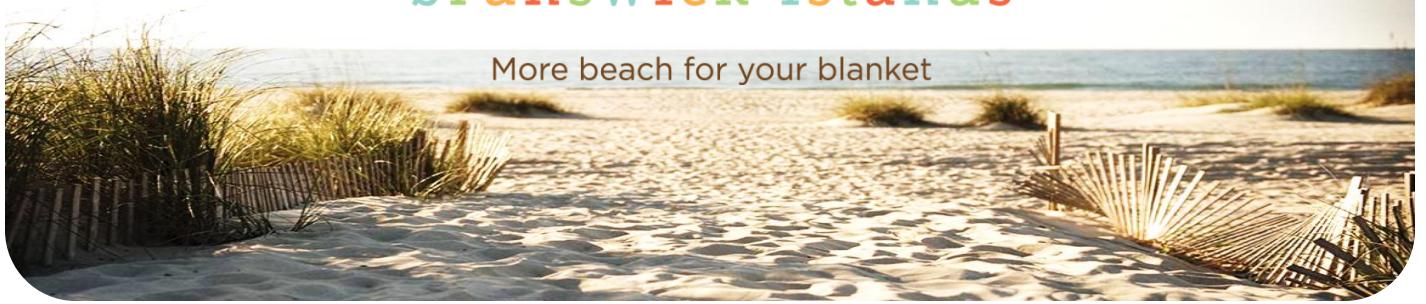


# north carolina's brunswick islands

More beach for your blanket



## Find Your Best Beach

Gearing up for the summer season, travelers are creating their beach bucket lists of must-visit coastal destinations. Undiscovered and not-to-be-missed, North Carolina's Brunswick Islands is made up of unique coastal communities with five barrier islands and 45 miles of beaches, each famous for its distinct characteristics. Sunset Beach has even been recognized as one of *National Geographic's* "21 Best Beaches in the World." Read on to find your best beach.

- **Sunset Beach | Best Beach with a Secret** – The Kindred Spirit Mailbox sits one mile down the beach from the nearest public access point on Sunset Beach and collects the innermost thoughts and dreams from passersby
- **Holden Beach | Best Family Beach** - Holden Beach features small-town charm with lots of activities to keep families busy whether on or off the beach
- **Caswell Beach | Best Lighthouse Beach** - The last lighthouse built in the state, the top of the Oak Island Lighthouse can be accessed by a series of ship ladders with 131 steps
- **Oak Island | Best Nostalgic Beach** - Parents and grandparents will find the beach vacation of their childhood to share with younger generations on Oak Island
- **Ocean Isle Beach | Best Active Beach** - Ocean Isle Beach is a favorite for active travelers with an abundance of adventure and leisure activities both on and off the sand
- **Bald Head Island | Best Beach Without Cars** - Reachable only by ferry or private boat, visitors and locals explore the resort-style island by bike, boat and golf cart



## Find Once-in-a-Lifetime Experiences

The breathtaking beaches of North Carolina's Brunswick Islands keep visitors coming back year after year. Adding to the appeal of the area's natural beauty are several opportunities for unique and extraordinary experiences. The **uniquely south-facing beaches** allow for a phenomenon to take place every winter season where beachgoers can **see the sun both rise and set over the water**. From July through October, visitors can head to the beach at night to watch as **baby loggerhead sea turtles make their way to the ocean** in their first moments of life outside their eggs. The nest hatching process is protected and monitored by volunteers, which is crucial to this endangered species that can live for up to 50 years or more.

## Find Outdoor Adventure for All

North Carolina's Brunswick Islands should be at the top of every adventure traveler's bucket list with salt and freshwater outings, inland excursions and high-flying fun on the state's southernmost 45 miles of coastline. Travelers looking to venture out into nature can discover offerings for all levels of adventurers. From the surf to the sky, the Brunswick Islands set the bar higher for adventure seekers in the Southeast. Several outfitters throughout the islands offer **canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals, along with lessons and tours** for those new to the sport or wanting to learn more about the area. The **Shalotte River Swamp Park** in Ocean Isle Beach is a great activity for a day off the sand with 1.25 miles of zip line cable and an aerial adventure park with 53 different challenge elements. Another way to **enjoy the charming island towns and quaint communities is by bike**, and rentals are available throughout the islands. See the Brunswick Islands with a bird's-eye view by either **helicopter tour** or by **climbing the Oak Island Lighthouse**, which has 131 steps to the top with a series of ship ladders.



## Find Pet-Friendly Beaches and Lodging

All of North Carolina's Brunswick Islands' **beaches are pet-friendly** (some have restrictions during the peak summer season) so the whole family can come along on vacation. Beachgoers who don't want to leave their pets behind can check into **more than 10 properties in the area that allow pets** (not including pet-friendly vacation home rentals). Some pet-friendly lodging options include **The Winds Resort Beach Club**, an oceanfront property with beach access to Ocean Isle Beach, the **Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort**, an amenity-packed property in Calabash with condo units, and the many **vacation rental homes** with plenty of space for people and pets, as well as direct beach access for a stress-free vacation (and many with outdoor showers for easy cleanup after a day on the sand!).

## Find Waterfront Holidays

North Carolina's Brunswick Islands offers visitors the opportunity to **celebrate the holidays "island style," complete with pristine, south-facing beaches boasting both sunrises and sunsets over the water**, along with mild 60-degree weather. All events are open to the public to enjoy. Visitors can take the holiday celebrations dockside to view boats of all shapes and sizes adorned with festive decorations and dazzling lights during the **Southport Flotilla** and the **Ocean Isle Beach Flotilla** water parades. **Historic Southport** hosts a ten-day **Winterfest** celebration, featuring a range of events and activities suited for the whole family, including a Christmas Historic Homes Tour and a Winter Craft Festival. There will also be an array of **Christmas parades in Oak Island, Leland, and Ocean Isle Beach to bring the communities together**. Winter is the perfect time to plan a coastal getaway with **amazing rates on beachfront rental homes**, offering enough room for the whole family to make the most of the holidays, or a private seaside escape from the chaos of the season.



To learn more about North Carolina's Brunswick Islands, visit [www.NCBrunswick.com](http://www.NCBrunswick.com).

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