

10 Best Memorial Day Fishing Destinations in the US for 2025

Crystal Coast, NC

The [Crystal Coast](#), stretching from [Emerald Isle](#) to Cape Lookout, is a fishing paradise around Memorial Day. May marks the beginning of the area's productive warm-weather season, with **Spanish Mackerel**, **Bluefish**, and even **Pompano** cruising the surf zones. Casting spoons or shrimp-tipped rigs from the sand often results in consistent action.



Inshore, the marshes and sounds near Beaufort and Morehead City hold **Redfish, Flounder, and Speckled Trout**. The inshore bite thrives on moving tides, and light spinning setups work great for fishing oyster beds, creek mouths, and grass edges. Meanwhile, offshore anglers heading past the barrier islands can target **Mahi Mahi, Amberjack, and King Mackerel**, to name a few.

When you're ready to take a break, the Crystal Coast offers laid-back beach towns, fresh seafood, and attractions. These include the [North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores](#) or the historic Fort Macon State Park. So, if you're looking to combine your fishing trip with some delicious food and some time to unwind, Crystal Coast delivers big!