

# In North Carolina

**The setting:** In the Piedmont region of North Carolina, Bailey's Glen is a new active-adult community in Cornelius, a small town on Lake Norman about 20 miles north of Charlotte. With 520 miles of shoreline, the lake provides boating, fishing and other water recreation, but there's plenty more to explore. The neighboring town of Davidson has an eponymous college, while Charlotte adds cosmopolitan features.

care as Bailey's Glen will maintain the landscaping around homes.

**Says the community:** The community is geared toward empty nesters who want a simpler lifestyle, says Jake Palillo, managing partner for Bailey's Glen. "They want to be among people that share the same goals and interests," he says. While the community is drawing people who live nearby, it's also attracting the attention



**The Carson and Hunter (inset) models are among 17 floor plans at Bailey's Glen, offering single-level living although lofts and basements are available for some homes.**

Within an easy drive west are the Blue Ridge mountains, and the state's many coastal attractions are not far away.

**Best suited for:** Retirees who want a mild four-season climate, central location with a mix of outdoor and urban activities and no yard maintenance. A full-time activities director will organize clubs and events, including wine tastings, shopping excursions, weekend getaways and other outings. Golf lovers can stay busy on multiple area courses, including the Arnold Palmer-designed Birkdale Golf Club in nearby Huntersville.

**Other perks:** The community celebrates its grand opening in April. Already, several of eight planned pocket parks are sprinkled throughout the 142-acre development. Each park is between one-half and a full acre in size, with gazebos and landscaping. Construction on the 12,000-square-foot clubhouse with fitness center and billiards room is expected to start in the fall. Also planned are a swimming pool and courts for tennis and bocce ball. Homeowners are freed of lawn



of those seeking to relocate from the Northeast, Midwest and elsewhere.

**Home sweet home:** Plans call for a total of 468 homes, a mix of 372 detached single-family houses and 96 condominiums. Two fully furnished single-family models are available for viewing, and a few homes are built or under construction. The condos will be introduced in 2011. Prices range from \$229,000 up to the mid-\$300,000s for the ranch-style homes. They provide one-level living, though some models have options for lofts or basements. Residents can choose from 17 floor plans sized between 1,200 and 2,600 square feet, all constructed by the community's exclusive builder, South Creek Homes.

**Age-restricted:** One resident in each household must be 55 or older.

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