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These are the best beaches to visit in North Carolina, new report says



The North Carolina coast has 300 miles of barrier-island beaches, but a new report is revealing the best in the state.

As part of its annual 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, USA Today released a list of the [top 10 beaches in North Carolina](#).

Of all the fan-favorite spots to soak up the sun across the state, **Atlantic Beach** is ranked at the best of the best.

“A popular destination along North Carolina’s Crystal Coast, Atlantic Beach offers stunning scenery along the Atlantic Ocean and sprawling Bogue Sound,” the report says. “In addition to soft sand and nice waves, the region also comes complete with Atlantic Beach Town Park, a popular recreation spot thanks to its 18-hole mini-golf course.”

The town of Atlantic Beach, located in Carteret County, is 284 miles away from Charlotte. According to the [town’s website](#), there are multiple public beaches open during the summer with picnic tables, playgrounds and outdoor showers, plus several public boat ramps and fishing piers.

Along with Atlantic Beach, here’s which other Tar Heel travel spots were voted as the state’s top beaches:

- **Atlantic Beach:** 284 miles from Charlotte
- **Indian Beach:** 274 miles from Charlotte
- **Cape Lookout National Seashore:** 309 miles from Charlotte