

# Discover Burlington in a New Light

## Company Shops Market

Whether you're a fan of organic cuisine or just looking to spice up your dinner plate, add Company Shops Market to your menu. Not only is Company Shops Market an organic grocery store that specializes in locally grown and sustainable food, it's also a café that features a hot and cold bar and live music every Friday. Company Shops Market is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Burlington. Visit [www.companyshopmarket.com](http://www.companyshopmarket.com) or call 336-223-0880 for details.



Every college town has its staple activities, and by the time the second semester rolls around, these scheduled novelties are wearing thin. If you're going to the same parties every weekend and considering the local shopping centers to be "a night on the town," you may be resigned to the thought that you've done everything there is to do in the local area. Never fear: We've compiled 10 lesser-known locations in and around Burlington to breathe life into your old routine.

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## North Carolina Ballooning

Want to do something that will have all your friends talking? Take a ride in a hot air balloon courtesy of North Carolina Ballooning. They offer flights for groups as big as 16, and there are special packages if you're looking to take a special someone on a romantic flight. Hot air balloon rides are unforgettable, creative, fun and a great time. Call 1-800-318-7285 for details.

## David L. Maynard, Sr. Aquatic Center

If you're looking for a more traditional tourist experience in the area, the Maynard Aquatic Center is open year-round and offers discounted admission prices to residents of the Burlington area. If you want to swim or relax by the water off campus, the Maynard Aquatic Center is your best bet. For more information visit [burlingtonnc.gov](http://burlingtonnc.gov), keyword "aquatics."

## Burlington Outlet Village

Is shopping more your forte? Burlington Outlet Village offers an incredibly diverse selection to browse. Ranging from high quality thrift stores to more recognizable brand names, the Burlington Outlet Village has something for everyone. If you want to expand your wardrobe in a new way, this is the place for you. Visit [www.burlingtonoutletvillage.com](http://www.burlingtonoutletvillage.com) for a complete list of stores, upcoming events and sales.



## Ella's Coffee House

It's not open for business yet, but Ella's Coffee House in downtown Burlington has all the makings of a hotspot for college students. Featuring an expansive library for patrons to browse, live music, local entertainment and fresh brewed coffee, Ella's will be the place everyone is talking about when it officially opens its doors in spring 2013.

## Cedarock Park and Historical Farm

If you're more of an outdoorsy type, the Cedarock Park and Historical Farm is a creative way to get in touch with nature and the forefathers of North Carolina. Cedarock Park includes nature trails, lakes for fishing and leisurely activities, a waterfall and multiple disc golf courses. Visit [www.alamancenc.com](http://www.alamancenc.com), keyword "Cedarock" for more information.