

YOUR NORTH CAROLINA



Coastal Escape





Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial

# Contents

**Be Inspired by our outdoors,  
patriotism, and natural beauty on  
the North Carolina coast.**

Breathe in the salt air at our serene beaches. Relax in our hotels or vacation rentals on the coast. Connect with nature on our diverse trails; choose lush greenways for hiking and biking, or paddle our scenic blueways. Delight your tastebuds with fresh seafood, southern-style flavors, and international cuisine. Retrace the steps of our past that shaped and defined our present.

Whether traveling with your family or friends, unforgettable memories are made in our coastal towns of Jacksonville, Swansboro, North Topsail Beach, Holly Ridge, Sneads Ferry, and Richlands.

3	DINING & DRINKS
7	THINGS TO DO
13	ONSLOW'S GREAT OUTDOORS
15	ONSLOW'S BEACHES
17	HAMMOCKS BEACH STATE PARK
19	TRAILS
23	FESTIVALS & EVENTS
25	VISIT JACKSONVILLE
27	LEJEUNE MEMORIAL GARDENS
29	NOTED & QUOTED
31	COMMUNITIES / GETTING HERE
33	WHERE TO STAY
39	THINGS TO DO LISTINGS
45	MAPS







# **DINING &** *Drinks*

## **Satisfy your cravings**

Bursting with options, our restaurants offer culinary delights for everyone's tastes!

Whether you're into fine dining or a casual patio lunch with friends, Jacksonville-Onslow County's local family-owned establishments and well-recognized national chains serve up everything from Southern comfort dishes to fresh-off-the-boat seafood to satisfy your cravings.

Become truly awe-inspired with the added ambiance of beautiful coastal scenery at one of our renowned waterfront restaurants in Swansboro, Sneads Ferry or North Topsail Beach. Local coffee spots, diners, international eats, and bakeries all make our communities more vibrant.



Check out [@onlyinonslow's Tasty Tuesday](#)

[@visitjacksonvillenc](#) Instagram feeds for foodie news

*Entrees at Saltwater Grill*



*Dining al fresco at Splash by the Sea*

# LOCAL Faves



## Eat like a true insider

Consider The Kettle Diner for breakfast. Later, try the meatloaf, fried chicken and shrimp platters while homemade cakes tempt you from the glass stands at the counter. Chef Morgan Teianne serves up a twist on southern favorites at Flavor Hills. Indulge in fried deviled eggs, catfish and grits, and vanilla cookie-crusted french toast. Veteran-owned Jeff's Burgers Dogs & Shakes has served milkshakes, Carolina burgers, and hand-cut fries for more than 20 years.

Grab a local coffee, cold brew, avocado toast, or acai bowl and enjoy the water view from the patio at Blend Café. At Duck's Grille & Bar, reviewers hail the "wings, elk, shrimp and grits...pasta, and steaks". Don't miss the scotch and whiskey lists.

**French Toast at Flavor Hills**

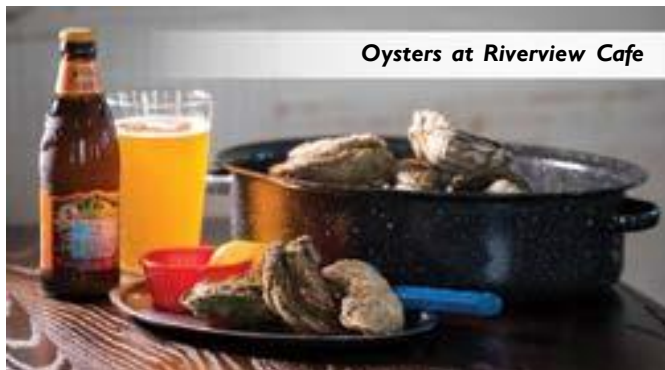


As home to US Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and cultural ties from around the world, the area is a melting pot of internationally-inspired restaurants serving up breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Explore these true gems through our International Food Trail. Each restaurant offers a variety of authentic choices and affordable price points. Most are family-owned and operated, and several are veteran-owned. The list of restaurants is curated based on service, taste, the authenticity of the menu, and the owner's and chef's experience cooking global fare. The International Food Trail can be found on [visitjacksonvillenc.com](http://visitjacksonvillenc.com).

Share your photo's with #InternationalFoodTrailJNC

**Oysters at Riverview Cafe**



Escape to a haven of coastal perfection, where every bite bursts with the freshest seafood flavors. Sneads Ferry, renowned for local shrimp and oysters, is home to seafood destination Riverview Café; a beloved local favorite where seaside charm meets homegrown flavors.

Swansboro, a coastal gem, invites you to savor locally-sourced seafood and divine shrimp & grits at the Boro Restaurant. Saltwater Grill entices with exquisite seafood and scenic water views, creating an unforgettable culinary experience. North Topsail Beach is home to ocean views and fresh seafood at Splash by the Sea and Ocean's Edge Restaurant. Dive into an ocean of flavorful dining options, including seafood markets, at [onlyinonslow.com](http://onlyinonslow.com).





# THINGS To Do

Swansboro Municipal Park



## Vacation like a local

### Family Fun

Head to North Topsail Beach for fun in the sun or get on the water in the New River for fishing or kayaking.

Or, change things up and move the fun indoors. Pick up a brush or spin a pottery wheel at an art studio. Release pent-up energy at Roller City or Glo-Mania Lazer Tag. Test your skills at Cracked It! Escape Rooms. Zing Zumm Children's Museum keeps early-age children engaged. Visit Lynnwood Park Zoo—an animal sanctuary—suitable for all ages. For high-flying excitement, Altitude Trampoline Park offers 26,000 sq ft of fun.

### Play in Nature at Our Parks

Burn off energy or connect with nature at our local parks. You'll find boat/kayak launches, splash pads, picnic shelters, volleyball/tennis/basketball courts and playgrounds.

Disc golf fans can aim for Northeast Creek Park in Jacksonville or Steed Park in Richlands. Richard Ray Park inspires tranquility with a meditation labyrinth.

Head to Swansboro's Bicentennial Park or North Topsail Beach's Richard C. Peters Town Park to enjoy water views. If you are looking for accessible and inclusive play areas visit Northeast Creek Park, Onslow Pines Park, or Swansboro Municipal Park.



### Things To Do listings, pgs. 39–41



### KAREN BEASLEY SEA TURTLE HOSPITAL

Embark on a heartwarming adventure at Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital. Explore the miraculous world of sea turtle rehabilitation, where every visit is a tale of recovery and resilience. It's more than a visit, it's a journey of compassion and conservation.

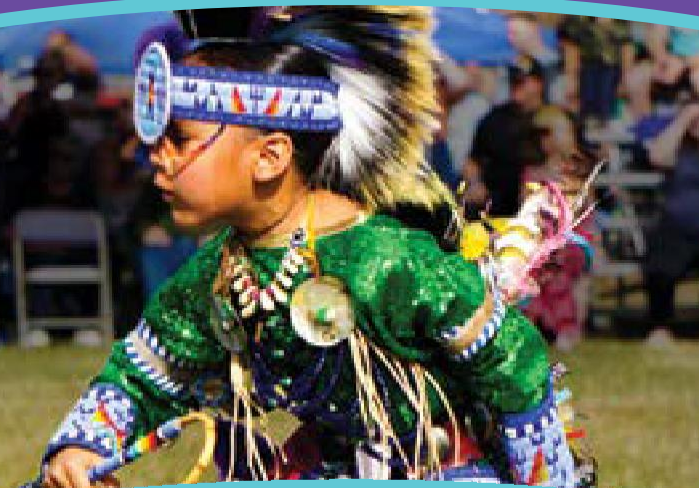
### PLAN YOUR WEDDING

Intimate. Customized. Romantic. Whether you dream of a barn, a boat, the seaside, or a wedding oasis—create *your* perfect moment here. Local vendors craft dazzling confections, and our venues can't wait to help. Visit our website to discover more of our beautiful wedding venues.



# THINGS To Do

## Onslow Veterans Pow Wow



### Arts, History & Culture

Experience one of our cultural or art events including the Onslow Veterans Pow Wow, the NC Pacific Arts Festival or Swansboro's Arts by the Sea Festival.

Learn about 700 years of local history at the Onslow County Museum. Come face-to-face with a 12-foot preserved alligator at the Onslow County Environmental Education Center or stroll through the Lejeune Memorial Gardens and immerse yourself in military history.

Visit the Pelletier House, a small Greek revival house built in the 1850's or two Civil War markers. Take in the historic sites along Swansboro's walking tour. Plus, learn the history of Ocean City in North Topsail Beach, a part of the NC Civil Rights Trail.

### Wine, Beer & Spirits

Savor wine made at scenic Huffman Vineyards. Sample small-batch corn whiskey and moonshine at Walton's Distillery. Shop Wines & Wares for a global collection of wine and spirits.

Be sure to check out our new breweries and tap rooms such as The Clove Hitch Brewing Company and Topsail Island Brewing.



 **Things To Do listings, pgs. 39-41**

### MILITARY REUNIONS

Your reunion will be held in a military-friendly community with all the appeal of a beautiful coastal setting. As you start the planning process consider us your partner. We'll worry about the details while you make new memories. For additional information visit [JacksonvilleNCMRN.com](http://JacksonvilleNCMRN.com)



### AFTER THE SUN GOES DOWN

Onslow offers an interesting, diverse mix of nighttime entertainment. You can sing karaoke, dance the night away at a show, or grab drinks with friends. Enjoy late-night chats at a restaurant or listen to live music with waterfront views.



# THINGS To Do

NC Products Barn at Mike's Farm

## Shopping

Find your treasure at boutiques, vintage stores, candy shops, and outfitters. Don't miss the Antique 2 Chic Vendor Market, Salt Marsh Cottage, or The Tattered Cottage for specialty finds.

## Sports & Recreation

Go bowling, play golf, take a ride or walk on our many trails, or kayak along our waterways. Satisfy your adventurous side by taking a horseback ride, testing your skills at Sportsman's Lodge or competing in a paintball course. Challenge yourself at one of Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission's events, including Sledgehammer Beach Run, New River Splash Triathlon, Duathlon, and 5K. More at PlayJOSC.com

## Farm & Agritourism

Mike's Farm in Richlands offers seasonal berry and pumpkin picking. The holidays welcome hayrides with light displays. Here, children can pet (and sometimes feed) farm animals. Family-style dinners are always a hit with the kids, served southern-style with incredible desserts.

Looking for fresh produce and seafood, local farmer's markets and farms, and local products in Onslow County? Find all these items and more on the Visit NC Farm App.

Download the app at the App Store or Google Play.

 **Things To Do listings, pgs. 39–41**

## DOWNTOWN SWANSBORO

Discover over 40 eclectic shops and restaurants at the coast along the White Oak River and Intracoastal Waterway with lots of family-friendly recreation nearby. Dine al fresco, soak in the scenery, enjoy live music, paddle, hike, hop aboard a sunset cruise, or charter an eco-tour to Bear Island.

## MIKE'S FARM: NC PRODUCTS BARN

Ready for a wine tasting, a bite of fudge, or a North Carolina-roasted cup of Joe? The NC Products Barn at Mike's Farm offers all of these. The gift shop's stunning showcase of products *exclusively* from North Carolina includes leather bags, accessories, specialty food, pottery, home decor and more.

# GREAT Outdoors



## Fresh air fun

### Camping/RV Parks

Campground sites and RV parks are located throughout the entire county. Enjoy amenities such as dog parks, horse riding trails, boat access, fishing and more. Try primitive camping on Bear Island at Hammocks Beach State Park.



### Golf

Hit the links at one of our public golf courses in Jacksonville or play mini-golf. Head to the coast for a golf getaway package at the 4-star rated North Shore Country Club and enjoy the natural beauty of the Intracoastal Waterway.

### Marinas

Arriving by water? Our marinas have been around for many years providing the amenities for boating, fishing and everything else you'll need.

### Specialty Tours & Cruises

Take a chartered eco-tour or hop on a marsh cruise along the Intracoastal Waterway for a shelling excursion to Bear Island, or board a private boat for a cruise along the New River. Many of our fishing charters also offer shrimping, crabbing and sunset excursions.

### Water Recreation

Rent jet skis, surfboards, beach bikes, or a boat to explore our coastal waterways. Paddle our blueways/ waterways or dock your boat at our marinas. If you're new to paddling or a season expert, top-of-the-line paddleboards and kayaks are available to rent.

### Fishing

Come for recreational and deep-water sport fishing on the Intracoastal Waterway and beaches. On the New River and the White Oak River, reel in speckled trout, red drum, flounder and largemouth bass. Hire a savvy fishing guide or charter for beginner or advanced trips. Visit [NCWildlife.org](http://NCWildlife.org) for licensing rules.





# ON SLOW'S

## Beaches



### Feel the sand between your toes

With more than 30 miles of family-friendly, gorgeous, and uncrowded coastline to enjoy, Onslow County's sandy beaches are the perfect playground for everything from fishing to water sports or simply relaxing.

#### North Topsail Beach

Cross over the high-rise bridge and the Intracoastal Waterway to start your leisure vacation along the scenic shores of North Topsail Beach (NTB). Dogs are allowed and required to be kept on a 25-foot leash.



Onslow County Parks & Recreation offers parking along with restrooms and showers at no charge at three access points:

- **Access #1** – 1795 New River Inlet Rd.
- **Access #2** – 2950 Island Dr.
- **Access #4** - 484 New River Inlet Rd.

The Town of NTB offers various paid parking accesses plus a 4x4 permissible driving area located at the north end of the island off River Road. Visitors must download the SurfCAST by Otto smartphone app to pay for a parking pass.

**Parking Rates:** Hourly \$5.00, Daily \$25.00, Weekly \$100.00, Annual \$250 —enforced from 9am to 5pm.

More information can be found at [www.ntbnc.org](http://www.ntbnc.org).

#### Onslow Beach

Onslow Beach is located on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and open to all authorized DoD ID cardholders with proper base access. The beach features rental lodging units, an RV campground, pavilions with changing rooms, volleyball courts and guarded swimming areas from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Call (910) 440-7502 for more information.



#### Bear Island at Hammocks Beach State Park

Bear Island is a 4-mile-long, undeveloped barrier island accessible by the Hammocks Beach State Park passenger ferry that runs from April to October. Or make your way by private charter, canoe, or kayak. Read more about Bear Island adventures on pages 17-19.



**A hidden gem of natural and historic wonders**

Feel the warm sunshine on your face and the tranquility that comes from being unplugged when you escape to the peaceful barrier island of Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro.



Your journey begins at the State Park Visitor Center where the exhibits tell the story of the park's 1,500-acres, which includes three smaller islands: Dudley, Huggins and Jones.

The park's crown jewel, Bear Island, was ranked as one of Travel + Leisure's Top Ten NC Beaches. You'll relish the "back to nature" vibe of this island that is free of cars and houses. Get there via the park's passenger ferry service that runs from April through October or with a specialty cruise operator offering eco-tours, shelling excursions and water taxi service.

Outdoor relaxation awaits on the wide uninterrupted beach. Enjoy a modest concession and picnic complex. Make your primitive camping or RV reservations on the park's website.

Explore the natural wonders of the unspoiled maritime forest on a kayak or paddleboard. Bring your own equipment or rent from the park's onsite outfitter, Paddle NC. Dolphins, sighting shorebirds

and the occasional loggerhead sea turtle are some of the amazing experiences to enjoy on your own or on a guided tour.

We've got trails of all kinds. Hike the 3 miles of coastal wooded trails on the mainland. Read more about paddling and birding trails on pages 19-22.

Wildlife aficionados will appreciate the park's interpretive educational programs about ecology, endangered sea turtles and nesting shorebirds. Learn about the diverse history of the land from Native Americans and African Americans to pirates, farmers and the military.

**Bear Island closed 2024 for ferry service, facilities and camping.**

For more information about Hammocks Beach State Park, call (910) 326-4881 or visit [ncparks.gov/state-parks/hammocks-beach-state-park](https://ncparks.gov/state-parks/hammocks-beach-state-park)







### Paddling & Birding Trails

Paddling our waterways and discovering the many native species of birds and wildlife go hand-in-hand in Onslow County.

Hammocks Beach State Park is a great launch site to explore the three well-marked paddling trails leading to marshes, Bear Island or Huggins Island. Enjoy bird and wildlife sightings along the water surrounded by the unspoiled maritime forest. The trails range from 200 yards to more than 6 miles. Guided tours and rentals are available with Paddle NC.



The Cow Horn Trail is a 16.85-mile trail that runs along the New River from Steeds Park in Richlands to the New River Waterfront Park in Jacksonville. North Topsail Beach's Permuda

Island Coastal Reserve is one of the best kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) destinations in North Carolina. Kayak into the quiet waters of Stump Sound and get lost in the sights and sounds of the salt marsh. Enjoy calm waters and almost zero motorboat traffic.

Visit [OnlyinOnslow.com](http://OnlyinOnslow.com) for a complete list of kayaking and SUP outfitters, as well as printable maps of our paddling and birding trails.

### Jacksonville Blueways

Discover the natural beauty and wildlife of Jacksonville's Blueways as you paddle along the New River. Blueways, or paddle trails, are marked routes on rivers and coastlines for recreational use. Jacksonville has 9 trails ranging from beginner to advanced, there's one for every skill level. Don't have a kayak? We've got you covered with multiple kayak rental kiosks. Find the Blueways Interactive Map and rental locations on our website [visitjacksonvillenc.com](http://visitjacksonvillenc.com).



Kayak Rental Locations in Jacksonville:

- **Jacksonville Landing** - 135 S Marine Blvd
- **Rails North East Creek Park** - 910 Corbin St
- **Riverwalk Marina** - 36 Kerr St



### AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

Black history and heritage is honored and revered in Onslow County with historical markers and sites that highlight African American heritage as well as individual contributions to the local community. Take a virtual tour at [OnlyinOnslow.com](http://OnlyinOnslow.com) or discover some of the sites while you are here.



### Catching Memories: Seafood Tours

Explore the origins of your seafood with engaging boat tours and coastal partners. Learn more about these tours at [onlyinonslow.com/trails](http://onlyinonslow.com/trails).

### Oysters

Did you know N.C. oysters are available year-round? Ghost Fleet Oyster Co. offers unique and immersive farm tours on the waterways near Sneads Ferry. Enjoy the salty breeze as you savor diverse flavors while learning about the positive impact of small farm-raised oysters on the ecosystem. Discover more about oysters in Onslow County through the NC Oyster Trail.

### Shrimping and Crabbing

Join Captain Tommie Jarman owner of Reel Livin' Fishing Charters aboard his shrimp trawler in the fall season to learn about shrimping. This 4-hour journey along the New River offers breathtaking views, educational insights, and the chance to take home up to 50 lbs. of freshly caught shrimp and crabs.



### Biking and Walking Trails

Scenic routes and fun trails are available for cyclists and walkers of all levels to enjoy. From flat, shaded trails to long distance routes, Onslow County offers miles of trails winding within the city of Jacksonville and stretching all the way to the coast.

- **Big Branch Bike Park** - 1.6 mile flow trail and a 4.6 mile intermediate mountain bike trail in Jacksonville. Great greenway loop trails for all levels.
- **Rails to Trails Greenway** - 6 mile trail through Jacksonville. With no cars around, this is great for beginners.
- **Richlands Loop Trail** - 50 mile and shorter 20 mile road loop that runs through rural coastal plains of Onslow County.
- **Hammocks Beach State Park** - 3 mile woodland trail for walking. Plus, explore Bear Island's shoreline to find seashells and enjoy the ocean sounds.



### NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail

The NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail is as diverse as North Carolina, traversing 1,175 miles across our state. Segment 15 runs through the towns of North Topsail Beach, Sneads Ferry, and the city of Jacksonville. For a map and more details, visit our website, [OnlyinOnslow.com](http://OnlyinOnslow.com)





# **SIGNATURE** Festivals + Events

## **We're always ready to celebrate**

We invite you and your family to come taste the flavors, experience our culture, dance to some music, enjoy local artisans and revel in our annual traditions with our local residents.

### **Signature Festivals and Events**

- **Sledgehammer Beach Run** – North Topsail Beach
- **New River Splash Triathlon** – Jacksonville
- **Swansboro Arts by the Sea** – Swansboro
- **Summer Latin Fiesta** - Jacksonville
- **NC Pacific Arts Festival** – Jacksonville
- **Ocean City Jazz Festival** – North Topsail Beach
- **Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival** – Sneads Ferry
- **Marine Corps Half Marathon** – MCB Camp Lejeune
- **Swansboro Mullet Festival** – Swansboro
- **Onslow Veterans Pow Wow** – Jacksonville
- **Swansboro by Candlelight** – Swansboro
- **Swansboro Christmas Flotilla** – Swansboro
- **Mike's Farm Festival of Lights** – Richlands
- **ELJ Farms Christmas Town** – Jacksonville

Please visit our website, [www.OnslowFestivals.com](http://www.OnslowFestivals.com) for exact dates and all the details.

### **VETERANS TRIBUTE WEEKEND**

Where better to pay tribute to our nation's Veterans than in Jacksonville, NC? This November, celebrate with us during Veterans Tribute NC.

For details and to submit a Veteran you would like to honor with a commemorative sign in the Walk of Honor at VeteransTributeNC.com



*Festival of Lights at Mike's Farm*



Welcome to our proud city located on the banks of the New River and home to US Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Plan a relaxing getaway with us and you are guaranteed a refreshing escape where you'll experience mouthwatering meals, exciting recreational opportunities, and historic monuments honoring our military heritage.

**Get on the water**

Grab a kayak at one of our three rental kiosks located at Jacksonville Landing, Northeast Creek Park or the Riverwalk Marina and explore one of nine blueway trails. Enjoy dock side fishing at one of our many access points in beautiful parks. Make sure to check with the NC Wildlife Commission for licensing and regulations. Spend the day casting for fun with one of our fishing guides. They provide everything.

**Explore the greenways**

Ride your bikes or take a walk on miles of trails to enjoy the outdoors (and possibly spot a rare bird or two). The NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail is North Carolina's state hiking trail stretching from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks. You'll find a section of the trail runs right through the center of Jacksonville.

**Western Boulevard**

Stay at one of our attractively priced brand name hotels, dine at familiar chains or experience a cultural local restaurant, and shop your way through the many retail stores along Jacksonville's main strip, Western Boulevard.

**Enjoy family time**

Take in the outdoors at one of our many parks and trails. Walk the labyrinth or catch a show at the amphitheater at Richard Ray Park. A night at the ballpark is always a hit. Catch a Jacksonville Ospreys Baseball game during their summer season, late May – July.



**See Ospreys in nests and in the sky**

Pause when you hear the rumbling of the MV-22 Osprey flying overhead. With the ability to fly like a plane and take off and land like a helicopter, this aircraft was largely developed in

Jacksonville. When near the water's edge, you may catch a flash of live osprey (a large hawk that lives near the water) diving into the river or sound for a fish. Onslow County boasts one of the highest concentrations of ospreys of either kind on the eastern seaboard.







### Visit our historical memorials

Each memorial connects the story of our country to this city and American life today. Appreciation for the sacrifices of our service men and women (and their families) come to life when you listen to the audio tour as you walk the winding paths through Lejeune Memorial Gardens.

#### Beirut Memorial

The Beirut Memorial is a solemn tribute to the 273 Marines who gave the last full measure of devotion in Lebanon and Grenada on October 23, 1983. The names of each man are engraved in granite along with the words "They Came In Peace". Each year, a Remembrance Observance takes place on October 23 to remember those who gave the greatest sacrifice for their country.

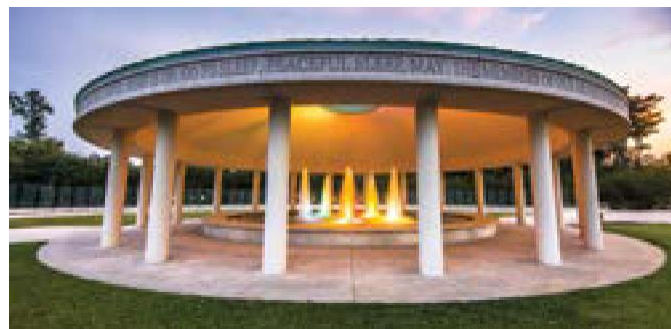


#### Corpsmen Memorial

The Corpsmen Memorial is a tribute of the lasting bond between Marines and Corpsmen both on and off the battlefield. The memorial honors the fallen, but also stands as a monument to Corpsmen of the present and future.

#### Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This memorial honors all the service men and women who served in the Vietnam War. It is the second largest Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the nation. The dome and fountain are surrounded with a glass wall with the names of 58,220 lost Americans etched in the glass in alphabetical order.



#### Montford Point Marine Memorial

The Montford Point Marine Memorial, the only one in the nation, is dedicated to the legacy of 20,000 African American Marines who served in the Marine Corps from 1942-1949 under harsh conditions, and separate from their white counterparts. The story is told through architecture and sculpture.

#### 9/11 Memorial Beam

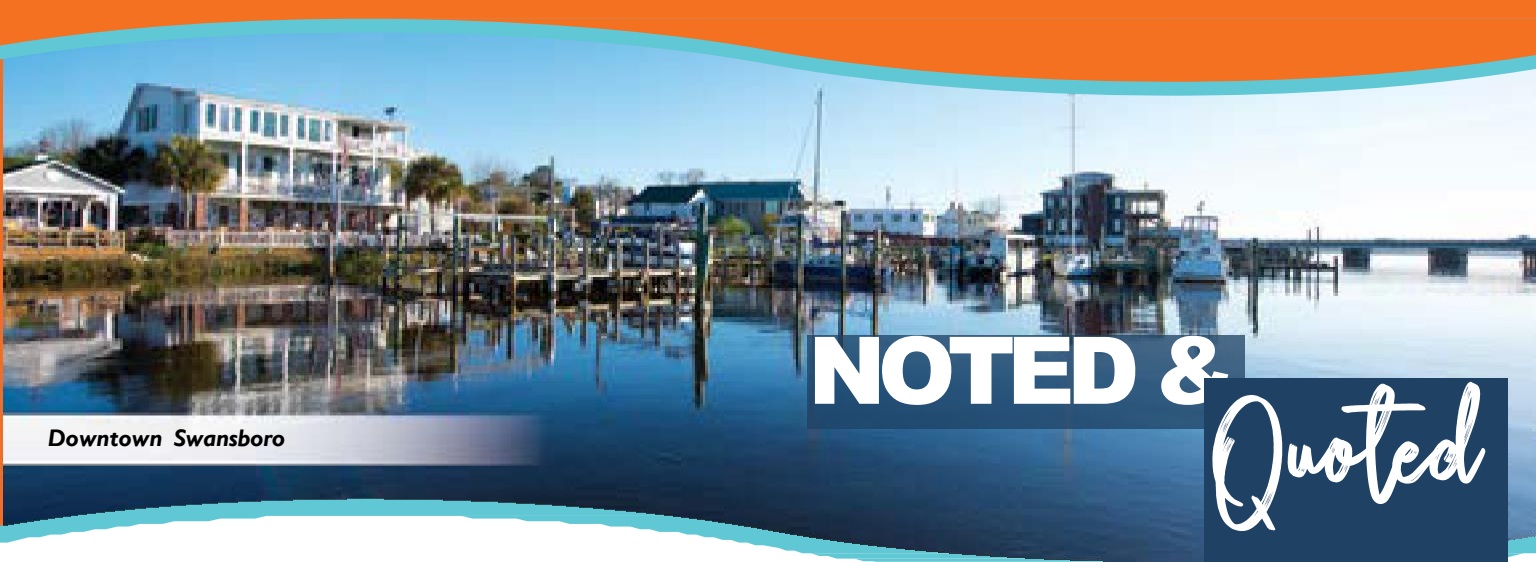
Delivered by a New York City Fire Truck, this beam from the Twin Towers was presented by police and firefighters of New York to Camp Lejeune in 2003.

#### Eagle, Globe, and Anchor Reflection Pool

The statue is located at the entryway to the future Museum of the Marine and is the largest 3-D representation of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor statue in the world. Each star on the globe represents places where Marines have routinely deployed.

**Address:** 109 Montford Landing Rd.

**Hours:** Open daily, 24 hours. No charge.  
The gardens are lit at night.



Downtown Swansboro



**While humility is a virtue in these parts, we can't help but feel proud about what others are saying**

- *Outside Magazine* names Hammocks Beach State Park in "Six Best Uncrowded Beach State Parks."
- Swansboro was named "One of the Cutest Seaside Towns in the South" by writer Jill Gleeson in *Country Living*, *House Beautiful*, *Good Housekeeping*, *VNExplorer* and more.
- National travel site *Matador Network* highlights Jacksonville NC, saying "The story of the first Black Marines lives on in this North Carolina Town."
- *NC Tripping* describes Lejeune Memorial Gardens, noting how the five acres of memorials and walking paths honor "the brave souls who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice."
- Charlotte-based food and travel writer Heidi Billotto talked up the International Food Trail in her blog and on WCNC-TV show *Charlotte Today*: "Nearly all of the restaurants on the trail are family-owned and operated. Several are veteran-owned. Several are woman-owned. All of them are true gems –just like the people who own and run them."



- North Topsail Beach was listed in "Top 10 most in-demand summer destinations in the U.S." by HomeToGo and Airbnb.
- "Visit Walton's Distillery for a not-your-run-of-the-mill tour with not-your-run-of-the-mill spirits." – *365 Atlanta Traveler*
- Mike's Farm was one of the 10 best pumpkin patches of 2022, according to readers of *USA Today*.
- "On the banks of the New River in Sneads Ferry, four generations of the same family have been frying shrimp and baking pies seven days a week since 1946 at Riverview Café." – Karen Langley Martin in *Our State Magazine*

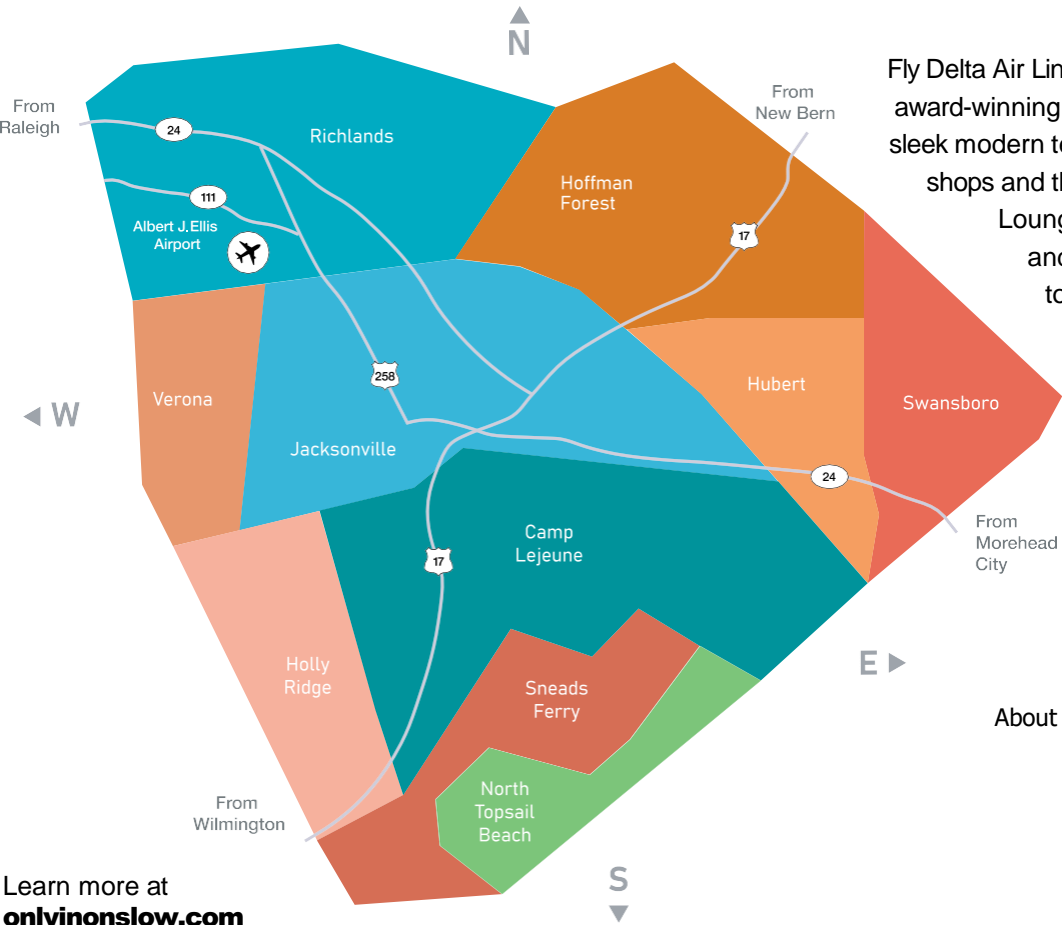


Did you have an excellent experience with a staff member while visiting one of our hotels, restaurants, or attractions? Nominate them for our monthly Hospitality Service Award with the QR Code, and let's give them a big shoutout and a thank you!



# COMMUNITIES in Onslow

Find locally inspired restaurants and shops, things to do, as well as featured attractions, events and more throughout Onslow County. From the coastal plains community of Richlands to the city of Jacksonville, as well as the coastal towns of Swansboro and Sneads Ferry, and beautiful North Topsail Beach, there is something unique to see and experience.



Learn more at [onlyinonslow.com](http://onlyinonslow.com)

   @OnlyinOnslow  @OnslowCountyTourism



## GETTING Here

### Albert J. Ellis Airport

Fly Delta Air Lines or American Airlines from the award-winning Albert J. Ellis (OAJ) Airport. The sleek modern terminal features a restaurant, gift shops and the Hope for the Warriors Military Lounge that is open daily for veterans and their families. Get quick access to baggage claim, just steps away from parking with EZ Pay for quick check out and most major car rentals. No waiting for shuttles here. FlyOAJ.com

### Driving Directions

- From New Bern:**  
Take US-17 North, a short 1-hour drive to Jacksonville.
- From Raleigh:**  
About a 2 1/2 hour drive down I-40 East, take Exit 373 to Jacksonville.
- From Wilmington:**  
Via US-17 North, a short 1-hour drive.
- From Morehead City:**  
An easy 1-hour drive from the coast to Jacksonville, heading west on NC-24.



## WHERE TO Stay

**Whether you have two or 20 in your party, you'll find accommodations with amenities that will meet your needs**

Rack up points at well-known hotel chains located within walking distance to restaurants and shopping. Find several lodging options near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River.

Vacationing families looking for spacious private beach rental homes, hotels or oceanfront resort condos will find their bliss at North Topsail Beach. Search for the perfect Airbnb or VRBO rental using locations "Jacksonville, NC", "Swansboro" or "Sneads Ferry."

Want to sleep under the stars? Visit [OnlyinOnslow.com](http://OnlyinOnslow.com) for a list of RV-friendly sites and campgrounds.

Visit [onlyinonslow.com](http://onlyinonslow.com) and [visitjacksonvillenc.com](http://visitjacksonvillenc.com) for listings.



**Where to Stay listings, pgs. 35 - 38**



*Hilton Garden Inn*

### VACATION RENTALS

From cozy beachfront cottages and condos to sprawling homes, discover a treasure trove of rental options to suit your individual tastes and ensure a personalized escape. Dive into coastal living, make memories, and gather as a family to create cherished traditions.







Scan the QR code to discover our vacation rentals.





WHERE TO *Stay*

**Jacksonville**

Affordable Suites of America 35 McDaniel Dr. • 910-347-2400											
Baymont Inn & Suites 474 Western Blvd. • 910-347-6500											
Best Rest Inn 258 S. Marine Blvd. • 910-455-2063											
Budget Inn 1613 Marine Blvd. • 910-347-2158											
Candlewood Suites 119 Penny Ln. • 910-333-0494											
Clarion Pointe 2115 N Marine Blvd. • 910-347-1900											
Coastal Motel 1950 Wilmington Hwy • 910-455-1999											
Comfort Suites 130 Workshop Ln. • 910-346-8900											
Courtyard by Marriott 5046 Henderson Dr. • 910-937-3300											
Days Inn 505 N. Marine Blvd. • 910-467-8271											
Extended Stay America 20 McDaniel Dr. • 910-347-7684											
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 121 Circuit Ln. • 910-938-4499											
Hampton Inn & Suites 1032 Hampton Inn Way • 910-347-3400											
Hilton Garden Inn 1016 Jacksonville Pkwy. • 910-346-2400											
Holiday Inn Express 139 Moosehaven Rd. • 910-219-1099											
Home2Suites 139 Circuit Ln. • 910-355-3500											
MainStay Suites 2201 N. Marine Blvd. • 910-219-1238											
Microtel Inn & Suites 2411 Commerce St. • 910-333-9232											
Motel 6 603 N. Marine Blvd. • 910-455-4100											

**LISTINGS**



Comp Breakfast



High Speed Internet



Swimming Pool



Pet Friendly



Fitness Center



Business Center



Meeting Space



Interior Corridor





































































Military/Gov Discount



























Smoke-Free










WHERE TO *Stay* DIRECTORY











My Place Hotel 401 Northwest Cir. • 910-968-0250											
Quality Inn 2139 N. Marine Blvd. • 910-938-0800											
Red Roof Inn 1723 Lejeune Blvd. • 910-353-3336											
Rodeway Inn 2149 N. Marine Blvd. • 910-455-6888											
Sleep Inn 129 Circuit Ln. • 910-478-0099											
Staybridge Suites 110 Cobia Ct. • 910-353-2513											
Suburban Studios 1323 Lejeune Blvd. • 910-346-7759											
Sunset Inn 497 Western Blvd. • 910-347-3311											
Towneplace Suites by Marriott 400 Northwest Cr. • 910-478-9795											
Triangle Motor Inn 246 S. Wilmington Hwy. • 910-455-4923											

**Sneads Ferry / North Topsail Beach**

Blue Water Inn & Suites 1565 State Hwy 210 • 910-327-8282											
Hampton Inn & Suites 1248 NC Hwy. 210 • 910-327-5555											
Seaview Pier Motel 123 Fishing Pier Ln. • 910-328-3172											
Topsail Shores Inn 1325 NC Hwy. 210 • 910-685-0969											

**Swansboro**

Hampton Inn & Suites 215 Old Hammock Rd. • 910-325-9000											
The White House on Freedom Way 3346 Freedom Way • 954-242-5764											

-  Comp Breakfast
-  High Speed Internet
-  Swimming Pool
-  Pet Friendly
-  Fitness Center
-  Business Center
-  Meeting Space
-  Interior Corridor
-  Military/Gov Discount
-  Smoke-Free



THINGS  
To Do  
LISTINGS



Hubert

Flatwood Outfitters —**Shooting Range**  
111 Second Amendment Ln. | 910-353-7593

Jumping Run Creek Mud Bog —**Motor Sports**  
565 Riggs Rd. | 910-389-4159

Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary —**Sanctuary**  
119 Doe Dr. | 910-326-6432

Jacksonville

Altitude Trampoline Park — **Jump Park**  
1030 Henderson Dr. | 910-378-8171

Big Branch Bike Park - **Bike Park**  
311 NW Corridor Blvd. | 910-347-5332

Bowlarena - **Bowling**  
433 Western Blvd. | 910-455-8800

Coastal Plains Park - **Motor Sports**  
4744 Richlands Hwy. | 910-455-3555

Cracked It Escape Games —**Escape Room**  
559 Freedom Way | 910-353-4434

Flip'n Axe - **Sports**  
305 Blue Creek School Rd. #1 | 910-459-7660

Freedom Fountain — **Memorial**  
895 New Bridge St. | 910-938-5200

Glo-Mania Lazer Tag - **Laser Tag**  
375 Western Blvd. | 910-353-0163

Gus' Country Rock Club — **Music**  
111 Carver Dr. | 910-353-4353

Hooligans Pub & Music Hall - **Music**  
2620 Onslow Dr. | 910-346-2086

Jacksonville Ospreys Baseball - **Sports**  
1825 South Dr. | 910-382-7910

Jacksonville Paintball Park - **Paintball & Airsoft Field**  
130 Imperial Ln. | 910-353-7529

J-Vegas Retro Arcade — **Arcade**  
415 Western Blvd. | 910-333-9390

Lazy H Ranch & Arena —**Rodeo**  
105 Quaker Bridge Rd.

Lejeune Memorial Gardens — **Memorial**  
109 Montford Landing Rd. | 910-938-5200

Lynwood Park Zoo — **Zoo & Sanctuary**  
1071 Wells Rd. | 910-938-5848

Megaplay — **Indoor Playground**  
1233 Hargett St. | 910-939-2642

Onslow County Farmer's Market — **Agri-Tourism**  
4024 Richlands Hwy. | 910-455-5873

Pelletier House — **Historic House**  
100 Old Bridge St. | 910-324-5008

Roller City — **Skating**  
120 Bridget Ln. | 910-968-0962

Splatter N' Rage — **Recreation Center**  
113 Branchwood Dr. Unit 300 | 910-415-1500

Sportman's Lodge — **Range/Long Range Shooting**  
3521 New Bern Hwy. | 910-937-6334

The Clove Hitch Beer Company — **Beer Hall**  
622 Court St. Unit 200 | 910-238-2963

The Limelight of Jacksonville — **Live Music**  
145 Blue Creek School Rd. | 910-347-4731

Walton's Distillery — **Distillery**  
261 Ben Williams Rd. | 910-347-7770

Zing Zumm Children's Museum — **Interactive Museum**  
625 New Bridge St. | 910-650-2769



Richlands / Beulaville

County Line Horse Trail Rides —**Horseback Riding**  
148 Cotton Top Ln. | 910-548-0257

Huffman Vineyards —**Vineyard**  
221 Haw Branch Rd. | 910-324-3997

Mike’s Farm —**Agri-Tourism**  
1600 Haw Branch Rd. | 910-324-3422

Onslow County Museum —**Museum**  
301 S Wilmington St. | 910-324-5008

Sneads Ferry / Holly Ridge

Onslow County Environmental Education Center —**Museum**  
1330 NC Hwy 210 | 910-324-5008

Paradise Axe and Arcade —**Arcade**  
127 Sound Rd. | 910-803-2300

Sandpiper Brewing Company —**Brewery**  
624 E Ocean Rd. | 910-803-0331

Topsail Island Brewing —**Brewery**  
514 Petes Way | 910-330-3364

Swansboro

Breezy Meadows Farm & Stables —**Horseback Riding**  
455 Belgrade Swansboro Rd. | 252-369-4174

Crystal Coast Ghost —**Tour**  
502 W Church St. | 252-723-7945

Historic Downtown Swansboro —**Historic Site**  
203 W. Church St. | 910-326-1174

Morton’s Academy —**Museum**  
735 Main St. Extension | 910-650-3978

Swansboro Area Heritage Center Museum —**Museum**  
502 W. Church St. | 910-330-8542

Topsail Island

Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital —**Sanctuary**  
302 Tortuga Ln. | 910-329-0222

Topsail Missiles & More Museum —**Museum**  
720 Channel Blvd. | 910-328-8663

GREAT

Outdoors

LISTINGS

Fishing

Atlantic Blue Charters  
231 Grandview Dr., Sneads Ferry | 252-508-5576

Bad Habit Sportfishing  
461 Bent Tree Land, Sneads Ferry | 910-389-0990

Breadman Ventures Guide Service  
310 Fulchers Landing Loop, Sneads Ferry | 910-467-1482

Drifter Sportfishing & Charters  
150 Old Ferry Rd., Sneads Ferry | 910-886-1455

Drum Crazy Kayak Fishing Charters  
250 Shell Rock Landing Rd., Hubert | 252-269-6053

Early Riser Fishing Charter  
111 Sherwood Rd., Jacksonville | 910-389-2362

Fishbones Inshore Fishing Charters  
610 Williams St., Jacksonville | 910-358-2692

Fish’n4life Charters  
Dudley’s Marina, Hwy 24 E., Swansboro | 336-558-5697

Friendly City Fishing Charters  
301 S Water St., Swansboro | 910-330-4764

Hines Farm & Stables  
1259 McCallister Rd., Jacksonville | 910-989-5050

Instigator Fishing & Diving Charters  
131 Front St., Swansboro | 910-382-7815

Joyful Noise Fishing  
181 Osage Ln., Jacksonville | 910-358-9723

Juniper Creek Outfitters & Guide Service  
211 Baysden Pond Rd., Chinquapin | 910-358-5333



GREAT *Outdoors* LISTINGS

- Just Got Reel Inshore Charter  
110 S. Marine Blvd., Jacksonville | 910-330-7442
- Nancy Lee Fishing Charter  
128 E. Corbett Ave., Swansboro | 910-326-4304
- OMC Fishing Adventures  
104 James St., Sneads Ferry | 910-382-0438
- On Point Fishing Charter  
301 S. Water St., Swansboro | 252-670-4523
- Pelagic Hunter Sportfishing  
123 Page St., Sneads Ferry | 910-330-7548
- Reel Cranky Fishing Charters  
150 Old Ferry Rd., Sneads Ferry | 910-545-0288
- Reel Livin’ Fishing Charters  
132 Gull Dr., Sneads Ferry | 910-330-7785
- Seaview Fishing Pier  
123 Fishing Pier Ln., North Topsail Beach | 910-328-3172

Golf

- Bear Trail Golf Club  
444 Harris Creek Rd., Jacksonville | 910-346-8160
- North Shore Golf Course  
101 N. Shore Dr., Sneads Ferry | 910-327-2410
- Rock Creek Golf & Country Club  
308 Country Club Blvd., Jacksonville | 910-324-5151
- Swingin’ Things & Fletcher’s Landing  
133 Batting Cage Tr., Jacksonville | 910-347-7711

State Parks

- Hammocks Beach State Park  
1572 Hammocks Beach Rd., Swansboro | 910-326-4881

Specialty Cruises

- Ghost Fleet Oyster Co.  
Sneads Ferry | 910-620-4385
- Hold Fast Oyster Co.  
137 Everett Ln., Sneads Ferry

- Intracoastal Cruises  
150 Old Ferry Rd., Sneads Ferry | 910-358-0942
- Lady Swan Boat Tours  
139 Front St., Swansboro | 910-325-1200
- Marina Café River Cruise  
110 S. Marine Blvd., Jacksonville | 910-938-2002
- Marsh Cruises  
Swansboro | 910-330-8750
- New River Boat Tours  
392 Fulchers Landiing Loop Rd., Sneads Ferry | 910-389-9735
- Topsail Intracoastal Adventures  
104 James St., Sneads Ferry | 910-705-7286

Water Recreation

- Makin’ Waves  
1343 NC-210, Sneads Ferry | 910-340-5151
- Hine’s Farm Park & Stables  
1259 McCallister Rd., Jacksonville | 910-453-2239
- North Topsail Surf & Paddle  
4021 Island Dr., North Topsail Beach | 910-859-0151
- Paddle NC  
1572 Hammocks Beach Rd., Swansboro | 910-612-3297
- Paddle NC  
2976 Island Dr., North Topsail Beach | 910-612-3297
- Pogie’s Fishing Center  
107 N. Front St., Swansboro | 910-325-7876
- Swansboro Paddle Boarding & Kayaking  
108 W. Corbett Ave., Swansboro | 910-389-1471



Find complete information about dining,  
nightlife, festivals & events, parks and  
shopping on our websites:

visitjacksonvillenc.com  
onlyinonslow.com

# ONSLOW

- 1 Mike's Farm
  - 2 Onslow County Museum
  - 3 Huffman Vineyards
  - 4 Albert J. Ellis Airport
  - 5 Walton's Distillery
  - 6 Bear Trail Golf Club
  - 7 North Shore Golf Course
  - 8 Rock Creek Golf & Country Club
  - 9 Lynnwood Park Zoo
  - 10 Coastal Plains Park
  - 11 Jacksonville Paintball Park
  - 12 Sportsman's Lodge
  - 13 Hines Farm Park & Stables
  - 14 Topsail Island Brewing
  - 15 Swansboro Heritage Center
  - 16 Paddle NC
  - 17 Onslow CO Beach Access #1
  - 18 Onslow CO Beach Access #2
  - 19 Onslow CO Beach Access #4
  - 20 Environmental Education Ctr.
  - 21 North Topsail Surf & Paddle
  - 22 Ocean City
  - 23 Seaview Fishing Pier
  - 24 Historic Downtown Swansboro
  - 25 Lady Swan Boat Tours
  - 26 Hammocks Beach State Park
  - 27 Marsh Cruises
  - 28 Pogie's Adventure Center
  - 29 Swansboro Paddle Boarding
  - 30 NC Civil War Marker at HBSP
-  Boat Launch

--- Mountains-to-Sea Trail  
--- New River Paddling Trail

40

