

*Our kids love that they can run  
forever on the wide, flat beach.*

Dan

32 years of memories made on our shores



north carolina's

brunswick islands

OFFICIAL VACATION GUIDE

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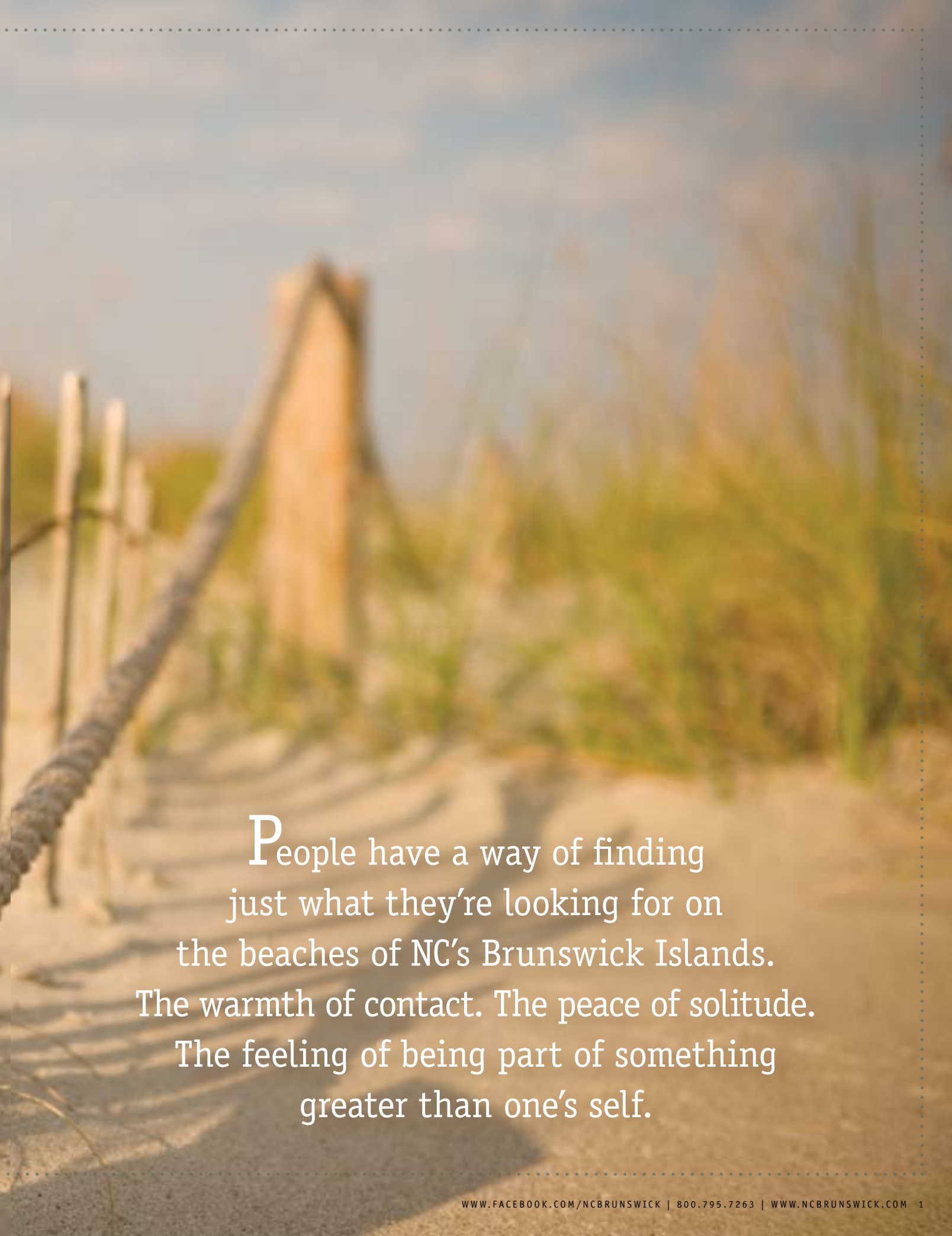


*Like a familiar friend.*

**Mitch**

50 years of cherished visits to NC's Brunswick Islands





People have a way of finding  
just what they're looking for on  
the beaches of NC's Brunswick Islands.  
The warmth of contact. The peace of solitude.  
The feeling of being part of something  
greater than one's self.



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**T**his is a place  
of families and friends.

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Parents whose first  
beach memories  
are of being carried  
on their own  
parents' shoulders.

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Kids free to be kids.

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Groups of girlfriends  
on annual weekends.

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Anglers renewing  
their love  
of the sport.

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Golf buddies  
trading jibes.

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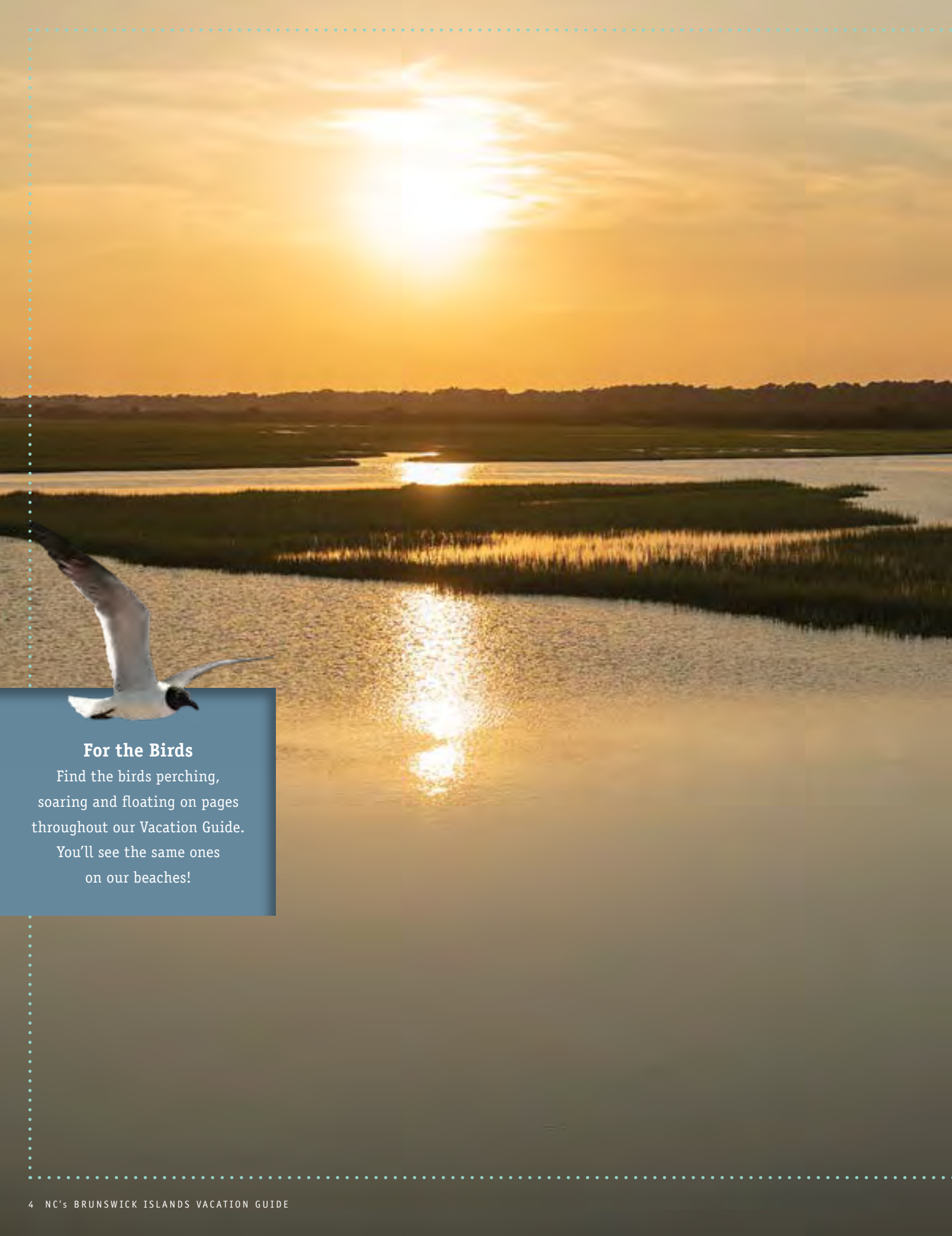
The things that keep  
us young never  
get old.

*It's a tradition.  
We began when our  
youngest was three.  
She's 28 now.  
We still go each year.*

**Eddie**

25 years of Brunswick Islands vacations

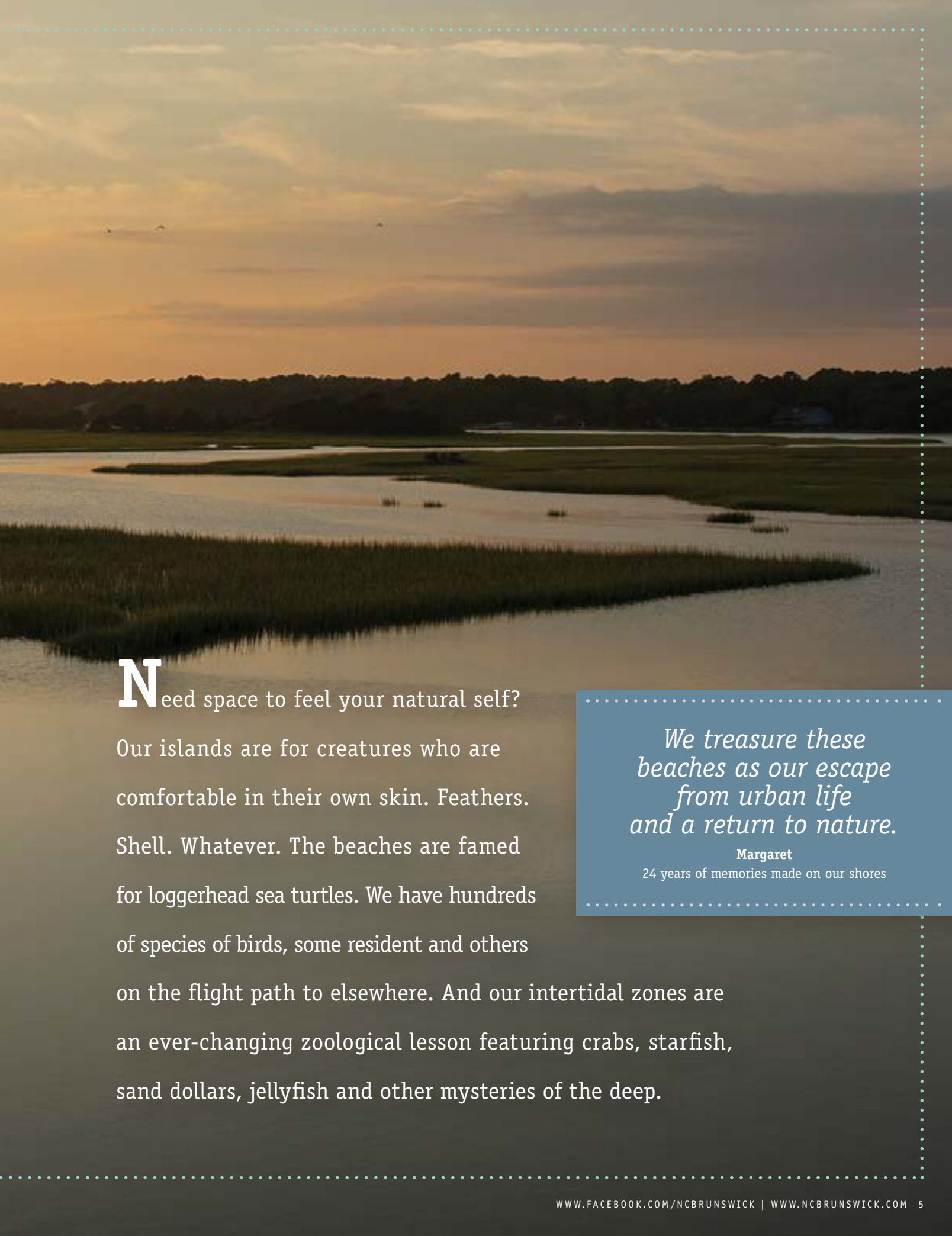




### **For the Birds**

Find the birds perching,  
soaring and floating on pages  
throughout our Vacation Guide.

You'll see the same ones  
on our beaches!



**N**eed space to feel your natural self?

Our islands are for creatures who are comfortable in their own skin. Feathers. Shell. Whatever. The beaches are famed for loggerhead sea turtles. We have hundreds of species of birds, some resident and others on the flight path to elsewhere. And our intertidal zones are an ever-changing zoological lesson featuring crabs, starfish, sand dollars, jellyfish and other mysteries of the deep.

*We treasure these  
beaches as our escape  
from urban life  
and a return to nature.*

**Margaret**

24 years of memories made on our shores



*The only beach that I would  
drive 700 miles to alone at  
the age of 80. My happy place.*

**Dawana**

traveling to NC's Brunswick Islands every summer since 1970







Some vacations are about seeing things differently. Our beaches dare you to climb to an observation deck of a lighthouse. Or accept the challenge of learning how to ride a surfboard. Discover how many species of birds you can name while paddling our marshes in a kayak. Or see how many days you can string together trying to accomplish as little as possible.



### STEP UP YOUR GAME

NC's Brunswick Islands is home to two historic lighthouses with intriguing stories. With a little advance notice, you can tour them both and climb to a view only winged visitors usually see.

# Experience all that NC's Brunswick Islands offers

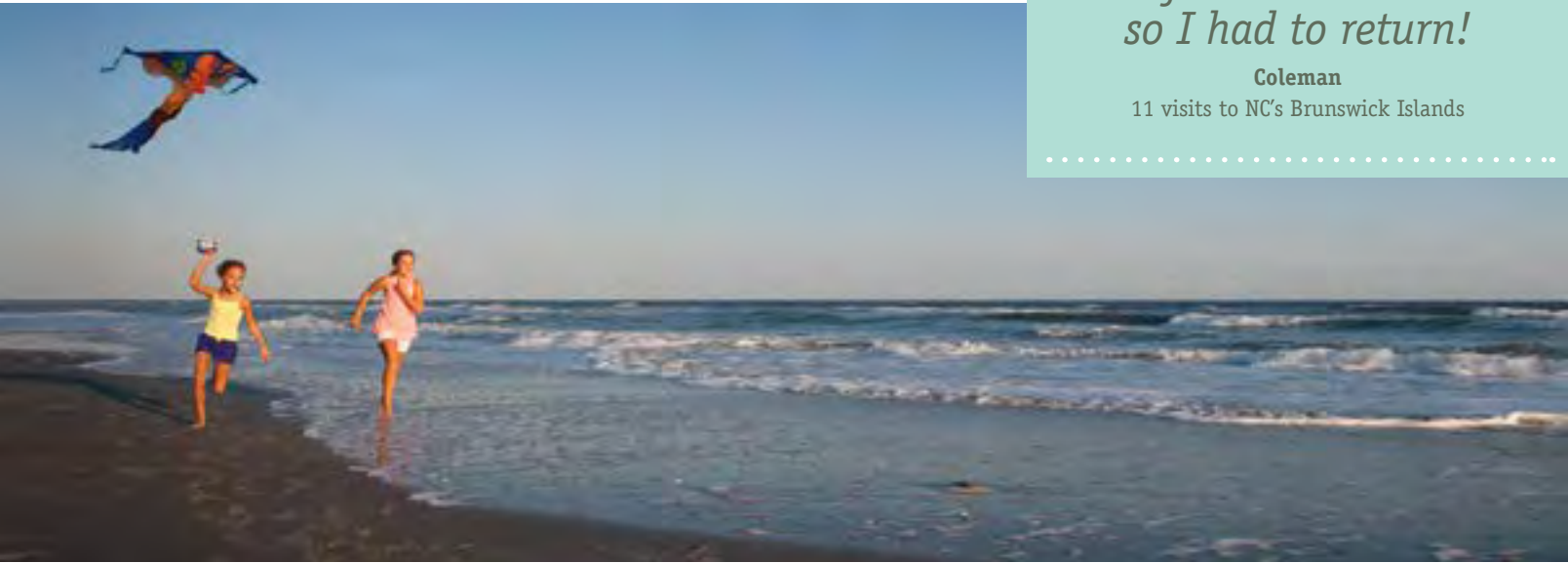
NC's Brunswick Islands is one place, but it's made up of ten distinctly different communities.

No matter where you stay when you visit us, we encourage you to travel around and experience the entire stretch of coastline. You may discover that, over time, you'll find a destination you can return to over and over again – one that's always as special as your first visit.

*I was hooked  
the first time I visited  
so I had to return!*

**Coleman**

11 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands



## **p.20** Bald Head Island

Lock your cares in your car and leave them behind. On Bald Head Island, the only traffic is provided by golf carts and bikes. Old Baldy, the familiar stout brick lighthouse, presides over a natural setting of expansive beaches. Spectacular dunes hide spacious beach homes and surprising shops nestled along maritime forest pathways. Quiet, secluded – but with great golf and beautiful marina-side settings – that's the Bald Head experience.

## **p.28** Calabash

The little town with a legendary style of cooking seafood lives up to its distinction as "Seafood Capital of the World." Plenty of restaurants await you from traditional family style to international cuisine. Wander the shops while seeing how long you can resist the temptation of shrimp, clams, oysters and crabs. Treat the kids to homemade ice cream. Explore the docks where fishing and pleasure boats tie up. Calabash has been synonymous with seafood and family fun for decades.

## **p.18** Caswell Beach

Got time for shelling on long, secluded beach walks? You'll need it on Caswell Beach, where traditional vacation homes await you behind the line of dunes, and the trusty beacon of the Oak Island Lighthouse watches over all. With its long stretches of sea oat-fringed dunes that beckon you all the way down to the inlet, this is the least inhabited of our beaches. Of course, if it's action you're looking for, simply drive or bike to the shops next door on Oak Island!

## **p.14** Holden Beach

You could say Holden Beach hit the big time when it was named by *National Geographic Traveler* as one of the country's best. And yet, it was never spoiled by success. Its backyard is the Intracoastal Waterway, where kayakers can mingle with the environment's extraordinary wildlife. Holden Beach never fails to delight, from the pleasures of moonlit walks in the surf to the surprises waiting in the tidal pools at Lockwood Folly Inlet.



## p.22 Leland

Leland is where you go for a completely different kind of time. Paddling down the Brunswick River in your own kayak is like drifting into an older, simpler world. One where you're just as apt to come upon osprey, egrets and eagles as you are another paddler. Nearby, the 900-plus acre Brunswick Nature Park also offers many opportunities to view North Carolina's coastal wildlife in their natural habitat. Of course, if it's shops and refreshments you're after, Leland offers that, too!

## p.16 Oak Island

There is laid-back. And there is Oak Island laid-back. The quiet streets lined with beach homes summon you to mount a bike and stick a reed in the spokes, like when you were a kid. So much of Oak Island has that air of nostalgia. Yet, if it's water you want, this beach has more than 60 public access points. Boat ramps, fishing piers and a marina put the best of Brunswick Islands fishing right at your feet. And if long romantic beach walks are in your plans, there's no place better.

## p.12 Ocean Isle Beach

Ask anyone who's ever done it. There's no family experience quite like watching sea turtles hatch. Once you experience these creatures making their way to the sea on a moonlit night, you'll never forget it. There are miles of Ocean Isle beachfront to share with these fascinating creatures. But don't worry, they like the other beaches, too! Because of its easygoing spirit, Ocean Isle Beach has been a repeat family favorite for generations. It has even grown its own particular

celebrations, including the popular Ocean Isle Beach Flotilla.

*Tradition  
and enjoyment  
from kid to adult.*

Robert

15 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

## p.24 Shallotte

Savvy beachgoers know they have to make time for Shallotte. With central access to all six of our beaches, Shallotte is the perfect place to load up on provisions for your beach vacation. Or, to take a break from the sun and salt spray. And while a stop here is a must for any beachgoer, it's also a central focal point for our championship golf courses. You'll discover Shallotte is a timely place for a quick bite on your way sightseeing or taking in an afternoon movie.

## p.26 Southport

Rich in history and maritime charm, Southport has been crowned America's "Happiest Seaside Town" by *Coastal Living*. With its oak tree-lined streets and bustling yacht basin, this harbor town has made appearances in feature films, making not only visitors, but directors and moviegoers happy. Local shops and restaurants pepper the waterfront, so you'll always find something pleasant cooking. Explore the streets, historic homes and landmarks, even the local connections to our swashbuckling pirate and shrimping heritage. One could say Southport is a picture of the past.

## p.10 Sunset Beach

Sunset Beach is home and way-station to hundreds of species of birds ... and soulseekers. Wander over to adjoining Bird Island on an afternoon, and you'll discover the special magic of this place. This undeveloped coastal reserve is a favorite of those free souls who leave their thoughts in the communal Kindred Spirit mailbox. Sunset Beach, like its namesake, has a peaceful effect on the soul. And of course, for the early birds, it's a favorite for sunrise. It's no wonder *National Geographic* named this special place one of the "21 Best Beaches in the World."





**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

You'll see a lot of this species on our shores, pecking at the sand to pick up a meal. The small, plump bird with black legs and bill is constantly chasing the waves looking for a bite.



*The ocean calls you back.  
Your soul gets rejuvenated  
and energized.*

**Karen**

5 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

**Y**ou have to be a natural paradise in order to make the *National Geographic* list of best beaches on the planet. And guess what? Sunset Beach qualifies.

That won't surprise anyone who has ever strolled a beach access path on the smallest of our barrier islands that's large in spirit. With virtually no commercial development, this place is a favorite of those whose vacation plans include peace for the soul and communing with the natural world.

# sunset beach





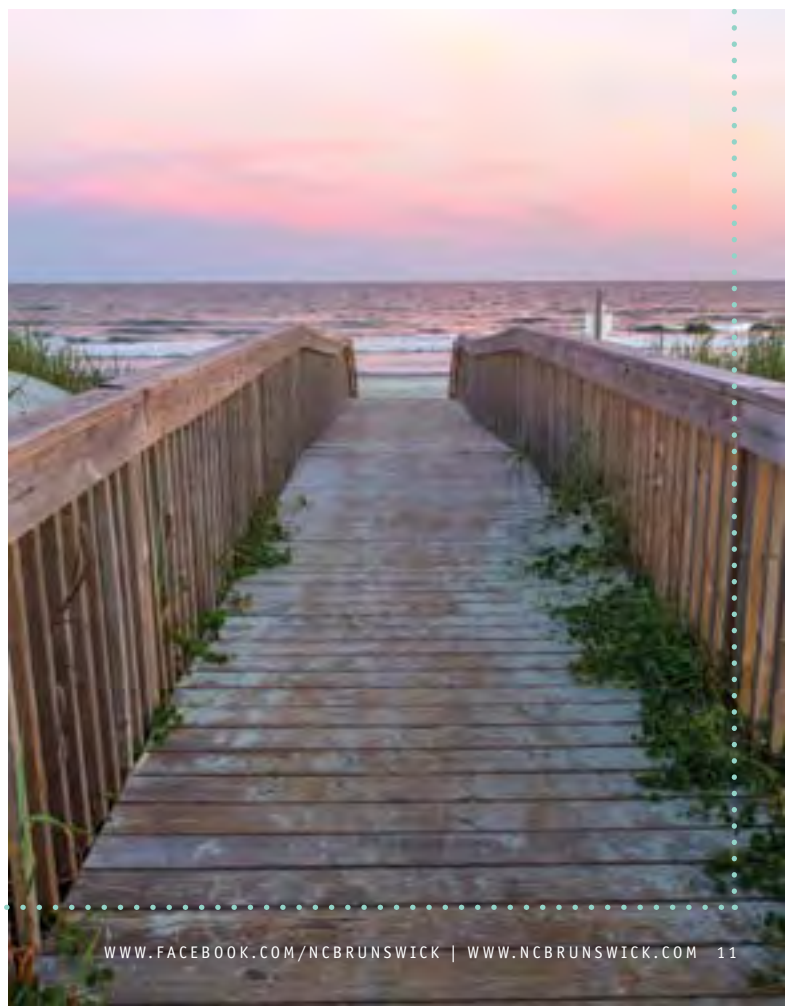
Winged species are so plentiful, that at the far end of the island you'll find the most aptly named Bird Island.

At low tide, the vast expanse of sand comes as a surprise, as well as a pleasant challenge, for beach cyclists. It's a place where people make lasting connections, with each other and with the beauty of nature. You'll agree when you witness your first sunrise in this place of towering dunes and unlimited serenity.




### **LIFE SENDS ITS BEST**

For decades, the iconic Kindred Spirit mailbox on Bird Island is where people from all over have left their personal thoughts and meditations.







*Ocean Isle is a great meeting  
place for our family.*

**Pete**

20+ visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

ocean isle





### FUN ON TAP

The Brunswick craft beer scene combines advanced brewing technology with master brewers committed to developing local traditions.

your boat right up to your vacation home, break out the paddleboards and kayaks, or spend your spare hours fishing from your private dock. This island has a wide variety of accommodations, including oceanfront hotel rooms and condos.

The town atmosphere offers something for everyone. There are plenty of options to sate your appetite, many with stunning waterfront views. We've got mini-golf and arcade pastimes for the kids, plus nearby options like the zipline adventures and the mysterious ecosystem of a popular swamp park. For the adults, stop by a brewery or winery for a favorite refreshment.

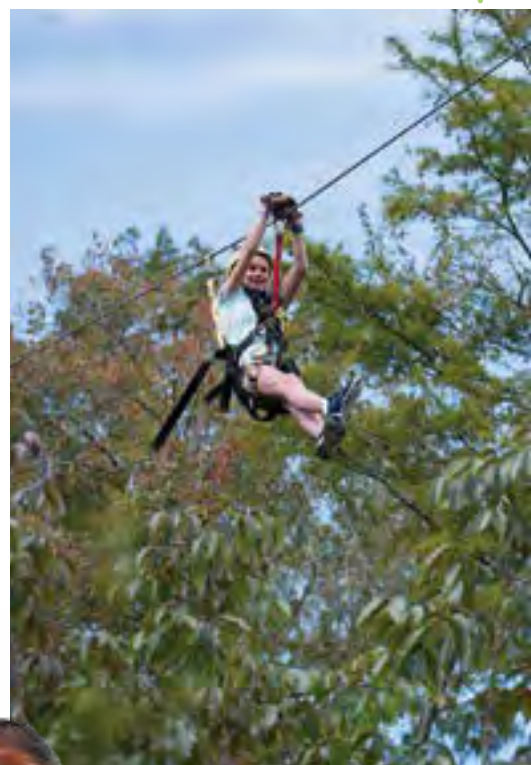
### GREEN HERON

*Butorides virescens*

This small heron can often be seen at the edges of the marsh. He's dark green in color and sports greenish-yellow or orange legs.

**B**ig vacations can come in small packages. Need proof? *Southern Living* recently named Ocean Isle Beach the South's Best Tiny Town. This vibrant beach village has a lively side that appeals to families with small children, teens and grandparents alike.

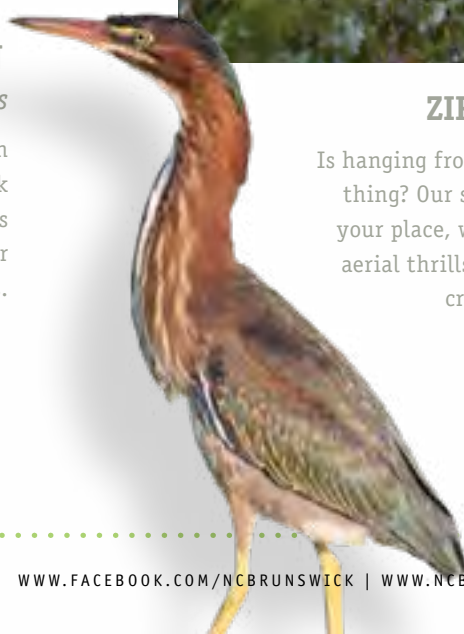
Two lively sides, actually. The beach side is the ideal place to get started fulfilling your surfing or skimboarding dreams. The marsh side is deeply indented with canals where you can pull



### ZIPPITY YAY

Is hanging from a wire your thing? Our swamp park is your place, with plenty of aerial thrills and wetland critters to raise goosebumps all over.

# beach





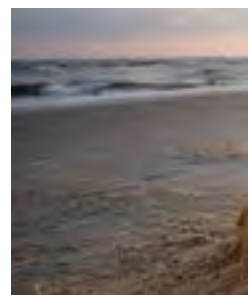
*Holden Beach  
is very low key. No  
Brunswick Islands hotels,  
not too many people,  
exactly what I need.*

**Rebecca**

2 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

**T**here's no mistaking Holden Beach. The signature sweeping curve of the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway announces you've arrived. This perennial favorite combines the pleasures of residential beach homes with the mystique of a working waterfront with shrimp trawlers plying the waves.

On Holden Beach, it seems there's always one more tidal pool to explore, all the way to



# holden beach





Lockwood Folly Inlet at the easternmost end of the island. It's a favorite for family beach hiking and biking. Plus, recent beach restoration efforts have provided an unexpected gift: gobs of fully intact sea shells that turn an afternoon into a treasure hunt.



There's no mistaking the maritime spirit here. Maybe it's the fishing pier that attracts both seasoned veterans and newbies to the sport.

Or, the lively comings and goings of boats on the Intracoastal Waterway at the back side of the island. Like its distinctive approach, this beach town surprises but never disappoints.



## WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

You can satisfy your sweet tooth no matter where you are in NC's Brunswick Islands. Each town has several choices for a sweet frozen treat as unique and individual as the islands themselves.



## WAIT UNTIL DARK

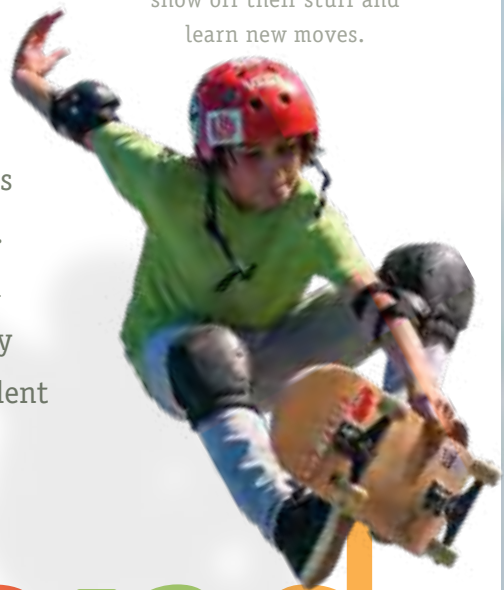
Memo to self: pack flashlights. You and your crew are going to need them when you're out stargazing or hunting ghost crabs.



**F**irst permanently settled in the early 1800s, Oak Island has an abundance of old live oaks, windswept pines and other delightful shade trees. It feels as much like a neighborhood as it does a typical barrier island. That's because it is. Oak Island is notable for the kind of easily accessible conveniences a resident would find attractive.

## OLLIE OR SHOVE-IT

Visit Oak Island's skateboard park where your kids can show off their stuff and learn new moves.

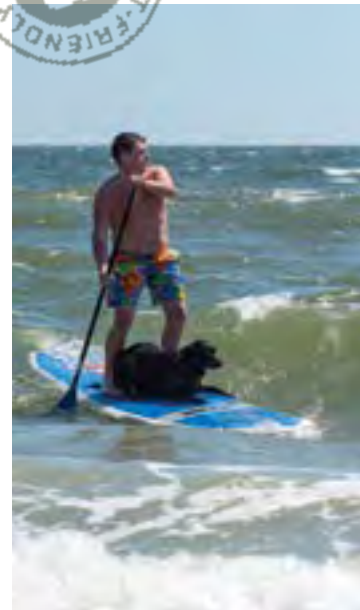


# oak island

Since traveling with pets has become hugely popular, note that Oak Island is also a paradise for dogs. Named as one of the state's most dog-friendly beaches, Oak Island has designated areas on the beach where unleashed dogs are permitted from mid-October to mid-March.

## WOOFERS LOVE WAVES

Dogs are family, too. If your canine is giving you that look lately, he just might be telling you he needs to stick his nose in the surf in NC's Brunswick Islands.




## TURTLE TREKS

Mind the yellow tape. Our barrier islands are the loggerhead sea turtle's chosen nesting site. We have an entire support society dedicated to protecting these amazing creatures and helping them on their journey to the sea. You'll also find a seasonal series of Turtle Talks for the vacationer interested in learning about these fascinating creatures.

The largest of our barrier islands, Oak Island famously offers the amenities of a large fishing community with two fishing piers and several boat ramps. As well as four kayak ramps and more than 60 public beach access points. In addition, recent beach restoration has inundated the shoreline of this island with an abundance of shells for the picking.



A man and a young girl are sitting on a wooden pier, fishing. The man is wearing a white t-shirt and a tan bucket hat. The girl is wearing a light green t-shirt and pink shorts. They are both holding fishing rods that are bent over the ocean. In the background, there is a small white boat on the water under a blue sky with some clouds.

*Once we came to Oak Island,  
we never went to another beach.  
It feels like home when we visit.*

Wanda

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## YAUPON BACK NOW, Y'HEAR?

Yaupon holly is a plant native to the maritime forests of NC's Brunswick Islands, including the wooded areas of Caswell Beach.

**I**t's easy to recognize Caswell Beach. It's pretty hard to disguise a lighthouse, which, at 153 feet, is the tallest thing for miles around. A climb to the observation deck of the Oak Island Lighthouse provides a unique perspective on our barrier island ecosystem.

*It is the only place  
we wish to be  
when we need  
a break to relax.*

**Jettie**

visiting twice a year for the past 5 years

to detach from the mainland and a great place to wander. As revealed from the lighthouse deck, the marsh side is a maze of waterways and inlets waiting to be explored by kayak or shallow draftboat. This estuarine wilderness is a nursery for birds, fish and other wildlife.



The most sparsely inhabited of our beaches, Caswell Beach is both a wonderful place



### WOOD STORK

*Mycteria americana*

Look for this endangered North American native in the marshes and swamps, feeding on a variety of fish. Predominately white, this wading bird stands up to 45 inches tall and has a large, heavy bill.

Caswell Beach is home to its own golf course. While it feels remote, this sparsely settled beach is only minutes away from restaurants, shops and other vacation amenities.

# caswell





# beach

## **BRIGHT & SHINY**

Four 2.5 million candlepower lenses.  
Four one-second bursts every  
10 seconds. That's the signature pattern  
of the Oak Island Lighthouse,  
the newest of the NC lighthouses.



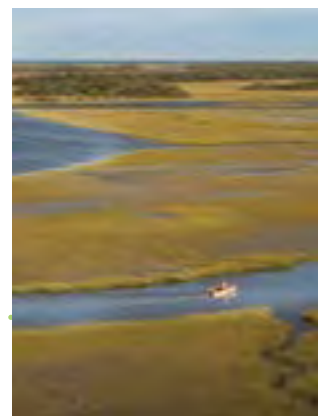
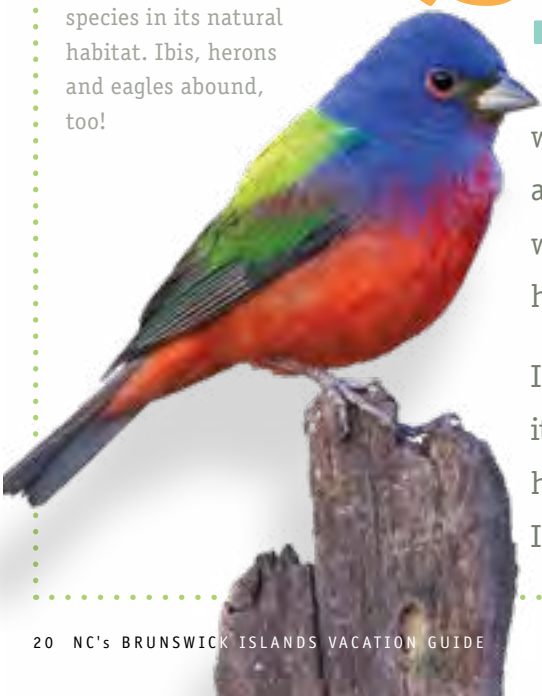
## PAINTED FEATHERS

You can book a Painted Bunting tour to try and witness this remarkable species in its natural habitat. Ibis, herons and eagles abound, too!

# bald head

**T**alk about seclusion. Bald Head Island is a place so detached, the only way to get there is by the beloved ferry from Southport. Once you've arrived, your means of conveyance is by golf cart or bicycle on paths that wind their way through the dunes and cabbage palms to elegant beach houses nestled among the natural vegetation.

If this island feels like a nature preserve, that's because it is. Fully 10,000 of its 12,000 acres are a wildlife habitat set aside for stewardship by the Bald Head Island Conservancy. As a result, the forests and marshes





*Lets you escape the hectic day-to-day  
of reality of life to a happier, calmer,  
back to one-on-one family time.*

Jon

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# island

are home to an astonishing number of birds and other maritime denizens. The beach is also among the county's most extensive sea turtle nesting sites.



Nature isn't quite everything. Old Baldy Lighthouse has warded off ships and attracted visitors since 1817. You'll find needed creature comforts like restaurants and shopping, as well as fresh seafood, a marina, and one of Brunswick's premier golf courses.



## SPEED LIMIT

Life downshifts out here. You'll learn to love that, especially since your choices are driving a golf cart, riding a bike or stretching your legs.

*I honestly cannot stay away.  
The atmosphere is addicting.*

Anne

probably over 100 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands





Only a mile from the port of Wilmington, Leland has many of the conveniences of its larger neighbor. But not the crowds. For this reason, it's a great place to visit whether you're playing golf at one of our championship courses or visiting the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.

# leland

Nestled against the Brunswick River, Leland and surrounding areas are a haven for those who love paddlesports and natural beauty. Head to the nearby Brunswick Nature Park or the Brunswick Riverwalk Park where visitors can spot osprey,

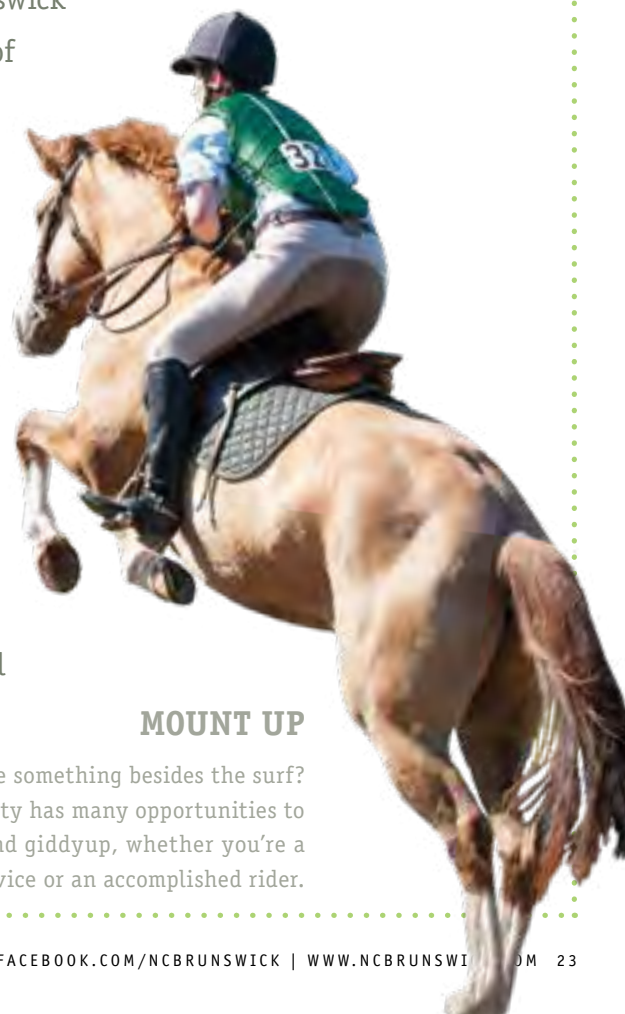
herons and eagles in the air, or connect with nature through the water along the Brunswick Paddle Trail or from one of many small boat or kayak access points. It's a completely different environment from the barrier islands.

Leland combines the laid-back vibe that comes with being close to the beach with the bustle of being a suburb

of a historic port city. Shopping abounds, as well as local eateries and hotels. Discover why being in the heart of everything gives Leland a beat of its own.

## COASTAL GOLF *line it up!*

Brunswick County is not just home to more than 30 golf courses, some right in the heart of Leland, in addition to our other islands and towns. A couple of famed course architects, Tim Cate and Rick Robbins, have made their homes here, too.

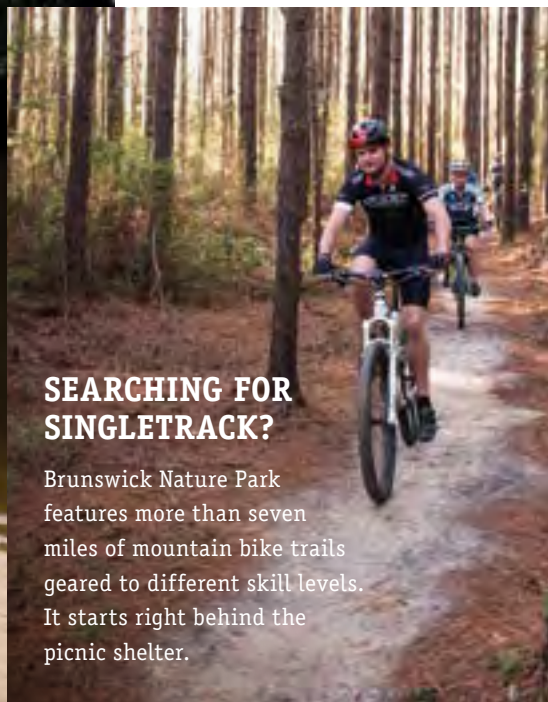


## MOUNT UP

Want to ride something besides the surf? Our county has many opportunities to saddle up and giddyup, whether you're a novice or an accomplished rider.

## SEARCHING FOR SINGLETRACK?

Brunswick Nature Park features more than seven miles of mountain bike trails geared to different skill levels. It starts right behind the picnic shelter.





## HUNT AND PICK

Scouring the antique shops of Shallotte can be as consuming a passion as searching the beaches for the perfect shell specimen.

# shallotte

## HOW WE ROLL

Whenever your gang needs to be spared another day in the sun, head to Shallotte. Whether you spend it combing the shops or cooling off with popcorn, a drink and a movie, you'll find what you're looking for in this lively town.



**B**eachgoers know that Shallotte is essential because it has, well, all the essentials. For decades, this town has been known as the place to stock up on any of the necessities before you head for the sand. Because it's close to all the barrier islands, it's also the ideal place to take a break from the sun.

Shallotte has the fun stuff like arcades, laser tag, antique shops, bowling and movies –all the makings of an afternoon or evening that will bring a smile to the face of any sun-drenched family member.

Got a tee time? Players know that Shallotte is in a good central location for the championship golf courses in the county. Which makes it the perfect place to grab anything you might need on the way to play, or refreshments on the way back to your chosen beach community.

*I love the friendliness of the locals.*

**Karen**

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## TIME OUT

Shallotte's clock is an apt reminder of a) the correct time and b) the fact that while you're here time doesn't make a particle of difference.

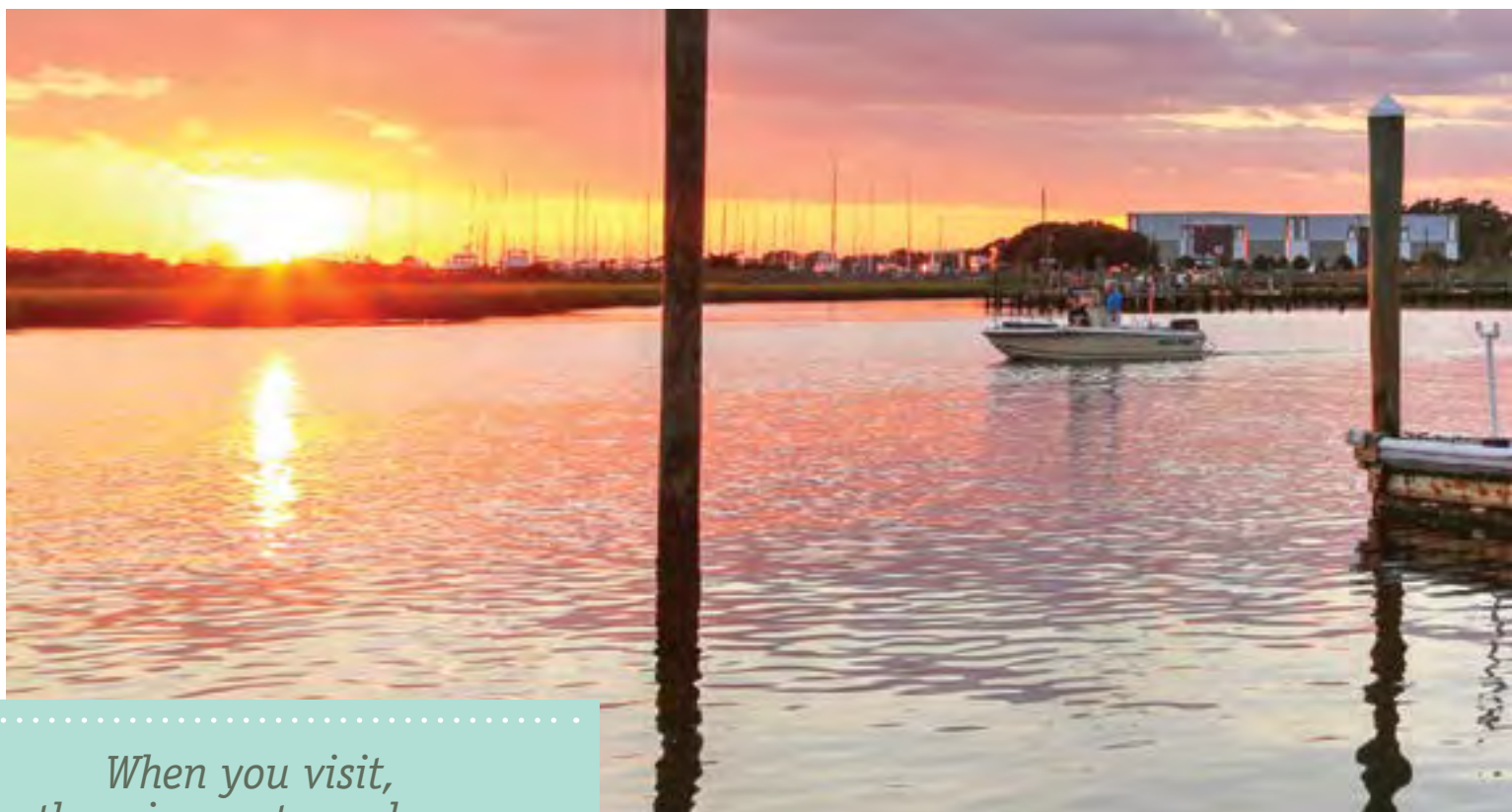


## GET SHUCKING

There's a lot more where this came from. NC's Brunswick Islands is known to celebrate all things oyster. Shallotte hosts the annual North Carolina Oyster Festival. The October festival is not to be missed. Check out this and other events on page 43.







*When you visit,  
there is an atmosphere  
that's hard to explain.  
Our family "gets it."*

**Jacqueline**

75 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands since 1978

**L**ike many of our towns, Southport has a recent claim to fame. *Coastal Living* magazine named this historic maritime town "Best Beach Town in America for the Fourth of July." Of course, it helps when you stretch the nation's birthday into multiple days of celebrating! TripAdvisor agrees that Southport is one of the "top places you have to visit."

It's not hard to figure. Stroll down to the Waterfront Park along the Cape Fear River and claim a spot on one of the swings. Soon, you'll be moving to the rhythm of the boats bobbing in the harbor of what many agree is the state's most

### CLASSIC CRAFT

Southport's Yacht Basin is a prominent stop for boats traveling on the Intracoastal Waterway, as well as the stage for events like the annual Wooden Boat Show.







# southport

## BROWN PELICAN *Pelecanus occidentalis*

This social flier nests in flocks and skims the waves searching for fish. It prefers to feed by diving from the air rather than fishing from the surface.

picturesque seaside town. If scenes look familiar, it's because of the leading role Southport has played in many movies.

Great dining options line the Yacht Basin and downtown area, which also make great backdrops for a selfie that'll make your friends envious. There are also historic sites and museums, from pre-Revolutionary Fort Johnston to the NC Maritime Museum.

## AND ... ACTION!

On a self-guided tour around Southport, you can see scenes and memorabilia from some of your favorite movies or TV shows. Stop by the Fort Johnston-Southport Museum and Visitors' Center and step into the movie room for more.





**C**alabash is a town, a style of seafood, and a freewheeling fishing spirit that's easy to sense just strolling around the docks as the trawlers come in after a day on the waves. Many of the storied seafood restaurants still line River Road as it descends to the wharves and the marsh.

Rather catch your own? With its easy access to both the Intracoastal Waterway and the open ocean, Calabash has many good fishing charter options. Or treat the kids to the excitement of a dolphin cruise.

This charming fishing village offers seafood markets where you can select your dinner from the day's catch. As well as shops where you can pick up anything from a one-of-a-kind gift for someone back home to ice cream made right on the premises.

That's why a trip to Calabash has been a must for vacationing families for decades.

### CATCH THIS

No matter where you're staying, Calabash is a great place to either catch your own dinner or get it fresh to cook yourself.



### SEAFOOD CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Shrimp, clams, fish and oysters, coated in a light batter and quickly fried to lock in their freshness. It's become a famed style of preparing seafood that's often imitated, but only here will you find the original.


### GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba*

This popular resident is known for its all-white plumage. Ubiquitous in our marshes, the egret can stand up to 3 feet tall and has a wingspan over 5 feet.

# calabash





A large white fishing boat named "Miss Carolyn Ann" is docked at a wooden pier. The boat has two tall masts with complex rigging. In the background, other fishing boats are visible in the water under a clear sky. The scene is captured during the "golden hour" of late afternoon, with warm light reflecting on the water and the boat's hull. The boat's name is written in a stylized script on its side and bow.

*It has been our  
family reunion  
destination since 1984.*

Sarah

9 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands





*After the first visit,  
we've been drawn back.  
Everything appealed  
to us.*

**Jacquelyn**  
10 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands



**O**f course, the mainland isn't one place, exactly. It's many. The mainland is both the connective tissue of our barrier islands and home of our earliest settlers. So, you'll find expressed both the free spirit of coastal people and evidence of our rich past.

For example, Varnamtown reveals an interesting waterfront on the Lockwood Folly River, where you can see local fishermen in action. Winnabow is home to the county's original settlement, Brunswick Town, which can be experienced at the Civil War Trail site, Fort Anderson. While you're there, be sure to look upon the past at the historic ruins of St. Philips Church.



### CHOMP!

Who needs bug killer when you've got these? The Green Swamp is a wonderful place to find carnivorous plants like the Venus Flytrap in the wild.

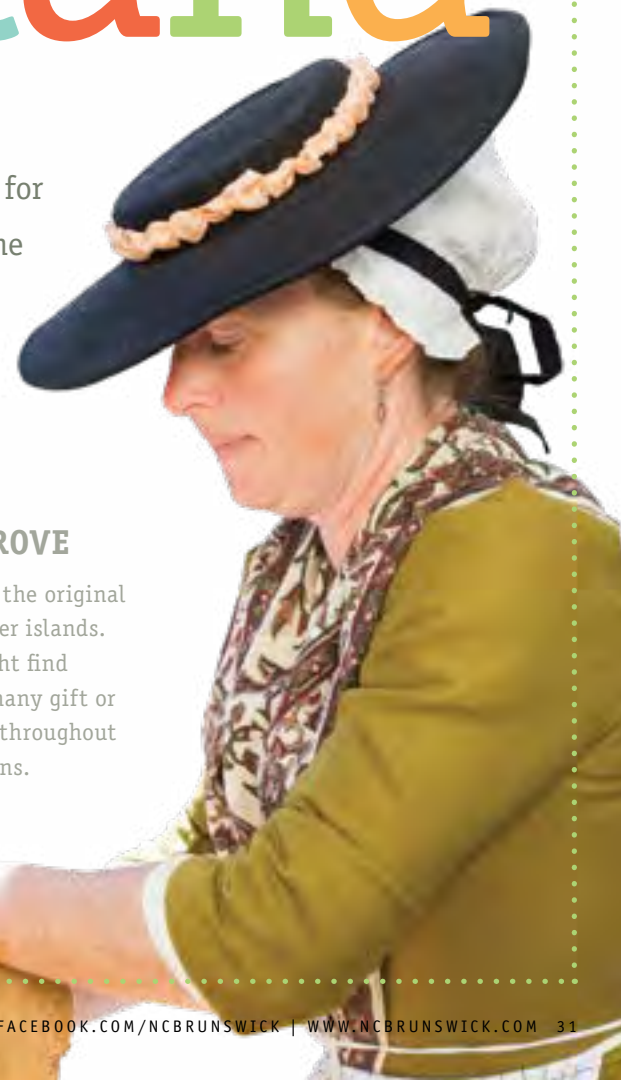
# mainland

At the Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve or the Green Swamp Preserve, you'll discover the perfect place for observing an array of plants and bird species, some rare or endangered. Sampling the pleasures of the mainland offers just the right contrast to days spent playing in the waves or stretched out on the sand doing absolutely nothing.



### TREASURE TROVE

Pirates were among the original visitors to the barrier islands. Today, you just might find treasure in one of many gift or consignment shops throughout our islands and towns.



# Make your own to-do list

**Finding something for your family to do in NC's Brunswick Islands is easy. It's boredom that's difficult. There are simply so many activities that run the full emotional range from goosebumps to wonder to sheer relaxation. That's one reason folks keep coming back. For a complete listing, see the pages that follow or visit [ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do](http://ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do).**



## Battleship NORTH CAROLINA

Introduce a little education to your beach vacation. For a fascinating dose of local history, spend the day aboard the NORTH CAROLINA. The self-guided tour of this battleship begins with an orientation film, then takes you through nine decks before concluding at the Ship Store. Afterward, enjoy a picnic lunch in the riverside Battleship Park. Free parking. Open every day. 1 Battleship Road, Wilmington. Admission charged. 910.399.9100, [www.battleshipnc.com](http://www.battleshipnc.com).



## Bird Island

The Bird Island Reserve has pristine sandy white beaches, high natural dunes and more than 1,200 acres of beautiful salt marsh and tidal creeks. This natural area is one of 10 sites that make up the North Carolina Coastal Reserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve. Visitors are invited to enjoy this perfect sanctuary, visit the Kindred Spirit mailbox, learn about sand dune wildlife and experience the history and habitats of the beautiful coastal preserve. 40th Street and West Main Street, Sunset Beach. Free admission. [www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/bird-island/118](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/bird-island/118).



## Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve

The preserve is home to the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, a variety of carnivorous plants like the Venus Flytrap and more than 400 vascular plant species. The nature trail allows visitors to walk through a portion of the more than 6,000 fragile acres that make up the preserve. 1 Leeds Road, Boiling Spring Lakes. Free admission. 910.395.5000, [www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/boiling-spring-lakes-preserve/116](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/boiling-spring-lakes-preserve/116).

## Brunswick Community College Odell Williamson Auditorium

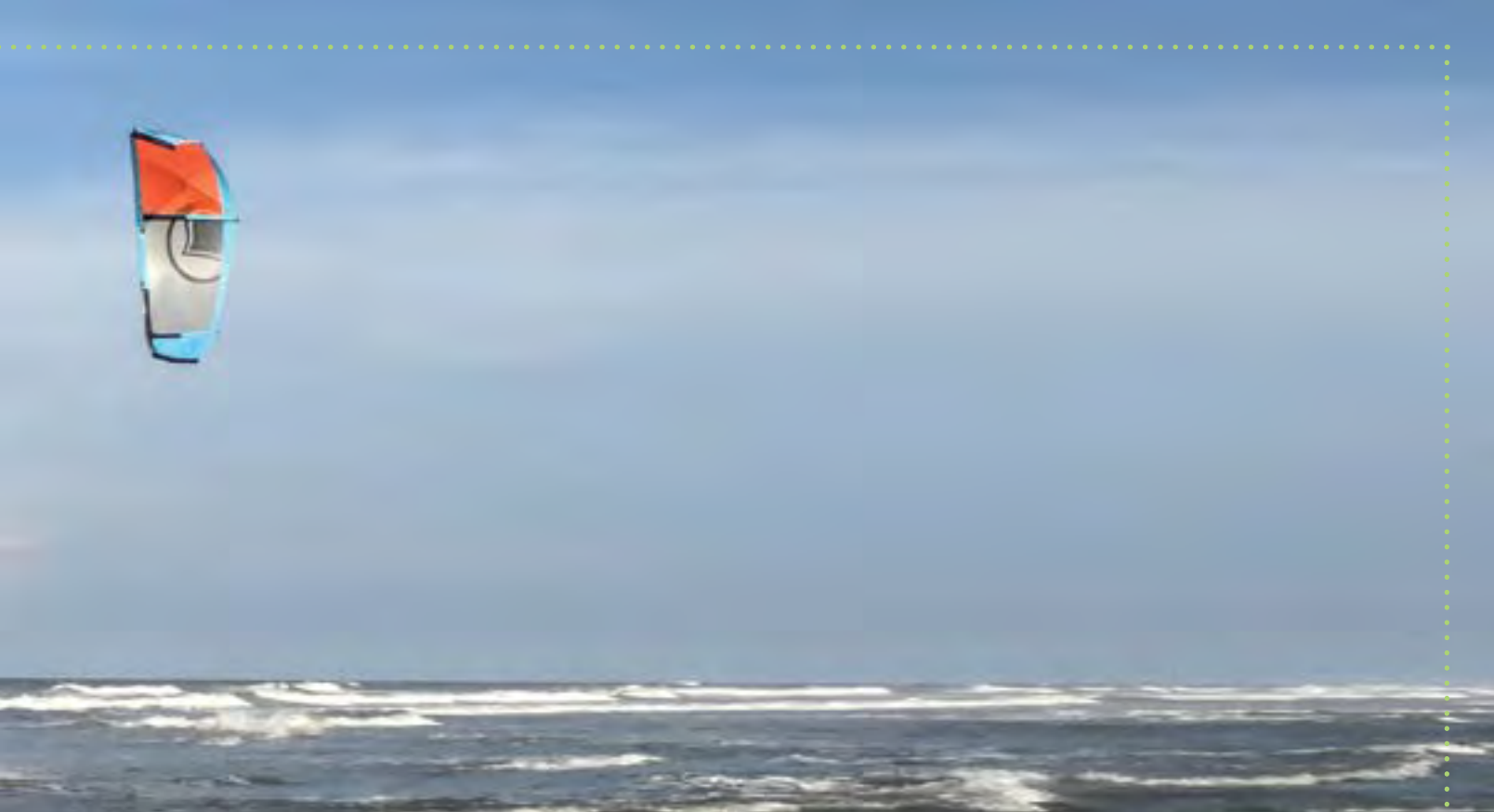
Catch a show performed by local players and regional, national and international traveling acts. Located on the campus of Brunswick Community College on Hwy. 17 in Bolivia, the Odell Williamson Auditorium is home to numerous productions throughout the year. 150 College Road NE, Bolivia. Admission charged. 910.755.7416, [www.bccowa.com](http://www.bccowa.com).

## Brunswick Islands Birding Trail

Eight birding sites along the North Carolina Birding Trail can be found in NC's Brunswick Islands. More than 330 species of birds can be seen nesting or migrating here, including American Oystercatchers, Anhingas, Wood Storks and a variety of warblers, sparrows, ibis, plovers and more. Visit [www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/nature/birding](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/nature/birding).







## Brunswick Nature Park

The park encompasses 911 acres of wonderful wilderness that provide a dynamic mix of vegetation, wildlife, ecosystems, vistas, wetlands and waterways. Enjoy hiking trails, biking trails and a kayak/canoe launch site. 40-by-40 picnic pavilion available for rent. Open from 8 a.m. until dusk. 2601 River Road (NC 133), Winnabow. Free admission. 910.253.2670, [www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/brunswick-nature-park/131](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/brunswick-nature-park/131).

## Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson

Explore the excavated ruins of one of North Carolina's oldest settlements. Founded in 1726, this colonial settlement is as mysterious as it is captivating. Stop by the Visitor Center, and see exhibits about life in a colonial town and artifacts gathered from the ruins. ADA ¾ mile trail around site. 8884 St. Philip's Road SE, Winnabow. Free admission. 910.371.6613, [www.historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/brunswick-town-fort-anderson](http://www.historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/brunswick-town-fort-anderson).

## Canoeing and Kayaking

In addition to more than 40 miles of ocean shoreline, the Brunswick Islands offer miles of black water, brackish creeks and rivers, the Intracoastal Waterway and salt marshes, all providing for a variety of paddling experiences. Surf kayaking and sea kayaking, along with canoeing and kayaking in these local creeks and rivers, offer unmatched opportunities to view the natural wonders and wildlife habitats of the area. Visit [www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/attractions-activities/paddlesports](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/attractions-activities/paddlesports).



## Dining

Grab a bite – good food is what we do best. Come enjoy world-famous Calabash cooking featuring fresh catches delivered from local docks. Fresh seafood and so much more, right here in the Brunswick Islands. Visit [www.ncbrunswick.com/restaurants](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/restaurants) to learn more.



## Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve

Connect with the natural world at this 174-acre coastal forest research and nature preserve. You'll discover miles of walking trails and limitless native flora and fauna. 6150 Rock Creek Road NE, near Town Creek. Free admission. 910.962.4191, [www.uncw.edu/physicalplant/arboretum/ev-henwood](http://www.uncw.edu/physicalplant/arboretum/ev-henwood).

## Fishing and Boating

Reel in the big catch and this evening's dinner all in an afternoon. Here, you'll find surf fishing and pier fishing, along with charters from local sea captains. For more information on charters, cruises, marinas, boat rentals and fishing tournaments, visit [www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/fishing](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/fishing).

## Fort Johnston and Southport Museum

Southport Museum and Visitors' Center is located inside the Fort Johnston Garrison House and features exhibits, original documents and historical artifacts about Southport and Fort Johnston. Fort Johnston was originally built by the British in 1749 to protect the region from Spanish and French attacks; it was conveyed to the City of Southport in 2006. 203 E. Bay Street, Southport. Free admission. 910.457.7927, [www.southportnc.org/visitors-and-tourism](http://www.southportnc.org/visitors-and-tourism).

## Green Swamp Preserve



The Green Swamp Preserve is a 15,000-acre nature conservancy that includes many varieties of plant life and wildlife. See 14 species of insectivorous plants, including the Venus Flytrap, as well as the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. For local guides and information, call the

Nature Conservancy. 910.395.5000, [www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/green-swamp-preserve/67](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/green-swamp-preserve/67).

## Ingram Planetarium

The stars always shine at Ingram Planetarium! Visit the free Paul Dennis Science Hall with its interactive displays. Enjoy a movie and live star show in the state-of-the-art Sky Theater. Attend special programs or lectures. 7625 High Market Street, Sunset Beach. Per-show admission charged for Sky Theater Shows. 910.575.0033, [www.museumplanetarium.org](http://www.museumplanetarium.org).

## Museum of Coastal Carolina

Walk through and see life-size replicas of marine animals and enjoy a touch tank with live sea animals. View wildlife dioramas of coastal Carolina plants and animals. See collections of seashells and shark jaws. Dig for shark teeth in the outdoor fossil pit, or attend special programs and lectures. 21 East Second Street, Ocean Isle Beach. Admission charged for non-members. 910.579.1016, [www.museumplanetarium.org](http://www.museumplanetarium.org).

## North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport

Experience hands-on history with interactive exhibits for all ages. Discover the first indigenous peoples who fished local waters. Learn about the sailors who fought multiple wars on our waterfront and the importance of local fisheries and the families that made their livelihood from it. Adult, children, and family programs are held year-round. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9am-5pm. 204 E. Moore Street. Free admission. 910.477.5150, [www.ncmaritimemuseumsouthport.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseumsouthport.com).



## Oak Island Lighthouse

Tour the state's newest lighthouse, located on Caswell Beach. Open for second level tours from 10am-2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tours to the top, up 131 metal steps to the outside balcony, are available year-round but must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. 300A Caswell Beach Road, Caswell Beach. Free Admission. [www.oakislandlighthouse.org](http://www.oakislandlighthouse.org).

## Oak Island Nature Center

Enjoy a visit with Mother Nature. The center offers a wide range of educational activities for kids and adults, including an interactive Talking Trees Walking Trail, fossil exhibits and animal displays native to the Oak Island community. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day. 5202 E Yacht Drive, Oak Island. Free admission. [www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/oak-island-nature-center/172](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/listing/oak-island-nature-center/172).

## Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island Museum

Visit the state's oldest lighthouse, Old Baldy, and the Smith Island Museum, located in a replica of the 1850s keeper's cottage. Half-day excursion package tours available. 101 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island. Admission charged. Call 910.457.5003 for ferry information. Call 910.457.7481 for Old Baldy Lighthouse and tours, [www.oldbaldy.org](http://www.oldbaldy.org).

## Old Bridge Museum

See the bridge and Bridge Tender's house from the historic swing bridge that once connected Sunset Beach to the mainland. Includes re-creation of the Bridge Tender's office. Seasonal hours. 109 Shoreline Drive West, Sunset Beach. Free admission. 910.363.6585, [www.theoldbridge.org](http://www.theoldbridge.org).





## Silver Coast Winery

Sip on a variety of wines at Brunswick County's first and only winery, located just inland of Ocean Isle Beach. Tour the winery and learn about winemaking step by step, from the grapevine to the wine cellar. Wine tasting available. 6680 Barbeque Road, Ocean Isle Beach. Free admission. 910.287.2800, [www.silvercoastwinery.com](http://www.silvercoastwinery.com).



## Southport Trail

Take a self-guided walking tour through historic Southport. See churches and homes dating from the early 1700s, as well as landmarks like City Hall, the Old Brunswick Jail, Old Smithville Burial Ground and River Pilot's Tower. Contact the Southport Visitors' Center at 910.457.7927.



## The Swamp Park

Explore this unique and beautiful natural environment by air or water. Aerial adventure park includes a challenge course with three levels of difficulty. Soar through the treetops high above the swamp on a 10-station zipline tour. Or, take a guided cruise through the cypress swamp where gators, beavers, wading birds and other wildlife await. 5550 Watts Road, Ocean Isle Beach. Admission varies by activity. 910.687.6100, [www.shallotteriverswamppark.com](http://www.shallotteriverswamppark.com). **see our ad on page 60**

# WELCOME CENTERS

## Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce

800.426.6644

112 Pine Street, Shallotte, NC 28470  
[communications@brunswickcountychamber.org](mailto:communications@brunswickcountychamber.org)  
[www.brunswickcountychamber.org](http://www.brunswickcountychamber.org)

## North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce

910.383.0553

497 Olde Waterford Way Suite 202, Belville, NC 28451  
[nbchamber@nbchamber.net](mailto:nbchamber@nbchamber.net)  
[www.nbchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.nbchamberofcommerce.com)

## Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce

800.457.6964

4433 Long Beach Road SE, Southport, NC 28461  
[info@southport-oakisland.com](mailto:info@southport-oakisland.com)  
[www.southport-oakisland.com](http://www.southport-oakisland.com)

## Southeastern Welcome Center

910.754.2505

394 Whiteville Road NW, Shallotte, NC 28470  
(Intersection of Hwys. 17 and 130)

## Southport Visitors' Center & Museum

910.457.7927

203 East Bay Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
[tourism@southportnc.org](mailto:tourism@southportnc.org)  
[www.southportnc.org/visitors-and-tourism](http://www.southportnc.org/visitors-and-tourism)





# FUN FOR KIDS

The Swamp Park

Skateboard park

Battleship NORTH CAROLINA

Brunswick Nature Park

Oak Island Nature Center

Oak Island Lighthouse

Old Baldy Lighthouse

Surf lessons

Golf lessons

Ingram Planetarium

Kayak excursions

Adventure cruises

Crabbing at low tide

Splash Pad

Go-karting

Miniature golf

NC Maritime Museum

at Southport

Museum of Coastal Carolina

Old Bridge Museum

Day camps

Fishing charters

Pier fishing

Ferry rides

Disc golf

Biking





# We know what makes kids tick

"Are we there yet?" This much is certain, when you cross the Intracoastal Waterway to one of our barrier islands, children just know. The excitement of exploring tidal pools, games on the beach, skimming the surf on a boogie board – these things never get old.

Nor does the fascination with scuttling crabs, swimming dolphins or heading out after nightfall to witness your first sea turtle experience. Besides, there are castles to be built, bikes to be ridden, kites to be flown and above all, memories to be made.

*It is better than any  
other beach I have been to.  
I love the vibe.*

**Colleen**

18 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands



If children – or parents – need a breather, expand your child's stargazing skills with a trip to our planetarium. Take a trip back in time with a tour of historic Southport. Walk through the North Carolina Maritime Museum or Museum of Coastal Carolina to experience maritime culture and natural history. NC's Brunswick Islands is where it's easy for parents to let kids be kids.

For even more kid-friendly options, visit [www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/things-to-do-with-kids](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/things-to-do/things-to-do-with-kids).

## BEACH ESSENTIALS

Don't forget these items for your next trip to NC's Brunswick Islands.

With 45 miles of coastline, you're assured more beach for your blanket.

Beach bag

Beach blanket

Beach towels

Beach chairs

Beach cart  
with wheels

Cooler  
with wheels

Beach umbrellas

Beach toys

Swimming  
goggles

Floats

Boogie, skim  
& surf boards

Fishing poles

Waterproof  
sunscreen

Sunglasses

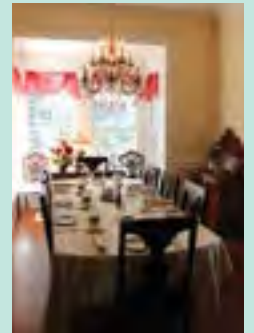
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camera

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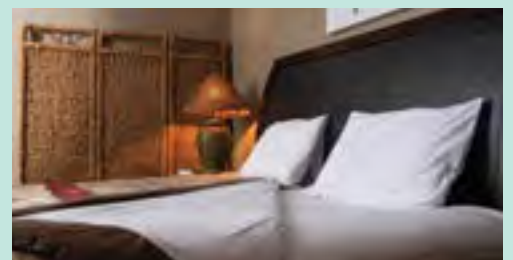
**Rental Homes** By far, the most common accommodations to be found in the Brunswick Islands are the many house and condo rentals available. And there really is no end to the size, style, amenities and locations of these rentals. Bring the entire family for a reunion – even the family dog – or keep it to a simple gathering with close family or friends. Homes come with swimming pools, beach views, commercial-quality kitchens and much more. Whatever your choice, a rental home gives you total privacy and togetherness like no other accommodation.



**Bed-And-Breakfasts** Like most B&Bs, those found in the Brunswick Islands will definitely charm you with their atmosphere. But unlike those found in other vacation destinations, these add to the surrounding island beauty. Enjoy a full breakfast together before embarking on a big day or simply relax in a garden or on a porch as the kids bike and play. Intimate, personal and nostalgic, a B&B vacation in the Brunswick Islands is truly like no other.



**Hotels And Inns** At the turn of a key, you'll have access to everything the Brunswick Islands offers. You'll find hotels to fit any style and budget. Relax in luxury at a beautiful resort. If you're planning an event, such as a wedding or reunion, many hotels offer catering services, banquet rooms and all the amenities to leave you in want of nothing. On the beach, on the Intracoastal or on the mainland, we'll have a hotel or inn to match your style. Many of the most memorable places to stay are the ones that have been here the longest, small inns that have been owned and operated by the same families for decades. These "mom-and-pops" are part of what makes the Brunswick Islands vacation so charming.







# Find where your heart's content

And when you've found it, stay till your heart's content. In NC's Brunswick Islands, both are possible simply because our islands and towns offer such a broad range of attractive accommodations, whether for a quick getaway or a lengthy family vacation.

Who knows? You may wind up following a tradition favored by many; namely, returning year after year to the warm familiarity of your family's chosen vacation beach home. Or you may be seeking an intimate B&B, seaside hotel or beach condo, or a home with a private dock on one of our canals. A huge advantage of vacationing in NC's Brunswick Islands is being able to choose from all of these and more.

[www.ncbrunswick.com/videos](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/videos)

*View vacation rental experiences from the perspective of families vacationing on Oak Island, Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach.*

# Accommodations

## Hotels, Motels, Resorts, Bed-and-Breakfast

### The Beach House at Oak Island

500 Ocean Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.5644  
www.carolinaretreats.com/  
The-Beach-House-at-Oak-Island  
22 rooms • island 🐾

### Bell-Clemmons House

313 East Moore Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.477.6242  
www.bell-clemmons.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
see our ad on page 67

### Best Western

360 Whiteville Road NW  
Shallotte, NC 28470  
910.754.3044  
www.bestwestern.com  
58 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### Best Western PLUS

**Westgate Inn & Suites**  
1120 Towne Lake Drive  
Leland, NC 28451  
910.371.2858  
www.bestwesternleland.com  
100 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
🌞 🐾 ❤️

### Brunswick Beaches

**Camping Resort**  
7200 KOA Drive SW  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.855.579.2267 • 910.579.7562  
www.brunswickbeachescamping.com  
5 rooms • mainland 🐾

### Brunswick Plantation Resort and Golf

380 Brunswick Drive NW  
Calabash, NC 28467  
1.800.332.8576 • 910.685.7979  
www.brunswickplantation.com  
343 rooms • mainland 🌞 ❤️  
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### Captain Newton's Inn

120 West Moore Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.477.2743  
www.captainnewtonsinn.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### Captain's Cove Motel

6401 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.6026  
www.captainscovemotel.net  
42 rooms • island

### Causeway Inn

12 Causeway Drive  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.866.931.5201 • 910.579.6216  
www.sloanevacations.com  
35 rooms • island

### Comfort Suites

4963 Southport-Supply Road  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.454.7444  
www.choicehotels.com/nc351  
70 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
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### Continental Condominiums

431 Sunset Boulevard S  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.866.348.7138 • 910.579.6500  
www.sloanevacations.com  
27 rooms • island 🐾

### Days Inn

3670 Express Drive  
Shallotte, NC 28470  
1.888.440.2021 • 910.754.3300  
www.daysinn.com  
61 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
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### Fairfield by Marriott Inn and Suites

5181 Southport Supply Road SE  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.454.0016  
www.marriott.com/ilmfs  
80 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### Gray Gull Motel

3263 Holden Beach Road SW  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.6775  
www.graygullmotel.com  
17 rooms • mainland

### Hampton Inn & Suites

4820 Port Loop Road  
Southport, NC 28461  
1.800.HAMPTON • 910.477.9830  
www.hilton.com  
88 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### Holiday Inn Express & Suites

3400 Southport-Supply Road SE  
Bolivia, NC 28422  
910.253.9100  
www.hiexpress.com/southportnc  
93 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
🐾

### Holiday Inn Express- Leland/Wilmington Area

1020 Grandiflora Drive  
Leland, NC 28451  
910.383.3300  
www.hiexpress.com/lelandnc  
105 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
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### The Inn at River Oaks

512 North Howe Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.457.1100  
www.innatriveroaks.com  
16 rooms • mainland 🐾

### Islander Inn

57 West First Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.888.325.4753 • 910.575.7000  
www.islanderinn.com  
70 rooms • oceanfront • breakfast  
🌞 🐾 ❤️

### LaPolena Bed and Breakfast

201 River Drive  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.477.6125 • 503.780.0040  
www.lapolenabnb.com  
4 rooms • mainland • breakfast ❤️

### Marsh Harbour Inn

21 Keelson Row  
Bald Head Island, NC 28461  
833.644.2441 • 910.454.0451  
www.themarshharbourinn.com  
12 rooms • island • breakfast ❤️

### Oak Island Extended Stay

5611 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.1147  
www.betterbeachrentals.com  
19 rooms • island 🐾

### Oak Island Inn

8101 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.1689  
www.oakislandinnnc.com  
16 rooms • island 🐾

### Ocean Crest Motel

1417 East Beach Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.3333  
www.oceancrestmotel.com  
62 rooms • oceanfront

### Ocean Isle Inn

37 West First Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.800.352.5988 • 910.579.0750  
www.oceanisleinn.com  
70 rooms • oceanfront • breakfast  
🌞 ❤️ see our ad on page 67

### River Hotel of Southport

704 East Moore Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.294.6070 • 855.624.6835  
www.riverhotelsouthport.com  
70 rooms • mainland

### Riverside Motel

103 West Bay Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.457.6701  
www.riversidemotel.net  
8 rooms • mainland

### Robert Ruark Inn

119 North Lord Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.363.4169  
www.robertruarkinn.com  
4 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### Sea Trail Villas

200 Royal Poste Road  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
800.675.0193  
www.seatrailvillas.com  
85 rooms • mainland 🌞 ❤️

### Southport Inn

119 North Davis Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.713.5799  
www.thesouthportinn.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

### The Sunset Inn

9 North Shore Drive East  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.888.575.1001 • 910.575.1000  
www.thesunsetinn.net  
14 rooms • island • breakfast ❤️

### SureStay by Best Western

4646 East Coast Lane  
Shallotte, NC 28470  
910.755.6444  
www.bestwestern.com  
58 rooms • mainland • breakfast  
🐾

### Wingate by Wyndham

1511 North Howe Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.294.0264  
www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate  
84 rooms • mainland • breakfast



# Cottages and Condos

## Alan Holden Vacations

128 Ocean Boulevard West  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.6061  
www.holden-beach.com  
see our ad on page 64

## Bald Head Island Rentals

P.O. Box 3012  
Bald Head Island, NC 28461  
1.800.680.8322 • 910.457.1702  
www.baldheadislandrentals.com

## Better Beach Rentals

8601 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
910.278.1147  
www.betterbeachrentals.com

## Coastal Vacation Resorts Holden Beach

131 Ocean Boulevard West  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
1.800.252.7000 • 910.842.8000  
www.coastalvacationresorts.com

## Coastal Vacation Resorts Oak Island

8118 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
1.888.703.5469 • 910.278.5405  
www.coastalvacationresortsoakisland.com

## Craig Realty

3262 Holden Beach Road SW  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.2628 • 910.842.2777  
www.craigrealtyhb.com

## Hobbs Realty

114 Ocean Boulevard West  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
1.800.655.3367 • 910.842.2002  
www.hobbsrealty.com  
see our ad on page 68

## Holden Beach Fishing Pier Room Rentals

441 Ocean Boulevard West  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.6483

## Holden Beach Vacations

123 Ocean Boulevard West  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
1.800.842.6949 • 910.842.6949  
www.holdenbeachvacations.com  
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## Isle Sea You

44 East Second Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.866.ISLE.SEA • 1.888.623.2647  
www.isle-sea-you.com  
see our ad on page 67

## Intracoastal Realty

6 Marina Wynd  
Bald Head Island, NC 28461  
1.877.344.6674 • 910.457.5002  
www.baldheadisland.com  
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## Margaret Rudd & Assoc., Inc., Realtors®

210 Country Club Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
1.800.486.5441 • 910.278.6523  
www.rudd.com  
see our ad on page 62

## McClure Realty Vacations

24-A Causeway Drive  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.800.332.5476 • 910.579.3586  
www.mcclurerealtyvacations.com

## Oak Island Accommodations

8901 East Oak Island Drive  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
1.888.288.3694  
www.oakislandgetaway.com  
see our ad on page 63

## Proactive Vacations

3369 Holden Beach Road  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.1550  
www.proactivevacations.com

## Sloane Realty Vacations

16 Causeway Drive SW  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.800.843.6044 • 910.579.6216  
www.sloanevacations.com  
see our ad on page 66

## Sloane Realty Vacations

420 Sunset Boulevard South  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.866.348.7138 • 910.579.6500  
www.sloanevacations.com  
see our ad on page 66

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*Great beaches, and I can always  
find a rental in my price range.  
There is plenty to do on the islands,  
as well as nearby areas.  
These islands never disappoint.*

Mary

4 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

Here, we're always looking for a reason to celebrate. And over the decades, we've found plenty. Our friendly islands and towns feature a variety of festivals and events that boast local flavor and flair, and they have become just as big a part of our visitors' vacations as the beaches themselves. Whether your trip is centered around one of our signature events, such as the NC Oyster Festival, the NC Festival by the Sea or the NC 4th of July Festival, or you're just looking for a little something more to add to your vacation itinerary, you'll find the authentic vibe of barrier island life in every event, making it one you won't soon forget

## NC Festival by the Sea

This coastal arts and crafts festival in the heart of Holden Beach has become quite the popular, beloved event on the island. Kick things off with a parade over the Holden Beach Causeway, then spend two days taking in the festivities. Local art and food vendors are set up on the streets and sidewalks, live music fills the air and special activities for the kids are found at every turn. And don't miss your chance to follow the signature curve of the Holden Bridge on foot! It's the only time of year the bridge is open to pedestrian traffic, so you can take in the picturesque views and see all the excitement buzzing on the streets below.



## NC 4th of July Festival

A festive celebration of our nation's independence is synonymous with big-time summer fun in Southport, NC. This particular 4th of July festival has been remembering sacrifices, celebrating freedom and promoting family fun for over 200 years. History buffs, arts and crafts enthusiasts, music aficionados and fun-lovers of all ages will find their style of celebration, from a reading of the Declaration of Independence and special ceremonies to live music, games, entertainment and fireworks. After two centuries of reveling in the red, white and blue, Southport has perfected the art of festivity for every family.







## NC Oyster Festival

Every year locals and visitors alike come together to enjoy all things oyster at North Carolina's official celebration of the tasty treats. The two-day event now hosted in Shallotte is action-packed with cookoffs, contests, music and dancing, and so much more. Enter the oyster shucking contest or sample delectable recipes from local restaurants and vote for your favorite oyster stew. If you'd rather treat your taste buds to something besides the specially celebrated



seafood, you'll find many other local vendors with bites of all kinds, plus live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities and more. It's a coastal celebration not to be missed.

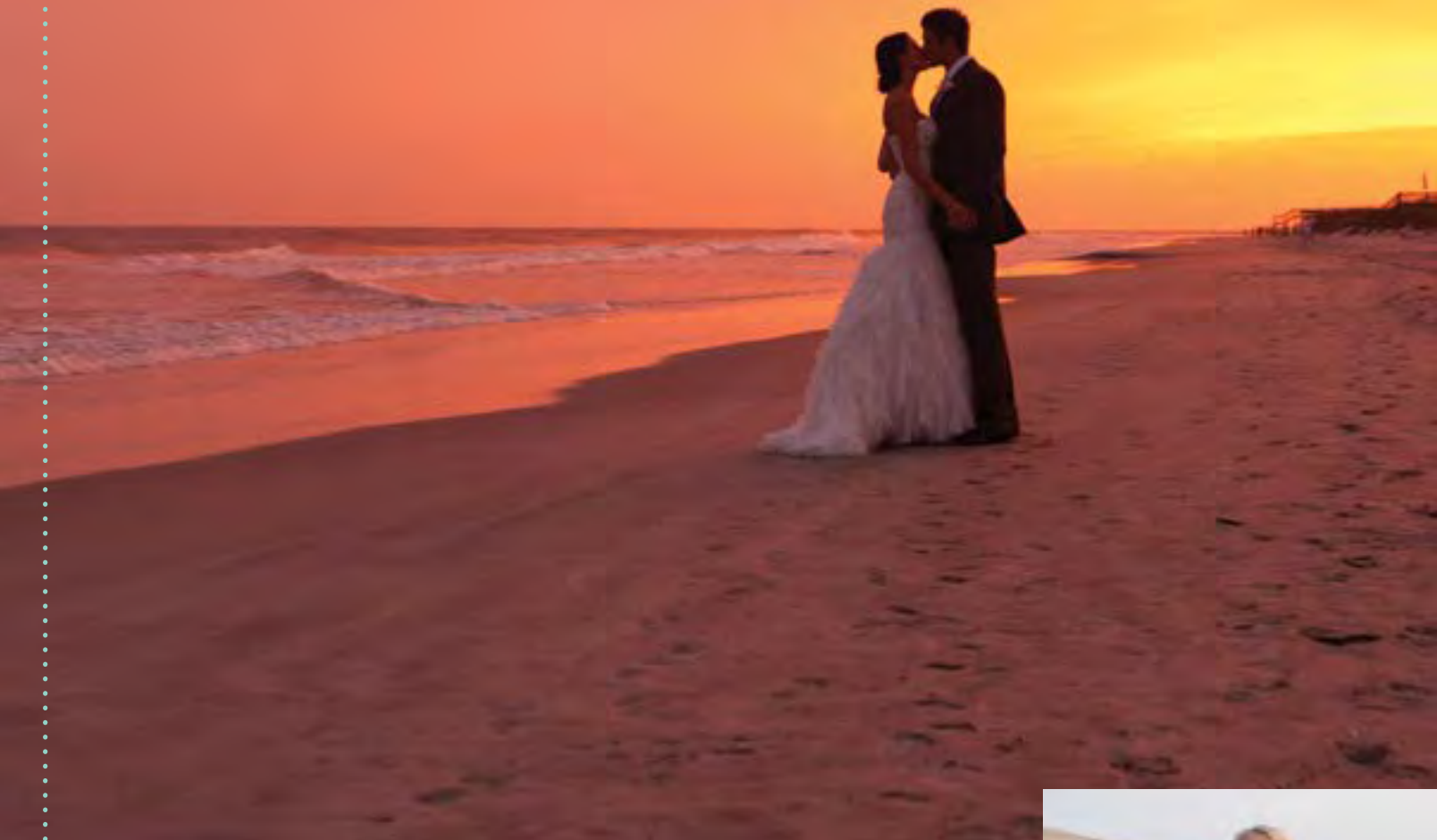


## Fun For All

In addition to these annual festivals, NC's Brunswick Islands features many special events to put smiles on every face. Farmers and artisans markets, 5Ks, outdoor movies and concerts, fishing tournaments, art shows, parades, historical observances and holiday fun - you'll find all this and more, ready to add some flair and extra coastal fun to your beach vacation. Visit our calendar of events at [NCBrunswick.com/events](http://NCBrunswick.com/events) to find something that fits your style.



# Tie the knot on the



Some people give their heart to a place. Some wind up giving their heart at a place. Over the decades, we've developed an affinity for those who choose to say their vows here. We know how to make your wedding not just memorable but an event that lives up to your vision while being both joyful and carefree for you and your guests.

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# sand

*My happy place. I was proposed to  
and became engaged  
on the beach at Ocean Isle Beach.  
My love story lives here.*

Kelli

10+ visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

## WEDDING VENUES

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Brunswick Plantation  
Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson  
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Lockwood Folly Country Club  
Magnolia Greens Golf Course  
Museum of Coastal Carolina  
Ocean Isle Inn  
Old Baldy Lighthouse  
The Pearl Golf Links  
Shoals Club  
Silver Coast Winery  
Southport Community Building  
The Sunset Inn  
The Village Chapel  
of Bald Head Island

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You'll find the same amount of heart on our shores for beloved family and friends looking for the ideal place to host memorable reunions. The traditions, the space to spread out and relax, and the laid-back atmosphere, ideal for reconnecting with those you hold dear – it's all here, waiting for the next family to begin or continue a long-standing tradition.

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NC's Brunswick Islands has everything you need to create a memorable wedding. Once you've got the ring, visit [www.NCBrunswickWeddings.com](http://www.NCBrunswickWeddings.com) for your free wedding guide. It's a bridal trove of useful information for planning the beach wedding of your dreams.

## BRUNSWICK ISLANDS TIDES

Be sure to visit [NCBrunswick.com](http://NCBrunswick.com) to find the local tide chart. Use it to find the best times of the day to fish the Brunswick Islands.







# We're a 10 on fishing's scale

It doesn't matter if your name is Ahab or if you've never baited a hook. This is a fishing spot like no other. The combination of local estuaries and the Gulf Stream just offshore makes NC's Brunswick Islands a sport fishing playground.

Our local charter captains are the key to blue water adventure, whether inshore or 45 miles out to the Gulf current. They know the species and the microclimate weather conditions to help you

get the most out of a half-day or whole-day trip, whether trolling, bottom fishing or casting for big game fish.

Got your own boat? You may want to look into a rental home with canal or marsh-side access with your own private pier. Speaking of piers, our barrier islands feature five ocean piers that stretch hundreds of feet out into the surf, all with locals on scene who can help you get the most out of your day. And with just a rod, reel and chair, you can always fish right off the beach.



## FISHING PIERS

For locations, details and regulations of NC's Brunswick Islands' iconic ocean fishing piers, visit [www.ncbrunswick.com](http://www.ncbrunswick.com).

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**OAK ISLAND PIER**

**OCEAN CREST PIER**

**OCEAN ISLE BEACH PIER**


**SUNSET BEACH PIER**

# Ecological wonders at your

Our barrier islands aren't barriers to nature. Quite the opposite. The unique confluence of tidal flats, creek-fed marshes, inlets, sand dunes and maritime forests creates an abundance of habitats for nature and a source of amazement for visitors.

Loggerhead sea turtles are among our star attractions, and both locals and visitors are dedicated to keeping nesting sites pristine. Our beaches are treasure troves of interesting shells, often brought in by high tide after storms out at sea.

Thanks to our position on the coastal flyway, bird watchers can discover hundreds of species both resident and transient, including many rare ones. Our local nature preserves offer peaceful hikes in lowland forests, with the added interest of carnivorous plants. There's even a swamp park, where you can take a guided eco-tour deep into the maze of cypress knees with its native reptile and amphibian creatures.



*"Every time I go back,  
I feel like I'm home."*

Melissa

30 years of memories made on our shores



# doorstep



# A water world awaits you

## kayak tours

Of the countless ways to experience the breathtaking scenery here, a tour through the marshes and waterways is always a favorite. In addition to equipment rentals, expert-guided tours are available to take you or your group out to see the sights from the perspective of the water. Consider catching a twilight tour to take in the brilliance of a sunset or do some stargazing from your kayak. Take advantage of the experts who are available to help you capture the best of the Brunswick Islands.

There's another side to every barrier island. Even when rollers are breaking on the beach, you'll find the marsh side smooth and blue. Exploring a marsh by canoe, kayak or paddleboard unlocks a hidden world of peace and beauty, as well as a microcosm of crabs, skates, fish and oyster banks and the astonishing number of bird species who feed on them.

Feeling adventurous? The entire county offers an amazing variety of paddling experiences, including



*I love it. Peaceful and relaxing.  
When I am there, it feels like  
I am home!*

**Genie**

5+ years of visits to NC's Brunswick Islands



## OUTFITTERS

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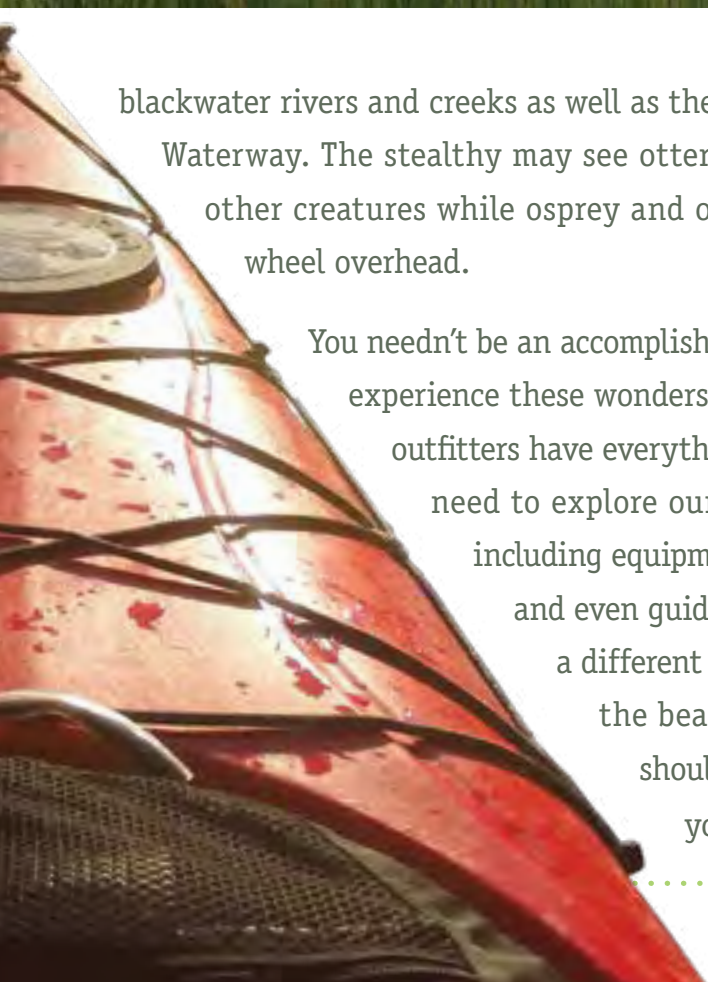
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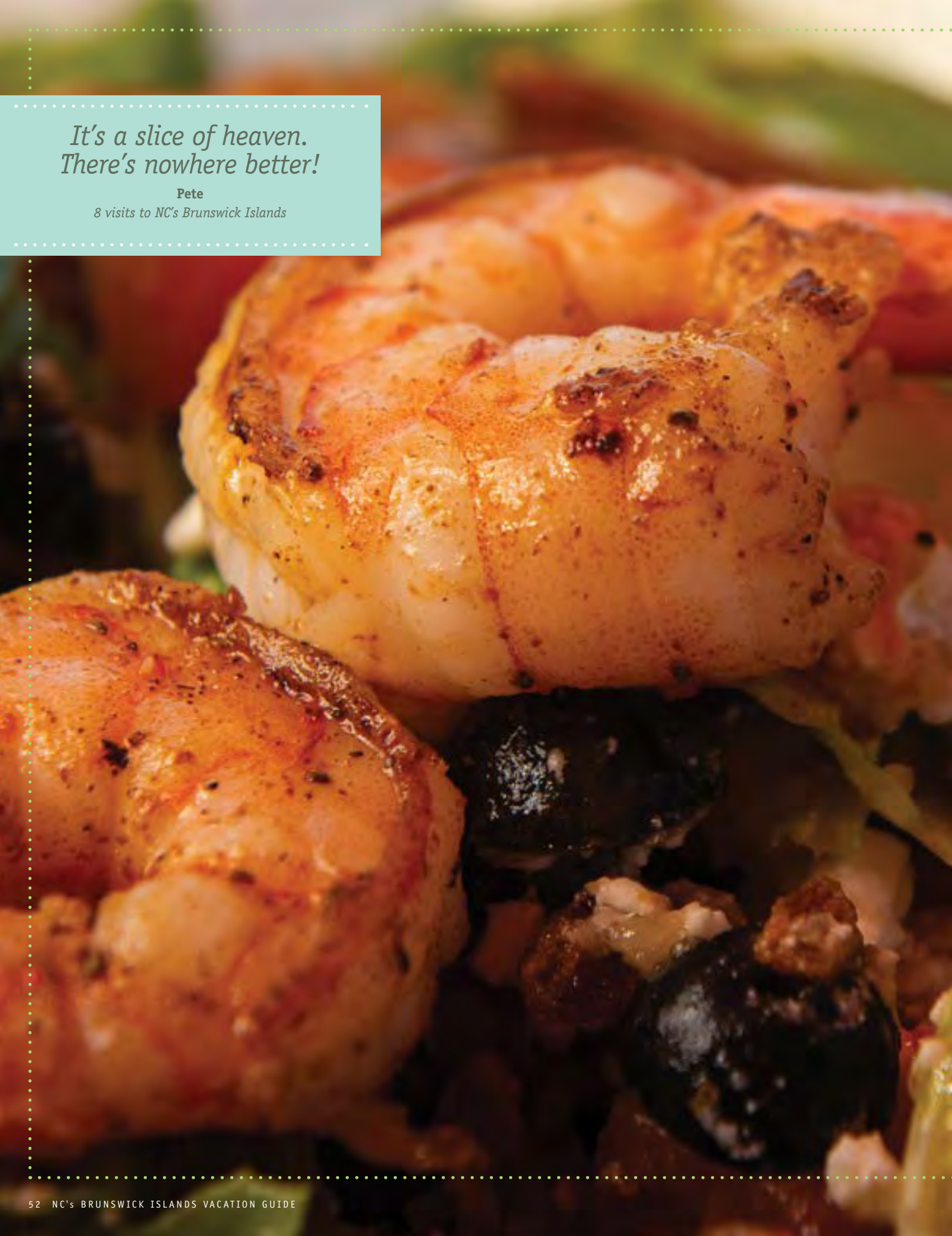
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blackwater rivers and creeks as well as the Intracoastal Waterway. The stealthy may see otters, deer and other creatures while osprey and other raptors wheel overhead.

You needn't be an accomplished paddler to experience these wonders. Our expert outfitters have everything you might need to explore our wetlands, including equipment, training and even guide services. It's a different world behind the beaches. You should introduce yourself to it!





*It's a slice of heaven.  
There's nowhere better!*

**Pete**

*8 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands*





# Get the flavor of beach life

There's nothing wrong with stocking up on provisions, mind you. But don't deny yourself the flavors – and let's be frank, the cook's freedom – of sampling the local fare. Because we know how to bring people together around a table.

What began with a distinct Calabash style has matured into a distinctive Brunswick Islands flavor experience. It's reflected not only in the broad choices of seafood but in the many fine establishments throughout the entire 45 miles of beaches that offer scenic waterfront views. These include Southport's Yacht Basin as well as the bistros and local haunts known to the faithful in our beach towns and the many fresh seafood markets where daily selections are chalked up on a slate board.

Perhaps the best way to enjoy a meal is against the backdrop of a stunning waterfront scene. Oceanfront, riverfront or along the Intracoastal Waterway, we've got all the best spots to savor a meal with a side of scenery. Go find your favorite!



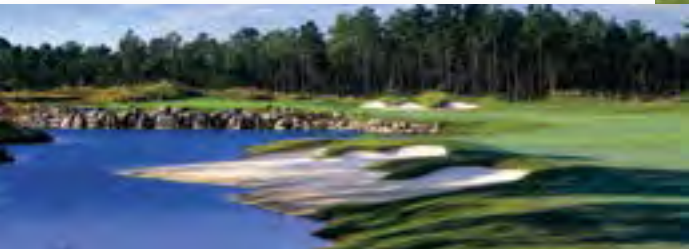
And don't forget to sample the local wine and craft beer scene, too! Whether enjoying an evening out or bringing dinner home to cook up at your beach house, celebrating Brunswick Islands style means heavying up on the fun.

# It's called NC's Golf

More than 30 reasons, to be honest. Because that's how many championship courses you have to choose from in NC's Brunswick Islands alone, even without setting foot outside the county. And there are 80 more within an hour's drive.



You're going to love the way the game's greatest course architects have modeled their designs to the coastal landscape of waterways, marshes and forests. And when you play here, we think you'll agree that Arnold Palmer, Rees Jones, Dan Maples, Willard Byrd, Tim Cate, Fred Couples and friends all gave their best.



You can select a course by difficulty, grass type or yardage. You'll find both St. Andrews-style links courses and genteel but often treacherous Southern classics. Whether with family or on a golf buddies' weekend, NC's Brunswick Islands gives you a completely different experience from the Grand Strand. Come renew your love of the game.





# Coast for a reason

*Good golf, dining and beaches.*

**Ross**

6 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

Visit [www.NCBrunswickGolf.com](http://www.NCBrunswickGolf.com) to request a free Golf Guide or for more information about current specials.

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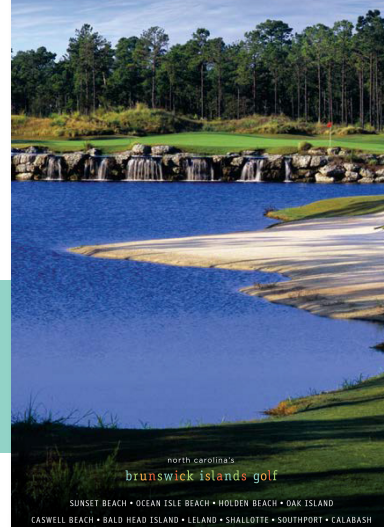
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### NC's Brunswick Islands GOLF GUIDE



# Golf Courses

	Course Par	Yardage	Course Rating	Course Slope	Type of Greens	Practice Range	Carts Mandatory	Course Architect
<b>Bald Head Island Club.</b> 18 holes Bald Head Island, NC 910.457.7310	72	6855	74.3	143	MiniVerde®	Yes	No	George Cobb/ Tim Cate
<b>Brunswick Plantation Resort and Golf.</b> 27 holes 380 Brunswick Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 1.800.332.8576 • 910.685.7979 • <a href="#">see our ad on page 61</a>	72	6967	73.2	135	Champion Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd/ Clyde Johnston
<b>Cape Fear National at Brunswick Forest.</b> 18 holes 1281 Cape Fear National Dr., Leland, NC 910.383.3283 • 1.888.342.3622	72	7130	74.8	140	Bermuda	Yes	No	Tim Cate
<b>Carolina National Golf Club.</b> 27 holes 1643 Goley Hewett Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 910.755.5200 • 1.888.200.6455	72	7017	74.4	141	Champion Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Fred Couples/ Gene Bates
<b>Carolina Shores Golf &amp; Country Club.</b> 18 holes 99 Carolina Shores Dr., Calabash, NC 910.579.2181 • 855.371.0367	72	6783	71.8	135	Bermuda	Yes	No	Tom Jackson
<b>Compass Pointe Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 2431 The Pointe Club Dr., Leland, NC 910.777.7766	72	7085	74.4	138	Champion Bermuda	Yes	No	Rick Robbins
<b>Crow Creek.</b> 18 holes 490 S. Crow Creek Dr., Calabash, NC 910.287.3081 • 1.877.287.3081	72	7241	74.9	138	V8 Bent	Yes	Yes	Rick Robbins
<b>Farmstead Golf Links.</b> 18 holes 541 McLamb Rd. NW, Calabash, NC 910.575.7999	72	7242	75.6	141	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd/ Dave Johnson
<b>The Lakes Country Club.</b> 18 holes 591 South Shore Dr., Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 910.845.2625	72	6692	72.9	129	Bermuda	No	No	Ed Riccoboni
<b>Leopard's Chase Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 6330 Castlebrook Way, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 910.579.5577 • 1.800.233.1801	72	7155	74.3	140	L-93 Bent	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate
<b>Lion's Paw Golf Links.</b> 18 holes 351 Ocean Ridge Pkwy., Ocean Isle Beach, NC 910.287.1703 • 1.800.233.1801	72	7003	74	132	MiniVerde®	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd
<b>Lockwood Folly Country Club.</b> 18 holes 19 Clubhouse Dr. SW, Holden Beach, NC 910.842.5666 • 1.877.562.9663	72	6836	73.6	140	Sunday Ultra-Dwarf Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd
<b>Magnolia Greens Golf Course.</b> 27 holes 1800 Tommy Jacobs Dr., Leland, NC 910.383.0999	72	7127	74.7	140	Champion Bermuda	Yes	No	Tom Jackson



		Course Par	Yardage	Course Rating	Course Slope	Type of Greens	Practice Range	Carts Mandatory	Course Architect
<b>Meadowlands Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 1000 Meadowlands Tr., Calabash, NC 910.287.7529		72	7054	74	132	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd
<b>Oak Island Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 928 Caswell Beach Rd., Caswell Beach, NC 910.278.5275 • 1.800.278.5275		72	6720	73.1	131	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	George Cobb
<b>Oak Island Par Three at South Harbour.</b> 18 holes 4188 Vanessa Dr., Oak Island, NC 910.454.0905 • <b>see our ad on page 60</b>		54	1951	52.3	-	Sunday Ultra-Dwarf Bermuda	No	No	—
<b>Olde Fort Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 3189 River Rd. SE, Winnabow, NC 910.371.9940		72	6400	69.6	112	Bermuda	No	No	Raeford Trask
<b>Oyster Bay Golf Links.</b> 18 holes 614 Lakeshore Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 910.579.3528 • 1.800.697.8372		70	6685	72.1	136	Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Dan Maples
<b>Panther's Run Golf Links.</b> 18 holes 351 Ocean Ridge Pkwy., Ocean Isle Beach, NC 910.287.1703 • 1.800.233.1801		72	7089	73.7	140	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate
<b>The Pearl Golf Links.</b> 27 holes 1300 Pearl Blvd., Calabash, NC 910.579.8132 • 1.888.947.3275		73	7041	72.9	137	MiniVerde®	Yes	Yes	Dan Maples
<b>Rivers Edge Golf Club.</b> 18 holes 2000 Arnold Palmer Dr., Shallotte, NC 910.755.3434 • 1.877.RIVER.18		72	6975	72.7	142	Sunday Ultra-Dwarf Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Arnold Palmer
<b>Sandpiper Bay Golf &amp; Country Club.</b> 27 holes 800 N. Sandpiper Club Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 910.579.9120 • 1.800.356.5827		71	6503	71.6	135	Bermuda	Yes	No	Dan Maples
<b>Sea Trail.</b> 54 holes 75A Clubhouse Rd., Sunset Beach, NC 910.287.1122	Jones	72	6754	73.2	138	Champion Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Rees Jones
	Byrd	72	6658	72.6	129	Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Willard Byrd
	Maples	72	6384	72	138	Bent	Yes	Yes	Dan Maples
<b>Thistle Golf Club.</b> 27 holes 1815 Olde Thistle Club Rd., Sunset Beach, NC 910.444.2500 • 1.800.571.6710	S/C	71	6373	70.8	132	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate
	C/M	72	6616	72.2	131	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate
	M/S	72	6494	71.6	133	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate
<b>Tiger's Eye Golf Links.</b> 18 holes 360 Ocean Ridge Pkwy., Ocean Isle Beach, NC 910.287.7227 • 1.800.233.1801		72	7014	73.3	141	TifEagle	Yes	Yes	Tim Cate

# Collecting memories







### STARFISH

*Asterias rubens*

Not a fish but an echinoderm, starfish famously regenerate their limbs. However, they should be handled with care.

The patient may even see them move in a tidal pool.



### LETTERED OLIVE

*Americoliva sayana*

This olive varies from gray to reddish-brown with zigzag markings and lives near shore or on sand flats near inlets.



### TRUE TULIP

*Fasciolaria tulipa*

This shell can be distinguished from a banded tulip by the 15 or more brown lines on the main body. Grows up to 9.5" in length.



### COCKLE

*Cerastoderma edule*

Often mistaken for a scallop, this bivalve is notable for the riotous profusion of colors it comes in. Often used by shellers to make ornaments, necklaces and other accessories.



### KEYHOLE URCHIN

*Mellita quinquiesperforata*

Commonly known as the sand dollar, this urchin is disc-shaped and is identified by its five keyhole slots. Please do not take any living sand dollars from their habitat.



### LIGHTNING WHELK

*Busycon contrarium*

This ribbed whelk with its distinctive alternating bands was used by Native American tribes to fashion both tools and jewelry. Often found in both sand and muddy areas.



### ATLANTIC COQUINA

*Donax variabilis*

These tiny treasures, once home to a species of clam no bigger than an inch, can be found in an assortment of beautiful colors with a variety of markings. Search for these shells to collect, and keep an eye out for live coquinas to show up in the surf.



### BABY'S EAR

*Sinum perspectivum*

Look for this roundish shell on your stroll down the beach. It's usually solid white with a shallow coil. Don't be fooled by its delicate look. This shell was once home to a carnivorous creature!



### MOON SNAIL

*Naticarius canrena*

This beautiful shell can be identified by its semi-transparency. Its former occupant is known to feed on other snail and clam species.

# Average Temperatures (°F)

month	air (high/low)	water
January .....	55/34.....	49
February.....	58/36.....	51
March .....	66/43.....	56
April.....	74/51.....	66
May.....	81/59.....	71
June.....	85/68.....	79
July.....	89/72.....	80
August.....	88/71.....	80
September.....	85/65.....	77
October.....	77/54.....	77
November.....	69/45.....	70
December .....	59/38.....	50



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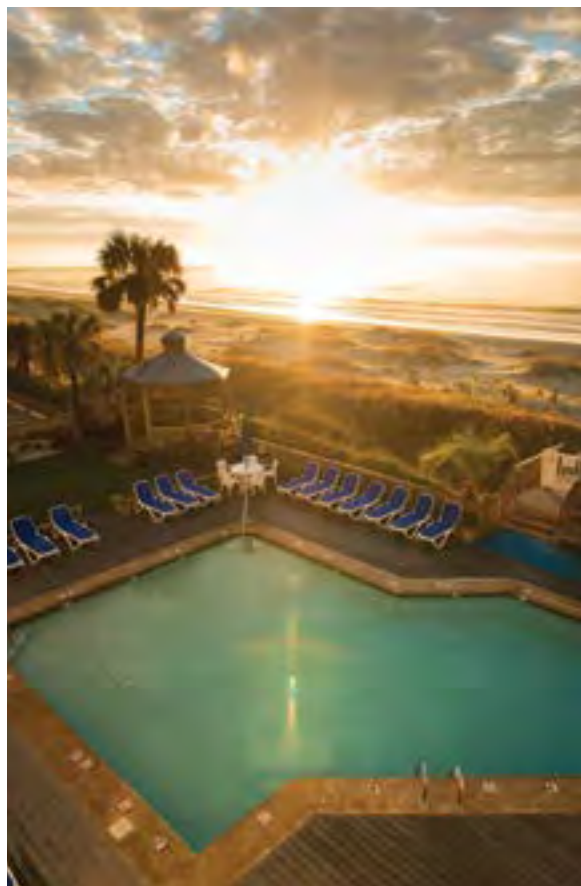
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from	distance (miles)	time
Asheville, NC.....	320	5 hours 25 mins
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Charlotte, NC .....	187	3 hours 30 mins
Columbia, SC .....	184	3 hours
Fayetteville, NC.....	92	1 hours 47 mins
N. Myrtle Beach, SC .....	23	31 mins
Raleigh, NC.....	165	2 hours 44 mins
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