

## CHARLOTTE UPTOWN

### MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC 5k WALK Y1434

**Walk Registration:** Is through the on-line start box (OSB) system

**START POINT:** Target Parking Deck  
Level 1, 900 Metropolitan Avenue,  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
35.2146, -80.8342

#### **Driving Directions to Start Point:**

**From north:** Take I-77 exit 9B (I-277 Outer/US 74 E/John Belk Fwy) Continue onto I-277 N/US-74 E. Take exit 2A for Kenilworth Ave. staying right at fork. At light continue straight across onto Charlottetowne Ave. Turn left at Metropolitan Ave. Entrance to the Parking Deck is on the right across from Wendy's

**From west:** Take I-85 to Exit 34 to Freedom Dr. Turn RIGHT onto Freedom Drive. In approximately 3 miles, Freedom Dr turns slightly and becomes S Clarkson St. Turn left to merge onto I-277 N/US-74 E Take exit 2A for Kenilworth Ave. staying right at fork. At light continue straight across onto Charlottetowne Ave. Turn left at Metropolitan Ave. Entrance to the Parking Deck is on the right across from Wendy's

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*POI: Next to the sculpture on the corner, there is a plaque in the sidewalk that describes the "Sculptures at Independence Square". This is The Square, the historical origin point of Charlotte.*
- 6. RIGHT** on N Tryon St a short distance, entering the first door of the first building – The Bank of America (BOA) Building
- 7. LEFT** through the BOA lobby,  
*POI: The three panels in the lobby are by renowned North Carolina fresco artist Ben Long.*

- 8. RIGHT** at the Visitor registration desk
- 9. Straight ahead** into Founder’s Hall. At the BOA Store, take the escalator up to the next level. **RIGHT** into the Skywalk to Bank of America Plaza (next to Caribou Coffee). You are now entering the Overstreet Mall. After going down 2 sets of stairs, continue past Starbucks, towards the “Beehive” store, heading through the Overstreet Mall towards the Truist center, past shops and restaurants. At end of the corridor, go through a set of glass doors to a parking deck, keeping to the left side. **LEFT** through another set of doors to Two Wells Fargo. Go down the escalator to the Atrium, turn **RIGHT** and exit through the revolving doors, crossing the plaza to the sidewalk.

(Note: If Founder’s Hall and the Overstreet Mall are closed, continue on N Tryon St. Right on E 5<sup>th</sup> St. Right on N College St for 3 blocks. Left on E 3<sup>rd</sup> St for 3 blocks and continue with #12)

- 10. RIGHT** onto sidewalk (S Tryon St)
- 11. RIGHT** on E 3<sup>rd</sup> St for 4 blocks
- 12. LEFT** on S Caldwell St for 2 blocks.
- 13. RIGHT** on E Trade St
- 14. CONTINUE** on E Trade St. for about 5 blocks Just after passing under a bridge, turn **RIGHT** into a small parking lot  
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10. **RIGHT** onto sidewalk (S Tryon St)
11. **RIGHT** on E 3<sup>rd</sup> St
12. **RIGHT** on S College St for 1 1/2 blocks.
13. **RIGHT** into The Green (at stack of bronze books). Continue 1 block through The Green to S Tryon St. Cross S Tryon St at the crosswalk to the shiny statue "Firebird" (It is traditional to take your picture here)  
*POI: The Green is a park with a reading theme. The orange building behind Firebird is the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art. Directly behind that is the Knight Theater, one of Charlotte's performing arts venues.*
14. **LEFT** across Levine Avenue of the Arts, passing in front of the Mint Museum Uptown.
15. **RIGHT** into the walkway between the buildings (just past the Mint Museum) and continue 1 block to S Church St (Passing a Wells Fargo ATM)
16. **RIGHT** on S Church St
17. **LEFT** on Levine Avenue of the Arts to S Mint St. **Cross** S Mint St
18. **LEFT** on S Mint St and cross S Graham St to the Bank of America Stadium  
*POI: Bank of America Stadium is where the Carolina Panthers NFL team plays*  
**LEFT** at Team Store and proceed along walkway. Continue on walkway around the stadium. At set of Panthers statues, turn around and retrace your steps to the intersection of S. Mint St and S Graham St/W Stonewall St. Cross S Graham St and continue ahead along S Mint St
19. **LEFT** on W Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
*POI: Truist Field is the home of the Charlotte Knights, a Triple A minor league baseball team, affiliated with the Chicago White Sox of the American League.*
20. **RIGHT** on S Graham St (Notice murals showing history of baseball stadiums in Charlotte.)
21. **RIGHT** on W 4<sup>th</sup> St
22. **RIGHT** on S Mint St
23. **LEFT** on W 3<sup>rd</sup> St (Best skyline view here)
24. **RIGHT** at S Poplar St onto concrete path into the park (Restrooms available)  
Follow the pathway through the park bearing left past the rocks/waterfalls. After the

rocks/falls, take a **LEFT** up the stairs, and then **RIGHT**, curving around past a white columned pergola. At the end of the pergola, **RIGHT** to exit the park

*POI: This is Romare Bearden Park. Romare Bearden (1911 – 1988) was a Charlotte born American artist and writer who depicted African-American life. His work can be seen in the Harvey B Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture in Charlotte.*

25. **CROSS** the street (S Church St – no sign) **Straight ahead** into Brevard Court (between the French Quarter restaurant and the Valhalla pub and eatery) Continue through to the Latta Arcade (NOTE: If the Latta Arcade is closed, retrace your steps back to the entrance to Brevard Court, and turn **RIGHT** on S Church St, then **RIGHT** on W 4<sup>th</sup> St, then **LEFT** on S Tryon St – and you are back on the route.)  
*POI: Cotton mills were a large part of Charlotte's growth, and Brevard Court was an open air trading post for cotton and textiles to be traded from the local mills. The **Latta Arcade** was built in 1914 to include a two floor atrium. The glass skylight over the atrium was originally used to allow natural light for grading and assessing the quality of the cotton. It was designed by architect William H. Peeps. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Both now house a variety of retail and eating and drinking establishments.)*

26. **LEFT** on S Tryon St for 3½ blocks, crossing 5<sup>th</sup> St

27. **LEFT** on W 5<sup>th</sup> St for 1 block. Cross N Church St and continue a short distance to steps on right

28. **RIGHT** up steps into Settler's Cemetery.

29. **RIGHT** on brick path through cemetery, ignoring paths on right and left, exiting down steps to N Poplar St

*POI: **Old Settlers' Cemetery** was the first municipal burial ground in Charlotte and contains the graves of many early settlers, with gravesites dating from 1776 through 1884, including Thomas Polk, Charlotte founding father and great-uncle of United States President James K. Polk. Just across 5th St is First Presbyterian Church, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.)*

30. **RIGHT** at bottom of steps. Cross W 6<sup>th</sup> St and N Poplar St and enter the Fourth Ward Park, bearing right around the fountain. Follow brick path on right through the park, passing a small playground on right. Just before reaching the street, bear left to rock lined fountain (fountain is at ground level and is not always bubbling)

31. **LEFT** through brick columns onto brick walkway

32. **RIGHT** at the corner of W 7<sup>th</sup> St and N Pine St. Continue for ½ block and then

33. **RIGHT** into parking lot, and continue ahead through parking lot to traffic circle/cul-de-sac

34. **RIGHT** at end of street (traffic circle/cul-de-sac) for 1 block

35. **LEFT** at next street (N Pine St) (across from park entrance) for 1 block

- 36. RIGHT** on W 9<sup>th</sup> St, and continue for 1 block  
*POI: You're walking through the Fourth Ward Historic District. In the 1850's, Fourth Ward was a prosperous residential area, but declined as development shifted to the suburbs in the late nineteenth century. By the 1970's, many of Fourth Ward's Victorian homes had been demolished or converted to boarding houses and offices. Through the combined efforts of civic and community leaders, Fourth Ward underwent a dramatic revitalization in the 1970's and 1980's. It has been said that the house at corner of W 9th St and N Poplar St was a bordello.*
- 37. RIGHT** after rock lined fountain onto N Poplar St (fountain is at ground level and is not always gurgling)
- 38. LEFT** on W 8<sup>th</sup> St (at STOP All Way sign) Continue ahead on brick walkway. **CROSS** N Church St, and in about 1/2 block, turn
- 39. RIGHT** into courtyard, just before green awning. Continue straight through the courtyard
- 40. LEFT** on W 7<sup>th</sup> St. Continue for 2 1/2 blocks, crossing N College St and continuing to light rail tracks
- 41. RIGHT**, just after the Market at 7<sup>th</sup> Street, along walkway following light rail tracks for 2 blocks  
*POI: The Market at 7<sup>th</sup> St has several places to get something to eat or drink (Restrooms at back)*
- 42. CROSS 5<sup>th</sup> and LEFT** on 5<sup>th</sup>  
*POI: On your right is Spectrum Center – home of the Charlotte Hornets NBA team*
- 43. Follow** street around to the **RIGHT** as it becomes N Caldwell St

- 44. LEFT on E Trade St,**
- 45. CROSS** to other side of street at N Caldwell St
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