A Taste of South Durham

The southern portion of Durham is a distinctly modern suburb in an area that also has several nature features for those fond of the outdoors. It is home to one of the nation’s top super-regional malls, The Streets at Southpoint, and several retail centers that exist symbiotically with the mall, serving both residents and travelers on Interstate 40.

They are noted for unique regional cuisine or a custom menu designed by a Durham chef.

1. **Backyard BBQ Pit**
   The Travel Channel’s “Man v. Food” hails the open pit smoked chicken and other Southern classics, but “it’s the succulent pulled-pork barbecue that really makes this family-run restaurant a hungry man’s haven.” 5122 NC Hwy 55, I-40 Exit 278, 919-544-9911; www.sweettribs.com

2. **Jamaica Jamaica**
   Noted as a “rhythmic and savory restaurant” by Atlanta Tribune: The Magazine, Jamaica Jamaica serves authentic Jamaican food such as jerk fish, jerk chicken, rice ’n beans, and yellow plantains. 4853 NC Hwy 55, Triangle Square Shopping Ctr, I-40 Exit 278, 919-544-1532; durham.citysearch.com/profile/6204018/

3. **Rise**
   As a new addition to Southern Durham, Rise has made its mark with unique and flavorful biscuits and doughnuts. Tasting Table admired their doughnuts, saying that “a chocolate-mousse version...is a worthy indulgence.” 8200 Renaissance Pkwy, Renaissance Village, I-40 Exit 276, 919-248-2992; www.risebiscuitsdonuts.com

4. **Creekstone Crossing Shopping Center**
   Cilantro Mediterranean Grill
   Lina’s Cafe & Catering
   Ping Pong Café
   Subway
   Wendy’s

5. **Shops at Imperial Corners (and nearby)**
   Arby’s
   Bojangles
   Chelsea Cafe
   Jimmy John’s
   McDonald’s McCafe
   MEZ Contemporary
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6. **The Renaissance Center at Southpoint**
   Anchored by Best Buy, Nordstrom Rack, Old Navy, Pier 1 Imports, and World Market; several restaurants in and around the center include The Melting Pot, P.F. Chang’s China Bistro, and Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse. 7001 Fayetteville Rd, I-40 Exit 276, across from The Streets at Southpoint, www.renaissancecenternc.com

7. **Renaissance Village**
   Includes SuperTarget as an anchor tenant, as well as HomeGoods, Michaels, Petco, HH Greggs, and several other restaurants and businesses. 8210 Renaissance Pkwy, Renaissance Village, I-40 Exit 276

8. **The Streets at Southpoint**
   Super-regional mall including an outdoor cityscape called Main Street and 1.3 million sq. ft. of retail space with more than 170 shops and restaurants. Features Nordstrom, Macy’s, JC Penney, Sears, Crate & Barrel, and a 16-screen cinema including IMAX. Recognized by USA Today as one of the nation’s “10 great places to spend it all in one place.” 6910 Fayetteville Rd, I-40 Exit 276, (919) 572-8800; www.thestreetsatsouthpoint.com

9. **Sutton Station**
   Restaurants, shops, boutiques, and offices meet residential lofts in this pedestrian-friendly development. 5826 Fayetteville Rd, Sutton Station, I-40 Exit 276, (919) 484-1053; www.suttonstation.com

10. **Rave Cinemas Durham Southpoint**
    Sixteen-screen, stadium-style multiplex with digital surround sound and a full IMAX Theater. 8030 Renaissance Pkwy, The Streets at Southpoint, I-40 Exit 276; www.streetsatsouthpoint.com/movies

11. **Lakeshore Golf Course**
    Located just outside Research Triangle Park, water plays a factor on this 5,829-yard course, as do doglegs and blind shots. 4621 Lumley Rd, 919-596-2401; www.lakeshoregc.com

12. **Paterson’s Mill Country Store**
    Turn-of-the-century country store and doctor’s office/pharmacy featuring displays of mercantile and pharmaceutical Americana and tobacco marketing memorabilia. 5109 Farrington Rd, between NC Hwy 54 & Old Chapel Hill Rd, 919-493-8149

13. **American Tobacco Trail**
    12 miles of trails from Downtown Durham to NC Hwy 54, then from Massey Chapel Rd to Durham/Chatham County line. Bicycling, hiking, walking, and running. Downtown Durham to NC Hwy 54, 919-560-4355; www.triangletrails.org/ATT.HTM

14. **Jordan Lake Wetlands/State Recreation Area**
    Five impoundment areas ranging from 50 to 2,000 acres providing habitats for waterfowl, including ducks and Canadian geese. Birdwatching (duck hunting, Dec-Jan). Along NC 54 and NC 751; www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/jord/main.php

15. **Piney Wood Park**
    Includes dog park, athletic field, grills, lights, picnic facilities, play grounds, restrooms, large shelters, soccer fields, water fountains, and a youth baseball field. 400 East Woodcroft Pkwy; www.ci.durham.nc.us/gis_apps/parkapp/mainmap.cfm

16. **Research Triangle Park (including jogging and pedestrian trails)**
    The world’s largest university-related research park; campus includes nearly 15 miles of walking and bicycle paths. For more information, visit www.rtp.org.

17. **The South Durham Farmers’ Market**
    Local market connecting the community with farmers and artisan food producers based within 50 miles of South Durham. Open Saturdays, check website for hours. 5410 NC Hwy 55, Greenwood Commons Shopping Ctr, I-40 Exit 278; www.southdurhamfarmersmarket.org

18. **Witherspoon Rose Culture**
    Features 2,000 rose bushes on display; shop offers a diverse selection of roses, perennials, fountains, etc. Gardens best for visiting May-Oct. Free admission. 3312 Watkins Rd; www.witherspoonrose.com

**More information available at the Durham Visitor Information Center at 101 E. Morgan St in Downtown Durham, open Mon-Fri, 8:30am–5pm, and Sat, 10am–2pm, including the Official Durham Visitors Guide, Downtown Durham Guide & Walking Tour, help from friendly visitor information specialists on things to see & do, places to stay, places to eat, and more.**