

Raise a Glass to *Oak City*

Your guide to the best craft breweries across Raleigh, Wake Forest, Cary, Holly Springs, Apex & beyond



Y'all — the Triangle craft beer scene is something special. Whether you're a hop-head, a stout lover, or someone who just needs a cozy spot with good vibes and maybe a food truck, we have got you covered. This is your insider's guide to the most wonderful taprooms in our neck of the woods. Grab a friend, grab a flight, and cheers to your new home. 🌸

DOWNTOWN & BEYOND

Raleigh

★ LOCAL FAVE

RALEIGH · DOWNTOWN



Brewery Bhavana

Brewery · Bookshop · Flower Shop · Restaurant

218 S. Blount St., Downtown Raleigh, NC 27601

Mon-Thu 11:30am-10pm | Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm | Sun 11:30am-9pm

A brewery, a bookshop, a flower shop, AND a full restaurant under one gorgeous roof — truly one of a kind

Stunning dim-sum-style food & world-class Belgian-inspired small-batch beers

James Beard Recognized

Belgian-Style Beers

Flower Shop Inside!

Full Restaurant

Bookshop

Whitney's Note: Bhavana is just one of those places that makes you feel like you're somewhere truly special. The flowers, the books, the food, the beer — it is absolutely dreamy. Take out-of-town guests here and watch their jaws drop. Non-negotiable. ✨

★ LOCAL FAVE

RALEIGH · MULTIPLE LOCATIONS



Trophy Brewing Co.

The People's Brewery of Downtown Raleigh

827 W. Morgan St. (Pizza) & 656 Maywood Ave. (Taproom), Raleigh

Hours vary by location — check their website for current times

80+ beer styles across two locations, including the legendary **Trophy Wife Session IPA** & Milky Way Salted Caramel Stout

Hosts an annual 5K benefiting Raleigh Pride — community through and through

Trophy Wife IPA

Salted Caramel Stout

80+ Styles on Tap

Community Focused

Pizza Location!

Whitney's Note: Trophy is woven into the fabric of downtown Raleigh. The Trophy Wife IPA is a rite of passage. Start here, love it forever. 🏆

RALEIGH



Raleigh Brewing Company

NC's First Female-Owned Brewery 🍷

📍 3709 Neil St., Raleigh, NC 27607

☀️ North Carolina's **first woman-owned brewery** — a trailblazer and a true Oak City institution

🍺 32+ taps, colorful murals, and a taproom that feels like home. Also runs Atlantic Brew Supply for homebrewers!

Woman-Owned!

32+ Taps

Community Hub

Homebrew Supply

🌸 *Whitney's Note: This place has SOUL. Supporting a woman-owned business and getting great craft beer in return? A perfect afternoon.* 💪 🌸

RALEIGH · DOWNTOWN



Crank Arm Brewing

Born from Beer & Bicycles

📍 319 W. Davie St., Downtown Raleigh, NC 27601

🕒 Mon-Tue 2-10pm | Wed-Thu 2pm-midnight | Fri-Sat noon-midnight | Sun noon-10pm

🚲 Laid-back, bike-loving culture — pull up a chair, grab a board game, order a pint. Bring your crew.

🍺 Hazy IPAs, seltzer, lagers — something approachable for every palate

Bike Culture Vibes

Hazy IPAs

Board Games

Relaxed Downtown

🌸 *Whitney's Note: The chill factor here is a 10 out of 10. No pretension, all good times. Perfect for a casual Friday night with your favorite people.* 🚲

RALEIGH



Lonerider Brewing Company

West Texas Grit, Carolina Soul

8816 Gulf Court, Raleigh, NC 27617

Top 150 brewery in the USA, distributed across 9 states — this one's for real, y'all

Shotgun Betty Hefeweizen & Hoppy Ki Yay IPA are crowd favorites. Plenty of outdoor seating.

Top 150 in USA

Shotgun Betty Hef

Hoppy Ki Yay IPA

Outdoor Seating

Whitney's Note: A true Raleigh legend. Those labels are gorgeous, the beer lives up to the hype, and they've been doing it right since 2009. 🤖

RALEIGH · NORTHEAST



Compass Rose Brewery

World Styles, Trivia Nights & Long Tables

NE Raleigh — check website for current address

Famous for a wide range of **international beer styles** — plus guest taps from other local breweries

Trivia nights are a community staple — huge taproom with long communal tables, perfect for a big group

World Beer Styles

Trivia Nights

Guest Taps

Giant Taproom

Whitney's Note: Show up for trivia night with your team and you will have the absolute best time. The communal tables make it so easy to make new friends. 🤖🍺

RALEIGH · NE



Heyday Brewing

Southern Hospitality Meets Louisiana Soul

NE Raleigh — ~15 min from downtown (check website)

Mon-Thu 3-9pm | Fri 3-10pm | Sat-Sun noon-10pm/8pm

Full kitchen! Pizzas, burgers, fish & chips, kids' menu — equal parts NC & Louisiana soul in every bite

Live music, trivia nights & a wonderfully welcoming neighborhood feel

Full Kitchen!

Vienna Lager · Sours

Live Music Nights

Kids' Menu

Neighborhood Gem

Whitney's Note: If you want a full meal WITH great beer AND live music all in one place, Heyday is your answer. That southern-Louisiana kitchen is something else. 🍷

KNIGHTDALE



Oak City Brewing

20 House Taps + Farmers Market Neighbor

616 N. First Ave., Knightdale, NC 27545

Mon-Thu 3-10pm | Fri 3-11pm | Sat noon-11pm | Sun noon-8pm

20 of their own brews on tap plus occasional guest beers — something for absolutely everyone

The Knightdale Farmers Market sets up right next door on 2nd Sundays — combine both in one outing!

20 House Taps

Knightdale Station

Sunday Farmers Market

Great Outdoor Area

Whitney's Note: Hit the Knightdale Farmers Market, walk over to Oak City for a cold one, and call that the perfect Sunday. Seriously — that combo is underrated magic. ☀️

THE HOMETOWN TAPROOM

Wake Forest

★ LOCAL FAVE

WAKE FOREST



White Street Brewing Co.

Wake Forest's First & Finest — Est. 2012

218 S. White St., Wake Forest, NC 27587

Mon-Thu 4-10pm | Fri 2pm-midnight | Sat noon-midnight | Sun noon-10pm

Housed in a lovingly restored 1930s car dealership — exposed brick, soaring beams, open brewhouse you can see right into

Darts, shuffleboard, food trucks rotating outside, wine available too — perfect community gathering spot

Award-Winning Kölsch

Scottish Ale · Belgian Blonde

1930s Car Dealership!

Shuffleboard & Darts

Food Truck Rotation

Whitney's Note: This is Wake Forest's living room — and I mean that in the best way. The building alone is worth the trip. Their Blackberry Stout (just like Granny's cobbler!) is something I dream about. ❤️ Wake Forest proud!

WAKE FOREST



Fortnight Brewing

British-Inspired, Carolina-Crafted

Wake Forest location — check website for current address

British-inspired ales brewed with American ingenuity — a truly unique niche in the Triangle beer scene

Dog-friendly! Lovely outdoor area, live music on select nights, great for a relaxed weekend afternoon

British-Style Ales

Dog Friendly

Live Music

Outdoor Patio

Whitney's Note: Fortnight is so charming and different. Their British ales are something you just don't find everywhere — a real conversation starter. Bring your pup!

SIPS IN THE SUBURBS

Cary

★ LOCAL FAVE

CARY · DOWNTOWN



Bond Brothers Beer Company

From Homebrew Competitions to Cary Icons

202 E. Cedar St., Cary, NC 27511

Mon-Thu 2-10pm | Fri-Sat noon-midnight | Sun noon-10pm

IPAs, pilsners & American wild ales on draft — plus cocktails, wines, and locally made sodas for everyone

Started as homebrew competition winners — the Bond Brothers are the real deal with a genuine underdog story

IPAs · Pilsners · Wild Ales

Cocktails & Wine Too

Downtown Cary

Homebrew Origin Story

Whitney's Note: I love a good origin story — and the Bond Brothers have one of the best. From homebrewers to one of Cary's most beloved spots. Worth every visit!

CARY



Fortnight Brewing (Cary)

British Pub Charm in the Heart of Cary

307 S. Academy St., Cary, NC 27511

Mon-Thu 2-10pm | Fri-Sat 11am-midnight | Sun 11am-8pm

Authentic British-inspired ales in a charming Cary setting — feels like a proper pub, Southern style

Dog-friendly patio, welcoming to families, rotating food trucks and regular live music events

British Ales

Dog Friendly

Food Trucks

Live Music

Whitney's Note: Two Fortnight locations means twice the fun — their Cary spot has a wonderful patio vibe, perfect for a golden-hour pint.

CARY · FARMHOUSE



Cotton House Craft Brewers

Porch Sipping at an Actual Farmhouse Taproom

- Cary, NC — farmhouse taproom setting (check website for address)
- They **grow their own hops** on the property — sit on the front porch and sip something grown right under your feet
- Try the Hoppin' Amber Ale or Park St. IPA — farm-fresh and full of character

Grow Their Own Hops!

Hoppin' Amber Ale

Farmhouse Taproom

Front Porch Vibes

Whitney's Note: A brewery that grows its own hops?! In Cary?! Yes. This little farmhouse taproom is a hidden treasure — front porch, cold beer, and actual hop vines growing nearby. Pure Southern magic.

CARY



South Line Brewing Co.

Easy-Going & Welcoming to All

- 508 Old Apex Rd., Cary, NC 27502
- Approachable, well-crafted beers in a relaxed setting — great for beer lovers and newcomers alike
- Rotating taps, outdoor seating, food-truck friendly and a genuinely laid-back crowd

Approachable Styles

Rotating Taps

Outdoor Seating

Cary Neighborhood Fave

Holly Springs

★ LOCAL FAVE

HOLLY SPRINGS



Bombshell Beer Company

NC's First & Only 100% Women-Owned Microbrewery 🌟

📍 120 Quantum St., Holly Springs, NC 27540

🕒 Mon 3-9pm | Tue-Thu 3-10pm | Fri 2-10pm | Sat noon-10pm | Sun noon-8pm

🌟 Founded by three women homebrewers reclaiming women's historic role in brewing — a story worth toasting

🌿 Beer garden for cornhole, food trucks Thu-Sat, live music on weekends, brewery tours by reservation

100% Women-Owned!

Head Over Hops IPA

Lady in Red Amber

Beer Garden

Live Music Weekends

🌸 Whitney's Note: I am SO proud this brewery exists in our area. Three women homebrewers who said "why not us?" and built something incredible. Their beer garden is the perfect summer spot. You absolutely must go. 🌟🌸

HOLLY SPRINGS



Carolina Brewing Company

NC Pioneers Since 1995

📍 140 Thomas Mill Rd., Holly Springs, NC 27540

★ One of NC's oldest craft breweries, built around their famous **Carolina Pale Ale** since 1995

🍺 IPAs, stouts, brown ale & seasonal specials — also has a location in Wendell for easy east-side access

Est. 1995 — OG!

Carolina Pale Ale

IPAs & Stouts

Wendell Location Too

🌸 Whitney's Note: These folks were making craft beer in NC before it was cool. Respect that legacy and raise a Carolina Pale Ale to the pioneers! 🍺

APEX, CLAYTON & MORE

Around the Triangle

★ LOCAL FAVE

APEX



Southern Peak Brewery

Peak Vibes in Peak Town

- Apex, NC — check website for current address
- Top-rated Apex brewery with a consistently great tap list — the community absolutely loves this one
- Dog-friendly, great outdoor space, rotating food trucks & welcoming atmosphere for all kinds of people

Top-Rated in Apex

Dog Friendly

Food Trucks

Outdoor Seating

Whitney's Note: Apex is a wonderful town and Southern Peak fits right in — approachable, friendly, and just really good beer. Perfect after a Saturday at the Apex Farmers Market!

CLAYTON



Deep River Brewing Company

Johnston County's First Legal Brewery — History in Every Sip

- Clayton, NC (Johnston County)
- The **first legal brewery in Johnston County** — uses locally grown ingredients including their famous Mango Tango Foxtrot IPA
- Relaxed taproom perfect for a warm afternoon, food trucks on-site, locally sourced ingredients throughout

Johnston County's First!

Mango Tango IPA

Locally Sourced

Food Trucks

Whitney's Note: A real piece of local history! The Mango Tango Foxtrot IPA name alone makes me smile every time. Clayton is growing fast and this brewery is part of what makes it special.

RALEIGH



Neuse River Brewing & Brasserie

Belgian Inspired · Carolina Crafted

- Raleigh, NC — check website for current address
- Motto: "Belgian inspired, Carolina crafted" — they perfect Belgian ales and IPAs with serious skill
- One of the Raleigh breweries with serious food — a brasserie-style menu that elevates the whole experience

Belgian-Style Ales

Full Brasserie Menu

Specialty IPAs

Unique in the Triangle

Whitney's Note: If you love Belgian beer styles, this is your spot. The food is genuinely impressive — this one feels like a restaurant that happens to brew exceptional beer.

RALEIGH · FIVE POINTS



Nickelpoint Brewing Co.

Innovative & Thoughtful — No Shortcuts Here

- Five Points neighborhood, Raleigh, NC
- Known for careful, innovative production — classic styles with a creative twist: Pecan Nutbrown, Blue-Blooded Blonde & Pacific Plunge IPA
- Old-world classical brews meet new-school creativity in one of Raleigh's most charming neighborhoods

Pecan Nutbrown Ale

Pacific Plunge IPA

Belgian Styles

Five Points Charm

Whitney's Note: Five Points is one of my favorite Raleigh neighborhoods, and Nickelpoint fits in perfectly. That Pecan Nutbrown is a dream — so distinctly NC.



Pro Tip: Follow the *Raleigh Beer Trail*

The official Raleigh Beer Trail map links all of Wake County's best breweries into one epic crawl — download it free at VisitRaleigh.com. With 40+ breweries in the destination, the

*fun never runs out. Cheers to your new favorite hobby,
neighbor! 🍷🌸*

🌸 House in Bloom Realty 🌸

Hours and taproom details change seasonally — always confirm with the brewery before visiting. Please drink responsibly and designate a driver! This guide is lovingly poured for our community by your House in Bloom Realty team. 🌸🍷

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