

Top 10 Freebies

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No need to break the bank

From complimentary brews to gratis grazing, these freebies will keep your social calendar full even when your bank account is empty.

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The Top 10

Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University

2001 Campus Dr, Durham, NC

Duke students can justify the cost of their annual tuition with free and unlimited visits to the Nasher.

North Carolina Botanical Garden

130 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC

It may cost UNC students 34,000 to spent the day next to this arboretum, but you can visit anytime--for free.

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area

280 State Park Rd, Apex, NC

Score free parking and admission from Labor Day until Memorial Day plus unlimited use of the gratis on-site mulch toilets.

Fearrington Village Inn

2000 Fearrington Village Ctr, Fearrington Vlg, NC

Marvel at the Oreo cows, stroll through the enchanted gardens and attend the annual festivals for the amazingly low price of free.

Pullen Park

520 Ashe Ave, Raleigh, NC

With all that money you save on the park's free admittance, you can roll it over to the carousel's ticket fees.

State Farmers' Market

1201 Agriculture St, Raleigh, NC

You could feasibly eat your weight in free samples if you were to spend the day visiting all 500-plus food vendors.

Duke University Chapel

Chapel Dr. Durham, NC

Unless you tithe when the collection plate comes around, you can experience Duke's world-renowned pipe organ recital for nothing on Sundays.

Nordstrom

6910 Fayetteville Rd, Durham, NC

You can't do it every weekend because they'll catch on, but you can totally scam free makeovers at Nordstom's cosmetic counters.

Fowler's Gourmet

112 S Duke St, Durham, NC

Granted the Triangle has the most affluent population in the southeastern U.S., but free Wi-Fi at Fowler's is still free Wi-Fi.

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

11 W Jones St, Raleigh, NC

This museum has no intentions of making money as they've completely waived all admission fees to everyone these days.

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Zely & Ritz Tapas Restaurant & Bar | Website

301 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC

An ideal spot for grabbing dinner before a night on the town, this Raleigh restaurant taps into the tapas trend.

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317 West Morgan St Ste 117, Raleigh, NC

Hip downtown eatery on the lower level of a happening condo building exudes subtly seductive ambience and liveliness, simultaneously.

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