

Newport & Beaufort, North Carolina Guidebook

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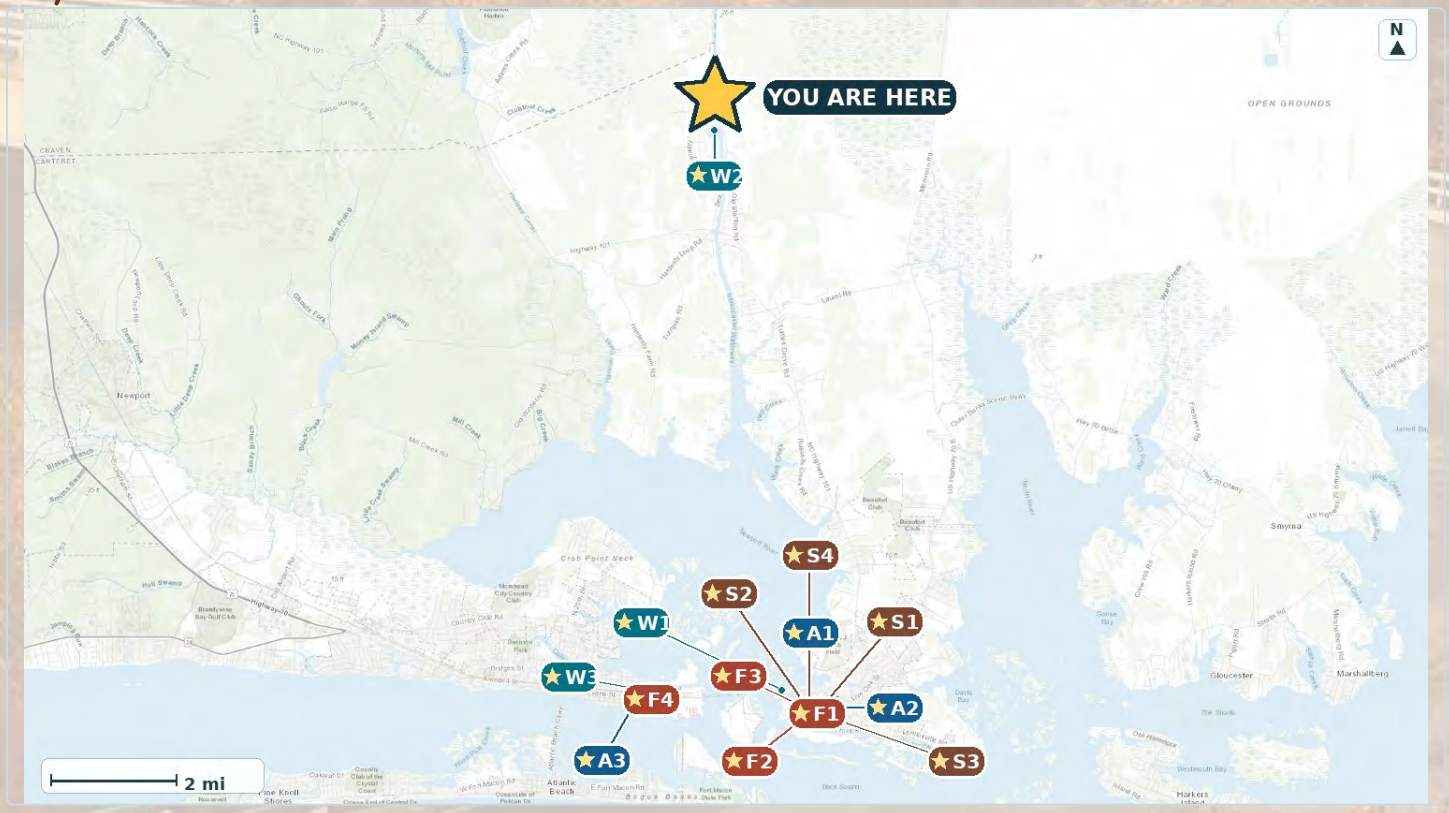
Make Yourself at Home on the Coast



We're so glad you're spending a little time on the coast with us! We hope you'll slow down, stroll the Beaufort waterfront, and find a favorite spot for seafood. If the weather is right, spend some time on the water. We've gathered places we'd share with friends so you can make the most of your days here. ***Warmly, Greg & Tammy Melang***

Explore the area



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Highlighted Upcoming & Annual Events

Check out the Local Events Calendar below. Use the QR code for current times, tickets, and schedule changes.

Local Events Calendar

Crystal Coast Events

Scan for current listings and things to do during your stay.

Coming Up

Nov 27, 2026

Fisherman Santa Arrives

Beaufort Waterfront

Watch Santa arrive by mini trawler, then stay and the tree lighting.

Nov 28, 2026

Christmas Market & Town Tree Ligh

Newport Community Park

Browse the holiday market and watch Newpo tree.

Dec 4–6, 2026

Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend

Harkers Island

Discover local decoy carving and Down East traditions.

Dec 5, 2026

Friends Holiday Flotilla

Morehead City to Beaufort

Watch decorated boats pass along the water organizer lists viewing times for both towns.

Dec 12, 2026

Christmas Candlelight Tour

Beaufort Historic Site

Visit decorated properties in historic Beaufor ticketed evening tour.

Dec 31, 2026

New Year's Eve Pig Drop

Newport Community Park

Join Newport's New Year's Eve celebration at

Annual Favorites

June 11–20, 2027

Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

Morehead City

Follow the tournament and check the organi for waterfront weigh-ins.

June · check next dates

Old Homes Tour & More

Historic Beaufort

Tour historic homes and gardens during the Historical Association's annual fundraiser.

May 14–15, 2027

Beaufort Music Festival

Beaufort

See live music and check the lineup as the fe approaches.

Fall · check next date

North Carolina Seafood Festival

Morehead City

Sample local seafood and explore the waterf

Food & Drinks

Cru Wine Bar ★ F3



A downtown stop for wine, coffee or a relaxed drink with friends.

★ 4.5/5 · 646 Google reviews

120 Turner St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.2 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-3066**

Hours: Daily
6:30am - 10:00pm

beaufortcru.com

Turner St. Market & Cafe



A market café for breakfast, sandwiches and a quick bite downtown.

★ 4.4/5 · 190 Google reviews

133A Turner St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.2 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 838-9381**

Hours: Daily
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

turnerstreetmarket.com

Rhumbar (formerly Front Street Grill)



A waterfront restaurant for coastal dishes and a drink overlooking the docks.

★ 4.3/5 · 1,082 Google reviews

300 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-4956**

Hours: Closed Monday
Tues-Thurs & Sun: 11:30am - 8:30pm
Fri-Sat: 11:30am - 9:00pm

beaufortrhumbar.com

Moonrakers



A waterfront restaurant with coastal cooking and views from its rooftop deck.

★ 4.2/5 · 1,063 Google reviews

326 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 838-0083**

Hours: Daily
Lunch: 11am
Dinner: 5:00pm - 2:30pm

moonrakersbeaufort.com

Finz Grill



A casual waterfront grill and marina on Beaufort's Front Street.

★ 4.1/5 · 1,030 Google reviews

330 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-7459**

Hours: Daily 11:00am - 10:00pm

finzgrill.com

Backstreet Pub ★ F2



A tucked-away pub on Middle Lane for a casual drink.

★ 4.6/5 · 457 Google reviews

124 Middle Ln, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-7108**

Hours: Daily
12:00pm - 2:00am

historicbeaufort.com/backstreet_pub1.htm

Dock House Restaurant



A dockside stop for a casual meal or drink along the Beaufort waterfront.

★ 3.7/5 · 924 Google reviews

500 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-4506**

Hours: Daily
11:30am - 3:30pm
5:00pm - 8:30pm

facebook.com/thedockhousebeaufort

Beaufort Grocery ★ F1



A neighborhood bistro in historic Beaufort with a seasonal menu.

★ 4.6/5 · 1,273 Google reviews

117 Queen St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-3899**

Hours: Closed Tuesday
11:30am - 2:30pm
5:30pm - 9:00pm

beaufortgrocery.com

Black Sheep Beaufort



Waterfront pizza and drinks near the town docks.

510 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

blacksheepbeaufort.com

Marmalade Cafe & Bakery



A small café and bakery for a morning pastry or a light lunch.

★ 4.4/5 · 159 Google reviews

410 Arendell St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 528-7497**

Hours: Closed Tue - Wed
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Monday)
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM (Thur - Sun)

facebook.com/MarmaladeCafeNC

Jacks Waterfront Bar ★ F4



A casual waterfront bar on the Morehead City docks.

★ 4.4/5 · 1,143 Google reviews

513 Evans St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.5 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 515-8131**

Hours: Daily
11:30am - 10:00pm

jacksonthewaterfront.com

Fat Fella's BBQ & Grille



A Newport stop for country breakfast, barbecue, and Southern sides.

6734 US Highway 70, Newport, NC 28570

DISTANCE: 16.4 mi by car

fatfellasbbq.com

Nearby Attractions

Old Burying Ground

★ A2

A historic cemetery with early Beaufort graves and centuries of local history.



★ 4.8/5 · 534 Google reviews

417 Ann St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.2 mi by car

Cemetery entrance

Phone: **(252) 728-5225**

Hours: Daily
9:30am - 5:00pm

beauforthistoricsite.org/old-burying-ground

Beaufort Historic Site

Tour restored buildings and learn about the town's early coastal history.



130 Turner St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.2 mi by car

beauforthistoricsite.org

Beaufort Ghost Walk

★ A1

A guided evening walk through town with local legends and maritime stories.



★ 4.8/5 · 549 Google reviews

108 Middle Ln, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Tour meeting point

Phone: **(252) 722-9925**

Hours: Open 24/7

pctourco.com/beaufort-ghost-walk

Maritime Museum

A museum about North Carolina's maritime heritage, with a working boatbuilding center across the street.



★ 4.8/5 · 490 Google reviews

315 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Museum temporarily closed; the Watercraft Center across Front Street is open.

Phone: **(252) 728-3899**

ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com

Downtown Beaufort

A walkable stretch of historic streets, independent shops and waterfront docks.



600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Waterfront reference

Beaufort visitor information

Hammock House

A historic private home associated with local pirate lore, best viewed from the public street.



★ 4.3/5 · 20 Google reviews

Hammock Ln, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.5 mi by car

Private residence; view from the public street

One of the oldest houses in the state dating back to the 1700's. Once home to the infamous pirate Blackbeard. This is a private residence so please be respectful.

Historic Beaufort and Hammock House

Nearby Attractions ·Continued

Morehead City ★ A3



A working waterfront with charter boats, restaurants and views across the sound.

807 Shepard St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.8 mi by car

Jaycee Park waterfront reference

DowntownMoreheadCity.com

History Museum of Carteret County

Local collections and exhibits tell the story of Carteret County and its coastal communities.

1008 Arendell St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.8 mi by car

carterethistory.org

Atlantic Beach



A public beach access at the Circle for an easy day by the ocean.

★ 4.6/5 · 1,328 Google reviews

201 W Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 17.8 mi by car

The Circle beach access

Atlantic Beach public access

NC Aquarium



An indoor aquarium with coastal habitats, sea turtles and a large ocean tank.

★ 4.7/5 · 3,510 Google reviews

1 Roosevelt Blvd, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 23.0 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 247-4003**

Hours: Daily
9:00am - 5:00pm

ncaquariums.com

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum

Explore decoy carving, fishing traditions, and stories from Down East.

1785 Island Rd, Harkers Island, NC 28531

DISTANCE: 23.7 mi by car

coresound.com

Tryon Palace



A day trip to New Bern for the reconstructed colonial governor's palace, gardens, and historic houses.

529 S Front St, New Bern, NC 28562

DISTANCE: 26.2 mi straight-line

tryonpalace.org

More places to explore

Mac Daddy's Entertainment Center · Foscue Plantation

Fort Benjamin Park

A Newport recreation stop with a walking path and playground.

100 McQueen Ave, Newport, NC 28570

DISTANCE: 11.3 mi straight-line

carteretcountync.gov

Rachel Carson Reserve



Explore tidal marshes and islands across from Beaufort by boat or kayak. Mileage is to the town waterfront.

600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

deq.nc.gov

Newport Community Park



A convenient town park for a short outdoor break in Newport.

200 Howard Blvd, Newport, NC 28570

DISTANCE: 15.4 mi by car

crystalcoastnc.org

Hoop Pole Creek Trail



A short nature trail through maritime forest and coastal wetlands.

★ 4.4/5 · 64 Google reviews

1010 W Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 18.4 mi by car

Trail access beside Atlantic Station

Phone: **(252) 393-8185**

beaufort-nc.com/hoop-pole-creek-nature-trail.html

Atlantic Beach Park



A family park with a playground, splash pad and seasonal mini golf.

★ 4.7/5 · 730 Google reviews

915 W Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 18.4 mi by car

Town Park

Phone: **(252) 728-7459**

Hours: Daily
8:00am - 10:00pm

atlanticbeach-nc.com/departments/parks-recreation

Fort Macon State Park



A coastal park with a restored masonry fort, beach access and walking trails.

★ 4.8/5 · 7,036 Google reviews

2303 E Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 21.0 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 726-3775**

Hours: Daily
8:00am - 7:00pm

ncparks.gov/fort-macon-state-park/home

Cape Lookout



A boat-accessible national seashore known for its lighthouse and undeveloped beaches.

★ 4.9/5 · 1,067 Google reviews

1800 Island Rd, Harkers Island, NC 28531

DISTANCE: 23.6 mi by car

Drive to Harkers Island ferry; boat required

Phone: **(252) 728-2250**

nps.gov/calo/index.htm

Patsy Pond Nature Trail



Short walking loops wind through longleaf pine woods. Trail parking is across NC 24 from the Coastal Federation office.

3609 NC Highway 24, Newport, NC 28570

DISTANCE: 23.7 mi by car

nccoast.org

Shopping

Sweet Lilly Ru ★ S3



A small Turner Street boutique with gifts and accessories.

★ 5.0/5 · 13 Google reviews

121 Turner St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.2 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 838-1015**

Hours: Daily
10:30am - 5:30pm

facebook.com/sweetlillyru

Island Trades ★ S4



A waterfront shop for coastal apparel and gifts.

★ 4.5/5 · 53 Google reviews

421 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 504-3000**

Hours: Daily
10:00am - 8:00pm

islandtraders.com

Island Proper



A Front Street boutique for coastal clothing and accessories.

★ 4.0/5 · 44 Google reviews

431 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.3 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 838-1576**

Hours: Daily
10:00am - 8:00pm

islandproper.com

Jarret Bay Boathouse



A waterfront shop for Jarrett Bay apparel, gifts and nautical goods.

★ 4.1/5 · 23 Google reviews

507 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-6363**

Hours: Daily
10:00am - 6:00pm

shop.jarrettbay.com

General Store ★ S1



A downtown general store for coastal souvenirs and small gifts.

★ 4.6/5 · 241 Google reviews

515 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-7707**

Hours: Daily
9:00am - 9:00pm

beaufortgeneralstore.com

Harbor Specialties ★ S2



A waterfront shop for nautical gifts and coastal keepsakes.

★ 4.7/5 · 28 Google reviews

437 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 838-0059**

Hours: Daily
10:00am - 6:00pm

harborspecialties.com

Boating & Fishing

Sea Gate Marina ★ W2



A neighborhood marina on the Intracoastal Waterway.

★ 4.6/5 · 171 Google reviews

729 Sea Gate Dr, Newport, NC 28570

DISTANCE: 0.5 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 728-4126**

Hours: Daily
7:00am - 7:00pm

seagatenews.com

Discovery Diving



A Beaufort dive shop offering training and trips to offshore wrecks for qualified divers.

414 Orange St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.1 mi by car

discoverydiving.com

Island Ferry Express



A passenger ferry operator serving Shackleford Banks and Cape Lookout from area docks.

★ 4.8/5 · 1,976 Google reviews

600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Beaufort ferry dock

Phone: **(252) 728-7433**

Hours: Not Posted

islandexpressferryservices.com

Cape Lookout Cruises



A sailing charter from Beaufort with trips toward Cape Lookout.

★ 5.0/5 · 1,564 Google reviews

600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

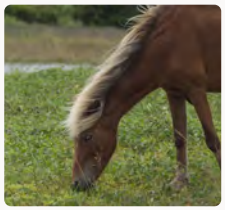
Beaufort Docks departure

Phone: **(252) 504-7245**

Hours: Daily
7:00am - 10:00pm

lookoutcruises.com

Shackleford Banks & Wild Horses



Take a passenger ferry from Beaufort to walk the barrier island and look for wild Banker horses.

★ 4.8/5 · 216 Google reviews

600 Front St, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

Drive to Beaufort ferry dock; boat required

Mileage is to the Beaufort ferry dock. Horse sightings vary. Give the horses plenty of space and follow National Park Service guidance.

NPS Wild Horses & Visitor Information

Newport River Boat Ramps & Pier



Public boat ramps and a fishing pier by the causeway.

301 US Highway 70, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 12.4 mi by car

moreheadcitync.gov

Beaufort Paddle ★ W1



A launch and rental stop for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

★ 4.9/5 · 204 Google reviews

424 Old Causeway Rd, Beaufort, NC 28516

DISTANCE: 13.6 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 725-3065**

Hours: Daily

8:00am - 5:00pm

beaufortpaddle.com

Morehead City Yacht Basin ★ W3



A downtown marina with easy access to the Morehead City waterfront.

★ 4.6/5 · 125 Google reviews

208 Arendell St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.2 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 726-6862**

Hours: Daily

8:30am - 5:00pm

mcyachtbasin.com

Olympus Dive Center

Book offshore diving trips or ask about training and equipment.

713 Shepard St, Morehead City, NC 28557

DISTANCE: 14.7 mi by car

olympusdiving.com

AB Watersport Adventures



A sound-side rental operator for jet skis, kayaks and paddleboards.

★ 4.7/5 · 496 Google reviews

612 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

DISTANCE: 17.0 mi by car

Phone: **(252) 422-0520**

Hours: Daily

8:00am - 6:00pm

abwatersport.com

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