



Outer Banks Blue

Local Guidebook

As the vacation rental company bringing you a relaxing experience with a local touch, we've put together a curated selection of our staff's favorite places to eat, things to do, and areas to visit. We call this beautiful place home and want to share our personal favorites so you can enjoy the Outer Banks as much as we do. Have fun and safe travels!



The Blue Crew



Places to Eat

"If you're looking for a great Sunday brunch, go to Chili Peppers Coastal Grill for the best shrimp & grits in town."

3001 N CROATAN HWY
KILL DEVIL HILLS

- *Christine*



"Mike Dianna's Grill Room has the best Surf & Turf! Fresh catch + top shelf steaks make this my favorite place for an upscale dinner, but their casual breakfast and lunch are great too!"

796A SUNSET BLVD
COROLLA

- *Jeff*



"Basnight's Lone Cedar Café is my go-to for a classic OBX dining experience. The waterfront view is stunning, and fresh local produce, fish, and meat make it healthy too!"

7623 S VA DARE TRAIL
NAGS HEAD

- *Tiera*



"The crabcake sandwich from Coastal Cravings is as good as it gets. Guy Fieri from Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives has been there and agrees! The outdoor seating and daily live music can't be beat."

1314 DUCK RD
DUCK

- *Gary*



Sweet Treats

COROLLA The Chill Spot

DUCK Duck Donuts - The Original Location!

KITTY HAWK Big Buck's Homemade Ice Cream

KDH Holy Cow Creamery

NAGS HEAD Surfin' Spoon Frozen Yogurt Bar



Coffee

"If you're powered by coffee like me, you know only the best of the best will do! I highly recommend Ashley's Espresso Parlour in Kill Devil Hills. The beans are sourced organically and roasted in house. The sauces and syrups are handmade and make all the difference. I highly recommend the iced mocha with an extra shot! While waiting in line for your drink the store is full of local artists and art making it a double win!"

- Sarah Moss



VP OF OWNER ACQUISITION,
ADMIN, AND ASSET
MANAGEMENT



All-in-one



Duck Waterfront Shops

"Bookended by two excellent restaurants (Aqua Restaurant and Blue Point/Back Bar) and connected by a wooden boardwalk on the Currituck Sound, the Duck Waterfront Shops not only offer a variety of boutique shops to choose from but also serves as a "nature walk" for excellent waterfowl/bird watching. Whether you are taking a leisurely stroll with the family and/or pets, or making it an afternoon/evening event including shopping, cocktails, and excellent food (don't forget ice cream afterwards!), the Duck Waterfront Shops check off many boxes. Personally, I enjoy taking my pup for a walk and appreciate how dog-friendly the shops and restaurants are."

- Rebecca Light

HUMAN RESOURCES





Duck Woods Country Club

Things to Do

“If you’re looking for a great place to play a round of golf, I recommend Duck Woods Country Club in Southern Shores, NC. The Reese Jones designed 18-hole course provides a great golfing experience for everyone by offering five different sets of tee boxes.”

“Practice facilities include a driving range, putting green, and chipping area. The Pro Shop carries a variety of gear and apparel to fit everyone’s tastes. And speaking of taste, the snack bar and food/beverage operation will gladly take care of any thirst or hunger that your golfing group might have.”

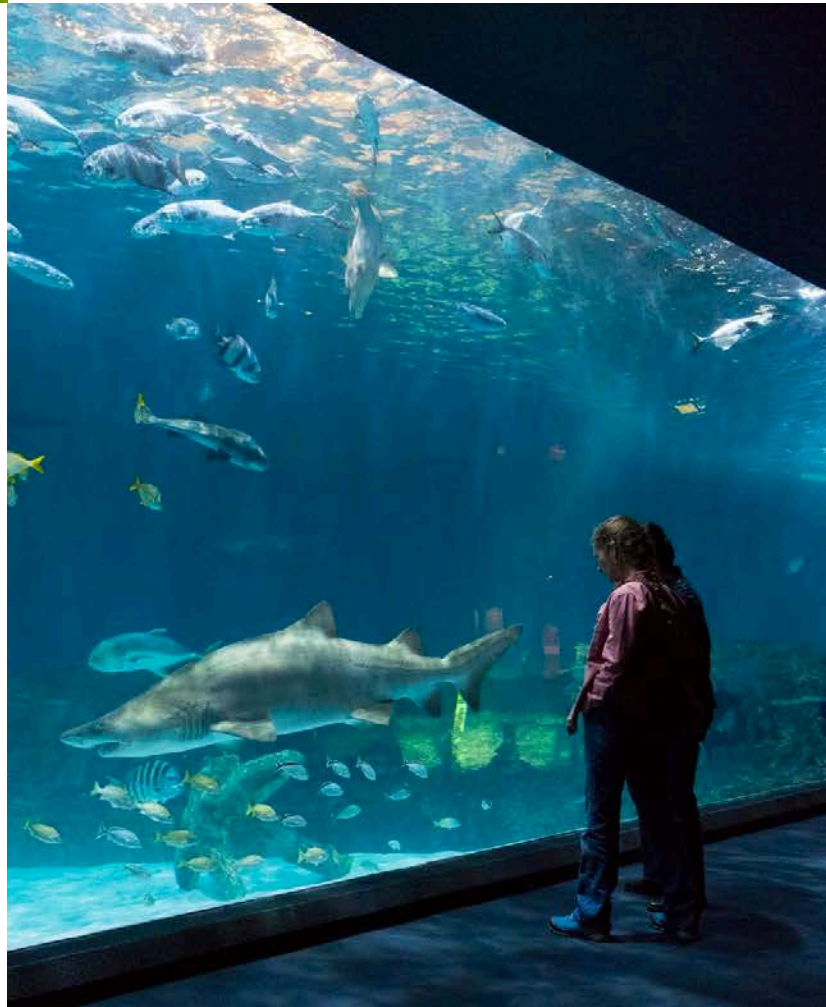
- Dave Roberts
VP OF OPERATIONS



“The North Carolina Aquarium is a great place to take the whole family. Indoor and outdoor exhibits provide hours of exploration, and the variety of special programs and activities are both fun and educational. Don’t forget to wave at the SCUBA divers! We are proud to support the Bill Koebernick Volunteer Dive Program, named for our late Rental Manager.”

Note: The North Carolina Aquarium requires a ticket purchase and reservation to visit the facility. We recommend visiting their website at www.ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island to secure a spot before heading to Manteo.

Terry Gore
GUEST EXPERIENCE



North Carolina Aquarium - Roanoke Island



Outer Banks Fishing Pier/Fish Heads Bar & Grill

“Outer Banks Fishing Pier and Fish Heads Bar & Grill is the place to be! I love the fish tacos and live music on the weekends. They’re also dog-friendly, so I don’t have to leave anyone behind. Being able to lounge on the beach, eat good food, and go fishing all at the same location makes it easy to spend the whole day there.”

The Outer Banks Fishing Pier and Fish Heads Bar & Grill is located in South Nags Head at milepost 18.5. The Bar & Grill is open Wednesday-Sunday 11am-9pm. The pier is open 24/7 in-season, and does not require a fishing license (pier fishing passes are required and can be purchased in person).

Kellie Holland
RESERVATIONS



“When it comes to watersports, Nor’banks is the ultimate adventure. Try parasailing, tubing, or wakeboarding for a high energy activity. Rent a boat or jet ski to explore the sound. Learn something new with sailing instruction aboard a monohull or catamaran sailboat. Or grab a drink from Village Table & Tavern’s outdoor bar and kick back on the manicured lawn overlooking Currituck Sound. There’s even a retail shop with popular surf brands and outdoor gear.”

“If you’re staying in Duck or Corolla, you have to stop by and see the location, it really is the best hangout. Just be aware of Saturday traffic - it’s best to plan for a weekday if you’re travelling from a different town.”

Clayton Kagi
MARKETING



Nor’banks Sailing & Watersports

Areas to Visit

Manteo

Manteo is a town on Roanoke Island, located between Nags Head and Manns Harbor. Historically known as the “Lost Colony”, the area has developed into a charming harborfront community known for a vibrant downtown and scenic outdoor activities. Expect friendly smiles as you explore our local “Mayberry”, after all, this is the place that Andy Griffith called home!

HISTORICAL SITES

Festival Park - 27-acre historic site that allows guests to experience life in 1585. Complete with a 16th-century replica sailing ship and costumed interpreters.

Elizabethan Gardens - Fanciful and elaborate gardens with seasonal blooms.

Fort Raleigh Historic Site - The protected remains of Sir Walter Raleigh’s 1587 settlement.

The Lost Colony Play - The nation’s longest running outdoor symphonic drama, cast on a waterside theater.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Waterfront Shops & Marina, Shallowbag Bay Club, North Carolina Aquarium, Pirate’s Cove Marina, Pioneer Theater, Jumpmasters Fun Park, Outer Banks Distilling, Ghost Tours, and more!

“My favorite place on the Outer Banks is downtown Manteo. The quaint waterfront town is welcoming in every season, from dockside walks mid-summer to a warm cup at the local coffee shop on a cool fall morning. The options are endless filled with magnificent views and friendly people, all within walking distance.”

Trevaan Giovan
MARKETING



“I highly recommend my hometown, Manteo. I’m blessed to have come from a place with so much history, such beautiful scenery, and an awesome sense of community! Plan a day to check out the many different attractions. I can promise you won’t be disappointed.”

Bobbi Jo
PROPERTY SERVICES



Manteo Waterfront & Marina



Nags Head Woods Preserve

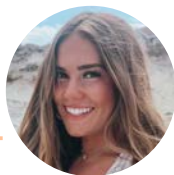
Nags Head woods preserve

Designated a National Natural Landmark in 1974, Nags Head Woods is one of the largest remaining maritime forests on the East Coast. Explore the gravel roadway by vehicle or bike, or venture through the 8 miles of trails on foot. Along the way you are likely to see one of the many bird species that call the woods home, pond, marsh, and sound overlooks, and remnants of a once thriving 19th century village.

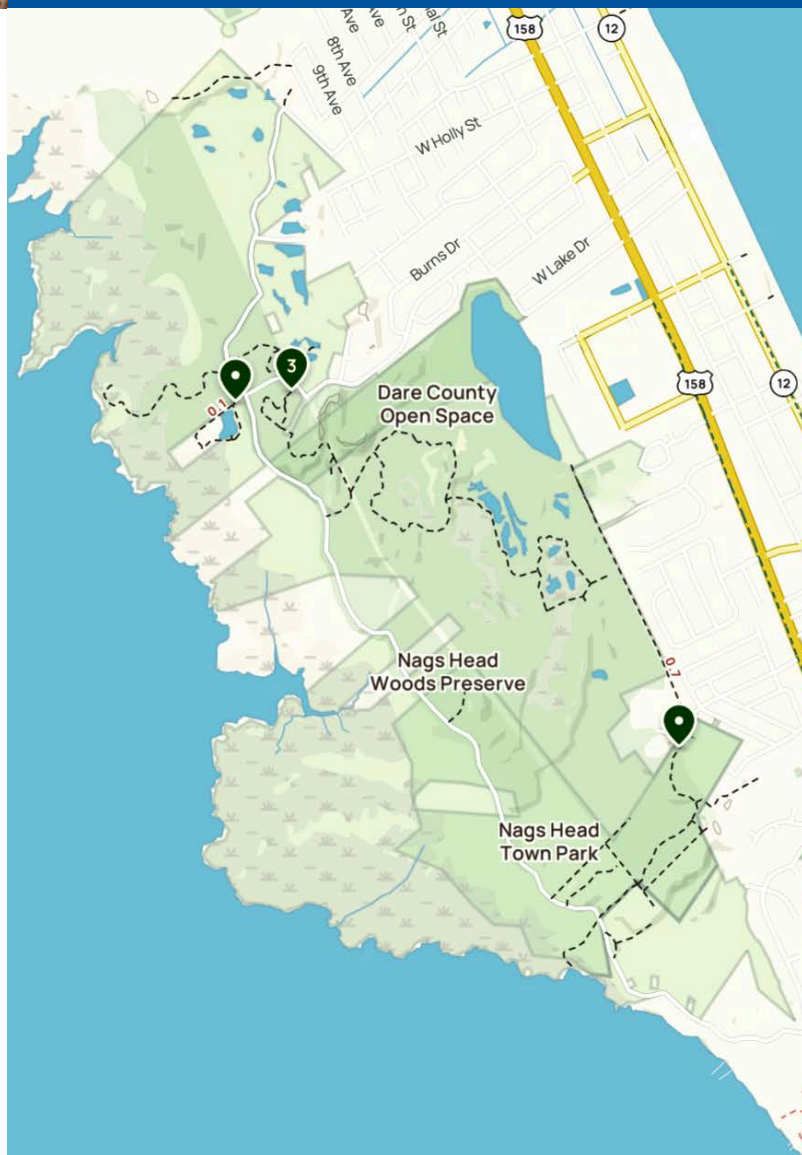
“Nags Head Woods Preserve is my favorite hidden gem on the Outer Banks. From forested ridges and ponds to history-ridden trails met with the best sunsets, this nestled-away nature experience is not one to miss! If you need some outside time away from the sandy beach, check out this spot!”

-Erin Fogle

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

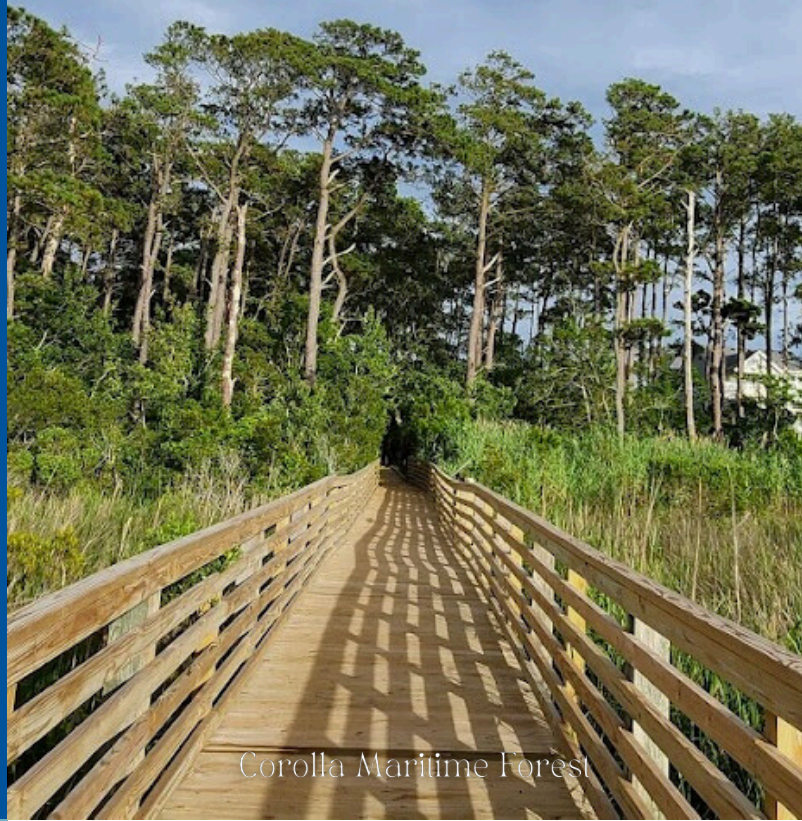


The main access to the trails can be found on Ocean Acres Drive in Kill Devil Hills. Make sure to wear outdoor appropriate clothing and shoes. This is a natural area, so bug spray, a hat, and sunscreen are recommended. The trails are dog friendly but make sure to “leave no trace.” Take only pictures and leave only footprints!

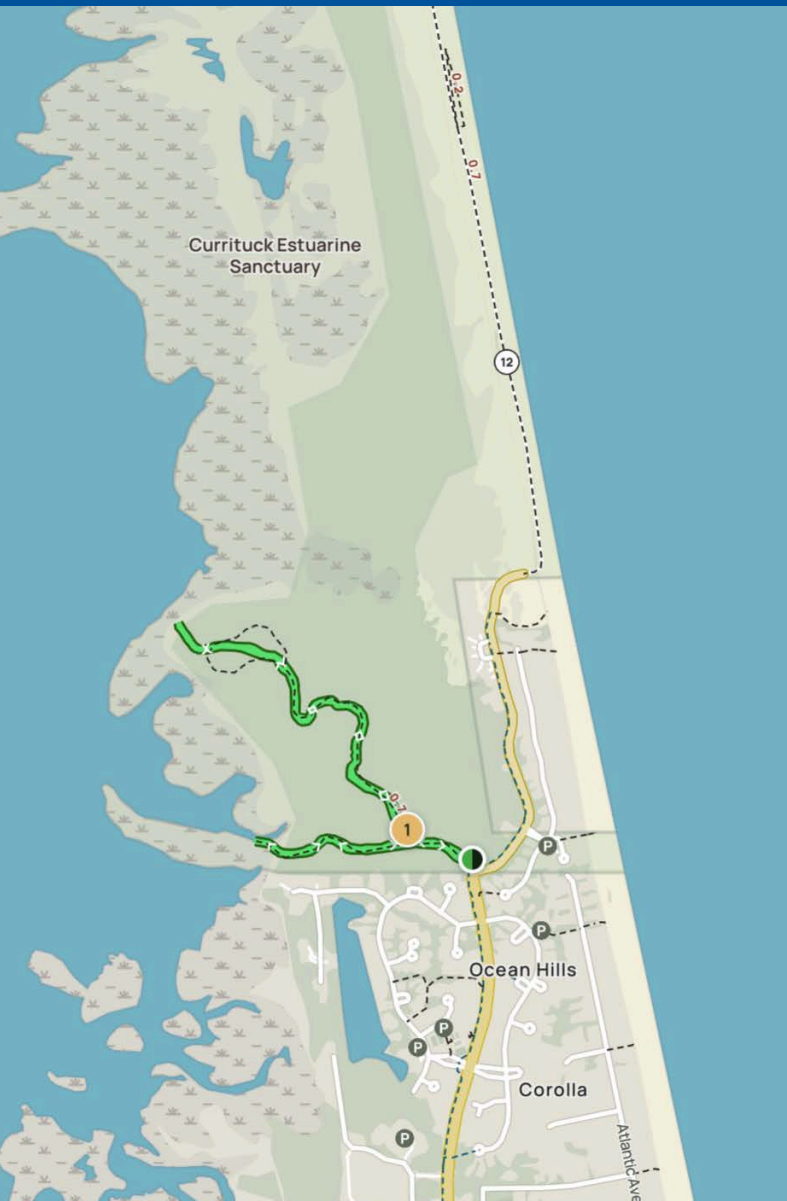


Corolla Maritime Forest

Like Nags Head Woods, Corolla has its own maritime forest to explore. The Corolla Maritime Forest and Currituck Banks Boardwalk can be found at the end of the paved portion of NC 12, just before the 4x4 beach. This beautiful area is the northernmost site of the NC Coastal Reserve, encompassing 965 acres of ocean beach, sand dunes, grasslands, shrub thicket, maritime forest, brackish and freshwater marshes, tidal flats, and subtidal soft bottoms.



Corolla Maritime Forest



“Everyone knows about the 4x4 beach, but the nature walk behind the beach is a local secret! I like taking long walks and these trails are a great place to feel like you’re on the Outer Banks before it was developed. Bring a camera because there’s lots of wildlife activity!”

Jeff Zheng

OFFICE COORDINATOR



There is limited parking for trail access, however, there is a wide sidewalk for walking or biking. If you are staying in the Ocean Hills community, we recommend walking or biking to the trailhead. Remember to dress appropriately and leave no trace. We want to make sure this unique ecological area is preserved for future generations!

A Final Note

"We hope our staff recommendations help make some great memories during your stay in this special place known as the Outer Banks. As you meet the locals you will be struck by a pervasive sense of balance and pride in this amazing natural wonder where we all live. We are grateful to be able to share our home with you and thank you for being a guest. Wander with wonder, tread lightly on the coastal scene, keeping it pristine, and discover this land of history and inspiration with a spirit of appreciation. If any of us at Blue can help make your stay more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to reach out."



from Tim Cafferty

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