

IEEE IUS 2026

International Ultrasonics Symposium

October 4–8, 2026 • Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

Welcome to the Research Triangle! Beyond the technical program, the Raleigh–Durham–Chapel Hill area offers world-class museums, performing arts, college sports, breweries, and some of the best outdoor recreation in the Southeast. The list below is a starting point for exploring during your stay.

All travel times are approximate driving times from the Raleigh Convention Center (500 S. Salisbury St.). A handful of venues are an easy walk from the conference — these are marked “walkable.” Tap any venue name to open its website.

Walkable from the Convention Center

Short on time between sessions? These are all within a comfortable walk of the venue:

[Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts](#) — Downtown performing-arts complex (formerly the Duke Energy Center) with four halls, home to the NC Symphony, Carolina Ballet, NC Opera, and NC Theatre. *(walkable, ~10 min)*

[North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences](#) — The largest natural-history museum in the Southeast — free admission, four floors of exhibits. *(walkable, ~12 min)*

[North Carolina Museum of History](#) — State history museum on the downtown mall — free admission. *(walkable, ~12 min)*

[Brewery Bhavana](#) — Acclaimed brewery, dim sum restaurant, bookstore, and flower shop under one roof. *(walkable, ~15 min)*

[Glenwood South](#) — Downtown’s liveliest restaurant and nightlife district. *(walkable, ~15 min)*

Arts & Cultural Events

[North Carolina Museum of Art](#) — Free-admission art museum with a renowned permanent collection and a 164-acre outdoor art park with walking trails. *(~10 min)*

[North Carolina Symphony — Meymandi Concert Hall](#) — The state symphony, performing in Meymandi Concert Hall inside the downtown Performing Arts complex. *(walkable, ~10 min)*

[Carolina Ballet](#) — Professional ballet company performing downtown at the Performing Arts complex. *(walkable, ~10 min)*

[Nasher Museum of Art](#) — Duke University’s modern and contemporary art museum in Durham. *(~30 min)*

[DPAC — Durham Performing Arts Center](#) — One of the busiest theaters in the country — touring Broadway, concerts, and comedy. *(~30 min)*

[Carolina Theatre of Durham](#) — Historic 1926 theater showing independent films and live performances. *(~30 min)*

[Duke Arts \(formerly Duke Performances\)](#) — Duke’s presenter of music, dance, and theater across campus venues in Durham. *(~30 min)*

[Ackland Art Museum](#) — UNC–Chapel Hill’s art museum, free admission, with a collection of roughly 19,000 works. *(~35 min)*

[Carolina Performing Arts \(UNC–Chapel Hill\)](#) — UNC’s acclaimed presenting series at Memorial Hall in Chapel Hill. *(~35 min)*

Sporting Events

[NC State Wolfpack](#) — ACC athletics adjacent to downtown Raleigh; the football season is in full swing in early October. (*~10–15 min*)

[Duke Blue Devils](#) — ACC athletics in Durham — football, soccer, and more during conference week. (*~30 min*)

[UNC Tar Heels](#) — ACC athletics in Chapel Hill. (*~35 min*)

[Durham Bulls](#) — The famous Triple-A ballclub. Note: the baseball season ends in late September, so no games during the symposium — but the American Tobacco Campus around the ballpark is still a great visit. (*~30 min*)

Outdoors, Golf & Recreation

[JC Raulston Arboretum](#) — A 10-acre NC State teaching garden, free and open daily — lovely in October. (*~10 min*)

[Lonnie Poole Golf Course](#) — Arnold Palmer–designed course on NC State’s Centennial Campus, open to the public. (*~10 min*)

[Topgolf Raleigh](#) — Climate-controlled driving-range bays, food, and drinks — a fun group outing. (*~15 min*)

[Sarah P. Duke Gardens](#) — 55 acres of landscaped and woodland gardens at Duke in Durham, free admission. (*~30 min*)

[William B. Umstead State Park](#) — 5,600 acres of forest, lakes, and trails for hiking and biking between Raleigh and Durham. (*~20 min*)

[American Tobacco Trail](#) — A 22-mile paved rail-trail for walking, running, and cycling. (*trailheads ~20–30 min*)

[Cary Tennis Park](#) — A large public tennis complex in nearby Cary. (*~20 min*)

[UNC Finley Golf Course](#) — Tom Fazio–designed university course in Chapel Hill. (*~35 min*)

Food, Breweries & Nightlife

[Trophy Brewing Co.](#) — Beloved local brewery known for its beer and pizza, with several Raleigh locations. (*~5–10 min*)

[Trolley Pub Raleigh](#) — A pedal-powered group “bar bike” tour through downtown — popular for groups. (*downtown*)

[The Raleigh Beer Garden](#) — Holds a Guinness World Record for the most draft beers at one bar. (*~10 min*)

[Kings Dining & Entertainment \(North Hills\)](#) — Bowling, billiards, and dining at the North Hills shopping district. (*~15 min*)

[Angus Barn](#) — An iconic North Carolina steakhouse in a rustic barn, a local institution since 1960. (*~20 min*)

Day Trips & Weekend Excursions

The mountains and the coast are each 3–4 hours away — best planned as a full day or an overnight before or after the symposium rather than an evening outing.

[Pinehurst Resort](#) — Historic golf village and resort, home of the famed Pinehurst No. 2 course. (*~1 hr 15 min*)

[Wrightsville Beach](#) — A classic Atlantic beach town just outside Wilmington. (*~2 hr*)

[Grandfather Mountain](#) — A Blue Ridge nature preserve famous for its Mile High Swinging Bridge and animal habitats. (*~3 hr 30 min*)

[Asheville](#) — A vibrant mountain city known for its arts, food, and craft-beer scene. (*~3 hr 30 min–4 hr*)

Biltmore Estate (Asheville) — America's largest private home, with grand gardens and a winery. (~3 hr 30 min–4 hr)

Outer Banks — Barrier-island beaches, historic lighthouses, and the Wright Brothers National Memorial. (~3 hr 30 min–4 hr)

Great Smoky Mountains National Park — The most-visited national park in the U.S., with peak fall color in October. (~4 hr)

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