



PINEHURST *Regions* & THE SANDHILLS





a note from

GEO OWL

Whether you are an avid golfer looking to tee off on Pinehurst, love the sun and sand at nearby Wrightsville Beach or enjoy traversing new trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina has everything to offer. Geo Owl team members enjoy their time off and often explore the sights and scenes together. We enjoy theme parks like Carowinds, the occasional Hurricanes NHL game and we're very excited for the new Houston Astros baseball club coming to Fayetteville! If you're into gaming, many of our team members link up on Discord to throw down on PC, Xbox or PlayStation. Whatever you're into, Geo Owl and central North Carolina are a great pair to consider on your next adventure. Hope to see you around!

-The Geo Owl Team



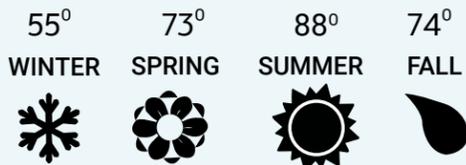
PINEHURST SANDHILLS

Here in the land of the longleaf pine lie the fabled golf courses of the Pinehurst region.

Best Known For

- Fort Bragg & Military Museums
- Uwharrie National Forest
- Home of American Golf
- Pinehurst Resort
- Equestrian Centers
- Art & Pottery Studios

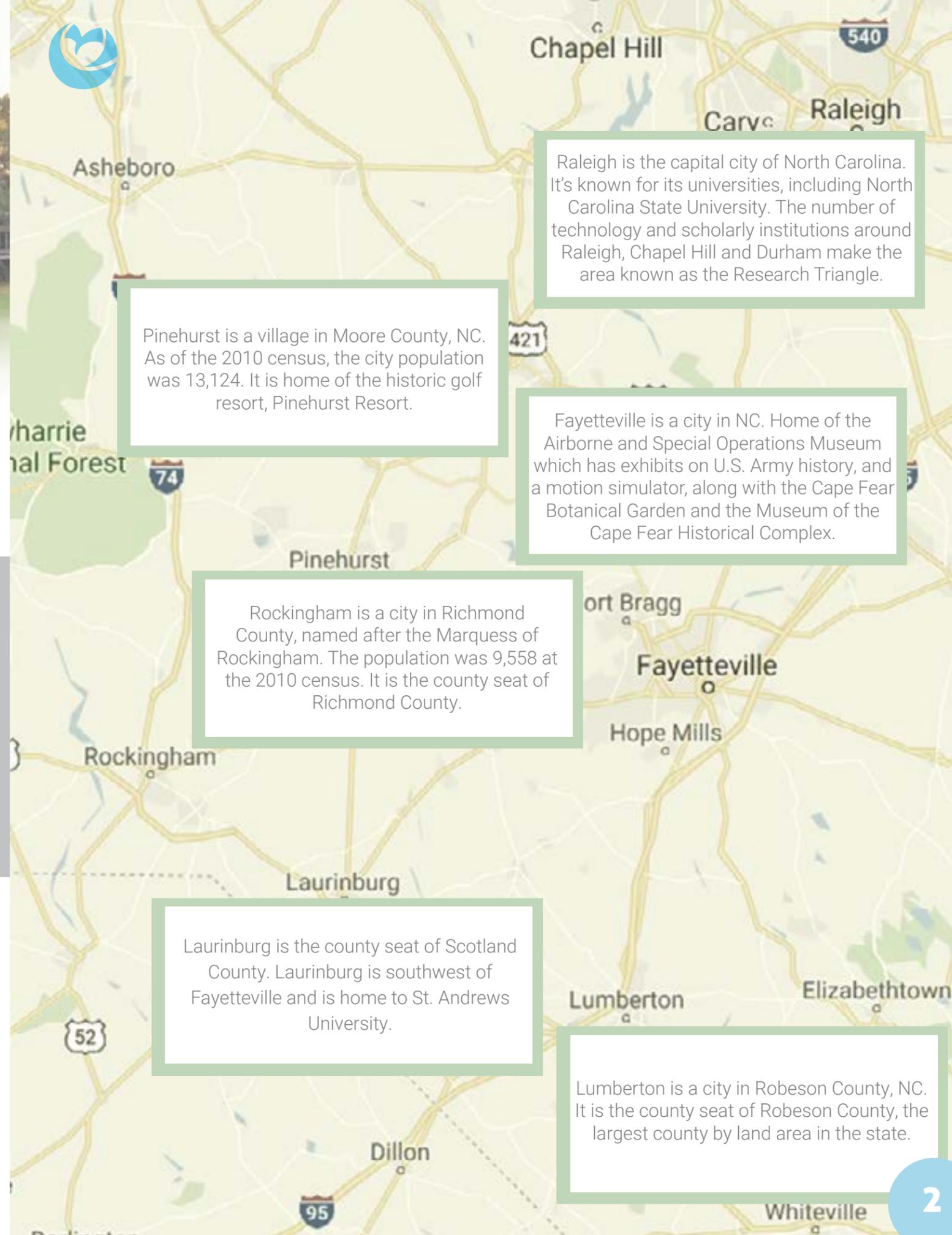
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FAYETTEVILLE

Reasons to live here

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Outdoor Recreation

Offerings include trails, playgrounds, nature centers, ballfields, biking trails, lakes, water parks and much more!



Wellness

From infrared saunas to barre workouts to flotation therapy, seeking wellness in Cumberland County has never been easier for the health-conscious person.

Family Friendly

The entire family can enjoy making lasting memories at attractions all over Cumberland County. Visitors appreciate all the opportunities here for education, recreation and entertainment—making the most of valuable family time.

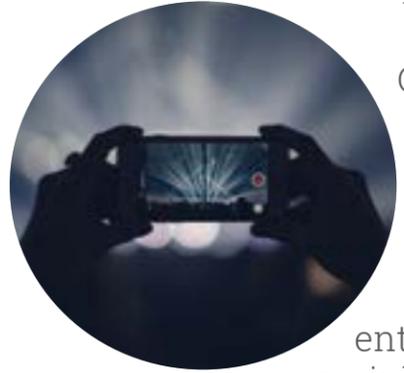


Historical Landmarks

Explore one or more of the historic sites, such as the Airborne and Special Operations Museum or Freedom Memorial Park to immerse yourself in the rich history of Cumberland County.

Agritourism

Visitors to the area may take advantage of all the seasonal things there are to do “down on the farm.” Pick your own berries, take a tour, explore a corn maze and enjoy a range of other activities at these agritourism gems.



Arts & Entertainment

The many arts and entertainment options sprinkled throughout the greater Fayetteville area provide endless hours of delightful experiences and cultural enrichment. Art galleries, concert venues and theaters are just a sample of what Cumberland County offers its visitors.



CITY FOR VETERANS

Fayetteville is located one hour from Raleigh and is home to Fort Bragg, one of the most active military installations in the country. Rich in early U.S. history, this *Top 10 City for Veterans* has attractions such as the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, more than 20 golf courses, and easy access to lakes, beaches and mountains. The city also showcases are vitalized downtown, locally owned restaurants, and neighborhoods close to shopping and entertainment.

To determine the ranking for veteran friendly cities, many factors were considered including: climate, cost of living, unemployment rate, proximity to military installations, VA hospitals, recreational opportunities, cultural amenities, best military retirement states and overall livability. Veterans were also interviewed about what attributes they desired in a city.

Home to Fort Bragg, one of the largest military complexes in the world, Fayetteville, NC, has a military history that goes all the way back to the Revolutionary War. It is considered America's First Military Sanctuary Community. Pope Air Force Base is also located near Fayetteville, and Camp Lejeune is about 106 miles away. This gives veterans three options for commissary and access to services. Health-care needs are met at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center.

Quality-of-life amenities include 20 golf courses, easy access to beaches and mountains, and a multitude of recreation and outdoor opportunities. Businesses across the city provide deep discounts to current and former members of the military. Fayetteville gets a solid mix of all four seasons.

Fort Bragg

Best Places to Live Around

Fayetteville

Commute: 10-20 minutes
Fayetteville is the largest city, has the shortest commute to base and is less than two hours from the beach. Perfect for: Families that want a short commute to work and need to be close to Ft. Bragg. Fayetteville is the most built up with shopping and other services you may need. Not ideal for: Country living and a slower pace.

Southern Pines, Aberdeen & Pinehurst

Commute: 35-45 minutes respectively
The great thing about living in any of these three areas is the 10-minute drive to the other two! Southern Pines is a charming small-town west of Fort Bragg that has a quaint downtown. Aberdeen is a smaller community with a cute downtown area just to the south. Pinehurst is 10 minutes west of the former two areas that originally started as a golfing resort and has grown into a family-friendly community with many young families and vacationers alike. Perfect for: Single service members who want a small-town feel. Golfers. Young families that want numerous activities for children. Not Ideal for: Service members and families that want to be close to Ft. Bragg with a short drive every day.



WHISPERING PINES, VASS, & CAMERON

Commute: 45 minutes

This area boasts great parks, nice golf courses and the Moore County Regional Airport. Vass, which is off U.S. 1, is smaller and known for its antiques. Cameron has great, affordable housing choices for larger families that need more space.

Perfect for: Families with school-age children, as Whispering Pines boasts some of the best schools in the area. Also, being a farther out, things are a little slower with small country stores and boutique downtowns.

Not ideal for: Those looking for lots of dining options close to home.

SPRING LAKE

Commute: 20-25 minutes

If you come out of the Honeycutt or Butner Gates on the east side of Fort Bragg and head north, you will find yourself in Spring Lake. Spring Lake is close to Ft. Bragg and Fayetteville and less than an hour to the outskirts of Raleigh.

Perfect for: Short commutes, weekend trips, and nearby lakes, parks and trails. Most noteworthy is the affordable housing with many options.

Not ideal for: Single service members looking for a vibrant night life.

RAEFORD

Commute: 30 minutes

Life is a little slower down in the agricultural community of Raeford. Families enjoy living there due its slower pace and good sized lots/plots of land. Several farms in the area have pick-your-own-produce days. Because of the light traffic, it's an easy shot straight to the Chicken Road Gate on Fort Bragg every morning!

Perfect for: Families with young kids who want ample living space and enjoy cooking their own hand-picked produce.

Not ideal for: city dwellers. Single service members, or families who eat out.



SANFORD

Commute: 45+ minutes

Sanford boasts a great location in the middle of the state. Another charming aspect about Sanford is that it's known for its abundance of Mom and Pop diners scattered throughout the town.

Perfect for: People who want to be a little bit out of the way, but still within striking distance of a metropolitan area (Raleigh) for a day trip. It has a traditional small town feel with some of the infrastructure of a bigger city, and great state parks are a short drive away!

Not ideal for: Families and service members who want to be close to Ft. Bragg.

FUQUAY-VARINA

Commute: 1 Hour

Fuquay-Varina is a nice, little community just south of Raleigh and about an hour north of Fort Bragg. The great thing about the area is the 15-minute drive to the edge of Raleigh, which allows you to hang out up there on the weekends, and still have a manageable commute to work every day.

Perfect for: Young families and single service members who want to spend a lot of time in Raleigh. Not ideal for: Those who want a short commute to work.

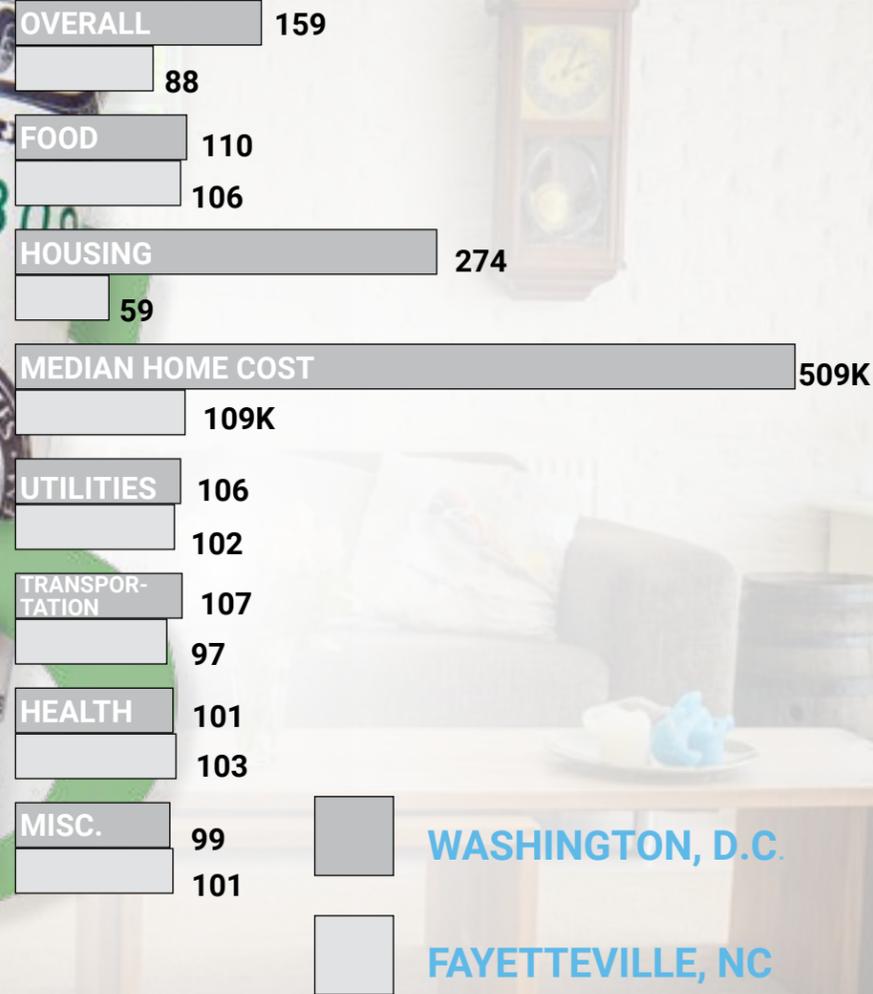
HOLLY SPRINGS

Commute: 1 Hour+

Holly Springs is essentially a suburb of Raleigh and has everything nearby you would expect out of a regular metropolitan/suburban area with great restaurants and shopping. Plus, there's a variety of parks and lakes to explore. Perfect for: Families that want to live in the suburbs and have lots of local choices. It's also great for single service members hoping to hit the city on the weekends and being able to Uber home!

Not ideal for: Families that need to be close to Ft. Bragg and service members that don't enjoy the scenic route to work.

COST OF LIVING COMPARISON



- Fayetteville is 45% cheaper than Washington, D.C.
- A salary of \$60,000 in D.C. is equal to a salary of \$33,274 in Fayetteville.
- The median home cost is 78% cheaper in Fayetteville.
- Rent prices in Fayetteville are 65.07% lower than in D.C.
- Restaurant prices in Fayetteville are 9.46% lower than in D.C.
- Groceries prices in Fayetteville are 15.71% lower than in D.C.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

FAYETTEVILLE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The mission of FYP is to create a network of young professionals in the greater Fayetteville area that fosters personal and professional development through relationship building, skill enhancement, community enrichment, and career advancement opportunities; to engage them to take ownership in the future successes of our community.

www.fayyp.org/

MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL (MAC)

Becoming a Partner with the Military Affairs Council is a tremendous opportunity for members to meet personally with leaders from Fort Bragg and Pope Army Airfield, but it also serves as a networking opportunity for our military and their families. MAC continues to participate in other programs throughout the year to provide support and assistance, such as the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Soldier, Family and Command Support Association.

We're always looking for ways to better connect the civilian and military communities. Through socials, golf outings, picnics, sporting events, networking opportunities and attending events on base, we bridge the gap and keep our lines of communication open.

www.faymac.us/

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A Guide Around,

RALEIGH

Ranked #1 Best Place to Live by Money Magazine



RALEIGH

Reasons to live here

Food in Raleigh is Top-Notch

With over 1,200 restaurants in the Raleigh area, you will always find something new to try.



Crafting Great Beer

The city of Raleigh has the largest beer garden in the world. It's more than just a city with a few great breweries, Raleigh is home to some of the best craft beer in the world.



Weather in Raleigh is a Reason to Move!

All four seasons are celebrated in Raleigh and the city is only a couple of hours from mountains and beaches so you can enjoy the best of both worlds.



The Best Place for Jobs

Raleigh is well-known for its robust job market. Additionally, the city is highly ranked in terms of work-place happiness.

Community

One of the best parts about Raleigh is that it's a city with a small-town feel.



Affordability of Homes

The homes for sale are some of the most affordable in the nation. You'll find the homes are priced fairly for the quality of life and economy. Raleigh Real Estate offers great value.



Education is Some of Best in Nation

Raleigh is ranked as the 2nd most educated city in America by Forbes. Universities like NC State University, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina are all within a short distance of Raleigh.





Raleigh NC is THE Spot for Live Music!

If you love music, Raleigh is a great place to relocate. There are several live concerts a week going on in Raleigh whether your band is playing at the RedHat or Walnut Creek Amphitheater.



Art in Raleigh

The art galleries in Raleigh are some of the best attractions in the city.

Nightlife

A product of the music and craft beer scene, Raleigh is known for its live music, fine dining, and bars. There is something for everyone!



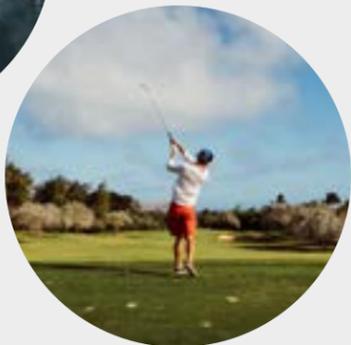
Beach

Raleigh is a short two-hour drive from the beach. Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, and The Outer Banks are some of the favorite spots.



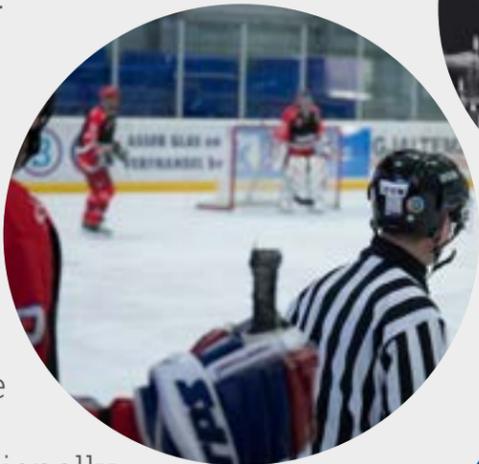
Golf

A short hour drive south is Pinehurst, NC, a city known as the "Home of Golf in the U.S." The North Carolina Golf Panel ranks the top 100 courses found in NC and the Pinehurst area has three of the top five golf courses on the list!



Sports

College sports are popular in Raleigh, particularly college basketball. NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Duke have some awesome fan bases and tailgating. Additionally, the Carolina Hurricanes are Raleigh's professional ice hockey team.



Mountains

Skiing and snowboarding are a few hours from the city of Raleigh. Sugar, Ski Beech, Winterplace, and Snowshoe are all great mountains to go hit the slopes!



COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

Washington D.C. vs. Raleigh, NC

	D.C.	RALEIGH
HOME PRICE	\$801,674.33	\$221,534.33
PAYMENT & INTEREST	\$2,850.29	\$790.42
APARTMENT RATE	\$2,091.82	\$716.89
MORTGAGE RATE	3.94%	3.97%
TOTAL ENERGY	\$162.58	\$147.80
PART. ELECTRICAL	\$81.62	\$92.53
OTHER ENERGY	\$80.95	\$55.26

