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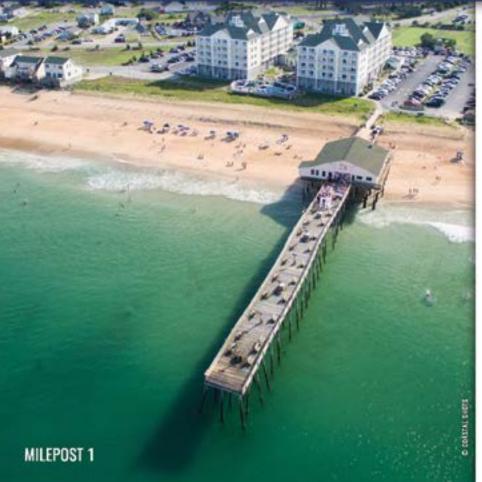






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Welcome to The Outer Banks of North Carolina. Whether this is your first time with us or we're your family vacation tradition, we hope you love it here as much as we do.

The team at the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau isn't just a team of travel planning experts, we call this place home. We've taken on a long-range tourism management plan to keep the Outer Banks the Outer Banks - natural, wild, and free. We've partnered with community nonprofits to create voluntourism opportunities for visitors and residents to give back to the place that gives so much (outerbanks.org/voluntourism), and we are striving to create an Outer Banks that is accessible for all to enjoy.

This guide is filled with the information we think will help plan your trip and perhaps discover a side of us you've not experienced before. Don't be shy - if you have questions, reach out to us.

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Where Do I Start?

Step 1: Choose a Home Base - Pick an Island

The hardest part of planning your trip might be deciding which area or island to call "home base." The good news? You can't go wrong. Some people choose an island, town, village based on the pace and vibe of that area. Other folks figure out the attractions and activities they're interested in and select a place that's most convenient. Either way, you're sure to have plenty of fun stuff to do nearby and the characteristic "island time" of the Outer Banks to help you recharge.

Step 2: Find a Place to Stay

Ok, so you chose an island area for your crew, good job! Next, you'll want to consider where to lay your head at night. The Outer Banks has lodging options to suit every personality and every budget: rock star to rustic, tried-and-true to totally one-of-a-kind. It really depends on the type of experience you'd like to have.

Rental homes with theaters and pools? No problem. Something smaller for fewer people and a shorter stay? Got it. Pet-friendly hotels, motels and cottage courts? Woof-woof (You bet). Campgrounds with and without hookups? Your star burns brightly here. Bed & Breakfasts that'll make your heart beat faster? We love it.

The biggest drivers of cost are going to be the season you wish to visit (Tip: you can save a bundle by visiting in spring, fall and winter), how close you'd like to be to the ocean and the amenities you'd like to have.

Step 3: Make It Happen

A couple of things to know. Most of our overnight accommodations are rental homes managed by local, professional companies. These rental homes tend to require week-long stays, at least during summer, and the majority of summer homes are booked by the end of January. Pro tip: Plan your vacation to the OBX during Thanksgiving or Christmas when the extended family is already together. Visit one of our four welcome centers conveniently located in Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Manteo and Hatteras Village for more trip planning ideas and inspiration.



Navigating the Islands



America's Beach

Dare County's Outer Banks consists of three island areas with a 100+ miles of beautiful ocean shoreline. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore commands much of the expanse, putting you front and center for Mother Nature's show. Our barrier islands curve far out into the Atlantic Ocean for a dynamic environment you won't find elsewhere (and quick access to the "blue water" and world-famous deep-sea fishing). One of the best parts is that even on our most crowded weekend, you can find your own stretch of beach, not another person in sight.

Northern Beaches

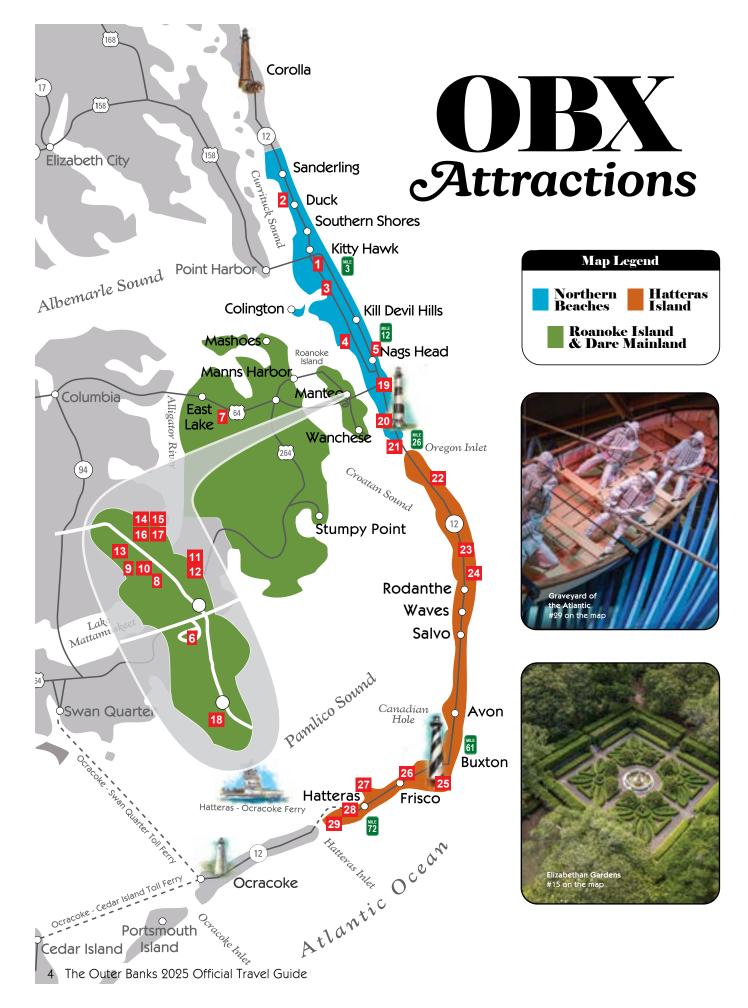
This is what we collectively call the five oceanfront towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head. Of course, they each have their own story and appeal, but generally consider this area to be a bit more buzzing with plenty of restaurants, shopping and lodging options from which to choose. If you've got folks in your group that just have to keep moving, or have more essential needs, this might be the island for you. Wright Brothers National Memorial is located on the Northern Beaches.

Roanoke Island & Dare Mainland

Where it all started. Roanoke Island, with the town of Manteo and village of Wanchese, is known for beautiful waterfront access to Croatan & Roanoke Sounds, offering natural marshes and a variety of recreational and commercial marinas. The centerpiece is a charming downtown with walkable shopping and several nearby attractions celebrating the OBX's place in history as the first attempted English settlement in America. Fort Raleigh National Historic Site is located on Roanoke Island.

Hatteras Island

The villages of Hatteras Island appeal to travelers who want to get a little farther away from it all. They have that slightly rustic throwback vacation vibe where it's all about access to the beach and the many ways to enjoy it. Just about everything is a familyowned and operated business, from amazing seafood markets to the motels and inns, and campgrounds near the shore. Go fishing, drive on the beach or view the tallest lighthouse in the country within America's first National Seashore, Cape Hatteras.



- Aycock Brown Welcome Center & Monument to a Century of Flight MP 1.5. Located in Kitty Hawk, information on attractions, events, directions, restrooms, public phones, and picnic area. The on-site Monument to a Century of Flight depicts 100 greatest achievements in aviation. Rest areas open 365 days a year; welcome center closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. 9am - 5pm. 252-473-2138
- 2 Duck Soundside Boardwalk Accessible from the Town Park and other locations throughout the Town's Village Commercial District. The boardwalk allows residents and visitors alike to enjoy the beauty of the Currituck Sound, visit some of our fine retail establishments & eateries, take in a show, or just relax and enjoy the day. Open year-round. 252-
- Wright Brothers National Memorial MP 7.5. Site of the world's first powered flight on December 17, 1903 by Orville and Wilbur Wright. The visitor center features a full-scale reproduction of the Wright Flyer, interpretive talks, granite monument, bronze sculptures and historical markers. Open year-round; 9am - 5pm except Christmas Day. 252-475-9401. Admission Fee.
- 4 Jockey's Ridge State Park MP 12. This 400-acre park features the tallest natural sand dunes on the East Coast. Self-guided trail and observation platform. Nature programs in the summer. Hang gliding, kite flying, climbing, picnic area, visitor center, museum and restrooms. Hours vary seasonally. Open year-round. 252-441-7132. Free admission.
- 5 Jennette's Pier at Nags Head MP 16.5. Jennette's is a one-of-a-kind educational ocean fishing pier. The 1,000-foot concrete pier, operated by the North Carolina Aquariums, features educational programs, alternative energy demonstrations, live animal exhibits, meeting facilities, a snack, gift and tackle shop. 252-255-1501.
- Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island This centrally located center provides travelers with information, assistance or just a relaxing place to take a break from the road. Restrooms, vending and features a convenient, drive-up waste dump station. Rest areas open 365 days a year; welcome center closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. 9am -5pm. 252-473-2138.
- Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge ~ Dare Mainland The refuge has over 150,000 acres of wetland habitats and a wide variety of wildlife. Free admission. Visitors will find hiking and wildlife trails, observation platforms and fishing areas. Some marked trails for kayaking and canoeing. Guided canoe tours are available for a fee. 252-473-1131. Visit the Outer Banks mainland communities of Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point.
- Berbert M. Collins Boathouse and Pea Island Cookhouse at Collins Park in Manteo - Explore the history of America's only all African-American U.S. Coast Guard station, the Pea Island Life-Saving Station, which was decommissioned in 1947. Statue of Richard Etheridge, the nation's first black officer in charge of a Life-Saving Station.
- 9 North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island The North Carolina Aguarium on Roanoke Island presents the aguatic environments of coastal Carolina through its theme "Waters of the Outer Banks." History buffs will enjoy the one-third scale replica of the USS Monitor in the shark and fishfilled Graveyard of the Atlantic tank. Open year-round. 252-475-2300.
- 10 Island Farm Join interpreters dressed in 1850's period attire as they carry out the daily activities of a Roanoke Island farm more than a century ago. Hours vary according to season. Admission Fee. 252-473-6500.
- 111 Roanoke Island Festival Park Learn about England's first settlement in America dating back to 1585. Come aboard the representative 16th century ship Elizabeth II and experience family fun and games, blacksmithing and woodworking from a colonial village. Search for fossilized shark teeth. Open mid Feb.-Dec. 252-475-1500. Admission Fee.
- 12 Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse & NC Maritime Museum A working boatshop and replica screwpile lighthouse where visitors can learn about Roanoke Island's unique maritime heritage. Open year-round. 252-475-1750.
- 13 National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island The Visitor Center, located on the north end of Roanoke Island on the opposite side of US 64 from The Lost Colony, Ft Raleigh, and the Elizabethan Gardens, is open to the public (hours vary - closed Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- Fort Raleigh National Historic Site Site of the first English colony in the New World, where Sir Walter Raleigh's explorers and later colonists established settlements in 1585 & 1587. Would later become known as "The Lost Colony", after 116 settlers disappeared. Visitor center, interpretive programs, nature trail. Open year-round. 252-475-9001. Free
- 15 Elizabethan Gardens The Garden Club of North Carolina created a beautiful 16th century-style garden as a living memorial to the lost colonists. Flower-bordered walkways, sweet-scented blossoms, antique garden statuary, herbs, wildflower area, English portraits and gazebo highlight the gardens. Open year-round. 252-473-3234. Hours vary with season. Admission Fee.

- 16 The Lost Colony Outdoor Drama Pulitzer-prize winner Paul Green's symphonic outdoor drama, the oldest in the country, tells the story of the first English attempt at settlement in the New World. Six nights a week at the Waterside Theatre, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, early June-late August. 252-473-3414. Admission Fee.
- The Freedman's Colony of Roanoke Island, 1862-1867 During the Civil War, one of the first safe havens for freed or runaway slaves in the South. In February of 1862, following the Union capture of Roanoke Island, hundreds of African-American slaves fled here and established a working settlement. Located on the grounds at Fort Raleigh. Open year-round.
- 18 Wanchese The village of Wanchese, located on the southeastern tip of Roanoke Island, is the center of Dare County's commercial fishing industry and site of the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park. There is also a world-class yacht/charter boat building industry in the village
- 19 Whalebone Welcome Center Operated by The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, the center provides information on attractions, events and directions. The center also offers rest rooms and picnic area. Rest areas are open 365 days a year; welcome center is open 8:30am - 5pm. (Mar-Dec). Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. 252-473-2138.
- Bodie Island Lighthouse & Marshes A visitor center in the old keeper's quarters features exhibits and is open March - December. There is a self-guided nature trail with parking area off NC 12 for bird watching. Many species of waterfowl seen seasonally, including egret, heron, glossy ibis, wading birds. National Park Service controls waterfowl hunting in season. Open for climbing April - October. 252-475-9501.
- Oregon Inlet & Marc Basnight Bridge Oregon Inlet is the heart of Outer Banks commercial and recreational fishing and boating. It is the channel that connects the brackish Pamlico Sound to the Atlantic Ocean. and the northern most ocean access on the Outer Banks for watercraft on the Northern Beaches, Dare Mainland and Roanoke Island. Marc Basnight Bridge, which spans Oregon Inlet, is one of America's newest "must see"
- Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Located on the north end of Hatteras Island, the nearly 6,000 acre refuge has a welcome center located seven miles south of Oregon Inlet. Hundreds of species of migrating birds have been spotted within the 13 mile span. From the spring to autumn, a large variety of wading, shore and upland birds can be seen. Observation platforms near parking areas. 252-987-2394.
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore Established in 1953, America's first National Seashore extends more than 70 miles south from Nags Head to Ocracoke Inlet covering 30,000 acres. Includes natural and historic attractions, lighthouses and lifesaving stations. Picnic, camping and interpretive programs offered seasonally. Open year-round. 252-475-9000.
- Chicamacomico U.S. Lifesaving Station MP 39. Located on NC Hwy 12 in the village of Rodanthe. Historic site of the forerunners to U.S. Coast Guard. Features two stations from 1874 and 1911. Programs and exhibits. Call for summer programming schedule. April-Nov. 252-987-1552. Admission Fee.
- The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse MP 60. Tallest brick lighthouse in North America, standing at 208 feet high. Built in 1870, the signature black and white, spiral-striped lighthouse is the international symbol of the North Carolina coast. Grounds open, but no climbing during 2025 renovations. The Lighthouse keeper's quarters serve as a visitor center and museum and are open year-round. 252-475-9602. Free to visit.
- Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center MP 67. This non-profit educational foundation takes you back in time to follow the developments of the islands' earliest Native inhabitants. Authentic collections and artifacts from Native American tribes. Guided tours and lectures for school and youth groups are available with notice. 252-995-4440. Admission Fee.
- U.S. Weather Bureau Station ~ Hatteras One of the first weather reporting stations in what would become today's U.S. Weather Service. How America got its weather during the days of the Wright Brothers. On the National Register of Historic Places. Operated as a Welcome Center and National Park Service site. Open Mar-Nov. Closed Thanksgiving Day. 252-473-2138
- Hatteras ~ Ocracoke Ferry MP 72. The ferry connecting the islands of Hatteras and Ocracoke. First come, first serve. Vehicle ferries runs year-round. Ocracoke Express Passenger Ferry runs mid May to mid September. 1-800-BY-FERRY.
- Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum Features special exhibits including pirates, Civil War ironclad the U.S.S. Monitor, shipwreck artifacts and more. Hours vary according to season. 252-986-2996.



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The Outer Banks is an amazing natural wonder that has been the source of historic achievements and supported a special way of life for generations. Let's keep it that way and do our part. Look out for one another, be aware and prepared for any situation and work together to protect this place that we love. Make a promise to:

- 1. Discover this land of history & inspiration with a spirit of kindness & appreciation.
- 2. Turn "what ifs" into "let's prepare."
- 3. Pack it in, pack it out. Leave no trace.
- 4. Wander with wonder, sticking to roads and paths.
- 5. Love the beach, respect the ocean.
- 6. Be a wildlife star, observing animals safely from afar.
- 7. Support local. Small acts have big impacts.



Our coast's public lands are a great resource for hiking, wildlife viewing, fishing, relaxing and so much more. Because of this, we want to ensure that our natural resources are protected and we encourage our visitors and locals to practice leaving no trace. These principles remind us to be conscious of the effects on our actions on the environment and can be applied anywhere, at anytime, not just the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Promise #3

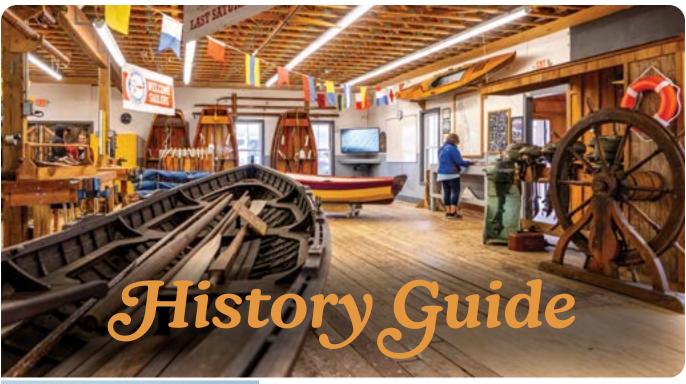


OBX towns and villages are full of locally owned shops, boutiques and specialty outlets. You won't find our region stuffed with commercial businesses. Instead, you will discover homey charm in any privately owned shop you visit. Promise #7





Head over to OBXpromise.com to join the hundreds of others that have already made their promise. Tag us in your social posts by using #OBXpromise.









A Journey Through Time

Discover some hidden gems of history and lesser-known facts. You can find many of our other popular sites on the Attractions Map on pg. #5.

Lighthouses & Lifesavers - For more than two centuries, lighthouses have guarded our coast and always guided boaters' ways. Generations of seaborne travelers and mariners have sought the comfort of these beacons' reassuring light as they navigated the perilous channels and shoals. With treacherous seas came the guardians of the coast. The Pea Island Life-Saving Station was the first in the country to have an all-black crew, and it was the first in the nation to have a black man, Richard Etheridge, as commanding officer.

Shipwrecks - The early superhighway of the sea was just off Cape Hatteras, and where you have ships at sea trading and exploring, you have accidents. Night journeys, poor weather, erred navigation and unmapped underwater shoals all contributed to the legacy of the OBX shipwreck history, not to mention war. Today, you can find shipwrecks periodically uncovered on the beach from the "Triangle Wrecks" just off Kill Devil Hills, or the *Huron* off Nags Head, to the deeper water German U-boat dives.

Monument to a Century of Flight - The Monument depicts the human odyssey of flight in a single century from earthbound into the mysteries of space. It's fourteen stainless steel, wing-shaped pylons ascend in height from 10 to 20 feet and are organized in an orbit of 120 feet, symbolic of the length of the Wright Brothers' first historic flight. Black granite panels chronicle one hundred of the most significant events in aviation's first century.

Croatan Archaeological Society - As part of its mission, the Society works to educate the local community and the public about Hatteras Island's hidden history and the story that the archaeological research provides. The CAS has artifacts on display at the Lost Colony Museum and Gifts located at 46618 N.C. Highway 12. Buxton.

OBX History Center - The Outer Banks History Center (OBHC) is a regional archival facility administered by the State Archives of North Carolina. Visit their rotating exhibits, listen to oral history interviews, conduct family history research, or explore historical photographs, maps, family papers and other documents.









Discover Your Passions

For decades, people have called the Outer Banks their happy place. We'd add that if you nurture that place where your heart finds its bliss, your soul will never grow old. Life on the edge of the continent isn't easy nor for the faint of heart, but for the spiritually fortunate who've discovered their passions, working hard to live life to the fullest is the easiest choice to make.

Hang Gliding - Did you know you can learn to hang glide at the world's largest hang gliding school while on the Outer Banks? Kitty Hawk Kites offers lessons for beginners and provide all the hang gliding equipment you'll need.

Kiteboarding - The Outer Banks has been dubbed the "Kite Boarding and Wind Surfing Capital of the East Coast." The steady and consistent winds, temperate weather, shallow sound waters and rolling ocean waves – all provide great opportunities for both novices and extreme sport enthusiasts alike.

Aerial Tour - Make like Orville and Wilbur Wright by taking flight over the barrier islands. Get a bird's eye view of the famous Oregon Inlet or look for shipwrecks in the Graveyard of the Atlantic waters below.

Kayaking & Canoeing - There's just as much sound, bay and estuary water as there is ocean beach on the OBX, making for a maze of salt marsh and open shallows that beckon paddlers. Hop on a guided tour, peruse specialty shops and outfitters, and pick the perfect launch site at public water accesses for kayaks, boat, & canoes on both sides of these barrier islands.

Biking & Hiking - Appropriate for any level rider, the OBX hosts bridges, wide flat shoulders, and rolling paved paths. Take the avenue less traveled and explore beaches and maritime forests on foot also.

Surfing - We have some of the largest waves on the East Coast, a reputation known well by surfers the world over. Cape Hatteras juts nearly 30 miles out from the mainland, the chin of a sandy barrier island carved out from the edge of the continental shelf by two massive ocean currents, the cool Labrador coming down from the North and the warm Gulf Stream swinging up from the South.

Camping - Sleeping under the stars has never been better. Dare County has three NPS campgrounds and handfuls of private choices too. OBX is a compelling destination for camping families looking for a cost-effective experience in a vibrant and family-friendly atmosphere. Many of our sites are only a few sandy steps away from the ocean, nestled near rolling dunes.

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Outer Banks Trails

Trails don't have to exclusively pertain to hiking or walking, discover below which OBX "path" suits you.

HIKING TRAILS

The OBX is known for its beaches, but did you know we also have three coastal maritime forests...Kitty Hawk Woods, Nags Head Woods and Buxton Woods? While we do not have mountains to climb, we have some of the tallest sand dunes on the east coast at Jockey's Ridge State Park along with other hiking trails including the eastern terminus of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Only a short drive south is the beautiful Bodie Island Lighthouse with a boardwalk and surrounding walkable land. It's also located across from Coquina Beach Access, a National Park Service beach and perfect stop to refresh and fill up those water bottles. If you find your way over to Run Hill in Kill Devil Hills, you'll walk thru sand dunes that mirror Jockey's Ridge State Park. These dunes are on the northern border of Nags Head Woods Ecological Preserve and can be accessed behind First Flight Elementary School. You can find numerous public boardwalks, gazebos and newly constructed pedestrian sidewalks in most towns and villages from Hatteras Village all the way north to the popular Duck Boardwalk, spanning nearly a mile with 11 acres of soundfront views.



NC OYSTER TRAIL

The NC Oyster Trail is administered by North Carolina Sea Grant and North Carolina Coastal Federation in partnership with the NC Shellfish Growers Association and copious oyster lovers and volunteers. It offers unique tourism experiences centered on our state's tasty oysters. Along the Trail, you will find oyster farm tours; restaurants and markets that sell N.C. oysters; artists that make art with oyster shells; and aquariums, museums and educational centers where you can learn pretty much everything about North Carolina's favorite mollusk. In the Outer Banks we have four oyster farms featured on the Trail: Cape Hatteras Oyster Company, Slash Creek Oysters and Sticky Bottom Oysters on Hatteras Island; and Savage Inlet Oysters just south of Nags Head. Some farms offer tours on boats to see their operations while others sell to local restaurants and direct to oyster eaters.

BIKING PATHS

With many bike paths and wide paved shoulders, you're sure to find an interest for leisure riders, serious cyclists and the entire family. The landscape is almost entirely flat with the exception being a few bridges, and there is almost always a breeze blowing in your face regardless of the direction you're heading. You'll notice yellow "Bicycles - Share the Road" signs all through Dare County on US 158, US-64 and 264, and NC 12. As for the mainland, you can ride through miles and miles of rich farming country and wildlife preserves on main and side roads with little traffic to worry about. For leisure family riding, especially with children, multi-use paths are available in most of the towns and villages for slower-paced touring or for a relaxing afternoon ride. There are some paved separate routes, which wind along parallel to the highways or through wooded areas. Fast cyclists are cautioned about using multi-purpose paths because of the presence of walkers, joggers, rollerbladers, and children on bicycles. A word of caution, summer is not the best time for on-highway cycling due to the high volume of tourist traffic.

BEER, WINE & SPIRITS TRAIL

For those who love the finer tastes in life, we've developed an OBX Beer, Wine, & Spirits Trail. Start north with a cool water excursion taking you from the chic town of Duck across the Currituck Sound for a wine tasting. As you make your way through the remaining OBX, TRiO in Kitty Hawk is comprised of both a gourmet wine, beer and cheese market as well as a restaurant with a wine bar. Looking for locally brewed beer? Outer Banks Brewing Station is the first wind-powered brewery in America and is not located far from Swells'a, a sweet little beach beer bar bodega with live music and beach inspired brews. The four owners of Outer Banks Distilling all met years ago working at a local brewery and became fast friends over their shared love of good rum. Stop into their Wheelhouse Lounge for specialty rum cocktails. The Lost Colony Brewery specializes in British and Irish style beers using various combinations of malt and barley. Their brewery in Stumpy Point is housed in a 10,000 square foot former boat shop, capable of producing 1,000 gallons of beer at a time. This tasty trek will help you experience the rich, local tradition of beer, wine, and spirits. Please enjoy the trail responsibly.

CIVIL WAR TRAIL

Winding through Roanoke Island and Hatteras Island are parts of the Dare County Civil War Trail. Along the way you'll find important historical monuments and displays like the Battle of Chicamacomico Races, where the Confederacy attempted to reclaim Hatteras Island from the Union, and the Freedman's Colony. While less renowned than other Civil War battles, the actions here were crucial for control of North Carolina. Our island, amidst the war's hardships, became a beacon of hope for enslaved people seeking freedom.

6 AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE OF NORTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA

The African American Experience of Northeast North Carolina (AAENENC) encourages a deeper understanding and recognition for the contributions of the Black community in one of America's most history-rich corridors. The new self-guided discovery starts online at NCBlackHeritageTour.com and connects dozens of visitable points of interest and African American influence across a six-county region that includes the islands of The Outer Banks.

ART TRAIL The Outer Banks Art Trail is a vibrant tapestry of murals, galleries, and shops showcasing local art. As you drive along Highway 12, you'll encounter colorful murals depicting coastal landscapes, maritime history, and local culture. For a more immersive art experience, explore the galleries and shops in the Gallery Row Arts District in Nags Head. Here, and at places like the KDH Art Cooperative, you'll find a diverse range of art, from fine art paintings and sculptures to handcrafted jewelry and unique gifts. Local artists showcase their work in these galleries, offering a chance to connect with the creative community and purchase one-of-a-kind pieces.



Northern Beaches

Duck | Southern Shores | Kitty Hawk | Kill Devil Hills | Nags Head

The Outer Banks is known for its open spaces. Where the horizon stretches out, the mind clears. The Northern Beaches offer plenty of such gems. The top of Big Kill Devil Hill (aka Wright Brothers National Memorial) and the vast sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge perhaps lead the way but dig a little more and you'll find adventures and sights in all directions. The five towns here seem to flow from one to the next, but each has its own personality. That's part of the fun. The families and travelers that choose the Northern Beaches appreciate its extra options and conveniences.



Bodie Island Lighthouse

Located just south of Nags Head, the Bodie Island Lighthouse as it stands today is the third such beacon built to help mariners maneuver the coast from Cape Hatteras to Currituck Beach. The original Bodie Island Lighthouse (pronounced "body") was built in 1847, on the south side of Oregon Inlet in an area known today as Pea Island. You have the chance to climb the lighthouse at your own pace and take in the gorgeous natural surroundings and get a bird's-eye view of the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico Sound.



Wright Brothers National Memorial

Wind, sand, and a dream of flight brought Wilbur and Orville Wright to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina where, after four years of scientific experimentation, they achieved the first successful airplane flights on December 17, 1903. With courage and perseverance, these self-taught engineers relied on teamwork and application of the scientific process. What they achieved changed our world forever. Visit the nation's commemorative monument to the Wright brothers' world-changing achievement.



Fishing Al"lure"

Leaving the asphalt in your grocery getter to traverse miles of wilderness beach in search of brawler gamefish is one of the most primal ways to flay away the sheen of city life for a day or maybe even a lifetime if you get hooked. See what we did there? "Hooked." Catching is its own reward. Fishing, on the other hand, is an alternative lifestyle. If you can't look at a striped bass or red drum without seeing two thick tenderloins, grab your rod and head this way. If you've never invited a complete stranger to Thanksgiving after running a blitz of bluefish together, well, you're just missing out. Don't worry, we have people for that. Welcome to Fishing with a capital "F," where everything under the water's surface has teeth, tastes good and might be smarter than you.



Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nags Head When the 427 acre area was threatened by development in the 1970s, local citizens banded together to protect and preserve this incredible natural setting. Jockey's Ridge will celebrate it's 50th anniversary June 5-8, 2025.



Hotels & Motels

BLUE HERON MOTEL

blueheronnc.com. Nags Head. MP 15.75. (252) 441-7447.

CAVALIER BY THE SEA

cavalierbythesea.com. Kill Devil Hills. MP 8.5. (252) 441-5584.

COLONIAL INN

colonialinnmotel.com. Nags Head. MP 11.5. (252) 441-7308.

COMFORT INN ON THE OCEAN

hotelsobx.com. Kill Devil Hills. MP 9.5. (252) 441-6333.

COMFORT INN SOUTH OCEANFRONT

hotelsobx.com. Nags Head. MP 17. (252) 441-6315.

DAYS INN OCEANFRONT WRIGHT BROTHERS obxlodging.com. Kill Devil Hills. MP 8.5. (252) 489-4181.

DOLPHIN OCEANFRONT MOTEL

dolphinmotel.net. Nags Head. MP 16.5. (252) 441-7488.

DRIFTIN' SANDS MOTEL

driftinsandsmotel.com. Kill Devil Hills. MP 6.75. (252) 715-4100.

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keesouterbanks.com. Nags Head. (866) 316-1843.

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hgi.com. Kitty Hawk. MP 1.5. (252) 261-1290.

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islandermotel.com. Nags Head. MP 16. (252) 441-6229.

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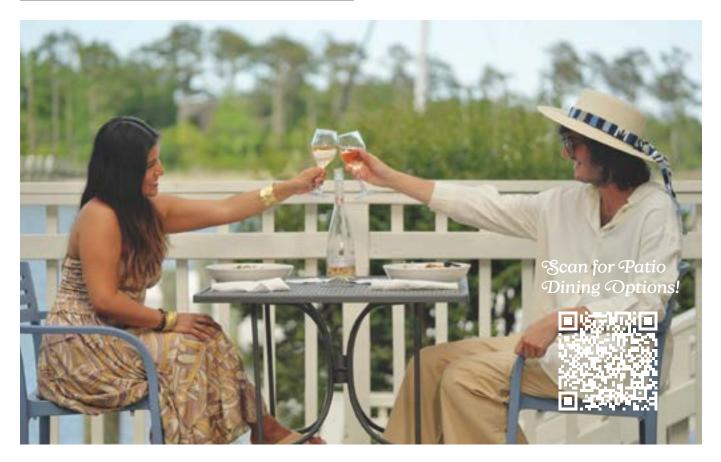
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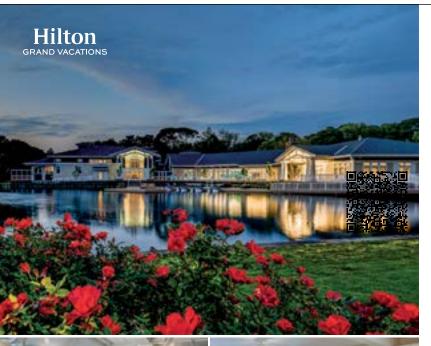
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Across the Roanoke Sound from Nags Head sits Roanoke Island, a small island with two main commercial areas -Wanchese at the south end and Manteo in the center. Wanchese, a charming fishing village that retains its old-world charm and sense of identity. The village takes its name from one of two Native American Indian chiefs that first met British governor John White's expedition in 1585. Chief Manteo was the other. Manteo, the heart of Roanoke Island, is the center of visitor activity. To call this small coastal town on the protected Shallowbag Bay picturesque doesn't do it justice. It's a town with a history tied to The Lost Colony of Roanoke and to the bounty of the waters around. Families here fished and farmed for a living, a story more fully told at Island Farm and at the Roanoke Island Maritime Museum where you can get a look at some of the boats designed and built especially for these waters.



ill-fated colony disappeared, leaving a carving on a pole as the only clue to their whereabouts; to this day the mystery around their disappearance intrigues visitors and history lovers. Next door you can sit for the outdoor drama *The Lost Colony* where you'll learn

more about their time here. Elizabethan Gardens, 10acre botanical garden is adjacent to Fort Raleigh.

Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse

Stretching out 40 yards and tucked into Shallowbag Bay you will find the Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse. The lighthouse reminds you more of a small coastal cottage with its white exterior accented with black shutters and a brickred roof. Capping the lighthouse is a Fresnel lens reaching out 2' wide and up 4' tall. Stroll down the weathered deck boards and visit the lighthouse to enjoy its never-ending views of the beautiful Roanoke Sound.



Sailing the Intercoastal Waterway

Sailing has found its home in the OBX. Newcomers to advanced mariners can dock for a summer or winter and enjoy a number of local marinas and docks. Sailors of all ranges have options of renting, learning or riding around the Intracoastal Waterway. Mariners have front-row access to numerous restaurants, harbor front stores and some of the best scenery.

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Hatteras Island

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Simply put, Hatteras Island is the only place where you can experience a bit of what life was like on the Outer Banks before the world found us. Seven villages, a lighthouse, and one National Seashore make up Hatteras Island. In every village and town – Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras Village – the past rubs up against the present and in waters where wooden fishing boats once hauled in the day's catch in a hand-woven net, sleek fishing boats carry charters out to the Gulf Stream and modern trawlers haul in a ton of shrimp at a time; the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse runs on electricity, not whale oil, but its light shines out across the hidden dangers of Diamond Shoals and Oregon Inlet all the same; and everywhere you look it's unlike any other place in the world.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

The National Seashore extends more than 70 miles from South Nags Head to Ocracoke Inlet, covering 30,000 acres. The first national seashore in the country includes natural and historic attractions, such as lighthouses and lifesaving stations. Picnic areas, camping and interpretive programs are offered seasonally. Take your ORV for a day of surf fishing or experience the natural beauty of the seashore while on a guided horseback excursion.



Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

Designed and constructed starting in 1868, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse located in Buxton is the tallest traditional lighthouse in the United States, and it is an iconic symbol of North Carolina's Outer Banks. The lighthouse is exposed to salt air, high winds, and intense sunlight. Consequently, repairs are needed to maintain the integrity of this national treasure. The National Park Service has received funding for a major 18-month repair project. The lighthouse grounds will remain open for touring, however climbing will not commence again until 2025.

A Surfer's Dream

The Outer Banks of North Carolina is widely regarded as having the best surf breaks on the entire East Coast. And that's on a bad day. On a good day, if the forces of nature decide they feel like jamming together, Cape Hatteras could rock and roll for days with the endless raw energy of a teenage garage band. Sometimes it feels more like a classic orchestra. Whatever rhythm you rip to, play chase with a few frothy green monsters in our neighborhood and you might find yourself wanting a new tattoo.









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rustyssurfnturf.com. Buxton. (252) 995-4184.

SANDBAR & GRILLE

sandbarandgrille.com. Buxton. (252) 995-3413.

SCRATCHMADE SNACKERY

scratchmadesnackery.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-0048.

SNACK SHACK thewreckobx.com/snack-shack. Hatteras. (252) 995-9500.

SONNY'S RESTAURANT

sonnyshatteras.com Hatteras. (252) 986-2922.

SUBWAY subway.com. Avon. (252) 995-7827.

SUNRISE SEAFOOD MARKET sunriseseafood.net. Avon. (252) 995-7003.

SURF'S UP SEAFOOD MARKET

sunriseseafood.net. Avon. (252) 995-3432.

SWEPT AWAY CAFE & COFFEE SHOP

studio12avon.com/sweptawaycafe. Avon. (252) 995-7899.

TAVERN ON 12 tavernon12.com. Frisco. (252) 986-5368.

UGLIE MUGS COFFEE HOUSE

Avon. (252) 986-5230.

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Buxton. (252) 995-4059.

VILLAGE CONERY Salvo, MP 42.

WATERMEN'S BAR & GRILL

watermensbarandgrill.com. Waves. (252) 987-2000.

WAVES MARKET & DELI

Waves. (252) 987-2352.

THE WRECK TIKI BAR

thewreckobx.com. Hatteras. (252) 996-0162.

By Events

Scan for all events!





Volunteer

Get involved with a non-profit or local event and turn a great vacation into a life-changing experience. It's a great way to learn more about the culture, history and natural environment and get closer to the beating heart of this community by working with locals who are lending a hand to others in need.

JANUARY

Wedding Weekend and Expo

FEBRUARY

• Hatteras Island Oyster Roast

MARCH

- Running of the Leprechauns
- •St. Patrick's Day Parade

APRIL

- •Taste of the Beach
- •Bark in the Park
- Lost Colony Wine and Culinary Festival
- •ESA Regional Surfing Championship
- Flying Pirate Half Marathon

MAY

- Rod & Custom Festival
- Hatteras Village Offshore Open
- •The Lost Colony Outdoor Drama
- Ride of Champions
- •Lighthouse Legacy 5K
- •In the Spirit of Wingina
- Coastal Gardening Festival
- USA Surf Prime Series
- Nags Head Woods 5K

JUNE

- Dare Arts Pride Project
- •50th Anniversary of Jockey's Ridge State Park
- Rum Festival
- •Summer Arts & Crafts Markets
- Dare Days
- Hatteras Marlin Club Blue Marlin Tournament

JULY

- Surfing for Autism
- •4th of July Events
- •BBQ and Blues Bluegrass Island
- •20th Annual Carolina Boat Builders Tournament

AUGUST

- Watermelon Festival
- •Alice Kelly Fishing Tournament
- •Pirates Cove Big Game Tournament

SEPTEMBER

- •Surfalorus Film Festival
- •ESA Easterns Surfing Championship
- •Outer Banks Jeep Invasion
- •OBX Multihull Sailfest
- OBX Pridefest
- Day at the Docks

OCTOBER

- Ghostly Gallies
- Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament
- Seafood Festival
- Brewtag
- Duck Jazz Festival
- •Red Drum Fishing Tournament

NOVEMBER

- •OBXmas (thru Dec.)
- •WinterLights (thru Dec.)
- •12 Bars of Christmas (thru Dec.)
- Veterans Week
- Outer Banks Marathon

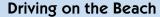
DECEMBER

- Christmas on the North End
- •Theatre of Dare Christmas Show
- Holiday Markets
- •Manteo Holiday Tour of Homes
- First Flight Celebration Wright Brother's Day
- •Midnight Magic in Manteo
- •Good Guys vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament
- Shuck Hatteras

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Beach Information

Make sure you are aware of the rules that are in place to protect you & the Outer Banks.





The use of off-road vehicles (ORVs) is a long-standing way for visitors to enjoy the seashore's open beaches. To provide for both visitor enjoyment and the protection of resources, please observe the posted regulations and recommendations when using ORVs and after obtaining the proper permits. For current Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Nags Head or Kill Devil Hills Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use, please visit outerbanks.org/orv. Here you will find seasonal schedules, safety tips, links to purchasing a permit and more.

Pets on the Beach



Our beaches, towns and villages can be fun and rewarding for both pets and their owners. Towns and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore have their own restrictions pertaining to pets both indoors and out. Please be courteous and clean up after your pet. All pet waste must be collected immediately and deposited in appropriate containers. Please contact each town and the National Park Service for any changes to pet policies. Visit outerbanks. org/pets to find a full list of regulations.

Fires & Fireworks



Sitting around a fire on the beach can be romantic and relaxing. Beach fires are allowed, with regulations, on beaches in Nags Head and along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Beach fires are not permitted in Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. In Nags Head, permits are required and can be obtained by visiting NagsHeadFireRescue.com. For Cape Hatteras National Seashore, you may obtain a free beach fire permit by visiting the National Park Service website. North Carolina and Dare County prohibit the possession of any pyrotechnics which launch or propel into the air, or which explode making a sound or "report." Sparklers, fountains and ground displays are allowed in some towns but not all, and only with adult supervision and when exercising extreme caution and fire prevention. Please visit outerbanks.org/fires-and-fireworks for more information.

Recycling & Trash Disposal



Find a full list of trash pickup schedules and recycling centers at outerbanks.org/recycling. If you are a visitor, please consult your rental guidelines and follow their trash disposal recommendations. During inclement weather, follow the town annoucements to see if trash pickup will commence. Trash and recycle bins must be placed at the edge of the roadway with the lid opening facing the road. Ensure the lid is closed and there is no trash visible. The following items are not allowed to be disposed: hazardous waste, oil, propane, paint, charcoal, yard waste, or construction debris.

Accessibility

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau welcomes ALL visitors to enjoy the OBX.

As an organization we strive for accessibility and inclusivity of all destination assets, experiences, and services. The OBX is home to outdoor spaces and recreational opportunities including our expansive coastline, parks, rivers, and trails, many of which are partially or fully accessible. We believe that travel should be accessible to all, regardless of disability, race, gender, sexual orientation, class, or religion. At our welcome centers, you will find accessible parking, a ramp into the building, and accessible restrooms.

Dare County GIS Accessible Maps

Dare County has created a full list of accessible parks, fishing spots, and trails. Use the filter feature to toggle which features you would like to search at play.darecountync.gov.

Project Lifesaver Program

Dare County participates in the "Project Lifesaver" program. This program is to assist caregivers of Alzheimer and dementia patients. If you need this service, please contact the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction you are staying and a representative will be glad to assist you.

Beach Mobi-Mats

Mobi-Mats are available at the Eighth Street Beach Access and Jennette's Pier Beach Access.









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The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau's Tourism Impact Grant is designed to help Governmental Units and Nonprofit organizations located in Dare County with programs or services needed due to the impact of tourism. Projects may include beach accesses or walkways.

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RULES OF THE ROAD

With so much to see and do along our 100 miles of barrier islands, understanding how to get around is important. Here are a few tips:

The Northern Beaches have two main roadways: US158 (aka "the Bypass") and NC12 (aka "the Beach Road"). Between Kitty Hawk and Nags Head, the Bypass and NC12 run parallel to one another. The Bypass is a 4-lane highway with a shared interior turn lane. Slower traffic should stay in the outside lane. Leave the inside lane for passing. The Bypass' shared middle lane can be used to make left-hand turns easier, or you can get to the middle lane and wait for a break in the traffic to merge in, but since others are pulling in and out of that lane, too, don't use it like an on-ramp. Stay put until there's a break in traffic.

NC12 continues down through Hatteras Island. It's THE main road on Hatteras Island and an iconic drive not to be missed (part of the Outer Banks National Scenic Byway). Traveling by ferry is convenient and popular in the OBX too. Find up-to-date information, schedules, and pricing at outerbanks.org/ferry.

NC state law requires that cars stop for pedestrians at the yellow crosswalk signs. It's the law and it saves lives. Meanwhile, be aware of upcoming crosswalk signs in case the car in front of you stops suddenly. You'll notice little green signs occasionally. The numbers are sequential and mark miles. These mileposts are often used by businesses to say where they are, "We're at milepost 6." Now you know!

Beach Safety

LEVE THE BEACH RESPECT THE CEAN

No matter where you go you'll find numerous beach and sound accesses, all with free parking. You'll see lifeguards on many of our beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Need something? Ask, they are there to help. Beach visitors are encouraged to take their belongings with them when they leave the beach for the day, including tents, chairs and umbrellas. Some towns have passed ordinances against leaving items on the beach overnight. It is highly recommended that you not dig deep holes in the sand. Not only is it unsafe, but it may be illegal in some towns. Check current beach conditions, learn about hidden hazards like rip currents or understand more about the marine life you may encounter at lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.



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Beach Accesses

BH - Bath House	L - Lif	egi	uard	d		Н	- Hand	licap Parking
Southern Shores (10am-6pm)*	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP		Kill Devil Hills
142 Ocean Blvd		•						Coral Dr - MP
Chicahauk Tr		•	•		•	•		Eden St - MP 6
E. Dogwood Tr		•						Ferris Ave - M
Hillcrest Dr		•	•		•	•		Glenmere Ave
Ocean View Loop								Hayman Blvd
Kitty Hawk (10am-7pm)	ВН	L	Н	S	w	PP		Helga St - MP
Balchen St - MP 3.5								Lake Dr - MP 9
Bennett St - MP 2								Martin St - MP
Bleriot St - MP 3								Neptune Dr -
Byrd St - MP 1.5		•	•	•	•	•		Ocean Bay Blv
Eckner St - MP 2.5		•						Oregon Ave -
Fonck St - MP 2								Pinehurst Ave
Hawks St - MP 3								Prospect Ave
KH Bath House - MP 4.25	•	•	•	•		•		Raleigh Ave - I
Lillian St - MP 4			•	•	•	•		Sutton Ave - A
Luke St - MP 2.5								Walker St - MF
Maynard St - MP 2								Woodmere Av
Wilkins St - MP 3								Nags He
Kill Devil Hills (10am-5:30pm)	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP		Abalone St - A
First St - MP 7.5		•	•	•	•	•		Admiral St - M
Second St - MP 7		•	•	•	•	•		Albatross St -
Third St - MP 7		•	•	•	•			Bainbridge St
Fourth St - MP 6.5					•			Baltic St - MP
Fifth St - MP 6.5		•				•		Barnes St - MP
Eighth St - MP 10		•	•	•	•	•		Bittern St - MP
Arch St - MP 5.5								Blackman St -
Asheville Dr - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•		Bladen St - MF
Atlantic St - MP 9.5		•		•	•	•		Bonnet St - Mi
Avalon Pier - MP 6.5		•						Conch St - MP
Baum St - MP 8.75		•						Coquina Beac
Carlow Ave - MP 8		•	•	٠	•	•		Curlew St - MF
Carlton Ave - MP 8.5								Eighth St - MP
Chowan St - MP 6								Enterprise St -
Clark St - MP 9		•	•	•	•	•		Epstein St - M

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Kill Devil Hills Cont. (10am-5:30pm)	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP
Coral Dr - MP 7		•				
Eden St - MP 6		•				
Ferris Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•
Glenmere Ave - MP 8						•
Hayman Blvd - MP 6		•	•	٠		٠
Helga St - MP 5.5		٠				
Lake Dr - MP 9.5		٠				
Martin St - MP 9		•	•	•	•	•
Neptune Dr - MP 9.5		•				
Ocean Bay Blvd - MP 8.5	•	•	•	•	•	•
Oregon Ave - MP 8.5		•		•		
Pinehurst Ave - MP 8						
Prospect Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•
Raleigh Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•
Sutton Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•
Walker St - MP 6						
Woodmere Ave - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•
Nags Head (10am-6pm)	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP
Abalone St - MP 10.5		•			•	•
Admiral St - MP 10.5						•
Albatross St - MP 10		•			•	•
Bainbridge St - MP 11.5					•	•
Baltic St - MP 11						•
Barnes St - MP 11						•
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ich PP - Paved Parking	M	ost				
Nags Head Cont. (10am-6pm)	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP
Forrest St - MP 15.5		•	•	•	•	•
Gallery Row St - MP 10.5						
Glidden St - MP 16			•		•	•
Governor St - MP 16.5					•	•
Gray Eagle St - MP 16.5		•		•		•
Grouse St - MP 16						
Gulfstream St - MP 16.5		•	•	٠	•	٠
Gull St - MP 16.5			•		•	•
Hargrove St - MP 17.5	•	•	•	•	•	•
Holden St - MP 17			•		•	•
Hollowell St - MP 12		•		•	•	•
Huron St - MP 17					•	•
Ida St - MP 18.5		•			•	•
Indigo St - MP 18.5		•	•		•	
Isabella St - MP 18.5						
Islington St - MP 18.5					•	
Jacob St - MP 19						
James St - MP 19						
Jay St - MP 19						
Jennette's Pier - MP 16.5	•		•	•	•	•
Juncos St - MP 19		•	•	•	•	•
June St - MP 19			•			
Limulus Dr - Mp 20		•			•	
Loggerhead St - MP 14.5						
Small St - Mp 13						
Surfside Dr - MP 19.75					•	
Town Hall St - MP 14.5		•				•
Hatteras & Ocracoke Islands	ВН	L	Н	S	W	PP
Cape Hatteras Lighthouse - Buxton	•	•	•			•
Frisco Day Use Area		•			•	
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum						
Old Lighthouse Rd - Buxton Beach						•
Rodanthe - NC Hwy 12	•		•	•	•	•
South of Frisco - NC Hwy 12	•					
Ocracoke Beach - NC Hwy 12	•	•	•	L	•	•

*BEACH ACCESS RESTRICTIONS APPLY IN SOUTHERN SHORES.
PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR LODGING PROVIDER TO DETERMINE HOW, OR IF, THESE ACCESSES MAY BE USED.

Sound Accesses

H - Handicap Parking

S - Shower

W - Walkway to Beach

PP - Paved Parking

KL - Kayak Launch

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Duck	Н_	S	W	PP	KL	
Duck Town Park	•	•	•	•	•	
Kitty Hawk	Н	S	w	PP	KL	
Windgrass Cir - MP 5	•		•	•		
Bob Perry Rd/Kitty Hawk Bay MP 4			•	•	•	Public boat ramp
Kill Devil Hills	Н	S	W	PP	KL	
Hayman Street Estuarine - MP 6			•	•		Pier, gazebo, picnic area
West 3rd Street (no parking) - MP 7						
Arch Street (no parking) - MP 5.5						
Dock Street - MP 6.5			•	•	•	Public boat ramp
Parking Area at Second Bridge on Colington Island					•	
Nags Head	Н	S	w	PP	KL	
Jockey's Ridge State Park/Soundside Rd MP 13	•		•	•	•	Bathrooms
West Danube Street - MP 13.5						
Forrest Street - MP 15						No parking
Harvey Estuarine/US 158 Bypass - MP 16	•			•	•	
Nags Head Estuarine Site/On the Causeway - MP 16.5	•		•	•		
Melvin R. Daniels Bridge (little bridge) on the Causeway - MP 16.5	•		•	•		Bathrooms

Roanoke Island/Manteo	Н	S	W	PP	KL	
Old Swimming Hole at Dare County Regional Airport	•			•		Lifeguard on duty
Washington Baum Bridge across from Pirates Cove Marina			•	•	•	Public boat ramp
Western end of Bowsertown Rd.				•	•	Public boat ramp
At the foot of the bridge leading to Roanoke Island Festival Park					•	Public boat ramp
Hatteras Island	Н	S	W	PP	KL	
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center				•		Public boat ramp
New Inlet - NC Hwy 12 - Pea Island				•		Public boat ramp
Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge					•	
Salvo Day Use Area - NC Hwy 12 - South of Salvo - Ramp 23	•	•	•	•		
Haulover/Canadian Hole - NC Hwy 12 - South of Avon	•			•		
Sandy Bay - NC Hwy 12 - South of Frisco				•		
Dare Mainland	Н	S	w	PP	KL	
Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge - Milltail Creek & Sawyer Lake					•	Marked kayak trails

SEASONS AND HOURS FOR LIFEGUARDS VARY. PLEASE CONSULT TOWN WEBSITES, OR LIFEGUARD STANDS, FOR HOURS/SEASONS. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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