

The South's Best Small Towns 2022

5. Beaufort, North Carolina

Along the southern end of North Carolina's coast—in a stretch known as the Crystal Coast—is a walkable and bikeable small town that invites you to relax and stay awhile. The fishing village of Beaufort is filled with waterfront wonders, cute cottages, a winning boardwalk, lovely shops, and a bevy of nautical scenes, including Atlantic sunrises and boat masts bobbling along the water.

Plan your visit.

