

# Top 10 Outdoor Adventures on the Carolina Thread Trail



## Paddle from Lake Wylie Dam to Landsford Canal State Park

Beat the heat by getting out on the water! Grab your personal flotation device, SUP board, kayak or canoe and get ready for a relaxing paddle down the longest free-flowing section of the Catawba River. Choose your own adventure on this section of river, with multiple put-in and take-out locations!



## See a revitalized prairie ecosystem in Cabarrus County

Just 50 minutes outside of Charlotte, Buffalo Creek Preserve Trail winds through a property protected by the Catawba Lands Conservancy, which is working to restore part of the land to a grassland habitat for native pollinators. The trail also includes a suspension bridge that makes a great photo spot for your crew. Lace up your sneakers and hit the trail!

## Mountain bike at Lake Welchel

This loop trail in Gaffney, SC offers beautiful water views while biking. Hikers are welcome on the trail as well, but if you're a mountain biker Lake Welchel is a must-ride.

## Walk, bike or run from Davidson to Cornelius

The Antiquity Greenway is a ribbon of nature connecting these two quaint towns. The greenway is well-secluded, so you feel like you are truly in nature, but it easily connects you to the towns' local shops, restaurants and historic charm.



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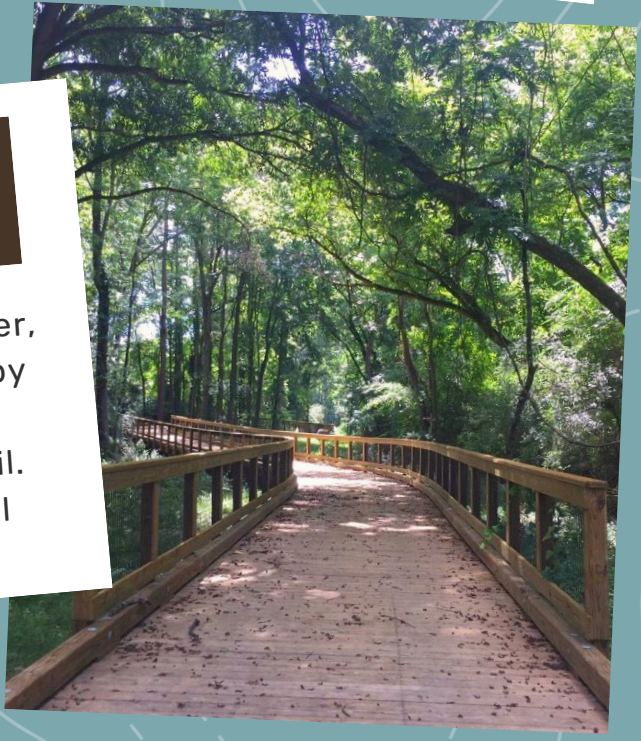


**Climb to the top of Bakers Mountain**

If you're feeling a little more adventurous, hitting the Bakers Mountain Park Trail could be for you. Offering 6 miles of trails and the highest elevation in Catawba County, you'll have gorgeous scenic views throughout your adventure.

**View local art while strolling through nature**

The Lindsay Pettus Greenway in Lancaster, SC features permanent art installations by local artists, which you can view as you stroll along the boardwalk and paved trail. Follow up your walk with a stop at a local restaurant in Lancaster.



**Experience trails and the film industry in Shelby, NC**

Shelby's First Broad River Trail and Carl Spangler Trail are an easy 1-hour drive from Charlotte. Walk the brand-new suspension bridge across the Broad River, then head into town where you can find locations where scenes from The Hunger Games were filmed. Future trail through downtown Shelby to the SC state line will create 10+ miles of contiguous trail here!



**Enjoy a picnic with river views**

The Broad River Greenway in Cleveland County boasts beautiful scenic river views. Stroll along numerous trails and take in the scenery, then stop for a picnic lunch at one of the pavilions.

**Explore downtown Kannapolis on foot**

Leave your vehicle at Bakers Creek Park and walk along the greenway into downtown Kannapolis. The NC Research Campus, minor league baseball and local shopping and dining are all within an easy walk!

**Visit the newest park in Catawba County**

Mountain Creek Park opens to the public on June 18th and will be home to a brand new segment of Thread Trail! The park is a passive recreation area, perfect for those who like to be immersed in nature while hiking or biking.



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