



Jane's Walk overview

Jane's Walks are a series of free neighborhood walks and discussions that help put people in touch with their environment and with each other. All walks are given and taken for free. If you have an interest in a neighborhood where you live, work or hang out, you can lead a walk. The walks offer a personal take on the local culture, social history, and planning issues residents face. Jane's Walks work best as walking conversations.

Tips for leading a walk

- Plan a route - aim for 6 to 10 stops and try to budget an hour and a half to visit all the stops. Possible stops:
 - Green spaces; shortcuts; unusual features; reconfigured buildings, etc.
- Focus on details and stories. Do not feel the need to cover a wide territory.
- Consider involving: local residents, business people, characters and politicians during the walk.
- Have fun! Keep it light. Feel free to bring props and be theatrical.

Tips for participating in a walk

- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Check the weather and dress accordingly.
- Ask questions, offer insights, tell anecdotes. In other words, be curious and participate.
- Get in close. In order to hear the walk leaders and speakers, stand close.
- Explore a neighborhood you know well and explore a neighborhood that's new to you.
- Have fun! These walks are meant to be casual and organic. Do what makes you comfortable.

Where to go, whom to contact, resources

- Where to go: visit janeswalk.org and type "Charlotte, NC" in the city search bar. You'll see information on walks planned in Charlotte. Sign up to take a walk, or even to lead one.
- To research neighborhood history:
 - Special Collections at UNCC Atkins Library; Charlotte Neighborhood Guide at Atkins Library: <http://guides.library.uncc.edu/content.php?pid=493895&sid=4056010>;
 - Carolina Room at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: <http://www.cmlibrary.org/locations/maincarolina.asp>
 - Monika Rhue, Director of Library Services at Johnson C Smith University: mrhue@jcsu.edu
 - Neighborhood Quality of Life Dashboard and How to Use it: <http://ui.uncc.edu/story/quality-life-neighborhood-charlotte-mecklenburg-lookup>

Need help with the website? Have a few questions? Feel free to reach out to Selena Skorman at sskorman@uncc.edu or (704) 687-5110.