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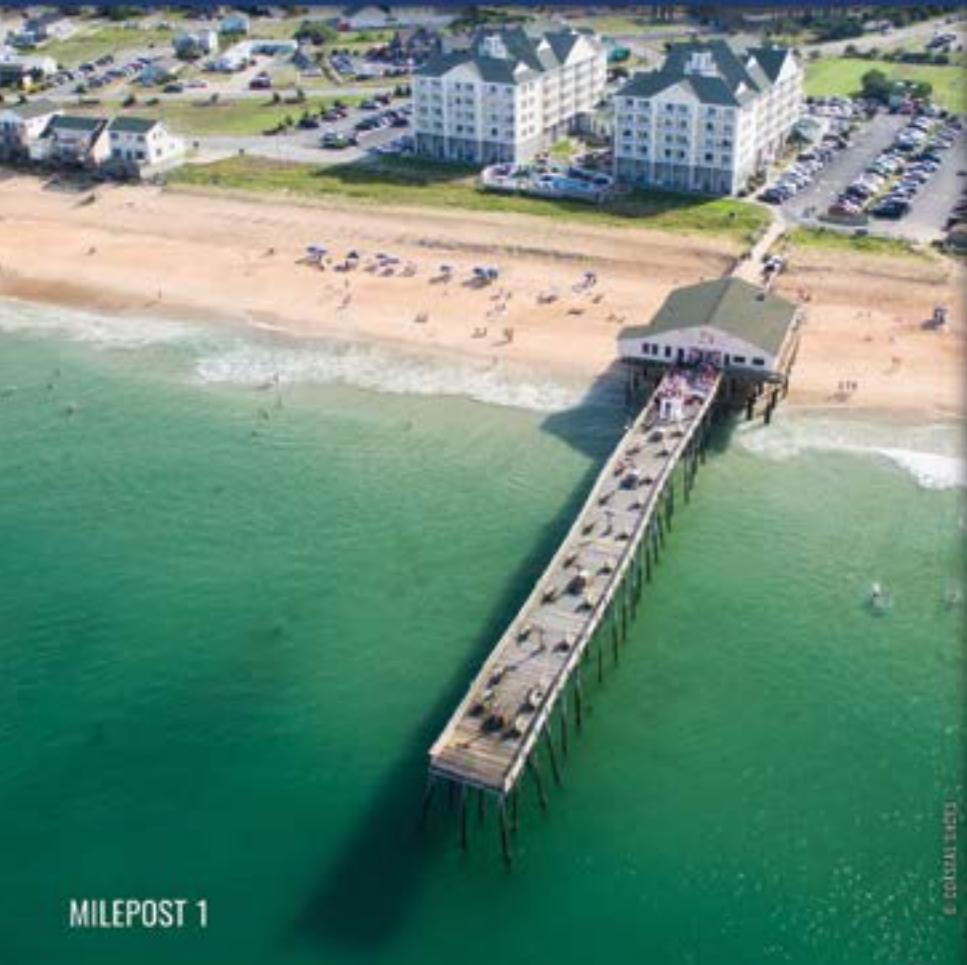


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## FROM SEA TO SHINING OBX

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

The team at the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau is not just a group of travel planning experts, we call this place home. This year, as America celebrates its 250th Anniversary, we are honoring our shared history while continuing our long-range tourism plan to keep the Outer Banks natural, wild and free. We have 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, highlight special 250th Anniversary experiences and perhaps uncover a side of us you have not experienced before. Do not be shy, if you have questions, reach out to us.

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# WHERE DO I START?

## Step 1: Choose 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.

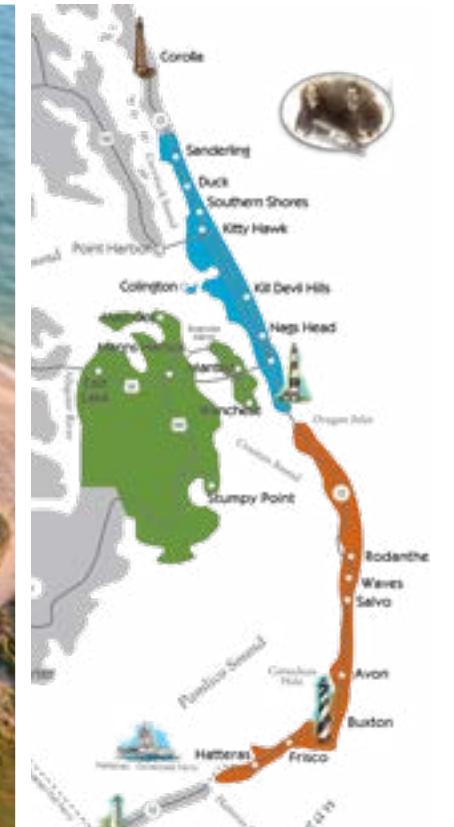
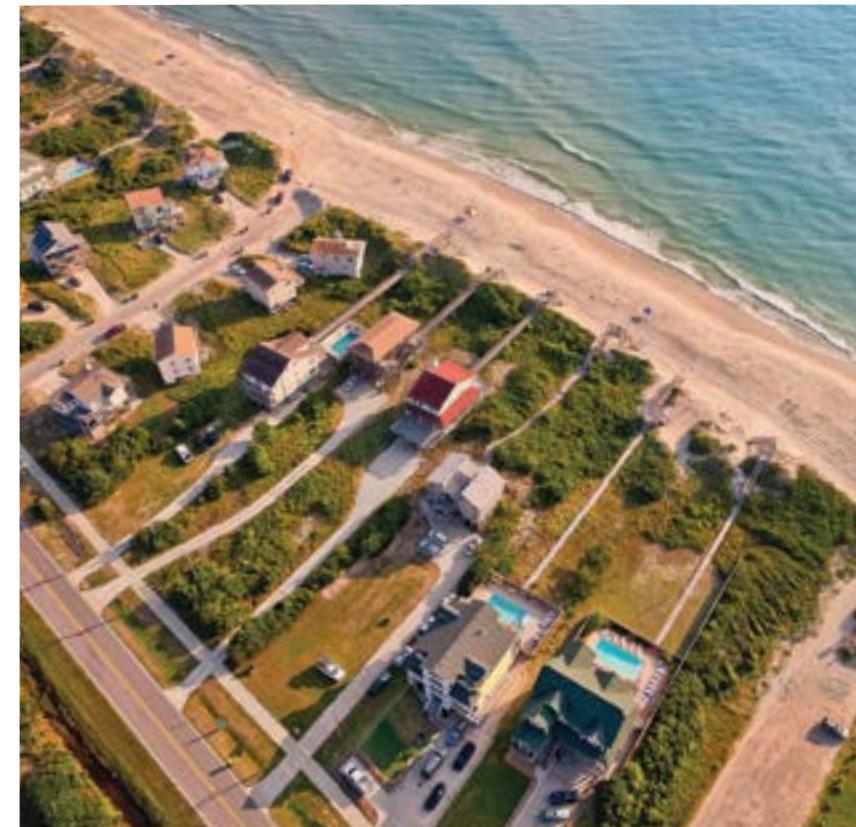
Rental homes with theaters and pools? No problem. Something smaller for fewer people and a shorter stay? Got it. Pet-friendly hotels, motels and cottage courts? Woof-woof (You bet). Campgrounds with and without hookups? Your star burns brightly here. Bed & Breakfasts that’ll make your heart beat faster?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

# WELCOME TO 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

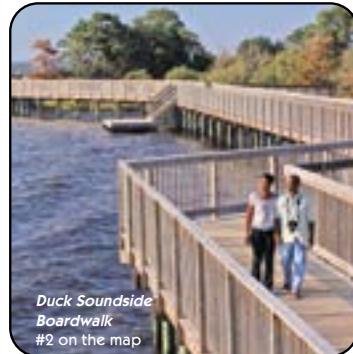
Where it all started. Roanoke Island, with the town of Manteo and village of Wanchese, is known for beautiful waterfront access to Croatan & Roanoke Sounds, offering natural marshes and a variety of recreational and commercial marinas. The centerpiece is a charming downtown with walkable shopping and 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

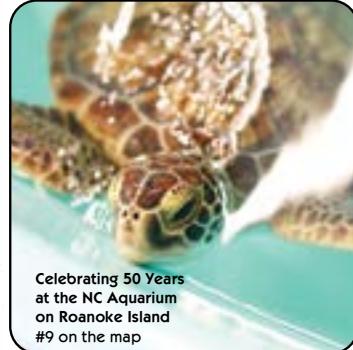
The villages of Hatteras Island appeal to travelers who want to get a little farther away from it all. They have that slightly rustic throwback vacation vibe where it’s all about access to the beach and the many ways to enjoy it. Just about everything is a family-owned and operated business, from amazing 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.

# OBX

## ATTRACTIONS



Duck Soundside Boardwalk #2 on the map

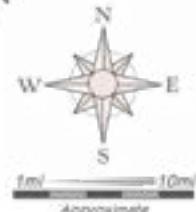


Celebrating 50 Years at the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island #9 on the map



Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center #26 on the map

- Northern Beaches
- Hatteras Island
- Roanoke Island & Dare Mainland



**1 Aycock Brown Welcome Center & Monument to a Century of Flight** - MP 1.5. Located in Kitty Hawk, information on attractions, events, restrooms 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 & 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. 252-255-1234.

**3 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.

**6 Sarah Owens Welcome Center** - 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.

**7 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.

**8 Herbert 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 Aquarium on Roanoke Island presents the aquatic 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 fish-filled Graveyard of the Atlantic tank. Open year-round. 252-475-2300. Admission Fee.

**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.

**11 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). 252-473-1131.

**14 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 Admission.

**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 Feb-Dec. 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. Open Seasonally. 252-473-3414. Admission Fee.

**17 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 and events. The center also offers rest rooms. 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.

**20 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. Climbing open seasonally. 252-475-9501.

**21 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. The banks of Oregon Inlet offer some of the best shore fishing, and parts of the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge are often open to fishing.

**22 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.

**23 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.

**24 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.

**25 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. Climbing open seasonally. The Lighthouse keeper's quarters serve as a visitor center and museum and are open year-round. 252-475-9602. Free to visit. Climbing Fee.

**26 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.

**27 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.

**28 Hatteras ~ Ocracoke Ferry** - MP 72. The ferry connecting the islands of Hatteras and Ocracoke. First come, first serve. Vehicle ferries run year-round. Ocracoke Express Passenger Ferry runs mid May to mid September, is fee-based, and accepts reservations. 1-800-BY-FERRY.

**29 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. Free Admission.



# MAKE YOUR PROMISE

The Outer Banks is an amazing natural wonder that has supported a special way of life for generations. The Outer Banks Promise is a voluntary pledge that fosters responsible behavior, preserves the environment and cultural heritage of the area and enhances stewardship and safety. Let's all work together and make a promise to protect this place.



# VOLUNTEER SOME TIME

Voluntourism on the Outer Banks helps make visitors more aware of, and connected to, the important work that nonprofits are doing within the community. By getting involved with local organizations, visitors come away with a deeper appreciation for the area and a greater sense of responsibility — while turning a great vacation into a life-changing experience.



# PIERS OF THE OBX

## WALKING ON WATER

The collection of fishing piers along the Outer Banks offers visitors a unique, tailored experience, making each one a distinct destination for anglers and sightseers alike. While most maintain the nostalgic, weathered look of classic wooden construction, others, like the state-of-the-art Jennette's Pier, are built from resilient concrete, representing modern sustainability efforts with features like wind turbines and educational exhibits from the NC Aquarium. Whether you are fishing, sightseeing, exploring or planning a special event, there is a pier that will fit your needs: you can cast a line, fish or watch coastal birds and marine life like dolphins and manta rays. Be sure to ask the knowledgeable staff about local fishing regulations!



Check Out All Of The OBX Piers

### Public Beach Piers

1. Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier (Kitty Hawk)
2. Avalon Fishing Pier (Kill Devil Hills)
3. Nags Head Fishing Pier (Nags Head)
4. Jennette's Pier (Nags Head)
5. Outer Banks Fishing Pier (South Nags Head)
6. Rodanthe Pier (Rodanthe, Hatteras Island)
7. Avon Fishing Pier (Avon, Hatteras Island)

### Other Notable Piers

**Bonner Bridge Pier (Oregon Inlet)** - A popular, free-to-access concrete section of the old Bonner Bridge, offering excellent soundside fishing and sightseeing near Hatteras Island.

**Duck Research Pier (Duck)** - This facility, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is for scientific research only and is closed to the public.

**Built to Last:** These piers are more than just fishing spots, they are enduring symbols of resilience. Though storms have battered many structures over the decades, they are continually rebuilt and cherished, maintaining their status as coastal landmarks.

**Gear, Fuel & Fun:** You'll find everything you need right at the pier house, from tackle, bait and rental rods and reels to unique souvenirs. Best of all, you can refuel with oceanfront food and drinks, ensuring you never have to leave the sound of the waves.



# The Outer Edge

11 PART VIDEO SERIES



## Experience the Outer Banks from the insiders out.

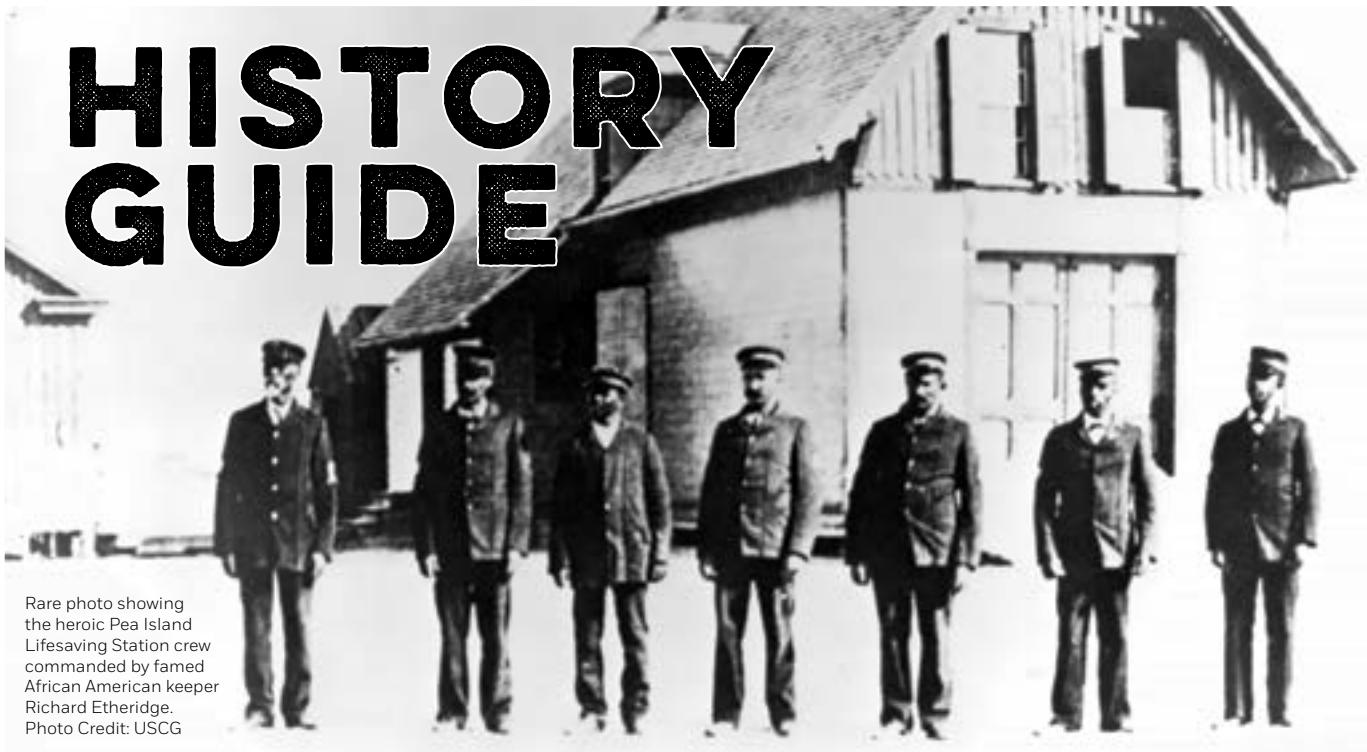
Discover The Outer Edge, a video series by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau showcasing the area's natural beauty and vibrant local community. This collection goes beyond a typical vacation, inviting you to explore the Outer Banks through authentic local stories. Episodes highlight passions like fishing, boat building, photography, weather observation, music and more. Witness the deep bond between the islands and the people who cherish them, celebrating the beauty, resilience and creativity that define the Outer Banks. See all of the full episodes at [outerbanks.org/edge](https://outerbanks.org/edge).



WATCH ALL EPISODES HERE



# HISTORY GUIDE



Rare photo showing the heroic Pea Island Lifesaving Station crew commanded by famed African American keeper Richard Etheridge. Photo Credit: USCG

## 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, unmapped underwater shoals all contributed to the legacy of the OBX shipwreck history known as The Graveyard of the Atlantic and even 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 NC Highway 12. Buxton.

**OBX History Center** - The recently renovated 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.



# ADVENTURE GUIDE

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.



## Discover Your Passions

**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, boats and 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.

**Sailing** - 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.

**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.

# OUTER BANKS TRAILS



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

## 1. HIKING TRAILS

The OBX is famous for its beaches, but it's also home to three coastal maritime forests: Kitty Hawk Woods, Nags Head Woods and Buxton Woods. While there are no mountains to climb, Jockey's Ridge State Park has some of the tallest sand dunes on the East Coast and marks the eastern end of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Just south, visit the Bodie Island Lighthouse with its scenic boardwalk and nearby Coquina Beach Access—great for a quick stop and refill. In Kill Devil Hills, Run Hill offers dune hikes that rival Jockey's Ridge and connects to Nags Head Woods. Throughout the islands, you'll also find public boardwalks, gazebos, and new sidewalks from Hatteras Village to the mile-long Duck Boardwalk with 11 acres of soundfront views.



## 2. ART TRAIL

The Outer Banks Art Trail is a vibrant collection of murals, galleries and shops celebrating local creativity. Along Highway 12, colorful murals highlight coastal scenery, maritime history and local culture. For a deeper experience, visit the Gallery Row Arts District in Nags Head or the KDH Art Cooperative, where local artists showcase fine art, sculpture, jewelry and unique gifts, offering visitors a chance to connect with the creative community and purchase one-of-a-kind pieces.

## 3. BIKING PATHS

With many bike paths and wide paved shoulders, the Outer Banks offers something for everyone, leisure riders, serious cyclists and families. The landscape is mostly flat except for a few bridges and there's almost always a breeze in your face. Yellow "Bicycles - Share the Road" signs line US 158, US 64/264 and NC 12 throughout Dare County. On the mainland, cyclists can enjoy quiet rides through farmland and wildlife preserves with little traffic. Most towns and villages also have multi-use paths ideal for slower rides or family outings, some running parallel to highways or through wooded areas. Fast cyclists should avoid these shared paths due to walkers and children. Note: summer brings heavy tourist traffic, making on-road cycling less ideal.

## 4. OUTER BANKS SCENIC BYWAY

The Outer Banks National Scenic Byway spans one of the nation's most beautiful and unspoiled coastal landscapes, showcasing the rich maritime heritage of 21 coastal villages. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation in October 2009, it is one of only 150 nationally designated byways. The route follows the North Carolina coast as it extends into the Atlantic Ocean, covering 138 driving miles and 25 ferry miles across barrier islands, Pamlico Sound and two inlets.



## 5. BEER, WINE & SPIRITS TRAIL

The OBX Beer, Wine & Spirits Trail offers a flavorful and memorable journey across the Outer Banks, starting with a scenic vineyard cruise in Duck and continuing through Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills with stops at TRiO, Chips Wine & Beer, Swells'a Brewery and the wind-powered Outer Banks Brewing Station. Further south in Manteo, Outer Banks Distilling serves up craft rum inspired by local shipwreck lore, while Lost Colony Brewery carefully crafts traditional ales in a historic boat shop in Stumpy Point. Together, these destinations beautifully showcase the region's passion for unique flavors and vibrant coastal culture and provide an unforgettable adventure best enjoyed responsibly.

## 6. CIVIL WAR TRAIL

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

## 7. 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](http://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.

## 8. PADDLE TRAIL

The OBX Way, together with Dare County Schools and photographer Benjamin Lashley, mapped ten paddle trails across the Outer Banks, stretching from Duck to Oregon Inlet, designed for safety, health, and outdoor education. These "blueway" routes range from sheltered beginner-friendly spots like Sandy Run Park to more demanding open-water treks such as the Harvey Public Access in Roanoke Sound. Along the way, paddlers glide through remote maritime ecosystems including canals, creeks and bays while enjoying mapped launch sites, satellite-assisted navigation, and Lashley's evocative photography. The interactive Google Map makes exploring easy and the project is supported by the Outer Banks Community Foundation and outfitted through OBX on the Fly for safe, resilient navigation.



## 9. 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 dedicated oyster lovers and volunteers. It offers unique tourism experiences centered on our state's tasty oysters, including farm tours, restaurants and markets that sell NC oysters, artists who create with oyster shells and aquariums and museums where you can learn about North Carolina's favorite mollusk. In the Outer Banks, four oyster farms are featured on the Trail: Cape Hatteras Oyster Company, Slash Creek Oysters, 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 directly to oyster eaters.

# 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.



**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.



**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.

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## MEET THE LOCALS

- Red Wolves** – Once thought extinct, red wolves have returned to Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Vehicle strikes remain a major threat, so drive carefully. For more info call the Red Wolf Hotline: 1-855-4-WOLVES.
- Seals** – Mating seals often rest along the shoreline during their journey south. Give them plenty of space.
- Sea Turtles** – Whether sick, injured, or nesting, never touch or disturb turtles. For questions call N.E.S.T. (Network for Endangered Sea Turtles) at 252-441-8622.
- Alligators** – True to its name, Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge is home to many alligators.
- Black Bears** – The Albemarle-Pamlico region has one of the largest black bear populations in the country.
- Birds** – The Outer Banks is a natural flyway for hundreds of bird species and world-renowned for birding.

## BEST SPOTS FOR VIEWING

- Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge
- Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge
- Nature Conservancy At Nags Head Woods
- Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve
- Buxton Woods Reserve
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore



# ROANOKE ISLAND & DARE MAINLAND

Manteo | Wanchese | Manns Harbor | East Lake | Mashoes | Stumpy Point

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.



**Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**  
The Site tells the story of the first attempt at a permanent English settlement in the New World. This 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, 10-acre botanical garden is adjacent to Fort Raleigh.



**Sailing the Intracoastal 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.

**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 brick-red 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.



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- THE MANTEO HOUSE**  
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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 repair project. The lighthouse grounds will remain open for touring, however climbing will not commence again until summer 2026 or later.

## 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.



## Bed & Breakfasts/Inns

**THE ATLANTIC INN**  
theatlanticinn.com. Hatteras. MP 71. (252) 305-5876.

## Hotels & Motels

**AVON MOTEL**  
obxavonmotel.com. Avon. MP 55.5. (252) 995-5774.

**BREAKWATER INN**  
breakwaterhatteras.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-2565.

**CAPE HATTERAS MOTEL**  
capehatterasmotel.com. Buxton. MP 61. (252) 995-5611.

**CAPE PINES MOTEL**  
capepinesmotel.com. Buxton. (252) 995-5666.

**HATTERAS HARBOR MARINA**  
hatterasharbor.com. Hatteras. (800) 676-4939.

**HATTERAS ISLAND INN**  
hatterasislandinn.com. Buxton. MP 60.5. (252) 995-6100.

**THE INN ON PAMLICO SOUND**  
innonpamlicosound.com. Buxton. (252) 995-7030.

**LIGHTHOUSE VIEW OCEANFRONT LODGING**  
lighthouseview.com. Buxton. MP 61. (800) 225-7651.

**OUTER BANKS MOTEL**  
outerbanksmotel.com. Buxton. MP 61. (800) 995-1233.

**PAMLICO STATION HOTEL**  
edgecamp.com/pamlico-station. Rodanthe. (252) 618-1442.

**SEA GULL MOTEL**  
keesouterbanks.com. Hatteras. (866) 316-1843.

**SEA SOUND MOTEL**  
seasoundmotelobx.com. Rodanthe. (252) 987-2224.

**SWELL MOTEL**  
swellmotel.com. Buxton. (252) 489-4484.

**TOWER CIRCLE MOTEL**  
towercircleobx.com. Buxton. (252) 655-1852.

**VILLAGE MARINA & MOTEL**  
Hatteras. (252) 986-2522.

## Cottage Courts

**AVON COTTAGES**  
avoncottages.com. Avon. (252) 995-4123.

## Rental Homes & Condos

**BRINDLEY BEACH VACATIONS**  
brindleybeach.com. Salvo. (855) 969-2895.

**DOLPHIN REALTY**  
dolphinrealtyhatteras.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-2562.

**HATTERAS REALTY**  
hatterasrealty.com. Avon. (800) 428-8372. Also in Waves & Hatteras.

**KEES VACATIONS**  
keesouterbanks.com. Hatteras. (866) 316-1843.

**LESLIE'S VACATION RENTALS**  
lesliesvacationrentals.com. Kill Devil Hills. (252) 441-6816.

**MIDGETT REALTY**  
midgettrealty.com. Hatteras. (877) 805-3771.

**OUTER BANKS RESORT RENTALS**  
outerbanksresorts.com. Nags Head. MP 13.75. (252) 441-2134.

**RESORT REALTY**  
resortrealty.com. Nags Head. MP 14.5. (800) 458-3830.

**SEASIDE VACATIONS**  
outerbanksvacations.com. Kitty Hawk. MP 4.5. (866) 884-0267.

**SUN REALTY**  
sunrealtync.com. Avon. (800) 334-4745.

**SURF OR SOUND REALTY**  
surforsound.com. Avon. MP 55.5. (252) 995-5801.

**VILLAGE COTTAGES**  
outerbanksmotel.com/village-cottages. Buxton. (252) 995-5601.

**WATERMEN'S RETREAT**  
watermensretreat.com. Waves. (252) 987-6060.

**WAVES VILLAGE WATERSPORTS RESORT**  
firstflightrentals.com. Rodanthe. MP 40. (866) 595-1893.

## Private Campgrounds

**AVON BY THE SEA RV RESORT**  
avonbytheseanc.com. Avon. (252) 996-1188.

**CAMP HATTERAS RV RESORT & CAMPGROUND**  
camphatteras.com. Rodanthe. MP 40.5. (252) 987-2777.

**CAPE HATTERAS/OUTER BANKS KOA RESORT**  
capehatteraskoa.com. Rodanthe. MP 40.5. (252) 987-2307.

## Private Campgrounds

**FRISCO WOODS CAMPGROUND**  
thefriscowoodscampground.com. Frisco. (252) 995-5208.

**HATTERAS SANDS CAMPGROUND**  
hatterassandsrvpark.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-2422.

**ISLAND HIDE-A-WAY**  
Buxton. (252) 995-6628.

**LAZY DAYS CAMPGROUND**  
obxlazydays.com. Salvo. (252) 207-2060.

**OCEAN WAVES CAMPGROUND**  
oceanwavescampground.com. Waves. (252) 987-2556.

**RODANTHE WATERSPORTS & CAMPGROUND**  
rodanthewatersports.com. Rodanthe. (252) 987-1431.

**ST CLAIR LANDING FAMILY CAMPGROUND**  
Rodanthe. (252) 987-2850.

**SANDS OF TIME CAMPGROUND**  
Avon. (252) 995-5596.

## Restaurants

**ALIEN JAVA**  
alienjavaco.com. Frisco. (252) 423-4889.

**ANGELO'S PIZZA**  
Buxton. (252) 995-6364.

**BEADS & BEANS OBX**  
Rodanthe.

**BEADS & GRINDS**  
beadsandgrinds.com. Buxton. (252) 986-5372.

**BOARDWOK SOUTH RESTAURANT**  
boardwoksouth.com. Waves. MP 41.5. (252) 987-1080.

**BREAKWATER RESTAURANT**  
dine.breakwaterhatteras.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-2733.

**BROS**  
bros.com. Avon. (252) 995-9595.

**BUXTON MUNCH COMPANY**  
buxtonmunch.com. Buxton. (252) 995-5502.

**CAFE PAMLICO**  
innonpamlicosound.com/eat. Buxton. (252) 995-4500.

**CHILLY HANK'S ICE CREAM**  
Frisco. (252) 986-5168.

## Restaurants

**CHINATOWN**  
Avon. (252) 995-0118.

**COCKEYED CLAM**  
Buxton. (252) 986-5488.

**COOL WAVE ICE CREAM**  
Buxton. (252) 995-6366.

**CUPS & CONES**  
Avon. (252) 995-0202.

**DAIRY QUEEN**  
dairyqueen.com. Waves. (252) 987-5061. Also in: Avon.

**THE DANCING TURTLE COFFEE SHOP**  
Hatteras. (980) 722-9176.

**DIAMOND SHOALS RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR**  
diamondshoalsrestaurant.com. Buxton. (252) 995-5217, (252) 995-5521.

**DINKY'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT**  
Hatteras. (252) 986-2020.

**DIRTY DICK'S CRABHOUSE**  
dirtydickscrabs.com. Avon. (252) 995-3425.

**THE DOUGH SHACK**  
Waves. (252) 987-5104.

**DUCK DONUTS**  
duckdonuts.com. Avon. (252) 995-9950.

**FATTY'S EATERY**  
Buxton. MP 61. (252) 995-3288.

**FRISCO BAY COASTAL GRILL**  
friscobaycoastalgrill.getbento.com. Frisco. (252) 986-5555.

**FRISCO SANDWICH COMPANY**  
Frisco. (252) 995-3354.

**THE FROGGY DOG RESTAURANT & PUB**  
froggydog.com. Avon. MP 55. (252) 995-5550.

**GIDGET'S PIZZA & PASTA**  
gidgetspizza.com. Avon. (252) 995-3109.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BAKERY**  
wFrisco. (252) 995-5204.

**GOOD WINDS RESTAURANT**  
goodwindsrestaurant.com. Rodanthe. MP 40. (252) 987-1100.

**HAPPY BELLY**  
happybellyicecream.com. Hatteras. MP 70.5. (252) 986-0018.

**HARBOR GRILL & DELI**  
hatterasharbor.com/deli. Hatteras. MP 72. (252) 986-2500.

**HATTERAS BOWLS**  
hatterasbowls.com. Waves. (252) 256-8878.

## Restaurants

**HATTERAS SNO-BALLS**  
Frisco. (252) 562-4488.

**HATTERAS SOL WATERSIDE GRILL**  
hatterassol.com. Hatteras. (252) 986-1414.

**ISLA COFFEE SHOP**  
Avon. (252) 564-0739.

**ISOLA PIZZERIA & BAR**  
Hatteras. (252) 986-5087.

**KAT'S DELI**  
Hatteras. (252) 986-2000.

**KETCH 55 SEAFOOD GRILL**  
ketch55.com. Avon. MP 55. (252) 995-5060.

**LA FOGATA**  
Avon. (252) 986-1118.

**LALOS TACOS & PIZZERIA**  
Avon. (252) 986-5115.

**LEONARDO'S PIZZA**  
Waves. MP 41.5. (252) 987-6522.

**LIGHTHOUSE SPORTS BAR**  
lighthouseportsbar.com. Buxton. (252) 995-0196.

**LISA'S PIZZERIA**  
lisaspizzeria.net. Rodanthe. MP 40.5. (252) 987-2525.

**MAD CRABBER**  
themadcrabber.net. Avon. (252) 995-5959.

**MARILYN'S DELI**  
Rodanthe. (252) 987-2239.

**MIRRO'S CAFE**  
mirroscafe.com. Waves. (252) 987-1200.

**MUFFINS & SCONES**  
Avon. (252) 986-5109.

**NEPTUNE'S KITCHEN AND DIVE BAR**  
Rodanthe. (252) 987-5221.

**OCEANA'S BISTRO**  
oceanasbistro.com. Avon. MP 55. (252) 995-4991.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM BAKERY & CAFE**  
orangeblossombakery.com. Buxton. (252) 995-4109.

**OUTER BANKS BOIL COMPANY**  
hatteras.outerbanksboilcompany.com. Avon. (252) 324-5797.

**PAMLICO DELI**  
pamlicodeliobx.com. Frisco. (252) 995-3305.

## Restaurants

**PANGEA TAVERN**  
pangeatavern.com. Avon. (252) 995-3800.

**POP'S RAW BAR & GRILL**  
Buxton. (252) 995-7734.

**REEL SWIRLY**  
reelswirly.com. Buxton. (252) 573-2799.

**RISKY BUSINESS SEAFOOD MARKET**  
Hatteras. (252) 986-2117.

**RUSTY'S SURF & TURF**  
rustysurfturf.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**  
sunriseseafoodmarket.com. Avon. (252) 995-7003.

**SURF'S UP SEAFOOD MARKET**  
sunriseseafood.net. Avon. (252) 995-3432.

**SWEPT AWAY CAFE & COFFEE SHOP**  
Avon. (252) 995-7899.

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

**UGLIE MUGS COFFEE HOUSE**  
Avon. (252) 986-5230.

**UNCLE EDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD**  
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.

# OBX EVER AFTER



The Outer Banks is a picture-perfect setting for every romantic milestone, from dream weddings with an ocean backdrop to intimate relaxing honeymoons. Whether you're planning your first wedding, a celebratory second marriage, or a commitment ceremony, the unique coastal charm of the OBX provides a memorable, beautiful atmosphere.



## RACE OUTER BANKS STYLE

**Running of the Leprechauns**  
March 14, 2026

**Flying Pirate Half Marathon**  
April 24-26, 2026

**Killer Dunes**  
July 3, 2026

**Outer Banks Tri Challenge | 8K | 5K | FUN RUN**  
September 11-12, 2026

**Another Round on the Sound**  
October 10, 2026

**Outer Banks Marathon Challenge | 8K | 5K | FUN RUN HALF MARATHON**  
November 6-8, 2026

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## OUTER BANKS WEBCAMS

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# OUTER BANKS EVENTS



Special events are a large part of our Spring and Fall seasons. We offer a wide variety of events that can appeal to anyone's enjoyment. We've compiled a list of group friendly annual events that are easy to add to any OBX tour. Check out [outerbanks.org/events](https://outerbanks.org/events) to see a complete list of our events.

## JANUARY

- Dare County A250 Celebration (all year)
- Wedding Weekend & Expo

## FEBRUARY

- Hatteras Island Oyster Roast
- Theater of Dare Into The Woods
- ThriveOBX Month

## MARCH

- Running of the Leprechauns
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Blackbeard's Revenge 100 Ultra & Relay

## APRIL

- Dare A250 Faire: Liberty, Legacy & Lift-Off
- Taste of the Beach
- Lost Colony Wine and Culinary Festival
- ESA Mid-Atlantic Regional Surfing Championship
- Flying Pirate Half Marathon
- Roanoke Island American Indian Festival & Pow-wow

## MAY

- Rod & Custom Festival
- Coastal Gardening Festival
- Bark in the Park
- Hatteras Village Offshore Open
- The Lost Colony Outdoor Drama
- In the Spirit of Wingina

## JUNE

- Dare Arts Pride Project
- The Sounside FunFair
- Summer Arts & Craft Markets
- Dare Days
- Hatteras Marlin Club Blue Marlin Tournament
- Live from OBX Music Series

## JULY

- Surfing for Autism
- 4th of July Events
- Wright Kite Festival
- Carolina Boat Builders Tournament

## AUGUST

- Watermelon Festival
- Pirates Cove Billfish Tournament
- National Aviation Day

## SEPTEMBER

- Surfalorus Film Festival
- Community Care Clinic of Dare Billfish Tournament
- ESA Easterns Surfing Championship
- Outer Banks Jeep Invasion
- OBX Pridefest
- Day at the Docks
- Outer Banks Triathlon

## OCTOBER

- OBX Volunteer Week
- Ghostly Gallies
- Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament
- Outer Banks Seafood Festival
- Bluegrass Island Music Festival
- OBX Brewtag
- Duck Jazz Festival
- Red Drum Fishing Tournament
- Wings Over Water Festival

## 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
- Wings Over Water Encore
- Good Guys vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament
- Shuck Hatteras

# BEACH INFORMATION



## Driving on the Beach

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 announcements 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.

The OBX is committed to making all destinations, experiences, and services accessible and inclusive. From our coastline, parks, rivers and trails to our welcome centers with accessible parking, ramps and restrooms, we strive to ensure that travel is welcoming to everyone, regardless of ability, race, gender, sexual orientation, class or religion.

## 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](http://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

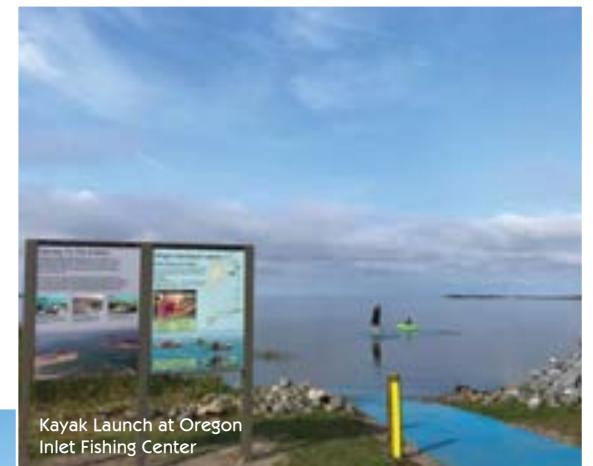
Mobi-Mats are available at the Eighth Street Beach Access and Jennette's Pier Beach Access.

## Elizabethan Gardens - Sensory Garden

The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo has opened a new Sensory Garden designed to engage all five senses and welcome visitors of all abilities.



Tactile displays at Wright Brothers National Memorial



Kayak Launch at Oregon Inlet Fishing Center



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

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.

# LEARN THE RULES, ENJOY THE RIDE



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](http://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!

SCAN FOR  
FERRY  
SCHEDULE



# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO BEACH SAFETY

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](http://lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com).

**Text OBXBEACHCONDITIONS to 77295 to receive beach condition reports sent directly to your phone.**

LOVE THE BEACH  
RESPECT THE OCEAN

# BEACH ACCESSES

HA - Handicap Access L - Lifeguard H - Handicap Parking S - Shower W - Walkway to Beach PP - Paved Parking M - Mobi Mats MP - Mile Post

Southern Shores (10am-6pm)*	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
142 Ocean Blvd		•					
Chicahawk Tr		•	•		•	•	
E. Dogwood Tr		•					
Hillcrest Dr		•	•		•	•	
Ocean View Loop							
Kitty Hawk (10am-7pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Balchen St - MP 3.5							
Bennett St - MP 2							
Bleriot St - MP 3							
Byrd St - MP 1.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Eckner St - MP 2.5		•					
Fonck St - MP 2							
Hawks St - MP 3							
KH Bath House - MP 4.25		•	•	•		•	
Lillian St - MP 4		•	•	•	•	•	•
Luke St - MP 2.5							
Maynard St - MP 2							
Wilkins St - MP 3							
Kill Devil Hills (10am-5:30pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
First St - MP 7.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Second St - MP 7		•	•	•	•	•	•
Third St - MP 7		•	•	•	•	•	•
Fourth St - MP 6.5					•		
Fifth St - MP 6.5		•				•	
Eighth St - MP 10		•	•	•	•	•	•
Arch St - MP 5.5							
Asheville Dr - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•	•
Atlantic St - MP 9.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Avalon Pier - MP 6.5		•					
Baum St - MP 8.75		•					
Carlow Ave - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•	•
Charlton Ave - MP 8.5							
Chowan St - MP 6		•	•	•	•	•	•
Clark St - MP 9		•	•	•	•	•	•

Kill Devil Hills (10am-5:30pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Coral Dr - MP 7		•					
Eden St - MP 6		•					
Ferris Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•	•
Glenmere Ave - MP 8						•	
Hayman Blvd - MP 6		•	•	•	•	•	•
Helga St - MP 5.5		•					
Lake Dr - MP 9.5		•					
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)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
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						•	•
Bittern St - MP 11.5					•	•	•
Blackman St - MP 11						•	•
Bladen St - MP 11.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Bonnet St - MP 11.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Conch St - MP 12.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Coquina Beach - MP 26		•	•	•	•	•	•
Curlew St - MP 12							
Eighth St - MP 10		•	•	•	•	•	•
Enterprise St - MP 14		•	•	•	•	•	•
Epstein St - MP 14		•	•	•	•	•	•

Nags Head (10am-6pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
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		•	•	•	•	•	•
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	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
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		•	•	•	•	•	•

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# SOUND ACCESSES

H - Handicap Parking S - Shower W - Walkway to Beach PP - Paved Parking KL - Kayak Launch

Duck	H	S	W	PP	KL
Duck Town Park	•	•	•	•	•
Kitty Hawk	H	S	W	PP	KL
Windgrass Cir - MP 5	•	•	•	•	•
Bob Perry Rd/Kitty Hawk Bay MP 4					Public boat ramp
Kill Devil Hills	H	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	H	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	H	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	H	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	H	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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