MGSA Raleigh-Area Recommendations

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Please submit additional recommendations and reviews to MGSA.

Restaurants (sorted by price)

- Mitch's ($)
- Jasmin ($)
- Neomonde ($)
- Big Ed's ($)
- Ole Time Barbecue ($)
- Kebab and Curry ($$)
- Remedy Diner ($$)
- Fiction Kitchen ($$)
- Beasley's Chicken ($$)
- Chuck's ($$)
- La Farm ($$ for brunch, $ for pastries/coffee)
- Sushi Blues ($$)
- Sushi Thai Cary ($$)
- Tupelo Honey Cafe ($$)
- Lilly's Pizza ($$)
- The Pit Authentic Barbecue($$)
- Gonza Tacos y Tequila($$$)
- Irregardless Café ($$$)
- Sitti ($$$)
- Taverna Agora ($$$)
- Poole's Diner ($$$)
- Gravy ($$$)

Coffee Shops

- Liquid State
- Global Village
- Cup-a-Joe
- The Morning Times
- Jubala

All Things Beer

- Raleigh Brewing (trivia on Wednesday nights)

- Bond Brothers (rated 2016's #1 new brewery in America by *USA Today*)
- Trophy
- Big Boss
- Crank Arm (trivia on Tuesday nights)
- Neuse River
- Nickel Point
- Raleigh Beer Garden (Guinness World Record holder for most beers on tap)
- State of Beer (great sandwiches too!)
- Brewery Bhavana

Cocktail/Liquor/Wine Bars

- The Fox
- Green Light
- Anchor Bar
- Flash House
- Foundation
- Whiskey Kitchen
- Vita Vite
- Milk Bar

Dive Bars

- Lucky B's
- Black Flower
- The Goat
- Deep South (+ live music!)

Dancing!

- The Architect
- Lynx
- Legends
- Coglin's (80's and 90's theme)

Barcades

- Boxcar

- Level-Up

Events

- Brewgaloo (NC Craft Beer Festival)
- Krispy Kreme Challenge
- First Friday (free events & specials offered at bars, restaurants, galleries, museums downtown on the first Friday of every month)
- State Farmers' Market
- State Fair
- Triangle Veg Fest
- Food Truck Rodeo
- Restaurant Week

Movie Theaters

- Blue Ridge Cinema ($2.25 movies)
- Mission Valley Cinema (discounts with student ID)
- Regal Crossroads

Museums

- North Carolina Art Museum
- North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences
- North Carolina Museum of History
- Marbles Children's Museum (has 21-and-up events)

Performances

- Booth Amphitheater (has some inexpensive and good shows)
- NC Symphony Orchestra
- Durham Performing Arts Center
- Red Hat Amphitheater
- King's Barcade (not actually a barcade)
- Deep South

Recreation

- Umstead State Park: great hiking and biking
- Lake Johnson Park: nice trails, paved and unpaved
- Lake Wheeler: kayaking and paddle boat rentals

- Falls Lake: boating and kayaking (if you have either)
- Jaycee Park: sand volleyball pick-up games nearly every night
- Run Clubs (contact Katie Ahrens, kaahrens@ncsu.edu)
- Carolina Mudcats (minor league baseball)
- Intramurals
    - Softball: Mike Weselcouch (mweselc@ncsu.edu)
    - Flag football: Brandon Hollingsworth (bhollin@ncsu.edu)
    - Ultimate frisbee: Brandon Hollingsworth (bhollin@ncsu.edu)
    - Volleyball: Evan North (einorth@ncsu.edu)
    - Basketball: Ben Freedman (bnfreedm@ncsu.edu)

Religious Organizations

- Vintage Church
- Christ the King Presbyterian Church
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church
- Summit Church (multiple locations)
- Beth Meyer Synagogue (Conservative Judaism)
- Temple Beth Or (Reform Judaism)
- Christ Baptist Church
- Providence Baptist Church
- Colonial Baptist Church
- Brooks Avenue Church of Christ
- North Carolina Hillel