

The Most Beautiful National Park Beaches in the U.S.

Our national parks really do have it all.

[Yosemite](#), Yellowstone, Redwood: When we think of [national parks](#), more often than not, we think of forests. But there are plenty of beach options, too, from Maine to Washington and everywhere in between. Some have wild horses while others have clear blue waters, but all offer a look at the incredible natural beauty of the United States. To inspire your next road trip or day trip in the sun, here are the 11 most beautiful national park beaches in the country.



Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina

Accessible via a three-mile boat or ferry ride off [North Carolina](#)'s coast, the islands of the Cape Lookout National Seashore have no shortage of fun activities. For a relaxing day trip, spend your sunlight hours swimming on Shackleford Banks, walk the nature trails on Harkers Island, and collect seashells pretty much anywhere you can find sand. But since you came all this way, you might as well stay overnight in one of the park's cabins and take advantage of the incredible stargazing opportunities come nighttime.