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## Best Places to Live on the Coast 2024

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## Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina

WHERE IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

You know you're somewhere special when locals crow not only about their beach (part of the Bogue Banks's 25 miles of shoreline) but their maritime forest. That swath of green wraps the 2.5 square miles of largely residential Pine Knoll Shores (population 1,288) in a layer of serenity. With tax rates that are among the lowest in North Carolina, it's no wonder the town is ranked in the top 20 places to retire in America, and the No. 1 choice in North Carolina. Retirees, in fact, infuse Pine Knoll Shores with volunteerism, from sea turtle nest monitoring to community beautification. With its eye on managing growth and planning for climate resilience, this self-described "beach town in a forest" is a splendid nesting place, indeed.

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