



2025 NPSMA Conference Attendee Reference Sheet

[Conference Program](#) [Participant List](#)

Transportation from RDU Airport to the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel (421 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601)

IMPORTANT: THERE IS NO HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE

The best and most reliable transportation options are:

- **Rideshare (Recommended):** Uber and Lyft are widely available at RDU. Follow airport signs to the designated Rideshare pick-up area.
- **Taxi:** Taxis are also readily available outside of baggage claim.
- **Cost & Time Estimate:** The ride is approximately 20-25 minutes and costs roughly \$25-\$35 depending on time of day and surge pricing.

Parking

The [Blount Street Parking Deck](#) (314 Blount St) offers 2-hour free parking and is a .2 mile walk to the Sheraton

Registration

Outside of Governor's Room

November 5th 5:00-7:00

November 6th 8:00-9:00

Networking Opportunities

November 5th: Welcome Evening Reception, 5:00-7:00

November 6th: Dinner at Whiskey Kitchen, 6:00

November 7th: Evening Networking and Awards Reception, 5:00-6:30

Getting Around Downtown Raleigh

- **Walkability:** Downtown Raleigh is a great location and highly walkable - and many of the city's best restaurants, museums, and shops are just a short stroll away.
- **Local Rideshare:** For destinations outside of downtown (like some of the other popular Raleigh areas, or RDU for departure), Uber and Lyft are readily available.

Walkable Destinations from the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel

The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel is centrally located, making many of downtown's best spots easily accessible on foot.

Culture and Attractions (Less than a 15-minute walk)

- **North Carolina State Capitol Building:** (Approx. 5-minute walk) A beautiful and historic landmark of Greek Revival architecture.
- **Museums (Free Admission!):** (Approx. 8-12 minute walk) Raleigh boasts two major state museums right next to each other:
 - **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences:** The largest natural history museum in the Southeast.
 - **North Carolina Museum of History:** Learn about the state's rich past.
- **Moore Square & Nash Square:** Historic downtown parks perfect for a quick break or people-watching.

Dining and Socializing

- **Fayetteville Street:** (1-5 minute walk) The hotel is right off this main downtown thoroughfare, which is lined with restaurants, bars, and local businesses. Look for spots like:
 - Jimmy V's Osteria + Bar (Located in the hotel/right next door)
 - Rye Bar & Southern Kitchen
 - Gravy
 - Sitti
 - Whiskey Kitchen
- **Craft Beer & Drinks:**
 - The Raleigh Times Bar: A unique bar and restaurant in a historic newspaper building.
 - Haymaker
 - Sir Walter Coffee & Kitchen

Shopping and Unique Finds

- **City Market:** (Approx. 10-15 minute walk) A historic open-air market with local shops and dining.
- **Unique Local Shops:** Wander down the side streets off Fayetteville to discover local boutiques, coffee shops, and more.

Other Dining Options

Restaurants below are dinner options on Wednesday-Friday. All are within a 10 minute drive to the hotel and some are walking distance.

*.5 miles or less

NC State Staples

- [Mitch's Tavern](#)
- [Players Retreat](#)
- [Sammy's Tap & Grill](#)
- [Amedeo's Italian Restaurant](#)

American

- [Wye Hill](#)
- [Whiskey Kitchen*](#)
- [Parkside*](#)
- [Beasley's Chicken + Honey*](#)
- [Trophy Brewing & Pizza](#)
- [Standard Beer + Food](#)
- [Bad Daddy's Burger Bar](#)
- [Gussie's](#)
- [State of Beer](#)

Vegan/Vegetarian Friendly

- [Irregardless Cafe](#)

Tapas

- [Barcelona Wine Bar](#)
- [Madre](#)

International Cuisine

- [Five Star](#)
- [Brewery Bhavana*](#)
- [La Terazza](#)
- [Taverna Agora](#)

Food Halls

- [Morgan Street Food Hall](#)
- [Transfer Co. Food Hall*](#)

Drink Options

Beer & Wine

- [Riparian Provision Co.](#)
- [Vault Craft Beer](#)
- [Vita Vite*](#)

Breweries

- [Trophy Brewing & Taproom](#)
- [Crank Arm Brewing](#)
- [Incendiary Brewing](#)

Cocktails

- [Libations 317](#) -

- [Dram & Draught](#)
- [William & Co.](#)
- [The Haymaker*](#)
- [Wolfe & Porter](#)

Sightseeing

- [Dorothea Dix Park](#) is Raleigh's largest park. The 308-acre site blends historic architecture and rich landscapes into a unique destination in the heart of Raleigh.
 - [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#). The centerpiece of the 174-acre park is Historic Yates Mill, which is the last operable water-powered gristmill in Wake County. The Mill and the property surrounding it were purchased in 1963 by NC State University.
 - [North Carolina Museum of Art](#) features over 40 galleries as well as more than a dozen major works of art in the nation's largest museum park with 164-acres.
 - [Pullen Park](#) is the first public park in North Carolina, the 5th oldest operating amusement park in the US, and the 16th oldest in the world.
 - Self-Guided tour of NC State | Stop by the [Joyner Visitor Center](#) to pick up information about a self-guided tour. Self-guided campus tours are accompanied by a video playlist featuring current students. The video playlist and self-guided tour highlight our well-known student spaces on NC State's Main Campus including Talley Student Union, Wellness & Recreation, and Hill Library.
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