines, rest rooms, changing stalls, warm showers

Davesté Vineyards

Town of Troutman

Not far from Troutman is Davesté Vineyards, the first

to the Troutman family cemetery just a mile west of

to 1870, can be found today, relocated to a site adjacent

and the name stuck. The Troutman depot building, dating

egan referring to the crossroads simply as Troutmans,

As the family's reputation and holdings flourished, people

Charlotte Road, near the current downtown Troutman.

a home and wagon workshop close by a fork in the old

free land in North Carolina's Piedmont region. In 1853,

Maryland first arrived to take advantage of the abundant

SIGNATURE ROUTES

Begin at Downtown Troutman's landmark Old Depot

at US 21/NC 115 (Main St.) and Wagner Rd. Careful

Troutman Loop (11.5 miles, hilly in

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places)

Anne Troutman, along with her two grown sons, built

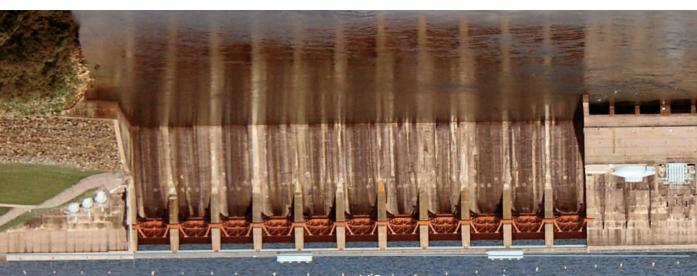
when immigrants from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and

The Town of Troutman's roots go back to the 1750s,

vineyard. local North Carolina artists who meet each week at the room also serves as an art gallery, displaying artwork by red and white wines. Their timber frame-style tasting 1,000 cases of wine, including both dry and semi-sweet winery in Iredell County. The winery annually produces

Town of Mooresville

Mooresville is also known as "Race City, USA". 60 NASCAR teams and racing related businesses, today Moore and his generous gift. As the home of more than The place was named Moore's Siding in honor of John Interfor sale to anyone interested in building a town. John Franklin Moore offered land for the site as well as cotton-weighing platform in Southern Iredell County. Railroad saw a need for a Depot with a sidetrack and completed the track from Charlotte to Statesville. The In 1856 the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad



tormer Duke Power (now Duke Energy) September, 1964. The lake is named for liton betesibeb vilision ton sew bre lift of Dam was completed. It took 11 months of the Catawba River by the Cowans Ford February 1963 when the impoundment Lake Norman was technically created in creation of a lake in the early 1900s. of Duke Energy, began plans for the Southern Power Company, predecessor

Lake Norman.

Cowans Ford, an area now covered by the area and a skirmish was fought at War, Lord Cornwallis set up a camp in Cherokees. During the Revolutionary helped to defend the Fort against the French and Indian War. Daniel Boone built to protect area settlers during the In the mid-18th century, Fort Dobbs was

before European settlement. the presence of Native Americans long well as burial sites near the river, indicate se 'speauwoure pue squ' qu'il 'sprens rich in history. Artifacts including pottery The area surrounding the Catawba River is

Lake Norman

the northern portions of Charlotte. County, Iredell County, Mooresville and also supplies drinking water to Lincoln steam that drives their turbines. The Lake and McGuire Nuclear Station to cool the and is used by Marshall Steam Station the hydroelectric station at Cowans Ford Carolinas. It powers the generators at electricity to the Piedmont region of the Commission (FERC). The Lake provides from the Federal Energy Regulatory which is operated under a license a part of the Catawba-Wateree Project, downstream of the lake. Lake Norman is world, with dams both upstream and most managed river systems in the Lake Norman is a part of one of the

than 50 square miles.

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Welcome to Lake Norman, the largest inland body of water in North Carolina.

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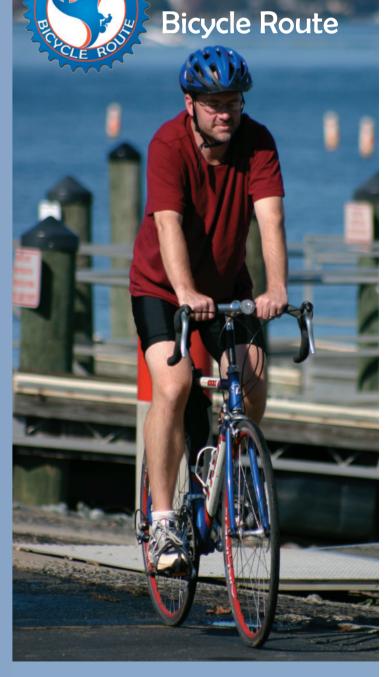
routes or venture out on your own. Either way, the Lake Norman Bicycle Route presents North Carolina's scenic side and the relaxed sophistication of the Southern

Read on in this brochure for details about some of the interesting places around Lake Norman. Descriptions of the Signature Routes are also provided to help plan a day's









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RIDING TIPS

Be visible. Ensure that your bicycle has highly-visible reflectors. Wear bright clothing. Avoid riding at night or times of low visibility, particularly at dusk, in dense fog, or during heavy rain.

Be protected. Wear a bicycle helmet every time you ride vour bike.

Be courteous. Respect others on the road or greenway. Keep traffic flowing by helping motorists and faster

bicyclists pass safely. Yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Be watchful. Ride defensively. Obey all traffic signs and signals, including stop and yield signs and one-way directional signs. Respect hazard or warning signs.

Be predictable. Use signals to communicate intended movements. Avoid making sudden unpredictable stops and turns. Ride on the right, in the same direction as moving traffic.

Be reasonable. Know your riding limits. Do not attempt trips which are beyond your capability.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

Catawba County Parks Post Office Box 389, Newton, NC 28658

(828)256-9157 http://www.catawbacountync.gov/depts/parks/

Iredell County Government Center 200 S. Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677 (704) 878-3103

www.co.iredell.nc.us/Departments/Recreation/recdept.asp Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation 5841 Brookshire Boulevard Charlotte, North Carolina 28216-2403

http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Park+and+Rec/Greenways/Home.

Lake Norman State Park 159 Inland Sea Lane, Troutman, NC 28166 (704) 528-6350

ake.norman@ncmail.net http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/lano/main.php

Centralina Council of Governments 525 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 (704)372-2416, (704)347-4710 fax http://www.centralina.org

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