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FOR

SUMMER

A half dozen of our writers came up with lists of things to do and see in the Capital City this summer. Keep our curated list handy when you are feeling adventuresome and want a field trip for yourself, or take along the whole posse for a midweek or weekend safari. How many stops can you squeeze in in one day?

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1. GO APE ZIP LINE & TREETOP ADVENTURE

If you're looking to cut loose this summer and do something adventurous, Go Ape has just what you're looking for. With a treetop zip line course, you're bound to gain a whole new perspective of the world. Both junior and adult courses are offered, so the whole family can have a good time. For two to three hours of fun at Blue Jay Point County Park, prices range from \$38-\$58.

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2. SOLA'S POP-UP MARKETS

If you're all about local and handmade goods, then visit Sola Coffee's Pop-up Markets this summer. Grab a cup of coffee and check out a variety of handmade goods from local vendors that include artists, designers and crafters. The pop-up markets take place from 10am-2pm every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

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3. FIRST FRIDAY

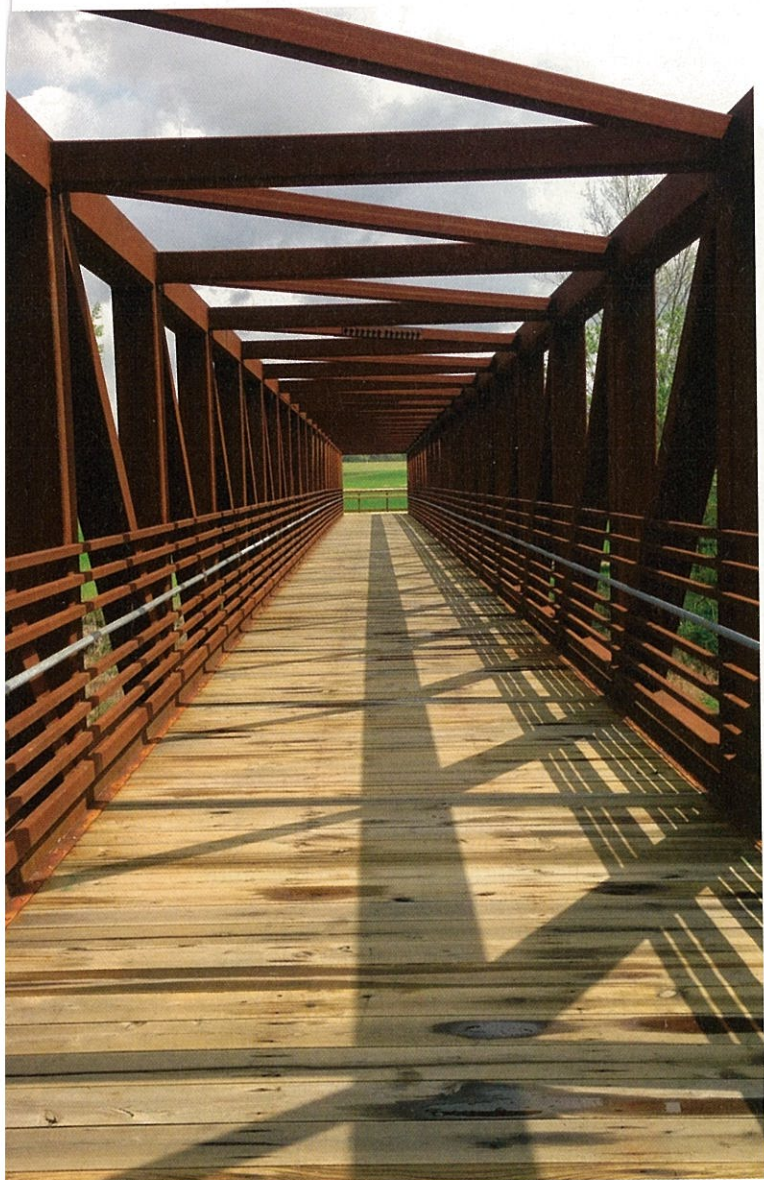
First Friday is a great way to kick off the weekend. During the first Friday of each month, art galleries and museums in the downtown area keep their doors open longer to welcome art-lovers of all kinds. From 6-9pm, visitors can pick up a map and tour the different locations and enjoy special offers by participating restaurants and retailers.

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4. NORTH HILLS BRITISH CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Want to check out some cool cars and give back to the community this summer? Look no further than the North Hills British Classic Car Show! Over 125 vintage cars will be shown at this year's 20th anniversary show. The event donates a portion of the proceeds to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC. The free show will be at North Hills on May 14th from 8:30am to 3pm.





5. WALKING GREENWAY TRAILS

If your family likes to run, walk, bike ride or be out in nature, then visiting Raleigh's greenway trails this summer is a must. With 117 different trails throughout the area, the fun can literally go on for hours. While there are many wonderful trails, the Capital Area Greenway is one of the largest in the nation.

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6. CAROLINA BALLET'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Closing out its 2015-16 season, the Carolina Ballet will be performing Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Come out to the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium May 12th-15th, and enjoy the magic and beauty brought to the stage by each magnificent ballet dancer.

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