

Directions To/From Catawba Science Center

243 3rd Avenue NE • Hickory, NC 28603 • (828) 322 8169

From Highway 321

Northbound (From Gastonia/Lincolnton): Take a right between McDonalds and Ham's Restaurants onto 2nd Ave NW. Go through 9 lights. (This road becomes a one-way street through downtown Hickory). After the 9th light you will cross over a five-lane intersection (Hwy 127 / 2nd St NE). Go one block and turn left at yellow caution light onto 3rd St NE. At the next light you will see the SALT Block on your left.

Southbound (From Granite Falls/Lenoir/Boone): After crossing Catawba River Bridge continue on 321 for app 1.5 miles. Take a left between McDonalds and Ham's Restaurants onto 2nd Ave NW. Go through 9 lights. (This road becomes a one-way street through downtown Hickory). After the 9th light you will cross over a five-lane intersection (Hwy 127 / 2nd St NE). Go one block and turn left at yellow caution light onto 3rd St NE. At the next light you will see the SALT Block on your left.

From I-40

Westbound: Take exit 125 and turn right off exit ramp. Go through 5 traffic lights.

Eastbound: Take exit 125 and turn left off exit ramp go through 6 traffic lights.

After crossing four-way intersection with Tate Boulevard/ 1st Ave. SE, travel 4/10 mile, cross Highland Ave., go under the railroad bridge and immediately get into left turn lane. Turn left at stoplight onto 7th Ave. NE. Go one block, turn left at light onto Main Ave. NE (8th St. NE) (Lenoir-Rhyne University campus will be on the right). Get into the right lane (becomes right turn only) and proceed 3/10 of a mile, bear right onto 3rd Ave. NE. Follow directional signs to the Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley building, 2/10 of a mile on the right. Parking is available in the South Lot (enter from 3rd Ave NE) and the North Lot (center of the SALT Block, enter from 3rd St. NE) Catawba Science Center's planetarium/aquarium building is located between the Arts & Science Center and the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library on the SALT Block. Additional parking is available on the streets surrounding the SALT Block.

To 321 from Catawba Science Center

From North parking lot: Turn right on 3rd St. NE, and then right on 3rd Ave. NE.

From South parking lot: Take right onto 3rd Ave. NE.

Go straight at light; then through 7 traffic lights, approximately 4 miles. You will cross railroad tracks and Arby's will be on your left, if going 321 North towards Lenoir turn right. If going 321 South towards Lincolnton/Gastonia, turn left.

To I-40 from Catawba Science Center

From North parking lot: Turn right on 3rd St. NE, and then right on 3rd Ave. NE.

From South parking lot: Take right onto 3rd Ave. NE.

Turn left at traffic light (127), go through 3 traffic lights and at next traffic light, turn left onto 2nd Avenue SE. (One-way street) take right onto Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd, and continue ½ mile to I-40 East or West.

To Glenn Hilton Park from Catawba Science Center

From North parking lot: Turn right on 3rd St. NE, and then right on 3rd Ave. NE.

From South parking lot: Take right onto 3rd Ave. NE.

Turn right at traffic light onto 2nd St. NE (Hwy 127N). Go through five stoplights and move into the left lane. Turn left at the sixth stoplight (you will see a Lowe's on the right and Copper Bean on the left) onto 16th Avenue NE. You will pass Corinth Reformed Church on the right, and go around a sharp curve to the left, with a flashing yellow warning light. Take the next right onto 6th St. NW. Go approximately one mile and the entrance to the park is on the left. The parking lot is immediately to the right.