

A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown

A visit to Belmont almost always includes a relaxing stop in beautiful **Stowe Park**, site of many annual festivals and outdoor concerts. The park is also home to the famous eight-foot, zinc World War II sculpture “**The Spirit of the Fighting Yank.**”



Walking north of **Stowe Park's** sparkling fountain – which is lit in brilliant colors at night – you can discover great places to eat just across the

street: **Sammy's Neighborhood Pub** and **Old Stone Steakhouse**. Old Stone is located in the former Belmont police department and jail.

Also sharing the former police space, **The Jailhouse** boasts a whiskey and cigar bar featuring extensive options for guests.

You'll begin to smell the coffee as you continue walking north toward **The Everyday Market**. Grab a delicious made-from-scratch treat during your visit to this community café.

Next door, note the location of **William Henry Salon & Spa**, where you can be pampered all day or just get your hair cut.

Belmont embraces the trains that cross Main Street. You'll often find spectators watching the train zoom on by throughout the day.

And the city's former **Belmont Depot**? It still retains its historic charm as the home to **South Main Cycles**. If you're a bicycle buff – beginner or professional – you'll want to take a quick detour to this local

shop. Wednesday through Saturday from 5 p.m. until late, the shop's restaurant and bar, **Station**, offers beer, wine, cider, soda and great pub food after a long ride or just a long day.

The Stowe Mercantile building is just a few doors down. This former site to Belmont General Store is now **Catawba River Outfitters**, meeting all of your outdoor adventure needs.

Have a sweet tooth? Be sure to visit **Cotton Candy Factory** where you can spin your own cotton candy! There are plenty of sweet treats for everyone.

For a delicious breakfast or lunch, **Cherubs Café** is the place to be. You will see angels hard at work.

Don't forget to check out **Bliss Gallery**, an art gallery featuring local artists as well as the talents of Holy Angels residents.

Gigi's Boutique and Fine Consignment is the perfect way to add some flair to your closet. They offer consigned and new clothing for women and girls.

At the corner of Main and Catawba, discover **Nellie's Southern Kitchen**, a locally sourced, fresh-ingredient southern restaurant inspired by grandmother and matriarch Nellie of the famed Jonas Brothers family.

Just behind Nellie's, on Glenway Street, grow your artistic abilities at **AR Workshop**. This charming boutique workshop hosts daily events for all skill levels.

Across Main Street, discover boutique gifts and eats at **Belmont's Specialty Foods**. They have a wide variety of foods: pastas, seasonal babkas, oils, cheeses, local and international foods. Stop in to see this quaint, one-of-a-kind store. And while there, venture to **Mugshots Coffee & Tea** where you can enjoy a cup of deliciousness.

Nearby, **Jolie Boutique** can help fit any wardrobe with the finest in women's clothing.



Sitting in a former U.S. Post Office is our beautiful **Belmont City Hall**, which holds a special place in the history of our town. The Mayor lights the city's Christmas tree during a ceremony on its steps each December, and we sing Christmas carols and sip hot cider with friends and neighbors.

Pause for a moment on the corner by our town clock — across the street, by **Nellie's** — and read about our **Belmont Historical Society's Cultural Learning Center**, just a block to your right on Catawba Street. It's open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. In one of Belmont's oldest homes, the center is filled with Belmont history.

Also along Catawba Street, **Jekyll & Hyde Tap-house and Grill** offers an inviting steampunk environment coupled with delicious eats and beers brewed on site.

Crossing Catawba Street and continuing north on Main, find the well-known **String Bean**, a delicious place for lunch or dinner. Be sure to check out the multi-year award-winning wine and beer selection.

And around the corner, take in the delicious dining of **The Lodge Tavern & Tap**. The meaty menu specializes in venison, duck and buffalo aside an extensive craft beer selection.

Continue on Main Street to the new **Magnolia & Vine** for beautiful home goods and **Piccolo Antique Mall** with more than 20,000 square feet packed with unique antiques, art, gifts and fascinating products.

At the end of the block, be sure to visit **Surprise Me** with their wide variety of unique gifts.

Want a snack as you continue perusing the streets

of Belmont? Just across East Woodrow Avenue, say hello to the folks at **Tastebuds Popcorn** and choose from more than 200 flavors of tasty popcorn treats.

That's the short tour of Historic Downtown Belmont Main Street.

A 10-minute drive south on Main Street (turn left at New Hope Road) and you'll be at our world-class **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden** with its five-story orchid conservatory and hundreds of acres of gardens and fountains.



Less than a mile north on Main Street is the campus of **Belmont Abbey College**, with a Benedictine monastery and the 115-year-old Abbey Basilica.

And along the banks of the Catawba River, find **Kevin Loftin Riverfront Park** with picnic shelters, a playground, a walkout dock and dock swings for watching kayakers or teams from Belmont Rowing. A little farther south on the river, discover North Carolina's first rum distillery, **Muddy River** with rum concoctions such as spiced, coconut and basil plus Queen Charlotte's Reserve.

