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CRAFT BEER & BREWERIES

in the Wilmington, NC Area



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WILMINGTON ALE TRAIL

*Thanks for picking up the **Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine**, and welcome to the Port City!*

From hopheads to lager lovers and every beer drinker in between, Wilmington, NC has all palates covered. Peruse these pages to discover more about our local breweries and bottle shops, as well as the region's most craft-savvy bars and restaurants.

This go-to guide is a visitor's one-stop shop for Wilmington's local beer scene, including helpful neighborhood maps and detailed info on all of our breweries and bottle shops. More so, visit WilmingtonAleTrail.com for more in-depth stories on our brewing community—and brewery tour information! You have uncovered the best way to navigate this town with bountiful varieties of beer.

After flipping through the **Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine**, you will be craving the nearest craft brew. We hope you find the breweries, bottle shops, and beer hot spots as welcoming and lively as our locals do—and we hope you enjoy your brewcation at the beach.

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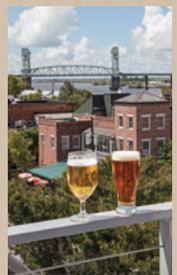
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Thank you to photographer Karen Zyp of The Cape Fear Real Estate Directory for our beautiful cover image. For more information about her services, please visit DiscoverWilmington.info.



Discover the Breweries



Wilmington is a thriving community that locals and tourists alike can enjoy. Between our bustling yet quaint downtown along the Cape Fear River and our beautiful beaches on the Atlantic shore, there is plenty to see and do. Even better, Wilmington is the number one spot on the coast of North Carolina to enjoy local craft beer.

Southeastern North Carolina is currently home to 11 craft breweries. You will find that each creates great craft beer with its own unique spin—whether it is a focus on supporting the natural environment, a dedication to the science of brewing, or going all in to make beer with interesting and fun ingredients. You can find these local beers in neighborhood bottle shops and in many restaurants—but we suggest you take a brewery tour.

Tours are the best way to discover Wilmington's breweries. You can chat with the brewmaster to gain exclusive access behind-the-scenes and experience the brewing process in action. Many of the local breweries offer tours, or you can sign up with Port City Brew Bus for the most comprehensive way to experience Wilmington's beer scene!

Check Out Our Locator Maps

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Bill's Front Porch Pub and Brewery

Bill's Front Porch is Wilmington's newest brewpub located in midtown on Market Street. The building was completely renovated with recycled live edge wood from wall to wall. The taps include a wide variety of beers, ranging from the robust Scotch Ale to the much anticipated Breakfast Stout that will be released this winter. This new brewpub has 20 tap lines that can be enjoyed onsite or in growlers on your own front porch. An exposed seven-barrel, steam-fired system and bags of grains right next to your table provide a very unique experience. Bill's Front Porch has a warm, family atmosphere that includes 6 flat screen TV's and projector so you will never miss a big game! You can also catch live music with a monthly lineup of local artists performing on stage.



SIGNATURE BREW

Mosaic IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Breakfast Stout



ADDRESS

4238 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.762.6333
BillsFrontPorch.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday
4 pm-10 pm
Thursday 4 pm-11 pm
Friday-Saturday 11 am-11 pm
Sunday 12 pm-10 pm



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Broomtail Craft Brewery

Broomtail was born out of a love of the science and art of creating a great craft beer. It is a passion they take very seriously.

Broomtail is a friendly, Cheers-like brewery and tap room located just off of Market Street in Dutch Square Industrial Park. From their eight-plus unique beers on tap to specialty casks and sours, there is sure to be something every beer connoisseur will enjoy.

So saddle up and grab a Broomtail beer. They are looking forward to seeing you!



SIGNATURE BREW

Moe-Beer



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Acerbic Ecstasy IPA



ADDRESS

6404 Amsterdam Way #100
Wilmington, NC 28405

CONTACT

910.264.1369
BroomtailCraftBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Wednesday 4 pm-9 pm
Thursday 4 pm-9 pm
Friday 4 pm-10 pm
Saturday 2 pm-10 pm
Sunday 2 pm-8 pm



Check Six Brewing Company

Check Six Brewing Company is Brunswick County's first and only brewery, and is located in Southport, NC. Veteran owned and operated, Check Six offers a diverse range of beers that anyone is sure to love!

The tap room features 16 taps and a variety of wines for those not in the mood for beer. Check Six is a food-friendly environment and guests are encouraged to bring in outside food to enjoy with their favorite beers. Special nights every week include music, trivia and board games.



SIGNATURE BREW

Harley Pope Vanilla Porter



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Check Six Oktoberfest or Handley Page Scottish Ale



ADDRESS

5130 Southport-Supply Road
Southport, NC 28461

CONTACT

910.477.9280
CheckSixBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Thursday
12 pm-10 pm
Friday-Saturday
12 pm-12 am
Sunday 2 pm-8 pm



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Flytrap Brewing

In the Brooklyn Arts District of Historic Downtown Wilmington, an old office building has been transformed into an excellent new microbrewery. Flytrap Brewing, named after NC's official carnivorous plant, the Venus Flytrap, is unique in all the right ways.

Specializing in American and Belgian style ales, Flytrap invites you to sample their brews in a flight or to enjoy a full pour. Its walls are lined with eye-catching art from local artists, and you can find a tasty food truck parked outside nearly every day. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, you can watch some of the area's best up-and-coming musicians perform as you relax with your favorite microbrew.



SIGNATURE BREW

Hoppy Tripel



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Belgian Dubbel



ADDRESS

319 Walnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.769.2881
FlytrapBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday
3 pm-10 pm
Thursday 3 pm-12 am
Friday-Saturday 12 pm-12 am
Sunday 12 pm-10 pm



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Front Street Brewery

Front Street Brewery, Wilmington's original brewery and restaurant, was founded in May of 1995 and has been an area landmark ever since. When it comes to local Brewmasters, you would be hard-pressed to find someone more skilled than Front Street's Christopher McGarvey. With five flagships available year-round, award-winning seasonal selections, and an ever-expanding Oak Aged Series, Front Street Brewery is a true beer lover's delight. They offer FREE brewery tours with beer samples at 3:00, 3:45, and 4:30 pm and a FULL menu until midnight every day of the week. Beer is also available to-go in 32oz jugs. They offer a kid's menu as well, so bring the whole family.



SIGNATURE BREW

Dram Tree Scottish Ale



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Swamp Lager Schwarzbier *or* Tiny Tim's Christmas Porter



ADDRESS

9 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week
11:30 am-12 am

CONTACT

910.251.1935
FrontStreetBrewery.com



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Good Hops Brewing

Alles Brewed and Finished in the English Session Style... Each day Good Hops Brewing uses creativity, tradition, and passion to craft unique innovative fresh brewed local beer for the Wilmington and Beaches area one small batch at a time. The style is slightly sweet, less bitter with a true balance of malt and hops and moderate carbonation that is refreshing to the palate. Only the best and freshest ingredients available are used—no additives, preservatives, filtering agents, animal byproducts, or GMO (no animals are harmed in the making of beer). Good Hops does not filter or pasteurize, believing beers taste better this way. All fruit, vegetable, and herb/spice additions come from fresh, local produce. With elaborate specialty malts and balanced and varied hop additions, Good Hops Brewing pushes the boundaries of craft beer.



SIGNATURE BREW
Flip Hop IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE
Black IPA or Georgia on My Mind



ADDRESS
811 Harper Avenue at Dow Road
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

CONTACT
706.713.1594
GoodHopsBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
1 pm-8 pm
Friday-Saturday
1 pm-9 pm
Sunday 1 pm-7 pm



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New Anthem Beer Project

Inspired by European Farmhouse beers, New Anthem Beer Project takes these classic styles and puts a unique American spin on them. Nothing is off limits in the early 20th century stables turned brewery. They brew unique and fresh takes on hop forward and innovative Belgian beers while respecting the process, ingredients, and flavors of the classics. Making beers with a little more edge, New Anthem Beer Project may not be a farmhouse, but it might be as close as you can get to it in historic Downtown Wilmington.



SIGNATURE BREW

Throwing Shade - IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Traffic Circle - Farmhouse Wheatbeer



ADDRESS

116 Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

Brewer@NewAnthemBeer.com
NewAnthemBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Opening in 2016!

Please visit our website
for the Tap Room Hours!



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Ironclad Brewery

Inspired by the Ironclad class of ships built in Wilmington's ironically named Beery's Shipyard during the Civil War, Ironclad Brewery is proud of their high quality ingredients and handmade craft beverages.

The brewery is located on North 2nd Street, inside a former auto-repair shop built in 1925 that has been painstakingly revitalized into a well-functioning brewery overflowing with historic charm. With two floors and over 11,000 square feet of space, Ironclad can accommodate large parties. Business events, fundraisers for charities, and theme parties are often held here.

With an assortment of Ironclad beers on tap, the four-ounce beer tasters are very popular, as well as the beer specials served Sunday through Thursday.



SIGNATURE BREW

Old Baldy Golden Ale



SEASONAL FAVORITE

GIB's Pumpkin Ale



ADDRESS

115 N 2nd Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.769.0290
IroncladBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Saturday
12 pm-12 am
Sunday 1 pm-10 pm

Book Your Next Event at Ironclad Brewery



Photo Courtesy of Pinerphotography.com

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Corporate Events, and More for Over 400 People

Ironclad Brewery is a unique venue for *wedding receptions, fundraising and charity events, corporate functions, business networking*, as well as *retirement, birthday, and holiday parties*.

Events held at Ironclad Brewery are scheduled as either public or reserved events. A public event means the brewery remains open to customers. A reserved event is when either the 2nd floor or the entire brewery is closed to the public. *A contract is required for reserved events.*

Ironclad Brewery Does Not Charge to Use the Space!

Planning a great event does takes a lot of time and effort, but it should not cost a lot of money! To help reduce your event cost, Ironclad Brewery does not charge an event space fee. For reserved events there is a minimum bar tab required, as the brewery will be closed to the public during the event.

Event bookings are done on a first come, first serve basis. Please call 910-769-0290 and ask to speak with a manager to book your event.

Ironclad Brewery Amenities:

- Over 11,000 square feet of space
- Comfortably holds over 400 people
- Two floors with large bars on each floor
- Stage and sound system
- High definition overhead projector with a 12 foot screen
- The City of Wilmington's 2nd Street parking deck is directly across the street from Ironclad. The first hour is free and only \$1 for each additional hour.



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The Sour Barn

The Sour Barn is Broomtail Craft Brewery's new sour-aging site. Broomtail is known for the "Scientific Art and Artistic Science of Great Beer". Technical accuracy in chemistry and biology result in consistent quality and a variety of true-to-style beers. The Sour Barn ages the Broomtail beers with house cultures of bacteria and wild yeast. Come in and experience the complex flavors of house sours, as well as others from around the world.

Would you prefer an IPA, Stout, or Bière de Garde? You can always find Broomtail's clean beers on tap at The Sour Barn, so there is something for everyone! Stop by today and enjoy The Sour Barn's large tap room, barrel aging room, beer garden, food trucks, local musicians, and more!



SIGNATURE BREW

Extinction



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Efficacy



ADDRESS

7211 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411

CONTACT

910.619.2804
[Facebook.com/TheSourBarn](https://www.facebook.com/TheSourBarn)

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday 4 pm-9 pm
Tuesday *Closed*
Wednesday-Thursday
4 pm-10 pm
Friday 4 pm-11 pm
Saturday 12 pm-11 pm
Sunday 12 pm-8 pm



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Wilmington Brewing Company

Homegrown from a small homebrew shop to a 11,800 square foot facility, Wilmington Brewing Company serves you fresh, local beer straight from the tank to your glass. Located right in the middle of town, Wilmington Brewing Company has a 3bbl and 25bbl brewery on-site, a tasting room, and a homebrew supply store.

15 drafts are available in their tap room. Enjoy a pint, a growler, a crowler (32 oz can of beer poured and sealed on demand), or pick up a keg for your home enjoyment. Have a beer while you shop for homebrew supplies or just relax in the beer garden. Bring the family and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere at Wilmington Brewing Company!



SIGNATURE BREW

Tropical Lightning IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Lemon Ginger Saison



ADDRESS

824 S Kerr Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.392.3315
WilmingtonBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday 10 am-10 pm
Sunday 12 pm-6 pm



Waterline Brewing Co.
Wilmington, NC



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Waterline Brewing Company

Waterline Brewing Co. brews a wide variety of well-balanced flavors and styles from a crisp, refreshing Kolsch-style ale and a full-bodied Red Ale to a spicy, hoppy Rye IPA. Visit their tap room and pick your own favorite! Tap room hours can vary seasonally, so check their website for the most current hours.

Waterline Brewing Co. is located in the restored Jacobi Hardware warehouse on Surry Street, just under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. This wonderful structure was built in the 1940s and they worked hard to preserve the look and feel of the original heart pine construction. There are so many reasons to check out Waterline Brewing Co.: free brewery tours, outdoor beer garden seating with great views, free parking, and live music and food trucks on weekends. Stop in and check it out for yourself!



SIGNATURE BREW

Kolsch



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Wee Heavy



ADDRESS

721 Surry Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.557.BREW
WaterlineBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday *Closed*
Tuesday-Thursday 2 pm-9 pm
Friday 2 pm-11 pm
Saturday 12 pm-11 pm
Sunday 12 pm-8 pm



Craft Beer. Gorgeous Sunsets. Historic Setting.

Come Experience Beers Brewed Under the Bridge!



The former Jacobi warehouse building has been transformed into a unique brewery and entertainment venue featuring delicious craft beer, a well-appointed family and pet friendly tap room, and fantastic sunset views in the beer garden.

Located just a few blocks from the heart of Downtown Wilmington, weekends at Waterline are filled with live music, events, and tasty food trucks. Make sure you check their Facebook page or website for weekly music lineups and special events including seasonal festivals like their authentic style October Fest, bicycle meetups, block parties, and much more. For the non-beer drinker, wine, cider, and meads are available.



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WilmingtonAleTrail.com
to plan your tours and
visit our local breweries
and bottle shops!



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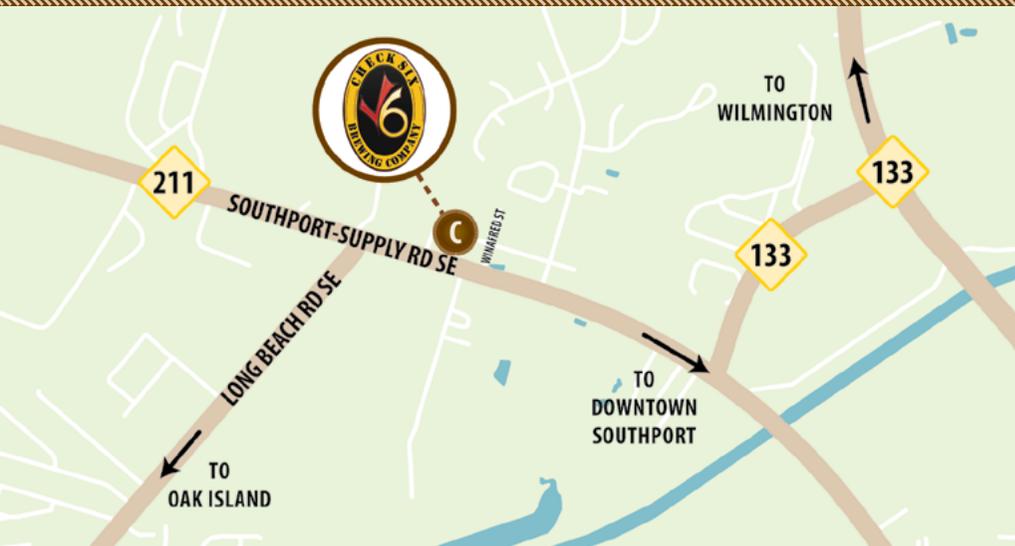
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH



Be sure to visit
WilmingtonAleTrail.com
to plan your tours and visit our
local breweries and bottle shops!



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Discover the Bottle Shops



Visitors to the Port City may find that Wilmington's market features beers and breweries they will never run across at home. The best place to scoop some of these up for yourself, be it limited productions or six-packs of that well-crafted IPA, is in one of our area bottle shops. Pick some up to enjoy on the back deck of your beach house or at the hotel before going out—or take some home to share with friends.

As well, all of our bottle shops feature beers on tap and by the bottle to be enjoyed in their bars. You will find that these stores have become Wilmington locals' neighborhood watering holes, where everyone is friendly and eager to recommend the perfect craft beer for your palate. On the weekends, some offer live music and all will be more than happy to supply samples from their draft lines—or may even be hosting a brewery event in the shop. We urge you to check out our bottle shops and see what you can find!

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108 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

910.833.5107

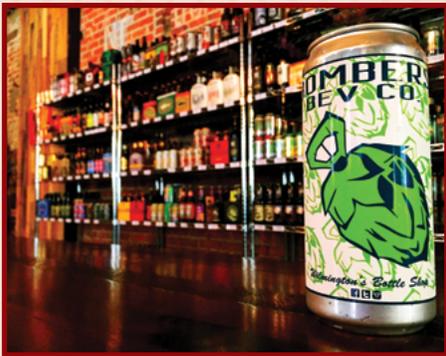
BombersBevCo.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Wed 10 am-10 pm

Thur-Sat 10 am-12 am

Sun 12 pm-6 pm



“Bomber” is the popular term used in the craft beer industry describing beer packaged in a 22 fluid ounce bottle. They loved those big beautiful bottles so much they decided to take the term on as their name.

Bombers offers an extensive selection of over 500 different products such as to-go beer, 12 rotating drafts, wine, cider, and crowler or growler fills.

They are a specialty craft beer retail store and tasting room that provides customers with unique craft beer. Bombers has an outside seating area, the Beer Alley, where you can sip on a beverage in the sun. Dogs are also welcome in this establishment.





Located in a mid-century service station in midtown, The Brewer's Kettle offers a collection of fine ales, lagers, wines, and cigars. It is a comfortable place to meet with friends and explore beers and wines with plenty of interior and exterior seating. They also feature live music, food pairings, and beer and wine tastings. The Brewer's Kettle offers rotating drafts, wines by the glass, and to-go packaging.

Enjoy the shaded pergola and courtyard where on clear evenings musicians play. Check out their Facebook page or website for all upcoming events. They are also a dog friendly establishment.

**4718 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403**

910.502.0333

bkWilmington.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 11 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-8 pm



- Cape Fear Wine and Beer is ranked as *Wilmington's Best Beer Bar*
- All craft beer
- 300 bottles to choose from
- 30 beers on tap
- Cask ale every day
- Drink it here or take it to-go
- Cicerone certified staff
- Great selection of sours
- Outdoor seating
- Visit their website for up-to-date draft and bottle lists
- Open late every night
- Follow them on Untappd

**139 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

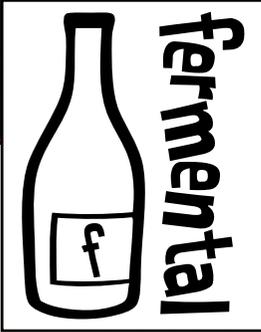
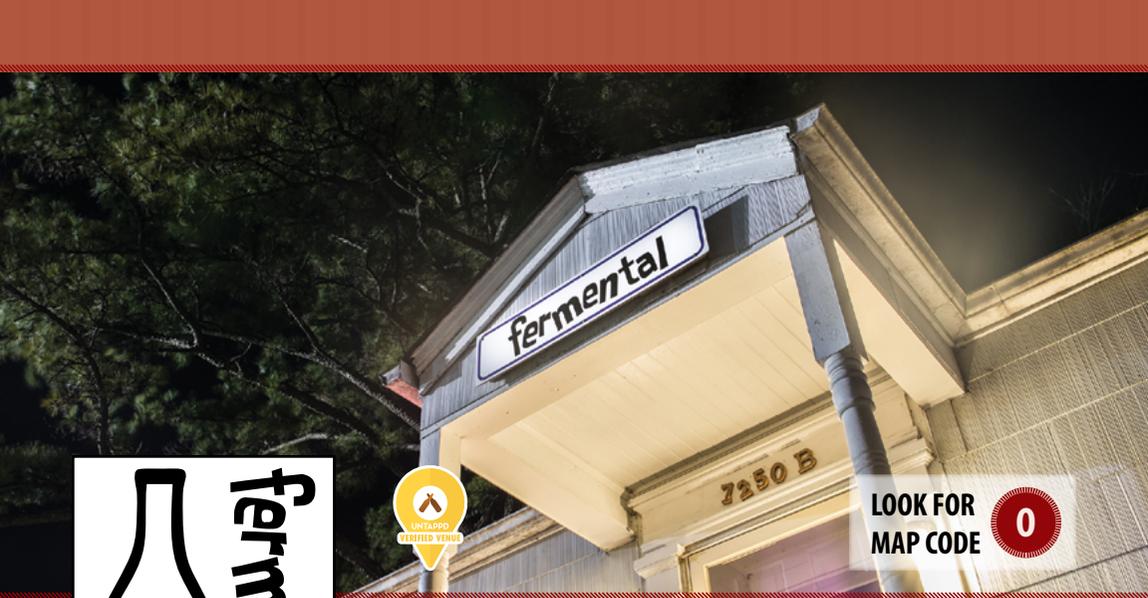
910.763.3377

CapeFearWineandBeer.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Wed 4 pm-2 am

Thur-Sun 1 pm-2 am



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**7250 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411**

910.821.0362

Fermental.net

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 10 am-10 pm
Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm

Located in North Wilmington along the Market Street corridor, Fermental is set inside the comfortable confines of a 1940's bungalow with a unique assortment of rooms and seating areas to peruse and/or sample their vast inventory.

The shop sells and serves an eclectic selection of craft beer and fine wine and features a large outdoor beer garden, a tasting bar with perpetually rotating draught beer selections, wines by the glass, growler fills, weekly events, free tastings, live music, and an expansive selection of quality libations and accompanying accoutrements; including imported cheeses, pickles, olives, and wine ice cream. (Yes, wine ice cream!)

Fermental also serves as one of the few local locations to rent, purchase, and order kegs for home use, special events, weddings, and more. The shop sells draught equipment and supplies as well as home brew and wine making essentials.



Join the fine folks at Fermental every Friday evening for their weekly free wine and beer tasting at 6 pm, alongside local food trucks in the beer garden, coupled with live music, outdoor games, and more. The entertainment continues throughout the weekend with additional food vendors, brewery events,

wine tastings, and other fun activities. Children and pets welcome. **Casual. Comfortable. Fermental.**



**6005-B Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403**

910.762.3050

FireandSpiceGourmet.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Sat 11 am-7 pm
(or later)

Sun *Open for special
occasions only*

The new Fire & Spice Gourmet merges the popular hot sauce and kitchen shop with The Nifty Place. Owners Tommy and Chris combined have over 40 years of experience in retail/wholesale customer service and have a talent for making you feel like family.

In addition to helping with wine and craft beer choices, they can help with recipe and cooking tips or simply tease and cajole you to death -- half the fun is the inherent humor permeating the place. Make it your happy place to meet after work or enjoy a fine wine or beer while shopping for hot sauces, beverages, seasonings, or salsas for a dinner party.



**4405A Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403**

910.547.6707

HeyBeerNC.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Sat 10 am-10 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm

Hey Beer is a small shop with a big selection. Choose from over 400 individually priced singles to mix and create your favorite six-pack or eight-pack! They organize their beers by style so that you can find your favorite flavors all in one place.

Grab a draft or fill a growler from one of the eight rotating taps. Free tastes from those taps are also available at any time.

Owners Mike and Kristy Duffy are always in the shop to chat about beer and point you towards the newest releases.

Gift certificates are available as well for the craft beer fanatic in your life.



Whether you are headed to your vacation getaway in Topsail Island, or just looking to unwind with friends, Hopsail Island is a bottle shop with something for everyone. Expand your knowledge with a new beer or relax with a pint of your favorite; you will be sure to find what you like at Surf City's premier tap room and market. Mix your own six packs to-go from their extensive single beer selection, or fill up a growler from one of their 24 rotating taps. Be sure to download the Digital Pour app to get their real time draft list and keg levels.

Welcome to your Hoppy Place!

**2660 Hwy 210 E #105
Surf City, NC 28443**

910.803.2325

Hopsailsland.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 10:30 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-10 pm



Island Beverage is located on Pleasure Island in Carolina Beach, just across Snow Cuts Bridge. They feature both on and off premise permits, 10 rotating drafts, and an extensive wine list. Island Beverage also has their off premise fortified wine permit and can special order mead, sake, and ports. Their beer selection is more about quality rather than quantity and offer everything from rare sours to clean and crisp German lagers.

Join them for various events. From six piece reggae bands to a single sax player, beer events to wine tasting with producers and wine makers, you are sure to have fun!



**1206 N Lake Park Blvd, Unit C
Carolina Beach, NC 28428**

910.707.1423

SHOP HOURS

Sun-Thur 12 pm-8 pm

Fri-Sat 12 pm-9 pm

** Winter hours may vary. Check their Facebook page for current hours.*



The Keg & Egg is a unique bottle shop, providing the Masonboro Area with a grand selection of over 140 craft beers and are the only bottle shop in Wilmington offering a full specialty sandwich menu! Stop in for a cold beer, try some soon-to-be famous PorkSicles, and take a six-pack to go! The Keg & Egg is a neighborhood establishment located 3 miles from Monkey Junction, just down Masonboro Loop Road. Enjoy a draft at the bar from one of the six constantly rotating craft beer taps. The Keg & Egg offers high quality, hand-picked beers and wines that are competitively priced and have full ABC permits!

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*Cold Craft Beers * Hot Pub Grub*

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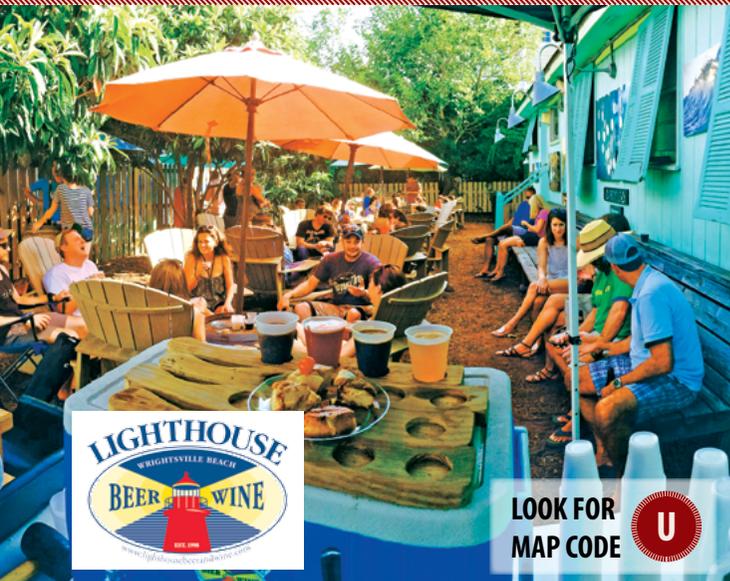


**4039 Masonboro Loop Rd, Unit 1A
 Wilmington, NC 28409**

910.769.2349

**SHOP
 HOURS**

Open Daily
 9:30 am-10 pm



Lighthouse Beer and Wine was voted Wilmington's best wine and beer store! They carry 800+ craft beers and 600+ wines! No matter your budget, the staff can help you find an old favorite or something new. Grab a pint to enjoy in the dog-friendly Beer Garden or fill a growler to-go from 12 rotating drafts. They also offer a wide variety of wine by the glass.

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 www.lighthousebeerandwine.com

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**220 Causeway Drive
 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480**

910.256.8622

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur
 10 am-10 pm
 Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm
 Sun 12 pm-9 pm

With 18 years experience, they can make party planning easy. They keep over 75 kegs in stock and can special order 100s more. They can pre-chill and deliver beer, wine, ice, even bartenders! Next time you are looking for something special or a place to hang out, stop by!



At Palate Bottle Shop and Reserve they strive to bring you the best wine and beer from producers across the globe that share their passion for high quality, sustainable products. Palate's carefully, hand-selected inventory offers up something for everyone's *palate*. From sommeliers and cicerones to back yard barbecues and front porch sippers, they have got you covered.

Their passion for quality does not stop at their shelves. They offer a beautifully designed and inviting environment to indulge your *palate* alongside those who make a simple drink a night to remember.

**1007 N Fourth Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.399.1081

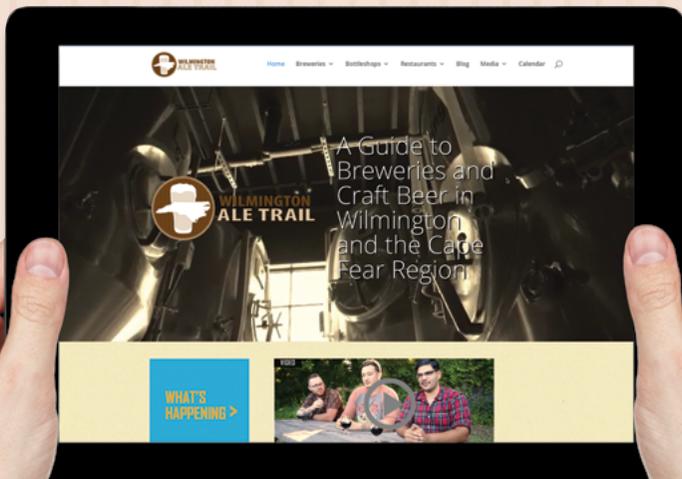
PalateNC.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Sat 11 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-11 pm

Visit **WilmingtonAleTrail.com** to learn more about local breweries, bottle shops, and restaurants. Also, check out the brewery tour info, event info, and area maps.



Discover the Restaurants and Bars



Wilmington has long been revered for its delicious food culture, from Southern farm-to-table cuisine to excellent French and Thai restaurants. Likewise, with the city's emphasis on craft beer, many restaurants and bars cater to the industry by carrying local brews on tap and producing menus to pair perfectly with the beers they feature.

The Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine compiles a list of great bars and restaurants to help you navigate the city's marriage of food and beer. Try any of these appetizing spots for lunch or dinner and get a taste of true Port City flavor, washed down with a pint or two from our local breweries.



**710 N Fourth Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.772.1400

GoatandCompass.com

HOURS

Mon-Thur 5 pm-1 am

Fri 4 pm-2 am

Sat-Sun 12 pm-2 am

Established in 2007, the Goat & Compass is located on what was once a road less traveled by mainstream Wilmington, but word has spread making the Brooklyn Arts District and North Fourth Street a hot spot for beer connoisseurs.

With 15 beers on draft (most of which were brewed right here in North Carolina), 20+ bottled and canned beers, and more than 70 spirits, this modern-day Cheers has something to please everyone. The Goat & Compass has five TV's with full NFL, ESPN GameDay, and BigTen packages for the sports fan. They also have a beer garden with picnic tables and lounge chairs for relaxing outdoors. Hourglass Studios Open Mic Night is the featured entertainment on Tuesday nights with live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and a variety of local food trucks on Tuesday and Thursday nights.





Moe's Original BAR B QUE

5818 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

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MoesOriginalBBQ.com

HOURS

Sun-Thur 11 am-9 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm

Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is an easy going BBQ joint that smokes their meats in-house. Moe's turns out a whole lot more than barbecue. Both the Shrimp Moe Boy and the smoked wings with Alabama White sauce come highly recommended, but you need to try their sides and desserts as well. The recipes have been passed down for generations and are perfect to pair with one of the 20 rotating taps.

"Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is a Southern soul food revival. We serve incredible food in an atmosphere that is soulful, relaxed, spontaneous, yet civilized...well, sometimes."





Why Can't We Have Happy Hour?

By Justin M. Lewis, Ward and Smith, P.A.

It seems like not too long ago bars regularly had drink specials such as “Happy Hour”, “Ladies’ Night”, “Buy One, Get One Free”, and other similar specials, and if you spend a lot of time in other states, these types of specials probably seem commonplace. So why do we not see these specials in North Carolina? It is not because bar and brew pub owners do not want to offer discounts. It is because, for the most part, they cannot. Laws prohibiting discounts and events such as these have actually been in place for decades, but it seems that we have only recently seen higher profile enforcement of these rules, which means that many bar and brew pub owners are only now discovering that these laws exist.

North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (“ABC”) rules do not prohibit bars and brew pubs from having any drink specials, but the rules do prohibit them from offering discounts that, in theory, might encourage someone to drink more than he or she otherwise would. For example, ABC laws prohibit a bar or brew pub from:

- *Selling alcoholic beverages at a discounted price for a period of time less than one full business day. A bar can have all-day drink specials, but cannot, for example, offer an after work “Happy Hour” deal from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.*
- *Offering free or discounted alcoholic drinks to just a segment of the population. “Ladies’ Night”, when only women can drink for free or get a discount on alcoholic beverages, is not allowed.*
- *Advertising “Buy One, Get One Free” or “Buy One, Get One for Half-Off” deals on alcoholic beverages.*
- *Establishing a set price for alcoholic beverages based on a requirement that the customer buy more than one drink.*

There are many other ABC rules that generally prohibit a bar, brew pub, or any other establishment that sells alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from offering certain kinds of discounts or specials. These rules can be confusing, and bars and brew pubs may inadvertently violate them. Many states do not have these rules in place and some that do are changing the rules. North Carolina may someday move in that direction, but until that time, bars and brew pubs must be cautious when offering any discounts or specials.

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TASTING NOTES



BREWERY: _____

BEER NAME: _____

BEER STYLE: _____

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For more details, visit: www.Wilmington.beer

Voracious and Rare Beer Festival

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The Beer and Wine Festival

October 29, 2016

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