Like a familiar friend.

Mitch
50 years of cherished visits to NC's Brunswick Islands
People have a way of finding just what they’re looking for on the beaches of NC’s Brunswick Islands. The warmth of contact. The peace of solitude. The feeling of being part of something greater than one’s self.
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This is a place of families and friends.

Parents whose first beach memories are of being carried on their own parents’ shoulders.

Kids free to be kids.

Groups of girlfriends on annual weekends.

Anglers renewing their love of the sport.

Golf buddies trading jibes.

The things that keep us young never get old.

It’s a tradition. We began when our youngest was three. She’s 28 now. We still go each year.

Edie
25 years of Brunswick Islands vacations
For the Birds
Find the birds perching, soaring and floating on pages throughout our Vacation Guide. You’ll see the same ones on our beaches!
Need space to feel your natural self? Our islands are for creatures who are comfortable in their own skin. Feathers. Shell. Whatever. The beaches are famed for loggerhead sea turtles. We have hundreds of species of birds, some resident and others on the flight path to elsewhere. And our intertidal zones are an ever-changing zoological lesson featuring crabs, starfish, sand dollars, jellyfish and other mysteries of the deep.

We treasure these beaches as our escape from urban life and a return to nature.

Margaret
24 years of memories made on our shores
The only beach that I would drive 700 miles to alone at the age of 80. My happy place.

Dawana
traveling to NC’s Brunswick Islands every summer since 1970
Some vacations are about seeing things differently. Our beaches dare you to climb to an observation deck of a lighthouse. Or accept the challenge of learning how to ride a surfboard. Discover how many species of birds you can name while paddling our marshes in a kayak. Or see how many days you can string together trying to accomplish as little as possible.

STEP UP YOUR GAME
NC’s Brunswick Islands is home to two historic lighthouses with intriguing stories. With a little advance notice, you can tour them both and climb to a view only winged visitors usually see.
Experience all that NC’s Brunswick Islands offers

No matter where you stay when you visit us, we encourage you to travel around and experience the entire stretch of coastline. You may discover that, over time, you’ll find a destination you can return to over and over again – one that’s always as special as your first visit.

Bald Head Island

Lock your cares in your car and leave them behind. On Bald Head Island, the only traffic is provided by golf carts and bikes. Old Baldy, the familiar stout brick lighthouse, presides over a natural setting of expansive beaches. Spectacular dunes hide spacious beach homes and surprising shops nestled along maritime forest pathways. Quiet, secluded – but with great golf and beautiful marina-side settings – that’s the Bald Head experience.

Calabash

The little town with a legendary style of cooking seafood lives up to its distinction as “Seafood Capital of the World.” Plenty of restaurants await you from traditional family style to international cuisine. Wander the shops while seeing how long you can resist the temptation of shrimp, clams, oysters and crabs. Treat the kids to homemade ice cream. Explore the docks where fishing and pleasure boats tie up. Calabash has been synonymous with seafood and family fun for decades.

Caswell Beach

Got time for shelling on long, secluded beach walks? You’ll need it on Caswell Beach, where traditional vacation homes await you behind the line of dunes, and the trusty beacon of the Oak Island Lighthouse watches over all. With its long stretches of sea oat-fringed dunes that beckon you all the way down to the inlet, this is the least inhabited of our beaches. Of course, if it’s action you’re looking for, simply drive or bike to the shops next door on Oak Island!

Holden Beach

You could say Holden Beach hit the big time when it was named by National Geographic Traveler as one of the country’s best. And yet, it was never spoiled by success. Its backyard is the Intracoastal Waterway, where kayakers can mingle with the environment’s extraordinary wildlife. Holden Beach never fails to delight, from the pleasures of moonlit walks in the surf to the surprises waiting in the tidal pools at Lockwood Folly Inlet.
Leland
Leland is where you go for a completely different kind of time. Paddling down the Brunswick River in your own kayak is like drifting into an older, simpler world. One where you’re just as apt to come upon osprey, egrets and eagles as you are another paddler. Nearby, the 900-plus acre Brunswick Nature Park also offers many opportunities to view North Carolina’s coastal wildlife in their natural habitat. Of course, if it’s shops and refreshments you’re after, Leland offers that, too!

Oak Island
There is laid-back. And there is Oak Island laid-back. The quiet streets lined with beach homes summon you to mount a bike and stick a reed in the spokes, like when you were a kid. So much of Oak Island has that air of nostalgia. Yet, if it’s water you want, this beach has more than 60 public access points. Boat ramps, fishing piers and a marina put the best of Brunswick Islands fishing right at your feet. And if long romantic beach walks are in your plans, there’s no place better.

Ocean Isle Beach
Ask anyone who’s ever done it. There’s no family experience quite like watching sea turtles hatch. Once you experience these creatures making their way to the sea on a moonlit night, you’ll never forget it. There are miles of Ocean Isle beachfront to share with these fascinating creatures. But don’t worry, they like the other beaches, too! Because of its easygoing spirit, Ocean Isle Beach has been a repeat family favorite for generations. It has even grown its own particular celebrations, including the popular North Carolina Oyster Festival.

Shallotte
Savvy beachgoers know they have to make time for Shallotte. With central access to all six of our beaches, Shallotte is the perfect place to load up on provisions for your beach vacation. Or, to take a break from the sun and salt spray. And while a stop here is a must for any beachgoer, it’s also a central focal point for our championship golf courses. You’ll discover Shallotte is a timely place for a quick bite on your way sightseeing or taking in an afternoon movie.

Southport
Rich in history and maritime charm, Southport has been crowned America’s “Happiest Seaside Town” by Coastal Living. With its oak tree-lined streets and bustling yacht basin, this harbor town has made appearances in feature films, making not only visitors, but directors and moviegoers happy. Local shops and restaurants pepper the waterfront, so you’ll always find something pleasant cooking. Explore the streets, historic homes and landmarks, even the local connections to our swashbuckling pirate and shrimping heritage. One could say Southport is a picture of the past.

Sunset Beach
Sunset Beach is home and way-station to hundreds of species of birds … and soulseekers. Wander over to adjoining Bird Island on an afternoon, and you’ll discover the special magic of this place. This undeveloped coastal reserve is a favorite of those free souls who leave their thoughts in the communal Kindred Spirit mailbox. Sunset Beach, like its namesake, has a peaceful effect on the soul. And of course, for the early birds, it’s a favorite for sunrise. It’s no wonder National Geographic named this special place one of the “21 Best Beaches in the World.”

Tradition and enjoyment from kid to adult.
Robert
15 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
You have to be a natural paradise in order to make the National Geographic list of best beaches on the planet. And guess what? Sunset Beach qualifies.

That won’t surprise anyone who has ever strolled a beach access path on the smallest of our barrier islands that’s large in spirit. With virtually no commercial development, this place is a favorite of those whose vacation plans include peace for the soul and communing with the natural world.

SANDERLING  *Calidris alba*

You’ll see a lot of this species on our shores, pecking at the sand to pick up a meal. The small, plump bird with black legs and bill is constantly chasing the waves looking for a bite.

*The ocean calls you back. Your soul gets rejuvenated and energized.*

Karen
5 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
Winged species are so plentiful, that at the far end of the island you’ll find the most aptly named Bird Island.

At low tide, the vast expanse of sand comes as a surprise, as well as a pleasant challenge, for beach cyclists. It’s a place where people make lasting connections, with each other and with the beauty of nature. You’ll agree when you witness your first sunrise in this place of towering dunes and unlimited serenity.

**LIFE SENDS ITS BEST**
For decades, the iconic Kindred Spirit mailbox on Bird Island is where people from all over have left their personal thoughts and meditations.

**WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM**
You can satisfy your sweet tooth no matter where you are in NC’s Brunswick Islands. Each town has several choices for a sweet frozen treat as unique and individual as the islands themselves.

**BOOK IT**
We didn’t invent the beach book, but this is definitely the place for them. Maybe that’s why Nicholas Sparks set his latest novel, Every Breath, in Sunset Beach. One visit here and you’ll find a storybook setting indeed.

[Image]
Big vacations can come in small packages. Need proof? *Southern Living* recently named Ocean Isle Beach the South’s Best Tiny Town. This vibrant beach village has a lively side that appeals to families with small children, teens and grandparents alike.

Two lively sides, actually. The beach side is the ideal place to get started fulfilling your surfing or skimboarding dreams. The marsh side is deeply indented with canals where you can pull your boat right up to your vacation home, break out the paddleboards and kayaks, or spend your spare hours fishing from your private dock. This island has a wide variety of accommodations, including oceanfront hotel rooms and condos.

The town atmosphere offers something for everyone. There are plenty of options to sate your appetite, many with stunning waterfront views. We’ve got mini-golf and arcade pastimes for the kids, plus nearby options like the zipline adventures and the mysterious ecosystem of a popular swamp park. For the adults, stop by a brewery or winery for a favorite refreshment.

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**ZIPPITY YAY**

Is hanging from a wire your thing? Our swamp park is your place, with plenty of aerial thrills and wetlands critters to raise goosebumps all over.

**GREEN HERON* *Butorides virescens***

This small heron can often be seen at the edges of the marsh. He’s dark green in color and sports greenish-yellow or orange legs.

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Ocean Isle is a great meeting place for our family.

Pete
20+ visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
There’s no mistaking Holden Beach. The signature sweeping curve of the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway announces you’ve arrived. This perennial favorite combines the pleasures of residential beach homes with the mystique of a working waterfront with shrimp trawlers plying the waves.

On Holden Beach, it seems there’s always one more tidal pool to explore, all the way to

Holden Beach
is very low key. No Brunswick Islands hotels, not too many people, exactly what I need.
Rebecca
2 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
Lockwood Folly Inlet at the easternmost end of the island. It’s a favorite for family beach hiking and biking. Plus, recent beach restoration efforts have provided an unexpected gift: gobs of fully intact sea shells that turn an afternoon into a treasure hunt.

There’s no mistaking the maritime spirit here. Maybe it’s the fishing pier that attracts both seasoned veterans and newbies to the sport. Or, the lively comings and goings of boats on the Intracoastal Waterway at the back side of the island. Like its distinctive approach, this beach town surprises but never disappoints.

YUM IT UP
Pack your appetite. Every island has its own signature surprise, from a frosty cone to a candy shop full of delights.

WAIT UNTIL DARK
Memo to self: pack flashlights. You and your crew are going to need them when you’re out stargazing or hunting ghost crabs.
Once we came to Oak Island, we never went to another beach. It feels like home when we visit.

Wanda
15 trips to NC’s Brunswick Islands
First permanently settled in the early 1800s, Oak Island has an abundance of old live oaks, windswept pines and other delightful shade trees. It feels as much like a neighborhood as it does a typical barrier island. That’s because it is. Oak Island is notable for the kind of easily accessible conveniences a resident would find attractive.

Since traveling with pets has become hugely popular, note that Oak Island is also a paradise for dogs. Named as one of the state’s most dog-friendly beaches, Oak Island has designated areas on the beach where unleashed dogs are permitted from mid-October to mid-March.

The largest of our barrier islands, Oak Island famously offers the amenities of a large fishing community with two fishing piers and several boat ramps. As well as four kayak ramps and more than 60 public beach access points. In addition, recent beach restoration has inundated the shoreline of this island with an abundance of shells for the picking.

**TURTLE TREKS**
Mind the yellow tape. Our barrier islands are the loggerhead sea turtle’s chosen nesting site. We have an entire support society dedicated to protecting these amazing creatures and helping them on their journey to the sea. You’ll also find a seasonal series of Turtle Talks for the vacationer interested in learning about these fascinating creatures.

**WOOFERS LOVE WAVES**
Dogs are family, too. If your canine is giving you that look lately, he just might be telling you he needs to stick his nose in the surf in NC’s Brunswick Islands.

**OLLIE OR SHOVE-IT**
Visit Oak Island’s skateboard park where your kids can show off their stuff and learn new moves.
It’s easy to recognize Caswell Beach. It’s pretty hard to disguise a lighthouse, which, at 153 feet, is the tallest thing for miles around. A climb to the observation deck of the Oak Island Lighthouse provides a unique perspective on our barrier island ecosystem.

The most sparsely inhabited of our beaches, Caswell Beach is both a wonderful place to detach from the mainland and a great place to wander. As revealed from the lighthouse deck, the marsh side is a maze of waterways and inlets waiting to be explored by kayak or shallow draftboat. This estuarine wilderness is a nursery for birds, fish and other wildlife.

Caswell Beach is home to its own golf course. While it feels remote, this sparsely settled beach is only minutes away from restaurants, shops and other vacation amenities.

Yaupon holly is a plant native to the maritime forests of NC’s Brunswick Islands, including the wooded areas of Caswell Beach.

It is the only place we wish to be when we need a break to relax.

Jettie visiting twice a year for the past 5 years

Wood Stork

Mycteria americana

Look for this endangered North American native in the marshes and swamps, feeding on a variety of fish. Predominately white, this wading bird stands up to 45 inches tall and has a large, heavy bill.
BRIGHT & SHINY

Four 2.5 million candlepower lenses. Four one-second bursts every 10 seconds. That's the signature pattern of the Oak Island Lighthouse, the newest of the NC lighthouses.
Talk about seclusion. Bald Head Island is a place so detached, the only way to get there is by the beloved ferry from Southport. Once you’ve arrived, your means of conveyance is by golf cart or bicycle on paths that wind their way through the dunes and cabbage palms to elegant beach houses nestled among the natural vegetation.

If this island feels like a nature preserve, that’s because it is. Fully 10,000 of its 12,000 acres are a wildlife habitat set aside for stewardship by the Bald Head Island Conservancy. As a result, the forests and marshes are home to...
SPEED LIMIT
Life downshifts out here. You’ll learn to love that, especially since your choices are driving a golf cart, riding a bike or stretching your legs.

an astonishing number of birds and other maritime denizens. The beach is also among the county’s most extensive sea turtle nesting sites.

Nature isn’t quite everything. Old Baldy Lighthouse has warded off ships and attracted visitors since 1817. You’ll find needed creature comforts like restaurants and shopping, as well as fresh seafood, a marina, and one of Brunswick’s premier golf courses.
Only a mile from the port of Wilmington, Leland has many of the conveniences of its larger neighbor. But not the crowds. For this reason, it’s a great place to visit whether you’re playing golf at one of our championship courses or visiting the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.

Nestled against the Brunswick River, Leland and surrounding areas are a haven for those who love paddlesports and natural beauty. Head to the nearby Brunswick Nature Park or the Brunswick Riverwalk Park where visitors can spot osprey, herons and eagles in the air, or connect with nature through the water along the Brunswick Paddle Trail or from one of many small boat or kayak access points. It’s a completely different environment from the barrier islands.

Leland combines the laid-back vibe that comes with being close to the beach with the bustle of being a suburb of a historic port city. Shopping abounds, as well as local eateries and hotels. Discover why being in the heart of everything gives Leland a beat of its own.

SEARCHING FOR SINGLETRACK?
Brunswick Nature Park features more than seven miles of mountain bike trails geared to different skill levels. It starts right behind the picnic shelter.

MOUNT UP
Want to ride something besides the surf? Our county has many opportunities to saddle up and giddyup, whether you’re a novice or an accomplished rider.
I honestly cannot stay away. The atmosphere is addicting.

Anne
probably over 100 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands
Beachgoers know that Shallotte is essential because it has, well, all the essentials. For decades, this town has been known as the place to stock up on any of the necessities before you head for the sand. Because it’s close to all the barrier islands, it’s also the ideal place to take a break from the sun.

Shallotte has the fun stuff like arcades, laser tag, antique shops, bowling and movies – all the makings of an afternoon or evening that will bring a smile to the face of any sun-drenched family member.

Got a tee time? Players know that Shallotte is in a good central location for the championship golf courses in the county. Which makes it the perfect place to grab anything you might need on the way to play, or refreshments on the way back to your chosen beach community.

**HOW WE ROLL**

Whenever your gang needs to be spared another day in the sun, Shallotte is the place for a break. Whether you spend it combing the shops to fill the gaps in your beach wardrobe or cooling off with popcorn, a drink and a movie, you’ll find what you’re looking for in this lively town.

**TIME OUT**

Shallotte’s clock is an apt reminder of a) the correct time and b) the fact that while you’re here time doesn’t make a particle of difference.

**HUNT AND PICK**

Scouring the antique shops of Shallotte can be as consuming a passion as searching the beaches for the perfect shell specimen.

**FUN ON TAP**

The Brunswick craft beer scene combines advanced brewing technology with master brewers committed to developing local traditions.
Like many of our towns, Southport has a recent claim to fame. *Coastal Living* magazine named this historic maritime town “Best Beach Town in America for the Fourth of July.” Of course, it helps when you stretch the nation’s birthday into multiple days of celebrating! TripAdvisor agrees that Southport is one of the “top places you have to visit.”

It’s not hard to figure. Stroll down to the Waterfront Park along the Cape Fear River and claim a spot on one of the swings. Soon, you’ll be moving to the rhythm of the boats bobbing in the harbor of what many agree is the state’s most

**CLASSIC CRAFT**

Southport’s Yacht Basin is a prominent stop for boats traveling on the Intracoastal Waterway, as well as the stage for events like the annual Wooden Boat Show.

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**MAX COOL**

Need a refresher course in relaxation? The bistros and shops of Southport’s maritime village just seem to fit people like a favorite old shirt.

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*When you visit, there is an atmosphere that’s hard to explain. Our family “gets it.”*

Jacqueline
75 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands since 1978
picturesque seaside town. If scenes look familiar, it’s because of the leading role Southport has played in many movies.

Great dining options line the Yacht Basin and downtown area, which also make great backdrops for a selfie that’ll make your friends envious. There are also historic sites and museums, from pre-Revolutionary Fort Johnston to the NC Maritime Museum.

**AND … ACTION!**

On a self-guided tour around Southport, you can see scenes and memorabilia from some of your favorite movies or TV shows. Stop by the Fort Johnston-Southport Museum and Visitors’ Center and step into the movie room for more.

**BROWN PELICAN**

*Pelecanus occidentalis*

This social flier nests in flocks and skims the waves searching for fish. It prefers to feed by diving from the air rather than fishing from the surface.
Calabash is a town, a style of seafood, and a freewheeling fishing spirit that’s easy to sense just strolling around the docks as the trawlers come in after a day on the waves. Many of the storied seafood restaurants still line River Road as it descends to the wharves and the marsh.

Rather catch your own? With its easy access to both the Intracoastal Waterway and the open ocean, Calabash has many good fishing charter options. Or treat the kids to the excitement of a dolphin cruise.

This charming fishing village offers seafood markets where you can select your dinner from the day’s catch. As well as shops where you can pick up anything from a one-of-a-kind gift for someone back home to ice cream made right on the premises.

That’s why a trip to Calabash has been a must for vacationing families for decades.

CATCH THIS
No matter where you’re staying, Calabash is a great place to either catch your own dinner or get it fresh to cook yourself.

SEAFOOD CAPITAL OF THE WORLD
Shrimp, clams, fish and oysters, coated in a light batter and quickly fried to lock in their freshness. It’s become a famed style of preparing seafood that’s often imitated, but only here will you find the original.

GREAT EGRET
Ardea alba
This popular resident is known for its all-white plumage. Ubiquitous in our marshes, the egret can stand up to 3 feet tall and has a wingspan over 5 feet.
It has been our family reunion destination since 1984.

Sarah
9 visits to NC's Brunswick Islands
Of course, the mainland isn’t one place, exactly. It’s many. The mainland is both the connective tissue of our barrier islands and home of our earliest settlers. So, you’ll find expressed both the free spirit of coastal people and evidence of our rich past.

For example, Varndamtown reveals an interesting waterfront on the Lockwood Folly River, where you can see local fishermen in action. Winnabow is home to the county’s original settlement, Brunswick Town, which can be experienced at the Civil War Trail site, Fort Anderson. While you’re there, be sure to look upon the past at the historic ruins of St. Philips Church.

At the Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve or the Green Swamp Preserve, you’ll discover the perfect place for observing an array of plants and bird species, some rare or endangered. Sampling the pleasures of the mainland offers just the right contrast to days spent playing in the waves or stretched out on the sand doing absolutely nothing.

TREASURE TROVE

Pirates were among the original visitors to the barrier islands. Today, you just might find treasure in one of many gift or consignment shops throughout our islands and towns.
Make your own to-do list

Finding something for your family to do in NC’s Brunswick Islands is easy. It’s boredom that’s difficult. There are simply so many activities that run the full emotional range from goosebumps to wonder to sheer relaxation. That’s one reason folks keep coming back. For a complete listing, see the pages that follow or visit ncbrunswick.com/fun-and-adventure.

**Battleship NORTH CAROLINA**
Introduce a little education to your beach vacation. For a fascinating dose of local history, spend the day aboard the NORTH CAROLINA. The self-guided tour of this battleship begins with an orientation film, then takes you through nine decks before concluding at the Ship Store. Afterward, enjoy a picnic lunch in the riverside Battleship Park. Free parking. Open every day. 1 Battleship Road, Wilmington. Admission charged. 910.399.9100, www.battleshipnc.com.

**Bird Island**
The Bird Island Reserve has pristine sandy white beaches, high natural dunes and more than 1,200 acres of beautiful salt marsh and tidal creeks. This natural area is one of 10 sites that make up the North Carolina Coastal Reserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve. Visitors are invited to enjoy this perfect sanctuary, visit the Kindred Spirit mailbox, learn about sand dune wildlife and experience the history and habitats of the beautiful coastal preserve. 40th Street and West Main Street, Sunset Beach. Free admission. www.ncbrunswick.com/activity/explore-bird-island-sunset-beach.

**Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve**
The preserve is home to the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, a variety of carnivorous plants like the Venus Flytrap and more than 400 vascular plant species. The nature trail allows visitors to walk through a portion of the more than 6,000 fragile acres that make up the preserve. 1 Leeds Road, Boiling Spring Lakes. Free admission. 910.395.5000, www.ncbrunswick.com/activity/boiling-spring-lakes-preserve-mainland.

**Brunswick Community College Odell Williamson Auditorium**
Catch a show performed by local players and regional, national and international traveling acts. Located on the campus of Brunswick Community College on Hwy. 17 in Bolivia, the Odell Williamson Auditorium is home to numerous productions throughout the year. 150 College Road NE, Bolivia. Admission charged. 910.755.7416, www.bccowa.com.

**Brunswick Islands Birding Trail**
Eight birding sites along the North Carolina Birding Trail can be found in NC’s Brunswick Islands. More than 330 species of birds can be seen nesting or migrating here, including American Oystercatchers, Anhingas, Wood Storks and a variety of warblers, sparrows, ibis, plovers and more. Visit www.ncbrunswick.com/activity/brunswick-bird-watching.
Brunswick Nature Park

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson
Explore the excavated ruins of one of North Carolina’s oldest settlements. Founded in 1726, this colonial settlement is as mysterious as it is captivating. Stop by the Visitor Center, and see exhibits about life in a colonial town and artifacts gathered from the ruins. ADA ¼ mile trail around site. 8884 St. Philip’s Road SE, Winnabow. Free admission. 910.371.6613, www.nchistoricsites.org/brunswic/brunswic.htm.

Canoeing and Kayaking
In addition to more than 40 miles of ocean shoreline, the Brunswick Islands offer miles of black water, brackish creeks and rivers, the Intracoastal Waterway and salt marshes, all providing for a variety of paddling experiences. Surf kayaking and sea kayaking, along with canoeing and kayaking in these local creeks and rivers, offer unmatched opportunities to view the natural wonders and wildlife habitats of the area. Visit www.ncbrunswick.com/fun-and-adventure/paddlesports.

Dining
Grab a bite – good food is what we do best. Come enjoy world-famous Calabash cooking featuring fresh catches delivered from local docks. Fresh seafood and so much more, right here in the Brunswick Islands. Visit www.ncbrunswick.com/fun-and-adventure/dining to learn more.

Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve
Connect with the natural world at this 174-acre coastal forest research and nature preserve. You’ll discover miles of walking trails and limitless native flora and fauna. 6150 Rock Creek Road NE, near Town Creek. Free admission. 910.962.4191, www.uncw.edu/physicalplant/arboretum/ev-henwood.

Fishing and Boating
Reel in the big catch and this evening’s dinner all in an afternoon. Here, you’ll find surf fishing and pier fishing, along with charters from local sea captains. For more information on charters, cruises, marinas, boat rentals and fishing tournaments, visit www.ncbrunswick.com/fun-and-adventure/fishing-and-charters.
Fort Johnston and Southport Museum
Southport Museum and Visitors’ Center is located inside the Fort Johnston Garrison House and features exhibits, original documents and historical artifacts about Southport and Fort Johnston. Fort Johnston was originally built by the British in 1749 to protect the region from Spanish and French attacks; it was conveyed to the City of Southport in 2006. 203 E. Bay Street, Southport. Free admission. 910.457.7927, www.southportnc.org/visitors-and-tourism.

North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport
Experience hands-on history with interactive exhibits for all ages. Discover the first indigenous peoples who fished local waters. Learn about the sailors who fought multiple wars on our waterfront and the importance of local fisheries and the families that made their livelihood from it. Adult, children, and family programs are held year-round. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9am-5pm. 204 E. Moore Street. Free admission. 910.477.5150, www.ncmaritimemuseumsouthport.com.

Green Swamp Preserve
The Green Swamp Preserve is a 15,000-acre nature conservancy that includes many varieties of plant life and wildlife. See 14 species of insectivorous plants, including the Venus Flytrap, as well as the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. For local guides and information, call the Nature Conservancy. 910.395.5000, www.ncbrunswick.com/activity/green-swamp-preserve-mainland.

Oak Island Lighthouse
Tour the state’s newest lighthouse, located on Caswell Beach. Open for second level tours from 10am-2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tours to the top, up 131 metal steps to the outside balcony, are available year-round but must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. 300A Caswell Beach Road, Caswell Beach. Free Admission. www.oakislandlighthouse.org.

Ingram Planetarium
The stars always shine at Ingram Planetarium! Visit the free Paul Dennis Science Hall with its interactive displays. Enjoy a movie and live star show in the state-of-the-art Sky Theater. Attend special programs or lectures. 7625 High Market Street, Sunset Beach. Per-show admission charged for Sky Theater Shows. 910.575.0033, www.museumplanetarium.org.

Oak Island Nature Center
Enjoy a visit with Mother Nature. The center offers a wide range of educational activities for kids and adults, including an interactive Talking Trees Walking Trail, fossil exhibits and animal displays native to the Oak Island community. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day. 334 NE 52nd Street, Oak Island. Free admission. www.ncbrunswick.com/activity/oak-island-nature-center.

Museum of Coastal Carolina
Walk through and see life-size replicas of marine animals and enjoy a touch tank with live sea animals. View wildlife dioramas of coastal Carolina plants and animals. See collections of seashells and shark jaws. Dig for shark teeth in the outdoor fossil pit, or attend special programs and lectures. 21 East Second Street, Ocean Isle Beach. Admission charged for non-members. 910.579.1016, www.museumplanetarium.org.

Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island Museum

Old Bridge Museum
See the bridge and Bridge Tender’s house from the historic swing bridge that once connected Sunset Beach to the mainland. Includes re-creation of the Bridge Tender’s office. Seasonal hours. 109 Shoreline Drive West, Sunset Beach. Free admission. 910.363.6585, www.oldbridgepreservationsociety.org.
Silver Coast Winery
Sip on a variety of wines at Brunswick County’s first and only winery, located just inland of Ocean Isle Beach. Tour the winery and learn about winemaking step by step, from the grapevine to the wine cellar. Wine tasting available. 6680 Barbeque Road, Ocean Isle Beach. Free admission. 910.287.2800, www.silvercoastwinery.com.

Southport Trail
Take a self-guided walking tour through historic Southport. See churches and homes dating from the early 1700s, as well as landmarks like City Hall, the Old Brunswick Jail, Old Smithville Burial Ground and River Pilot’s Tower. Contact the Southport Visitors’ Center at 910.457.7927.

The Swamp Park
Explore this unique and beautiful natural environment by air or water. Aerial adventure park includes a challenge course with three levels of difficulty. Soar through the treetops high above the swamp on a 10-station zipline tour. Or, take a guided cruise through the cypress swamp where gators, beavers, wading birds and other wildlife await. 5550 Watts Road, Ocean Isle Beach. Admission varies by activity. 910.687.6100, www.shallotteriverswamppark.com. see our ad on page 67
We know what makes kids tick

“Are we there yet?” This much is certain, when you cross the Intracoastal Waterway to one of our barrier islands, children just know. The excitement of exploring tidal pools, games on the beach, skimming the surf on a boogie board – these things never get old.

Nor does the fascination with scuttling crabs, swimming dolphins or heading out after nightfall to witness your first sea turtle experience. Besides, there are castles to be built, bikes to be ridden, kites to be flown and above all, memories to be made.

If children – or parents – need a breather, expand your child’s stargazing skills with a trip to our planetarium. Take a trip back in time with a tour of historic Southport. Walk through the North Carolina Maritime Museum or Museum of Coastal Carolina to experience maritime culture and natural history. NC’s Brunswick Islands is where it’s easy for parents to let kids be kids.

For even more kid-friendly options, visit www.ncbrunswick.com/fun-and-adventure.
We know what makes kids tick

FUN FOR KIDS

The Swamp Park
Skateboard park
Battleship NORTH CAROLINA
Brunswick Nature Park
Oak Island Nature Center
Oak Island Lighthouse
Old Baldy Lighthouse
Surf lessons
Golf lessons
Ingram Planetarium
Kayak excursions
Adventure cruises
Crabbing at low tide
Go-karting
Miniature golf
Museum of Coastal Carolina
NC Maritime Museum at Southport
Old Bridge Museum
Day camps
Fishing charters
Pier fishing
Ferry rides
Disc golf
Biking

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And when you’ve found it, stay till your heart’s content. In NC’s Brunswick Islands, both are possible simply because our islands and towns offer such a broad range of attractive accommodations, whether for a quick getaway or a lengthy family vacation.

Who knows? You may wind up following a tradition favored by many; namely, returning year after year to the warm familiarity of your family’s chosen vacation beach home. Or you may be seeking an intimate B&B, seaside hotel or beach condo, or a home with a private dock on one of our canals. A huge advantage of vacationing in NC’s Brunswick Islands is being able to choose from all of these and more.
**Rental Homes** By far, the most common accommodations to be found in the Brunswick Islands are the many house and condo rentals available. And there really is no end to the size, style, amenities and locations of these rentals. Bring the entire family for a reunion – even the family dog – or keep it to a simple gathering with close family or friends. Homes come with swimming pools, beach views, commercial-quality kitchens and much more. Whatever your choice, a rental home gives you total privacy and togetherness like no other accommodation.

**Bed-And-Breakfasts** Like most B&Bs, those found in the Brunswick Islands will definitely charm you with their atmosphere. But unlike those found in other vacation destinations, these add to the surrounding island beauty. Enjoy a full breakfast together before embarking on a big day or simply relax in a garden or on a porch as the kids bike and play. Intimate, personal and nostalgic, a B&B vacation in the Brunswick Islands is truly like no other.

**Hotels And Inns** At the turn of a key, you’ll have access to everything the Brunswick Islands offers. You’ll find hotels to fit any style and budget. Relax in luxury at a beautiful resort. If you’re planning an event, such as a wedding or reunion, many hotels offer catering services, banquet rooms and all the amenities to leave you in want of nothing. On the beach, on the Intracoastal or on the mainland, we’ll have a hotel or inn to match your style. Many of the most memorable places to stay are the ones that have been here the longest, small inns that have been owned and operated by the same families for decades. These “mom-and-pops” are part of what makes the Brunswick Islands vacation so charming.

**BEACH ESSENTIALS**

Don’t forget these items for your next trip to NC’s Brunswick Islands. With 45 miles of coastline, you’re assured more beach for your blanket.

- Beach bag
- Beach blanket
- Beach towels
- Beach chairs
- Beach cart with wheels
- Cooler with wheels
- Beach umbrellas
- Beach toys
- Swimming goggles
- Floats
- Boogie, skim & surf boards
- Fishing poles
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Waterproof camera
- Flashlights
Accommodations

Hotels, Motels, Resorts, Bed-and-Breakfasts

Bell-Clemmons House  
313 East Moore Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.742.7999  
www.bell-clemmons.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Best Western PLUS  
Westgate Inn & Suites  
1120 Towne Lake Drive  
Leland, NC 28451  
910.371.2858  
www.bestwesternleland.com  
343 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Brunswick Beaches  
Camping Resort  
7200 KOA Drive  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.855.579.2267 • 910.579.7562  
www.brunswickbeachescamping.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Brunswick Inn  
Bed & Breakfast  
301 East Bay Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.457.5278  
www.brunswickinn.com  
910.457.5278

Brunswick Plantation Resort and Golf  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Continental Condominiums  
431 Sunset Boulevard S  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
1.866.348.7138 • 910.579.6500  
www.sloanevacations.com  
10 rooms • island

Days Inn  
3670 Express Drive  
Shallotte, NC 28470  
1.888.440.2021 • 910.754.3300  
www.daysinn.com  
61 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Gray Gull Motel  
3263 Holden Beach Road SW  
Holden Beach, NC 28462  
910.842.6775  
www.graygullmotel.com  
17 rooms • mainland

Hampton Inn & Suites  
4820 Port Loop Road  
Southport, NC 28461  
1.800.HAMPTON • 910.477.9830  
www.hamptoninn.com  
88 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
3400 Southport-Supply Road SE  
Bolivia, NC 28422  
910.278.6026  
www.hiexpress.com/southportnc  
93 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Holiday Inn Express - Leland/Wilmington Area  
1020 Grandiflora Drive  
Leland, NC 28451  
910.383.3300  
www.hiexpress.com/lelandnc  
105 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Ocean Isle Inn  
37 West First Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.800.352.5988 • 910.579.0750  
www.oceanisleinn.com  
70 rooms • oceanfront • breakfast

Roberta Ruark Inn  
119 North Lord Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.363.4169  
www.robertruarkinn.com  
4 rooms • mainland • breakfast

Southport Inn  
119 North Davis Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.713.5799  
www.thesouthportinn.com  
3 rooms • mainland • breakfast

The Sunset Inn  
57 West First Street  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
1.888.325.4753 • 910.575.7000  
www.thesunsetinn.net  
70 rooms • island • breakfast

Wingate by Wyndham  
1300 East First Street  
Southport, NC 28461  
910.454.0086  
www.wingateinns.com/id=30565  
910.454.0086  
www.wingateinns.com/id=30565
Great beaches, and I can always find a rental in my price range. There is plenty to do on the islands, as well as nearby areas. These islands never disappoint.

Mary

4 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
Here, we’re always looking for a reason to celebrate. And over the decades, we’ve found plenty. Our annual calendar is loaded with signature events, such as the NC Oyster Festival, the NC Festival by The Sea or the NC 4th of July Festival.

And yet, every get-together is an opportunity to get in on the local flavor and authentic vibe of the barrier island life. So, wander our farmers markets, grab a glass for our gallery walks and throw down a blanket for a concert or movie. Dates are subject to change, but the spirit is constant. For a complete listing, visit ncbrunswick.com/events.

**January**
- Martin Luther King Jr. March & Celebration
  - Navassa
- The Silver Coast Bridal Show
  - Ocean Isle Beach

**February**
- Anniversary of the Fall of Fort Anderson
  - Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson

**March**
- Spring Art Show
  - Southport
- Intercultural Festival
  - Bolivia

**April**
- Southport Spring Festival
  - Southport
- Easter Egg Hunts
  - Multiple Locations
- Oak Island Lighthouse
  - 5K, 10K & Half Marathon
  - Caswell Beach
- Day at the Docks Festival
  - Holden Beach
- A Taste of Calabash Festival
  - Calabash

**May**
- Far Out Shoot Out
  - Ocean Isle Beach
- Memorial Day Observance
  - Battleship NORTH CAROLINA
- Free Summer Concert & Movie Series
  - Multiple Locations
- Summer Farmers and Artisans Market
  - Multiple Locations

**June**
- Jolly Mon King Classic
  - Ocean Isle Beach
- Free Summer Concert & Movie Series
  - Multiple Locations
- Summer Farmers and Artisans Market
  - Multiple Locations

**July**
- NC 4th of July Festival
  - Southport & Oak Island
- Homecoming Parade Celebration
  - Navassa
- Ocean Isle Beach 4th of July Celebration
  - Ocean Isle Beach
- Calabash Fireworks
  - Calabash
- Free Summer Concert & Movie Series
  - Multiple Locations
- Summer Farmers and Artisans Market
  - Multiple Locations
Calendar of events

August
- National Lighthouse Weekend Celebration
  Bald Head Island
- Leland Under the Lights
  Leland
- Annual Arts & Crafts Festival
  Oak Island
- Free Summer Concert & Movie Series
  Multiple Locations
- Summer Farmers and Artisans Market
  Multiple Locations

September
- Labor Day Surf Off
  Oak Island
- Founder’s Day
  Leland
- Free Summer Concert & Movie Series
  Multiple Locations

October
- U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament
  Southport
- 39th Annual NC Oyster Festival
  Ocean Isle Beach
- Fall Brawl
  King Classic
  Ocean Isle Beach
- Sunset at Sunset
  Sunset Beach
- NC Festival by the Sea
  Holden Beach
- Bikes, Boots and BBQ
  Belville
- NCKFA Oak Island Classic
  Oak Island
- Port Brunswick Day
  Brunswick Town

November
- Ocean Isle Beach Flotilla
  Ocean Isle Beach
- Annual Ocean Isle Beach Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
  Ocean Isle Beach
- Southport Wooden Boat Show
  Southport
- Holden Beach Christmas Tree Lighting
  Holden Beach

December
- Christmas by the Sea Parade
  Oak Island
- Shallotte Christmas Parade
  Shallotte
- NC Christmas Festival & Parade
  Leland
- Calabash Christmas Tree Lighting
  Calabash
- Southport Christmas Tour of Homes
  Southport
- Southport Christmas Flotilla
  Southport
- 18th Century Christmas
  Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson
Some people give their heart to a place. Some wind up giving their heart at a place. Over the decades, we’ve developed an affinity for those who choose to say their vows here. We know how to make your wedding not just memorable but an event that lives up to your vision while being both joyful and carefree for you and your guests.

With miles of shoreline, we can help you choose the perfect site for a wedding right at the surf’s edge. Or say your vows at a landmark location, such as a historic lighthouse or Southport’s Community Center, with its stunning views of the Cape Fear River.
My happy place. I was proposed to and became engaged on the beach at Ocean Isle Beach. My love story lives here.

Kelli
10+ visits to NC's Brunswick Islands

No Better Place to Unite – and Reunite

You’ll find the same amount of heart on our shores for beloved family and friends looking for the ideal place to host memorable reunions. The traditions, the space to spread out and relax, and the laid-back atmosphere, ideal for reconnecting with those you hold dear – it’s all here, waiting for the next family to begin or continue a long-standing tradition.

Whether for a wedding or reunion, the services you need are all right here, delivered by people who want to make your day indelible. Catering, flowers, planners, dresses, personalized gifts – we leave nothing to chance. And you have accommodations for a group of virtually any size. After all, love is what we’re all about.

NC’s Brunswick Islands has everything you need to create a memorable wedding. Once you’ve got the ring, visit www.NCBrunswickWeddings.com for your free wedding guide. It’s a bridal trove of useful information for planning the beach wedding of your dreams.
It doesn’t matter if your name is Ahab or if you’ve never baited a hook. This is a fishing spot like no other. The combination of local estuaries and the Gulf Stream just offshore makes NC’s Brunswick Islands a sport fishing playground.

Our local charter captains are the key to blue water adventure, whether inshore or 45 miles out to the Gulf current. They know the species and the microclimate weather conditions to help you get the most out of a half-day or whole-day trip, whether trolling, bottom fishing or casting for big game fish.

Got your own boat? You may want to look into a rental home with canal or marsh-side access with your own private pier. Speaking of piers, our barrier islands feature five ocean piers that stretch hundreds of feet out into the surf, all with locals on scene who can help you get the most out of your day. And with just a rod, reel and chair, you can always fish right off the beach.

FISHING PIERS
For locations, details and regulations of NC’s Brunswick Islands’ iconic ocean fishing piers, visit www.ncbrunswick.com.

Holden Beach Pier
Oak Island Pier
Ocean Crest Pier
Ocean Isle Pier
Sunset Beach Pier
BRUNSWICK ISLANDS TIDES

Be sure to visit NCBrunswick.com to find the local tide chart. Use it to find the best times of the day to fish the Brunswick Islands.
Our barrier islands aren’t barriers to nature. Quite the opposite. The unique confluence of tidal flats, creek-fed marshes, inlets, sand dunes and maritime forests creates an abundance of habitats for nature and a source of amazement for visitors.

Loggerhead sea turtles are among our star attractions, and both locals and visitors are dedicated to keeping nesting sites pristine. Our beaches are treasure troves of interesting shells, often brought in by high tide after storms out at sea.

Thanks to our position on the coastal flyway, bird watchers can discover hundreds of species both resident and transient, including many rare ones. Our local nature preserves offer peaceful hikes in lowland forests, with the added interest of carnivorous plants. There’s even a swamp park, where you can take a guided eco-tour deep into the maze of cypress knees with its native reptile and amphibian creatures.

_Ecological wonders at your doorstep_

It’s a slice of heaven. There’s nowhere better!

Floyd
8 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
doorstep
A water world awaits you

There’s another side to every barrier island. Even when rollers are breaking on the beach, you’ll find the marsh side smooth and blue. Exploring a marsh by canoe, kayak or paddleboard unlocks a hidden world of peace and beauty, as well as a microcosm of crabs, skates, fish and oyster banks and the astonishing number of bird species who feed on them.

Feeling adventurous? The entire county offers an amazing variety of paddling experiences, including

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**kayak tours**

Of the countless ways to experience the breathtaking scenery here, a tour through the marshes and waterways is always a favorite. In addition to equipment rentals, expert-guided tours are available to take you or your group out to see the sights from the perspective of the water. Consider catching a twilight tour to take in the brilliance of a sunset or do some stargazing from your kayak. Take advantage of the experts who are available to help you capture the best of the Brunswick Islands.
blackwater rivers and creeks as well as the Intracoastal Waterway. The stealthy may see otters, deer and other creatures while osprey and other raptors wheel overhead.

You needn’t be an accomplished paddler to experience these wonders. Our expert outfitters have everything you might need to explore our wetlands, including equipment, training and even guide services. It’s a different world behind the beaches. You should introduce yourself to it!

I love it. Peaceful and relaxing. When I am there, it feels like I am home!

Genie
5+ years of visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands

OUTFITTERS
The Adventure Kayak Company, Inc.
Beach Fun Rentals
Beachway Rentals and Services, LLC
Blue Planet Watersports
Boomers Rentals, LLC
Carolina School of Surf
Carolina Watersports
Coastal Urge
Julie’s Rentals
Lighthouse WaterSports
Long Beach Paddle Company
Mr. Beach Rentals
The Sail Shop
Salty’s Surf Shop
Sandlappers Beach Supplies
Summertide Adventure Tours
Perhaps the best way to enjoy a meal is against the backdrop of a stunning waterfront scene. Oceanfront, riverfront or along the Intracoastal Waterway, we’ve got all the best spots to savor a meal with a side of scenery. Go find your favorite!

It’s a slice of heaven. There’s nowhere better!

Pete
8 visits to NC’s Brunswick Islands
Get the flavor of beach life

There’s nothing wrong with stocking up on provisions, mind you. But don’t deny yourself the flavors – and let’s be frank, the cook’s freedom – of sampling the local fare. Because we know how to bring people together around a table.

What began with a distinct Calabash style has matured into a distinctive Brunswick Islands flavor experience. It’s reflected not only in the broad choices of seafood but in the many fine establishments throughout the entire 45 miles of beaches that offer scenic waterfront views. These include Southport’s Yacht Basin as well as the bistros and local haunts known to the faithful in our beach towns and the many fresh seafood markets where daily selections are chalked up on a slate board.

And don’t forget to sample the local wine and craft beer scene, too! Whether enjoying an evening out or bringing dinner home to cook up at your beach house, celebrating Brunswick Islands style means heavying up on the fun.
More than 30 reasons, to be honest. Because that’s how many championship courses you have to choose from in NC’s Brunswick Islands alone, even without setting foot outside the county. And there are 80 more within an hour’s drive.

You’re going to love the way the game’s greatest course architects have modeled their designs to the coastal landscape of waterways, marshes and forests. And when you play here, we think you’ll agree that Arnold Palmer, Rees Jones, Dan Maples, Willard Byrd, Tim Cate, Fred Couples and friends all gave their best.

You can select a course by difficulty, grass type or yardage. You’ll find both St. Andrews-style links courses and genteel but often treacherous Southern classics. Whether with family or on a golf buddies’ weekend, NC’s Brunswick Islands gives you a completely different experience from the Grand Strand. Come renew your love of the game.
If you are planning a golf vacation, an area golf packager can handle all the details, plus give you an “insider’s” advantage of the best discounts, tee times and accommodations.

Bald Head Island Limited
844.666.9606

Best Western PLUS Westgate Inn & Suites
910.371.2858

Brunswick Plantation Resort & Golf
800.332.8576

Holiday Inn Express - Leland/Wilmington Area
910.383.3300

Islander Inn
888.325.4753

Oak Island Accommodations
888.288.3694

Sloane Realty Vacations
910.579.6500

The Winds Resort Beach Club
800.334.3581

Visit www.NCBrunswickGolf.com to request a free Golf Guide or for more information about current specials.
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Collecting memories
STARFISH  
*Asterias rubens*  
Not a fish but an echinoderm, starfish famously regenerate their limbs. However, they should be handled with care. The patient may even see them move in a tidal pool.

LETTERED OLIVE  
*Americoliva sayana*  
This olive varies from gray to reddish-brown with zigzag markings and lives near shore or on sand flats near inlets.

TRUE TULIP  
*Fasciolaria tulipa*  
This shell can be distinguished from a banded tulip by the 15 or more brown lines on the main body. Grows up to 9.5” in length.

COCKLE  
*Cerastoderma edule*  
Often mistaken for a scallop, this bivalve is notable for the riotous profusion of colors it comes in. Often used by shellers to make ornaments, necklaces and other accessories.

LETTERED OLIVE  
*Americoliva sayana*  
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KEYHOLE URCHIN  
*Mellita quinquiesperforata*  
Commonly known as the sand dollar, this urchin is disc-shaped and is identified by its five keyhole slots. Please do not take any living sand dollars from their habitat.

LIGHTNING WHELK  
*Busycon contrarium*  
This ribbed whelk with its distinctive alternating bands was used by Native American tribes to fashion both tools and jewelry. Often found in both sand and muddy areas.

ATLANTIC COQUINA  
*Donax variabilis*  
These tiny treasures, once home to a species of clam no bigger than an inch, can be found in an assortment of beautiful colors with a variety of markings. Search for these shells to collect, and keep an eye out for live coquinas to show up in the surf.

BABY’S EAR  
*Sinum perspectivum*  
Look for this roundish shell on your stroll down the beach. It’s usually solid white with a shallow coil. Don’t be fooled by its delicate look. This shell was once home to a carnivorous creature!

MOON SNAIL  
*Naticarius canrena*  
This beautiful shell can be identified by its semi-transparency. Its former occupant is known to feed on other snail and clam species.
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We have 500+ vacation rentals with dog and event-friendly options. Visit our website for online reservations, availability and more. Book today and you’re on your way to fun in the sun!
ALAN HOLDEN VACATIONS

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Brunswick County’s premier outdoor adventure center! Zip line through the trees and over a pristine swamp on the longest and tallest cypress zip line tour on the eastern seaboard. Challenge yourself on the multi-level 53 obstacle aerial adventure park or get an up-close look at local wildlife on the Swamp Boat eco-tour, the mile long river walk and the live alligators.

BRUNSWICK PLANTATION RESORT AND GOLF
Brunswick County’s Top Golf Resort features fully equipped 1 and 2 Bedroom Villas along with 27 Holes of golf and the new Hickory Shaft Bistro! This resort is perfect for families, golfers, sports teams, and groups!
## Average Temperatures (°F)

For weather updates, check out www.ncbrunswick.com/about/travel_map.

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### Airports

- **Wilmington International Airport**
  - 37 miles from Shallotte
  - 910.341.4125
  - [www.flyilm.com](http://www.flyilm.com)

- **Odell Williamson Municipal Airport**
  - Ocean Isle Beach
  - 910.579.6152
  - [www.airnav.com/airport/60j](http://www.airnav.com/airport/60j)

- **Cape Fear Regional Jetport**
  - 5 miles from Southport
  - 910.457.6483
  - [www.capefearjetport.com](http://www.capefearjetport.com)

- **Myrtle Beach International Airport, SC**
  - 45 miles from Shallotte
  - 843.448.1589
  - [www.flymyrtlebeach.com](http://www.flymyrtlebeach.com)