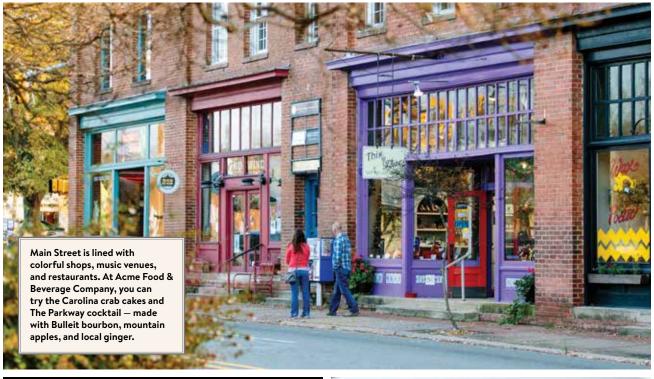


Carrboro

This funky, free-spirited town in Orange County has long been shaped by the university down the street, but these days, it stands on its own.

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t happens in the blink of an eye: You're driving down Franklin Street, when suddenly the road curves around a bend, Crook's Corner in the rearview, and spits you out in a different place entirely. Carrboro unfurls itself quickly, colorfully — a slice of small town just when you need it.

new train station. They picked a spot directly to the west, just one mile from the University of North disturb those on campus. The area known as West and academia spilled over the railroad tracks,

In 1882, Chapel Hill officials decided to build a towns share a common collegiate thread, today their personalities diverge. If Chapel Hill is your classy, argyle sweater-wearing professor, Carrboro Carolina, far enough away that the noise wouldn't is your coolest, quirkiest friend wearing a band T-shirt. Here, live music venues attract national End soon carved out its own identity as a mill town, acts and award-winning restaurants entice out-oftown foodies. Carrboro is certainly an old Southern bringing new growth. Although the neighboring town - but it's one that's just as hip as it is homey.









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Today it's home to favorite eateries, like Elmo's Diner and Venable Rotisserie $Bistro.\ But\ the\ sprawling\ red\text{-}brick$ building has a blue-collar backstory: Built in 1889, it was a textile mill for more than seven decades. When town $officials\ considered\ demolishing\ the\ mill$ in 1975, the community banded together $to\ preserve\ this\ symbol\ of\ their\ history.$



