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Robertson Millpond Preserve

WHAT'S NEW

in Raleigh, N.C.

Accommodation News

NEW HOTELS

The StateView Hotel—North Carolina State University/Centennial Campus

Opened Oct. 2017, this is a 156-room Marriott Autograph Collection hotel property and full-service conference center. Driven by state-of-the-art technology and interactive spaces, this property also features an outdoor pool, restaurant and bar with 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting room space. The hotel is built on a 10-acre site overlooking Lake Raleigh at N.C. State University. The project is a joint venture between Concord Eastridge, Inc. of Arlington, Va., and Noble Investment Group of Atlanta.

Residence Inn Raleigh Downtown

This 175-room, all-suite property opened in July 2017. The hotel is steps away from the Raleigh Convention Center and the downtown business district. Relax at 10th & Terrace, bar and lounge, and indulge in a perfectly poured cocktail, fine wine or local craft beer. The Overlook restaurant features flavorful Contemporary American Fusion

small plates with N.C. accents. Two on-site, street-level restaurants also opening soon.

AC Hotel Raleigh North Hills

The new 135-room AC Hotel Raleigh North Hills opened in March 2017 in North Hills, an area just north of downtown Raleigh known for its boutique shopping, award-winning restaurants and events like the Midtown Beach Music Series. The hotel includes an energetic public space featuring Level7 rooftop bar with tapas-style bites and samplings from small batch distillers, brewers and single vineyard labels. Guests will be immersed in timeless European design in the spaces, featuring furnishings and a decor in a neutral color palette with thoughtfully-selected modern artifacts and decorative elements.

Culinary and Nightlife

Brewery Bhavana

From the creators of Bida Manda, brother and sister Vansana and Vanvisa Nolintha, Brewery Bhavana is a brewery, taproom, dim sum restaurant, library and flower shop, all in one. A gathering space welcoming people from all walks of life, backgrounds and futures to enjoy Belgian-inspired beer and lovingly-crafted food while surrounded by books and flowers. This year *Bon Appétit* magazine named Brewery Bhavana one of The Hot 10 Best New Restaurants in America.

MOFU Shoppe

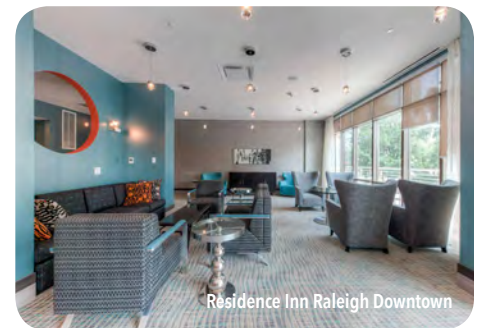
Founded by Sunny Lin and Sophia Woo of Pho Nomenal Dumpling food truck and 2015 winners of Food Network's The Great Food Truck Race. MOFU Shoppe is inspired by foods commonly eaten in several Asian countries, but with Southern influence to represent the owner's identities in a unique way.

Watts & Ward

One of the largest and newest underground speakeasies in the Southeast, at 6,000 square feet, emulates the 1920s America underground spirit. The seemingly endless cavern, with leather seating, vintage artwork, rustic tables, dim lighting and bookshelves full of history. Watts & Ward has an outdoor patio and lawn where live music and swing dancing will soon take place.

Mulino Italian Kitchen & Bar

Enjoy a gastronomic journey across the Italian culinary landscape at downtown Raleigh's Mulino. Freshly-prepared Italian plates are served alongside accessible estate vineyard wines, inspired cocktails and a culinary education of Italian cuisine in a cozy environment.



Residence Inn Raleigh Downtown



Brewery Bhavana

Culinary and Nightlife (continued)

Vidrio

A Mediterranean-inspired, two-story gathering space in the Glenwood South entertainment district. The walls of the main dining room are adorned with nearly 400 stunning, handblown glass pieces. Vidrio's small plates are great for sharing, and with more than 50 wines on tap (and 300 bottles available), N.C. beers and craft cocktails, Vidrio is also the perfect place to grab a drink.



Crawford and Son

James Beard award semifinalist Scott Crawford's neighborhood restaurant in Raleigh's fast-growing Person St. district, just north of the heart of downtown Raleigh. The Southern-influenced Crawford and Son serves a seasonal-based menu of appetizers, entrees and desserts like goat ragout, crispy catfish and sweet potato trifle.

Noteworthy Attractions

June 2017, **Men's Health** ranked Raleigh one of the "10 Most Adventurous Cities in America," citing the city's greenway system which offers more than 100 miles of trails for running, walking and biking, the city's BMX assets, horse-back riding and water sports as reasons to visit the capital city.

Transport yourself to a long-ago place and time when you visit **Robertson Millpond Preserve** in Wendell, an 85-acre refuge for nature lovers, canoeists and kayakers. The area is significant for its rich cultural and environmental history. When you look around, you'll think you are in the Great Dismal Swamp! Paddle on the millpond in non-motorized boat, explore the natural areas and fish in designated areas

With more than 160 acres of meadows, woodlands, gardens and creeks, the **Museum Park at the North Carolina Museum of Art** is the largest museum art park in the country and recently got even bigger! An expansion project bringing new contemporary gardens, a promenade connecting the park and galleries, hundreds of new trees and an elliptical lawn overlooking the park's rolling meadow opened Fall 2016.



The **Morgan Street Food Hall and Market** is a new lifestyle dining concept; not to be confused with a food court, the establishment will feature a partnering confluence of local favorite eateries and restaurants as well as food retailers. The goal is to introduce the concept of cross-meal ordering, where different meals are enjoyed in a shared seating area. With a vast expanse of over 22,000 sq.ft., Morgan Street Food Hall and Market plans on bringing something fun and new to the Downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District. Opening Winter 2018.

With constantly changing exhibits, **CAM Raleigh** in downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District explores what's current and coming in the art and design world. From May 2017-Jan. 2018 check out Los Angeles-based artist Dorian Lynde's "No Damsel" exhibit at CAM featuring a series of murals of your favorite princesses, re-imagined as 21st century urban women.

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Transportation

RDU International Airport currently averages approximately 400 arrivals and departures daily and services more than 11 million passengers annually. RDU provides service to 43 of its top 50 destinations via nonstop flights and consistently has the lowest average fare among North Carolina's commercial airports. Delta flies nonstop to Paris daily and American to London Heathrow, also daily. This year, both airlines increased the size of the aircraft on the route adding comfort and additional capacity.

Next on the list? RDU recently added non-stop flights to Kansas City, Providence and San Juan and is pursuing international expansion to include flights to China and Mexico.



Downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District will house the new **Union Station** transportation hub, which will open in 2018. This major project will accommodate longer trains and have larger platforms, amongst other improvements. As part of a 10-year strategic Wake County Transit Plan approved by voters in 2016, Union Station will not only serve Amtrak passengers, but also act as a multi-modal transit center connecting riders to other forms of transit.

The plan includes the expansion of bus service from 17 to 83 miles, including 20 miles of Bus Rapid Transit-related infrastructure improvements and will complete with the activation of 37 miles of Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) running from Garner to downtown Raleigh, N.C. State University, Cary, Morrisville and the Research Triangle Park continuing to Durham and will leverage the bus network to connect riders to RDU as well.