



## Our State ✓ CHECKLIST

# 11 SPOTS TO SEE INCREDIBLE OUTDOOR ART

Shake up your spring strolls by seeking out a masterpiece.

### WESTERN

#### ASHEVILLE

Don't be fooled by its size — within the River Arts District's two square miles, you'll find more than 165 artists and crafters at work. Make sure you take a look at the buildings themselves, too: Huge, colorful murals have turned the neighborhood into an outdoor museum.

#### BOONE

Whether you're partial to an outdoor sculpture tour, featuring Daniel Boone, Doc Watson, and Appalachian State's Yosef, among others, or you enjoy mountain-themed murals splashed across the city, Boone has a range of artistic adventures to choose from.

#### LENOIR

This charming town takes pride in its artistic culture. There's plenty to see, but we've got your first stop covered: Walk through more than 40 works on display at the Western North Carolina Sculpture Center.

#### WEST JEFFERSON

Explore downtown to see 18 striking murals that display the skills of local, regional, and national artists and help capture slices of the town's history.

### CENTRAL

#### CHARLOTTE

From South End's wall of confetti hearts to the surreal murals of NoDa to the unforgettable sculptures in Uptown — “Disco Chicken,” anyone? — Charlotte has no shortage of artistic selfie spots.

#### DURHAM

Beneath the historic Lucky Strike smokestack in the American Tobacco District are modern murals reinvigorating the remnants of a once-booming industry — many of which pay tribute to that history.

#### GREENSBORO

Bring a picnic to LeBauer Park and look up. Thirty-five miles of fibers make up the colorful *Where We Met* sculpture, which hangs above visitors and casts a magical glow over the park at night.

#### RALEIGH

Take a stroll through the sculpture garden at the North Carolina Museum of Art, or head downtown: Our capital is bursting with colorful murals around every corner. On the side of Trophy Brewing Company, check out *Morgan Street Jazz Monsters of NC*, which pays homage to iconic native musicians — and makes for a pretty great photo op.

### EASTERN

#### KINSTON

*Intersections*, the 23-foot-wide glass sculpture in Kinston Music Park downtown, is a must-see. Part of North Carolina's African-American Music Trail, the park celebrates Kinston's musical heritage through engraved song lyrics and tile mosaics depicting local musicians.

#### WILMINGTON

Marvel at sculptures in Cameron Art Museum's Art Park, then find the mural at the corner of Second and Princess streets and pose for a photo. It's the unofficial postcard for Wilmington.

#### WILSON

“Artsy Alleys” add pops of color to downtown, while Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park adds sound: In 1984, Wilson folk artist Simpson began collecting scraps of farm machinery and creating the lively sculptures that whirl and clatter and spin through the air.

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