

# Your Guide to Pleasure Island

***A little about the area: You're going to love it here! Carolina Beach and Kure Beach are right next to each other and make up one big island called "Pleasure Island". Carolina Beach has more going on and Kure Beach is more chill. They are both a great place to vacation. Carolina Beach has a large boardwalk where there are a lot of restaurants, bars, and shops to hang out at. Kure Beach has a smaller boardwalk with restaurants, shops, and a fishing pier.***

\*Keep in mind that some of these activities are **seasonal**

## Pleasure Island Activities

### *Carolina Beach*

-The **Carolina Beach Boardwalk** has arcades, fireworks, live music, shops, BRITT'S DONUTS, and many other activities. Go to [pleasureislandnc.org](http://pleasureislandnc.org) for more information about activities and events on Pleasure Island.

-Go on a hike or ride your bike on one of the many trails **Carolina Beach State Park** has to offer. <https://www.ncparks.gov/carolina-beach-state-park/home>

-Enjoy a walk or a picnic at the beautiful **Carolina Beach Lake**. On Sunday nights, there are FREE MOVIES playing at the lake in the summer.

-The **Carolina Beach Bars** to check out in downtown Carolina Beach are Fat Pelican, Lazy Pirate, The Last Resort, The Dive, and more!

### *Kure Beach*

-The **Kure Beach Pier** is a great fishing spot with plenty of small beach town restaurant favorites.

-Walk along the beach, rocks, and beautiful nature scenery at the **OceanFront Park in Kure Beach**.

### *Fort Fisher*

-Check out the **Fort Fisher Aquarium** and meet what lives in the waters nearby! Go to [ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher](http://ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher) to find out what you can learn and enjoy. Perfect for families with children.

-Learn about Pleasure Island's history at **Fort Fisher's Civil War National Historic Landmark**.

-Take a day trip to **Southport** on the **Fort Fisher Ferry**. You can take your vehicle on the ferry ride right from Fort Fisher. Visit this link for pricing and scheduling <https://www.ncbrunswick.com/islands-towns/southport/fort-fisher-ferry/>

## *Drive-On Beaches*

If you have four-wheel drive then drive on the beach at **Freeman Park** on Carolina beach or at **Fort Fisher State Recreation Area** on Kure beach for all day fun in the sun. Go to [pleasureislandnc.org/beach-information](http://pleasureislandnc.org/beach-information) to attain more information about day passes and regulations. (even if you don't have four-wheel drive, we highly recommend checking out Fort Fisher, they have a walk-on beach area with free parking, a riverside recreational area with a sidewalk, great view of the sunset, and more!)



## Rental/Activity Companies

**Pleasure Island Rentals:** Rent out bikes, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, beach supplies, and more at Pleasure Island Rentals to make your stay a great adventure. Visit [pleasureislandrentals.com](http://pleasureislandrentals.com) for more information.

**Paddle NC:** Paddle board and bike around the island with Paddle NC  
<https://paddlenc.com/>

**Adventure Kayak Company:** Kayak and canoe with Adventure Kayak Company  
<https://theadventurecompany.net/>

**Lighthouse Watersports:** Go on a guided boat or kayak tour, or rent kayak and paddleboard equipment with Lighthouse Watersports  
<https://www.lighthousewatersports.com/>

**Coconut Jacks:** Coconut Jacks offers canoe and kayak tours  
<http://coconutjackstours.com>



**Surf School:** Take private or group surfing lessons with Tony Silvangni at the Surf School <https://surfschoolnc.com/>

**Carolina Beach Jet Ski Rentals:** Splash around on a jet ski with Carolina Beach Jet Ski Rentals <https://carolinabeachjetskirental.com/>

**Capt. Charlie's Adventures:** Go on an adventure with Capt. Charlie's Adventures! <https://captcharliesadventures.com/>

**Endless Summer Day Tours:** Enjoy a sailing excursion on the Intracoastal, Cape Fear River, and Atlantic Ocean with Endless Summer Day Tours <http://endlesssummer.net/>

**Sea Legs Pedal Pub:** Go on a booze-cruise with Sea Legs Pedal Pub! Pedaling is optional and you can bring your own drinks. Coolers are also available on board. We know many people enjoy renting out a pontoon boat, but it usually gets sold out in the summer so if you plan to do something like that then definitely plan ahead! <https://sealegspedalpub.com/>

**Sun Fun Rentals:** Rent a golf cart at Sun Fun Rentals for quick and easy transportation around the island! (make sure your rental allows it and has a plug - if you are unsure please reply to this email and ask us!) <https://www.sunfungolfcarts.com/>

**iEscape Rooms:** For a rainy day we suggest the aquarium or the Escape Room! <https://www.iescaperooms.com>

**Baby Quip:** Need baby equipment during your stay? You can rent them using this link <https://www.babyquip.com/brandy554>

\*\*For more information the area visit: <http://www.pleasureislandnc.org/index.php>

## Restaurants on Pleasure Island

- **Veggie Wagon** - Local family owned farmer's market specializing in fresh local North Carolina fruits and vegetables. They also have beer on tap, local coffee, wine, fresh bread, baked goods, and more. <https://theveggiewagon.com/>
- **Stoked** - waterview restaurant at the marina in Carolina Beach, great seafood and beautiful sunset view. <https://www.stokedrestaurant.com/>

- **Salt Fish Restaurant and Tiki Bar**- Island style dining. Appetizers, main dishes, seafood and meats. (A family favorite of ours!) <https://cbsaltnfish.com/menu/>
- **Fork N Cork** - intriguing burgers, brisket, gourmet pot pies, and more!  
<https://www.theforkncork.com/>
- **Soulflavor**- Restaurant and bar serving southern style food with fresh ingredients. Daily specials featuring worldly cuisine. (another one of our favorites!) <https://www.soulflavorcnc.com/>
- **Carolina Smokehouse** - Ocean view with beachin BBQ.  
<https://www.thecarolinasmokehouse.com/>
- **Havana's Restaurant** - Casual seafood destination in a 1916 cottage. (Great food and atmosphere!) <https://www.havanasrestaurant.com/>
- **Happy Hippies Java Hut** - Is located in beautiful Kure Beach. They serve hot and iced coffee, frappes, smoothies and Nitro brew! Of course, you have to try their signature Mermaid Magic drink and they have groovy handmade stuff as well. <https://www.happyhippiesjavahut.com/>
- **Shuckin' Shack** – Fresh Seafood in a small bar atmosphere.  
<https://www.theshuckinshack.com/location/carolina-beach/>
- **Lake Park Steakhouse** - lively and comfortable atmosphere with simple elegance, great steaks, seafood, and prime rib served by a friendly and knowledgeable staff. (another one of our favorite places to eat!)  
<https://lakeparksteakhouse.com>
- **Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar** - An oceanfront pier with southern fried food.  
<https://www.oceangrilltiki.com/>
- **Michael's Seafood**- Fresh seafood, Voted best seafood chowder on the  
<https://www.mikesfood.com/>
- **Lazy Pirate** – Burgers, wings, or shrimp with great live music. Outdoor area that provides cornhole, ring toss, and is dog friendly. <https://lazypiratesportsgrill.com/>

- **Squigley's**- Get "Squiggled" by customizing yummy soft serve ice cream. (This is our favorite place to get ice cream!) <https://www.facebook.com/SquigleysTreats/>
- **Britt's Donuts** – Best donuts in the world done only one way.  
<https://www.brittsdonutshop.com/>
- **Jack Mackerel's Island Grill** - Caribbean-influenced fare with a seafood emphasis served in colorful digs with a second-floor deck.  
<https://www.jackmacksgrill.com/>
- **Gulfstream Restaurant** - Down-home, family-run American eatery with a broad, hearty menu covering breakfast, lunch & dinner.  
<https://gulfstreamrestaurantnc.com/>
- **Kate's Pancake House**- Serves breakfast lunch and coffee.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Kates-Pancake-House>
- **Uncle Vinny's Pizzeria & Ristorante** - Simple & snug option for pizza, hot meat sandwiches & classic Italian fare in a cheery environment. Known for their amazing calzones. <https://www.facebook.com/UncleVinnys/>
- **Hang Ten Grill** - Laid-back, surf-inspired joint doling out burgers, sandwiches, seafood & weekend breakfast. <https://hangtengrill.com/>
- **Kure Beach Diner** - Everything from breakfast to dinner with an American old-school vibe.

## Catering



- **Cape Fear Boil Company**, (910)-707-3034  
<https://www.capefearboilcompany.com> "Dining out at the beach can be a daunting task. Leaving the beach early, hour long waits for tables, expensive drinks, and mediocre food are just the start! Let Cape Fear Boil Co. solve your dining dilemma with our unique approach! Choose either our at-home catering or one of our steam pots to-go. Maximize your beach time and enjoy a meal and experience you won't soon forget!"

- **A Thyme Savor**, (910) 262-2962: <https://athymesavor.com>
- **Michael's Seafood** does catering as well, contact them for more details: (910) 458-7761
- **Flying Cloud Bars & Events**, <http://www.flyingcloudbars.com>
  - " The Flying Cloud Cocktail Club runs private group craft cocktail experiences. Our craft cocktail experiences are fun-filled events where you and your friends learn how to make a collection of delicious bar quality cocktails... and of course you get to drink the drinks! The best part is we're 100% mobile, so we bring everything to you... bar tools, mats, cups, shakers, juicers, peelers, ingredients, ice, drinkware... everything."

\*\*\*Need a **personal chef** during your stay? Alfrederick will help you relax during your vacation by providing meal prep, catering small parties, cooking classes, etc. Give him a call to plan your relaxing vacation meals: 434-222-0057. Or email him at: [chefonthego25@gmail.com](mailto:chefonthego25@gmail.com)\*\*\*

## Carolina Beach Bars

There are a ton of fun bars to hangout at here in Pleasure Island! Make a night of it and go bar-hopping to explore all the places we have to offer!

**-Island Beverage:** (great wine & beer options and board games!)

<http://islandbevcb.com>

**-SeaWitch Cafe and Tiki Bar:** (live music!) <https://seawitchtikibar.com>

**-Good Hops Brewing:** (our local brewery! & free frisbee golf!)

<https://www.goodhopsbrewing.com>

**-The Fat Pelican:** (walk-in fridge, cool outdoor space!) <http://thefatpelican.com>

**-Silver Dollar - (they have karaoke!)** <https://www.facebook.com/silverdollarcb/>

**-Shuckin' Shack**

**-The Dive:** <https://thedive458.wixsite.com/club>

**-Lazy Pirate:** (corn hole, live music, beach volleyball and more!)

<https://www.lazypiratesportgrill.com>

- The Last Resort: <http://the-last-resort.edan.io>
- HopLite Irish Pub and Restaurant: <https://www.hopliterestaurant.com>
- Hurricane Alley's: OCEAN VIEW! <https://www.facebook.com/HurricaneAlleysCB/>
- \*NEW\* Low Tide Tiki Bar and Grill: <https://www.facebook.com/lowtidetikibar/>
- Buzz's Roost at the Beach: <https://m.facebook.com/BuzzsBeach/>
- Crush & Grind: (one-stop shop for coffee, beer, and wine!)  
<https://www.facebook.com/crushandgrinding/>
- Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar: <https://www.oceangrilltiki.com>
- Sonny's Lounge
- The Pit, Pleasure Island Tavern: <https://www.facebook.com/theplitcarolinabeach/>

## Downtown Wilmington

The downtown area of Wilmington is on the Cape Fear River, not too far from the island. We highly recommend checking it out if you have time! There is a riverfront boardwalk, restaurants, shops, bars, and many fun things to do.

### Wilmington Restaurants:

- Copper Penny: <https://www.copperpennync.com/>
- Circa: <https://circa1922.com/>
- Yosake: <https://www.yosake.com/>
- PinPoint: <https://pinpointrestaurant.com/>
- Tarantelli's: <https://tarantellis.com/>
- Manna: <https://www.mannaavenue.com/>

- **The George:** <https://thegeorgerestaurant.com/>
- **The Basics:** <http://www.thebasicswilmington.com/>
- **Rx:** <https://www.rxwilmington.com/>
- **Benny's Big Time Pizzeria:** <https://www.vivianhoward.com/bennysbigtime>
- **Anne Bonny's Bar and Grill:** <https://annebonnyswilmington.com/>

AND more!

### Wilmington Bars:

- **The Blind Elephant:** <http://www.blindelephantspeakeasy.com/>
- **Cloud 9 Rooftop Bar (Great view of the water!):** <https://www.cloud9ilm.com/>
- **Satellite Bar and Lounge:** <https://www.facebook.com/satellitebarandlounge/>
- **Whiskey Tango Foxtrot:** <https://www.whiskeytangofoxtrotn.com/>
- **Pour Taproom:** <https://pourtaproomilm.com/>

AND more!

### Wilmington Activities:

**Downtown SunDown:** Downtown SunDown is a FREE event with concerts every Friday night during the summer with amazing tribute bands right on the boardwalk.

**Haunted Wilmington:** Get spooky on a ghost walk or haunted pub crawl with Haunted Wilmington! <https://hauntedwilmington.com/>

**Wilmington Water Tours:** Cruise along the Cape Fear River on one of Wilmington Water Tours' excursions! Fun for the whole family! <https://wilmingtonwatertours.net/>

**Cape Fear Riverboats:** Enjoy a sightseeing or sunset cruise with Cape Fear Riverboats! Great views of Downtown Wilmington and the port! <https://cfrboats.com/>



**Museums:** Visit one of Wilmington's historic museums- *The Children's Museum of Wilmington, Cape Fear Museum of History and Science, and the Bellamy Mansion Museum.*

**Thalian Hall:** Relax and enjoy a show at Thalian Hall in Wilmington. Visit <https://www.thalianhall.org/> for shows available.

**Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park:** Enjoy a great water park, putt putt, laser tag, go karts, mini bowling, rock climbing, arcade games, and more at Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park. For more info visit [junglerapids.com](http://junglerapids.com).

**Axes and Allies:** Go throw axes at a bullseye while drinking cold beer from the bar at Axes and Allies. For more info visit <https://www.axesandalliesnc.com/>

**FlipnFly:** Enjoy jumping around with the kids at FlipnFly trampoline park. Visit <https://flipnfly.com/> for more info.

**CrossFire Paintball:** Shoot paintball guns at **CrossFire Paintball**. Visit [crossfirenc.com](http://crossfirenc.com) for more info.

**NC Battleship:** Step back in time and let history come alive at the USS NC Battleship! <https://www.battleshipnc.com>

**Please let us know if you need any other specific recommendations for your stay!**