



North Carolina's Inland Sea is not only a place of breath-taking beauty, but offers plenty of wonderment and entertainment. Our charming towns of Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville are located twenty minutes north of Charlotte and west of Charlotte Motor Speedway, and are an essential part of a great regional destination. Take the Lake Norman voyage, where amenities and excitement abound!

## A "LATA" FUN!

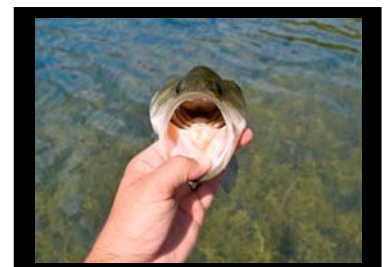
Spend a day or more at Latta Nature Preserve. The 1,400 acre preserve boasts 16 miles of trails for **hiking**, **Segway tours**, and **horseback riding**, and is home to fantastic attractions as well. Get face to face with birds of prey at the **Carolina Raptor Center**, which houses one of the world's largest collections of raptors. Step back into the past at **Historic Latta Plantation**, a circa 1800 cotton plantation and living history farm complete with **historical tours**, **ghost hunts**, **gold panning** and **war reenactments**.



## Even Our Fish Have Personality

520 Miles of Shoreline, 3 Power Plants, and 32,510 Acres of Recreation make for plenty of opportunity to explore different aspects of the lake.

- National Bass Fishing Tournaments (Bassmasters, FLW)
- 10 Cool Ways to See the LAKE
- Duke Energy Explorium and interactive Lake History



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## PUT ON THE BRAKES!

Lake Norman is right in the heart of NASCAR country! Tour the pristine facilities of a racing and football legend at **Joe Gibbs Racing** and discover the only interactive race shop in the world at **Michael Waltrip Racing**, providing unlimited behind the scenes access to race fans. Get NASCAR unveiled and full throttle.



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## Get Festive!

The **Carolina Renaissance Festival**, **Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games**, **Amazing Maize Maze**, **Lake Norman Beer Festival**, **Annual Lighted Boat Parade**, **Lake Norman Wine & Food Festival**, **Asian & Dragon Boat Festival**, and **Christmas in Davidson** are just a few.



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What else makes us *different*:

- **Metrolina Greenhouses**, the **world's largest** single site greenhouse
- **2008 Olympic Sculptor Jon Hair's** amazing studio
- Our infamous **Captain Gus** on how to catch "**Normie**", the **Lake Norman Monster!**
- Tom Clark and his **Gnome Gallery**
- The **100 year old Bradford Store**, which sells only organic, locally, and regionally made products and foods, complete with their own blacksmith!

Be sure to contact us for accommodations assistance and itinerary suggestions. We welcome the opportunity to show off our towns, and love to hear any ideas you have too!!!

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