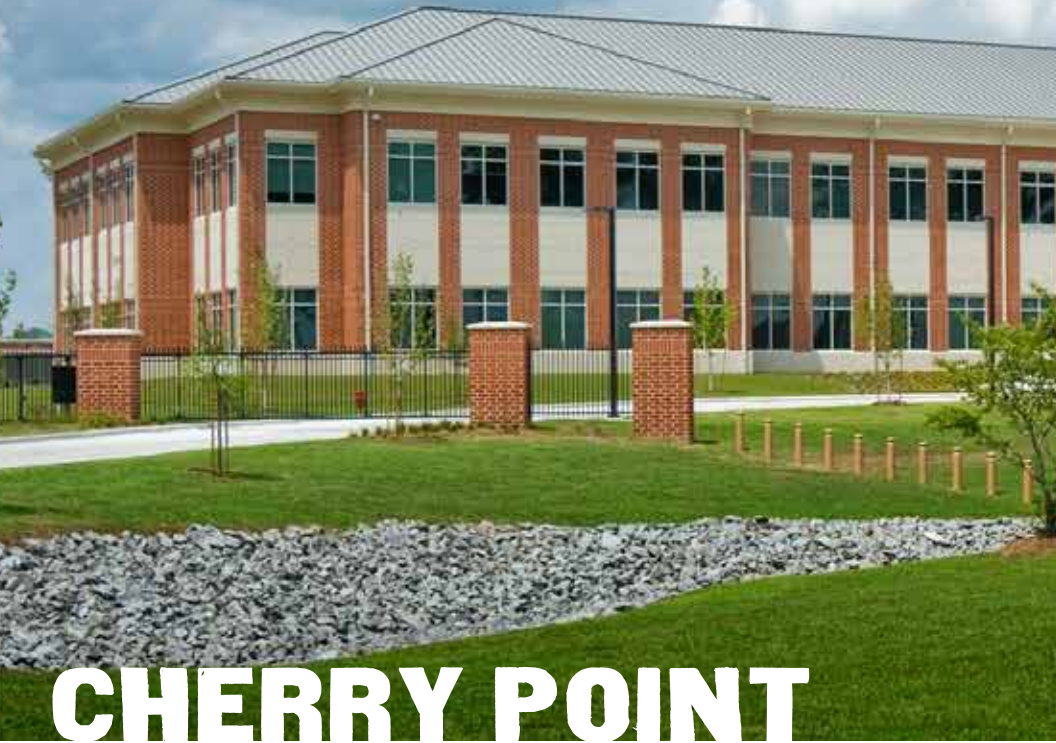


# RESOURCE & ACTIVITY GUIDE

MCAS Cherry Point & Surrounding Areas





# CHERRY POINT

## **Recreational Opportunities**

- Sound of Freedom Golf Course
- Pelican Point RV Park
- Marine Warrior Library
- Auto Skilz
- Hancock Marina - Boat launch and marina with slips available for boat docking
- Picnic Areas - Bartlett Pond, Catfish Pond, Duck Pond, Lone Tree Point, Ordinance Point and Shady Grove
- Camping Areas - Bartlett Pond, Lone Tree Point and Duck Pond
- Pools - Hancock Pool (outdoor), Main Side pool (indoor) and Cedar Creek Pool (outdoor)
- Devil Dog Dare - zip line, trail cycling, paint ball and a 75 foot free fall tower drop
- Movies and Events - Two Rivers Theater and Event Center has a regular movie schedule and other events such as concerts and guest speakers

- Semper Fit Adult Intramural Sports - softball, soccer, football, and basketball (also a resource for youth sports)
- Crystal Coast Travel and Leisure - trip and vacation planning
- Outdoor Connections - rental of outdoor equipment such as camping gear, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, paintball gear, lawn games, lawn & garden tools and equipment, campers, climbing walls, and outdoor theater systems
- Fishing and Hunting opportunities - for specifics on licensing, regulations, and opportunities aboard Cherry Point visit:

*[www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/  
Resources/GameWarden.aspx](http://www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Resources/GameWarden.aspx)*

## **Dining**

- Restaurants - Roadhouse, Wings
- Fast Food - McDonald's, Five Guys, New City Deli, Rice King, Crow's Nest, Subway, Library Cafe



Visit [mccscherrypoint.com](http://mccscherrypoint.com) for more details and other helpful resources and programs available here at Cherry Point!

- Lounges - Roadhouse Bar (Enlisted), Rucker's Bar (SNCO) and Cunningham's (Officer)

### **Fitness**

- Devil Dog Gym
- Hancock Fitness Center
- Marine Dome
- Athletic Sports Complex at Lanham Field
- HITT Center (located in the Marine Dome)
- Pools - Hancock Pool (outdoor), Main Side pool (indoor) and Cedar Creek Pool (outdoor)
- Semper Fit also offers special events like races, marathons, and triathlons

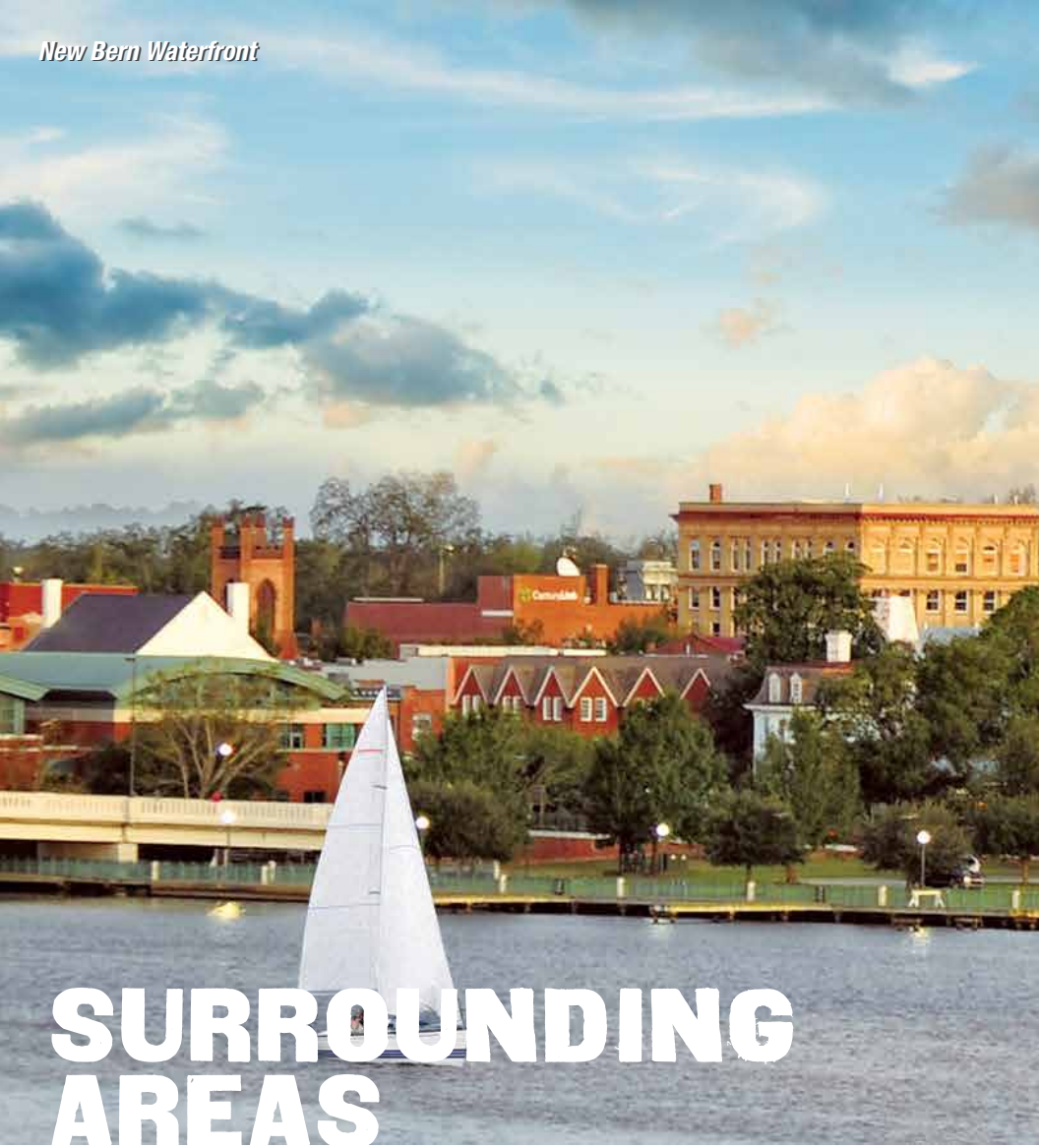
### **Single Marine Program**

SMP offers a wide variety of events, activities, trips, and volunteer opportunities to enrich the lives of our single and unaccompanied

Marines and Sailors. SMP trips range from local fishing trips and events to concerts, theme parks, NASCAR races, ski trips, and more. Not a single Marine or Sailor? Call SMP at 252-466-3027 to find out about opportunities that include families as well. The SMP calendar can be found at: [mccscherrypoint.com/programs/single-marines-program](http://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/single-marines-program)

### **Spirituality**

The chapel provides a variety of worship opportunities, sacramental rites and programs to include baptisms, child dedications, communion, religious education for all ages, and marriage. Fully confidential pastoral counseling is offered as well. The chapel is located in Building 100 off of E Street. For additional information on services offered please contact a Chaplain at 252-466-4000.



# SURROUNDING AREAS

Carteret and Craven County areas offer a wide variety of entertainment and activities. The activities aren't always centrally located so finding them can sometimes be challenging if you are new to the area. The list below is a great place to start for finding many of our local attractions and fun and fulfilling activities for singles, couples, and families alike.

## **Local County Parks and Recreation Departments**

- [ccpr.recdesk.com/recdeskportal](http://ccpr.recdesk.com/recdeskportal) - Carteret County Parks and Rec
- [cravencounty.recdesk.com/recdeskportal](http://cravencounty.recdesk.com/recdeskportal) - Craven County Parks and Rec

## **Great Websites for Attractions and Events**

- [www.nccoastchamber.com](http://www.nccoastchamber.com) - Carteret County Chamber of Commerce
- [www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events](http://www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events) - Additional information on attractions and businesses



along with a very detailed calendar/list of local events in Carteret County

- [www.visitnewbern.com](http://www.visitnewbern.com) - Local attractions, businesses, and happenings in the New Bern area
- [www.havelockchamber.org](http://www.havelockchamber.org) - Havelock Chamber of Commerce
- [www.emeraldisle-nc.org/upcoming-events](http://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/upcoming-events) - Emerald Isle
- [www.moreheadcitync.org/calendar-of-events](http://www.moreheadcitync.org/calendar-of-events) - Morehead City
- [www.atlanticbeach-nc.com/events](http://www.atlanticbeach-nc.com/events) - Atlantic Beach
- [www.townofcapecarteret.org/upcoming-events.html](http://www.townofcapecarteret.org/upcoming-events.html) - Cape Carteret
- [www.visitswansboro.org/swansboro-events.html](http://www.visitswansboro.org/swansboro-events.html) - Swansboro
- [townofnewport.com/events](http://townofnewport.com/events) - Newport
- [www.beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/town-calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/town-calendar) - Beaufort



# MUSEUMS, HERITAGE & HISTORY

## **Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center**

Features local waterfowl, hunting history and culture in Eastern North Carolina. The annual decoy festival is held the first weekend in December.

*1785 Island Road  
Harkers Island, NC 28531*

## **Tryon Palace**

Learn about colonial history in the former capital of North Carolina.

*529 South Front Street  
New Bern, NC 28562*

## **North Carolina Maritime Museum**

Learn about local maritime history including the state's rich seafood industry, life-saving stations, lighthouses, sailboats and motorboats. The museum also houses an

exhibit on the famed pirate "Blackbeard" and artifacts recovered from his ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, just off the coast.

*315 Front St  
Beaufort, NC 28516*

## **History Museum of Carteret County**

Located in downtown Morehead City, the History Museum of Carteret County exhibits a widely varied collection that reflects on the cultural history of North Carolina's coast from its indigenous Indians through World War II.

*1008 Arendell St  
Morehead City, NC 28557*

## **North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores**

This large aquarium features touch tanks and the state's largest saltwater fish exhibit (306,000 gallons!). Multiple indoor and



outdoor activities along with daily guided tours and special events are just some of the fun the aquarium has to offer. This is a must see while stationed at Cherry Point!

*1 Roosevelt Blvd  
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512*

### **New Bern Firemen's Museum**

Learn about the oldest fire company in the state!

*420 Broad St  
New Bern, NC 28560*

### **New Bern Battlefield Park**

Visit the battleground for the local Civil War battle in 1862.

*300 Battlefield Trail  
New Bern, NC 28560*

### **Local Historical Tours**

Tours are available in downtown Beaufort and New Bern to discover more about local history, heritage, and culture.

# BEACH/WATER ACCESS AND BOATING

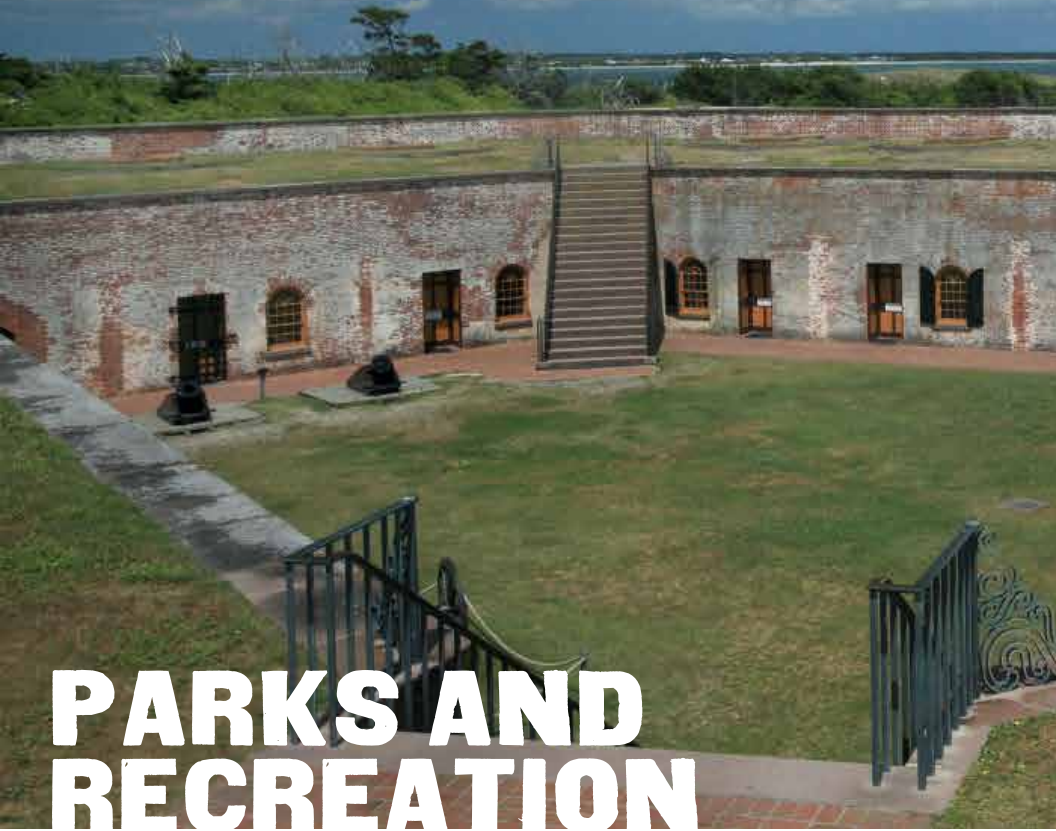


MCAS Cherry Point has several of water access points and boat launches. There are also numerous public beach accesses and boat launches in both Carteret and Onslow County's. You can also access the Neuse River and its tributaries in Craven County.

### **North Carolina Ferry Division**

Our ferry system has one-of-a-kind destinations like Ocracoke Island and the Outer Banks. There are also several no-cost local ferries, which are a great way to get out on the water! The Cherry Branch/Minnesott Beach Ferry is free and only a ten minute drive from base. For more information visit:

[www.ncdot.gov/ferry](http://www.ncdot.gov/ferry)



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## **Fort Macon State Park**

Home to the historic Fort Macon Civil War fort along with beautiful walking trails and public beach access. Cannon and musket demonstrations and guided tours are regular features, complementing extensive exhibits both indoors and out.

*2303 E Fort Macon Rd  
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512*

## **Cape Lookout National Seashore**

Can be accessed via personal watercraft or ferry service out of Beaufort. Explore the seashore, the historic Cape Lookout Lighthouse or historic villages with a guide or on your own.

*[www.nps.gov/caloc/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caloc/index.htm)*

## **Rachel Carson Reserve**

This estuary directly across from the Beaufort waterfront can be accessed via boat or kayak.

## **Shackleford Banks**

Can be accessed via personal watercraft or ferry service out of Beaufort or Morehead City. "Shack" is home to wild horses that are part of the oldest bloodline in America.

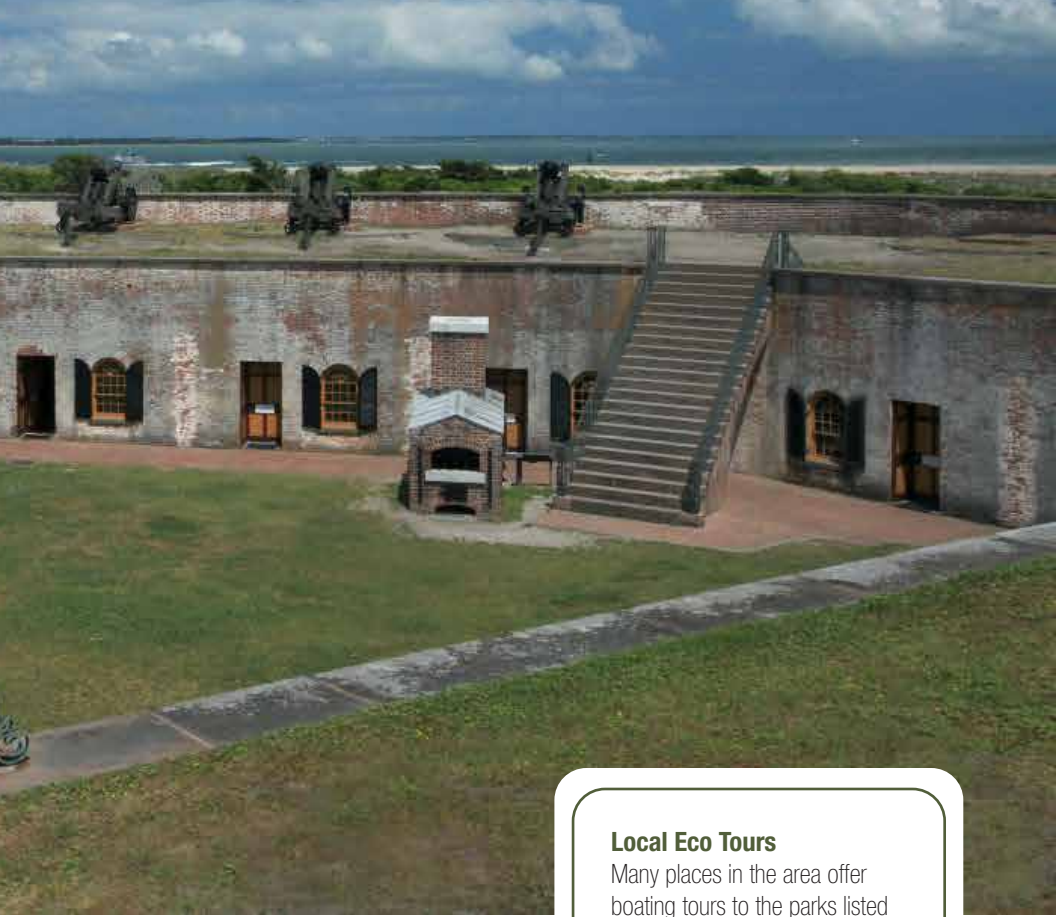
*[www.shacklefordhorses.org](http://www.shacklefordhorses.org)*

## **Hammocks Beach State Park**

Home to Bear Island - a three-mile-long, undeveloped barrier island that can be accessed by personal watercraft, the park's passenger ferry service or canoe or kayak. Primitive campsites are nestled in the dunes and are available to rent year round.

*1572 Hammocks Beach Rd  
Swansboro, NC 28584*





# LOCAL RESOURCES

The Crystal Coast is home to so many parks that are scattered throughout the surrounding towns. Many of the parks include water/beach access, areas for recreation, sports, and play areas for children. Learn more by visiting:

**Morehead City:** [moreheadcitync.org/home-parks-recreation/parks](http://moreheadcitync.org/home-parks-recreation/parks)

**Beaufort:** [www.beaufortnc.org/be-here/water-access](http://www.beaufortnc.org/be-here/water-access)

**Atlantic Beach:** [atlanticbeach-nc.com/departments/parks-recreation](http://atlanticbeach-nc.com/departments/parks-recreation)

**Emerald Isle:** [www.emeraldisle-nc.org/parks-recreation](http://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/parks-recreation)

**Newport:** [townofnewport.com](http://townofnewport.com)

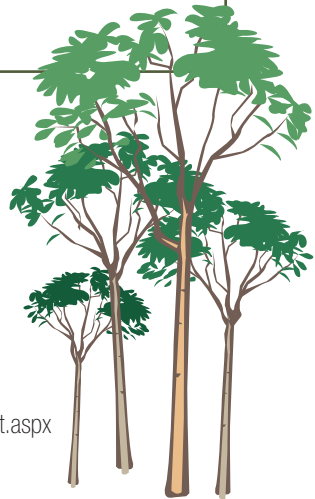
**Havelock:** [www.havelocknc.us/departments/parks-recreation](http://www.havelocknc.us/departments/parks-recreation)

**New Bern:** [newbern.recdesk.com/recdesksportal/Home/tabid/5063/Default.aspx](http://newbern.recdesk.com/recdesksportal/Home/tabid/5063/Default.aspx)

**Jacksonville:** [jacksonvillenc.gov/parks](http://jacksonvillenc.gov/parks)

## Local Eco Tours

Many places in the area offer boating tours to the parks listed or outdoor attractions that are only available by boat. These boat tours can typically be found on the waterfronts of Morehead City, Beaufort, Swansboro, and New Bern.





# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## **Saltwater Fishing**

For inshore fishing, there are free public areas and piers located in the coastal towns and on the beaches. View the complete listing at:

[www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/wheretofish](http://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/wheretofish)

For offshore fishing, there are several artificial reefs and drop offs just off the coast which can be accessed by boat.

Visit one of the many local fishing shops in the area if you interested in a guided fishing trip (both inshore and offshore available). For more affordable off shore bottom fishing, check out one of the local head boats such as the Captain Stacy (Atlantic Beach) or Carolina Princess (Morehead City).

For a weekly updated fishing report visit:

[www.chasintailsoutdoors.com](http://www.chasintailsoutdoors.com)

For state fishing regulations, including shellfish such as shrimp, crabs, oysters, and clams visit:

[portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag-limits](http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag-limits)

State licensing requirements can be found at:

[www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org)

## **Surfing · Paddle Boarding Kitesurfing · Windsurfing**

Contact the local surf shops for a surf report or check out:

[www.ablivesurf.com](http://www.ablivesurf.com) (Atlantic Beach)

[www.eilivesurf.com](http://www.eilivesurf.com) (Emerald Isle)

## **Scuba Diving and Snorkeling**

Carteret County is home to some of the most sought after diving/snorkeling sites in the country. There are several local dive centers that offer trips to these locations as well as classes for dive certification.

## **Boating · Kayaking · Sailing**

Visit Outdoor Connection on Cherry Point for rentals of paddle and sail water-craft. There are many uninhabited islands throughout the area that can only be accessed via watercraft such as Hammocks Beach State Park, Shackleford Banks, or Cape Lookout.

## **Golfing**

A local favorite is the Sound of Freedom Golf Course found right aboard MCAS Cherry Point. There are also several local courses in



the Craven and Carteret County areas which can be found by visiting:

[www.golflink.com](http://www.golflink.com)

### **Wildlife Watching**

The area is host to numerous saltwater estuaries and maritime forests rich with wildlife and marine life. There are several local boat tours of the area that include dolphin and wildlife watching.

### **Hunting**

There are public hunting areas in Carteret, Craven, Onslow, and Jones counties surrounding Cherry Point. Popular local game include deer, waterfowl, small game, and turkey. If you're interested in a guided trip, contact any local outdoors store to ask about availability. For licensing requirements and a list of public hunting lands visit:

[ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org)

### **Camping and Hiking**

There are local camping opportunities in the Croatan National Forest as well as hiking on

### **Cedar Point Tideland Trail**



the Neusiok Trail. Camping is also available at some of the local uninhabited islands and beaches. Ask local NC Wildlife authorities about these opportunities as well as rules and regulations for camping. For more information on hiking trails in the area visit:

[www.trails.com/activity.aspx?area=11066](http://www.trails.com/activity.aspx?area=11066)

### **Target Shooting and Archery**

Local gun and archery ranges are located in Hubert, Havelock, and New Bern as well as aboard Camp Lejeune. Most provide gun rentals and instruction for those who may be novice or don't own equipment.



# FESTIVALS, MUSIC & EVENTS

Carteret and Craven county are home to several festivals and events throughout the year including the Seafood Festival, Mullet Festival, Chili Festival, Mumfest, National Night Out, and several music festivals. Many areas have ongoing events and live music throughout the year such as local music around the waterfront districts of Carteret and Craven counties. Venues are typically family friendly. For information on specific events visit:

[www.nccoastchamber.com](http://www.nccoastchamber.com)

*Chamber of Commerce for Carteret County listing a number of local businesses, attractions, and community happenings*

[www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events](http://www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events)

*Additional information on attractions and businesses along with a very detailed calendar/list of local events in Carteret County*

[www.visitnewbern.com](http://www.visitnewbern.com)

*Local attractions, businesses, and happenings in the New Bern area*

[havelockchamber.org](http://havelockchamber.org)

*Chamber of Commerce for Havelock listing local events and businesses*

## **Theatre and Arts**

Several institutions exist in the area hosting live theatre events including:

- Carteret and Craven Community Colleges
- Carteret Community Theatre
- New Bern Civic Theatre

For information on local art including galleries and art exhibitions visit:

[www.artscouncilcarteret.org](http://www.artscouncilcarteret.org)

[www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org)



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## FAMILY FUN VENUES

### Atlantic Beach Town Park

Hosts a free splashpad, skateboard park, playground and miniature golf course (fees charged for mini golf).

### New Bern Aquatic Center

Features interactive water features, slides, deck and a swimming pool.

### George Street Spray Ground

Located in New Bern, this affordable and interactive splashpad will cool you down on a hot summer day!

### Big Rock Stadium

Home to the Morehead City Marlins baseball team!

### North Carolina State Fair

Held in October each year, the State Fair is a must see for families! Enjoy the finest things North Carolina has to offer from food, music (117 concerts in 2016!), competitions, and rides. For more information visit:

[www.ncstatefair.org](http://www.ncstatefair.org)

### More Resources

[www.visitnc.com](http://www.visitnc.com)

The official Travel and Tourism

website for North Carolina. North Carolina offers everything from beaches to mountains! This website offers information on many of the state's attractions as well as family friendly area attractions like waterparks, bowling, roller-skating, arcades, miniature golf, or water sports rentals.

[www.visitnewbern.com/things-to-do/family-fun](http://www.visitnewbern.com/things-to-do/family-fun)

This site provides similar information for New Bern and surrounding Craven County areas.

*Don't forget! Crystal Coast Travel and Leisure has the best available deals and discounts to either your favorite local or cross-country destinations!*

# CRAFTS, MARKETS & PRODUCE

### Beaufort

Olde Beaufort  
Farmers' Market

### Cedar Point

Salty Air Open Market  
The Market at  
Cedar Point

### Morehead City

Friendly Market  
Morehead City  
Curb Market

### New Bern

New Bern  
Farmers Market

### Newport

Garner Farm  
Newport Flea Mall  
Willis Farm

For more information on markets and produce in Carteret and Craven county visit:

[search.ams.usda.gov](http://search.ams.usda.gov)





# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## **Children's Summer Camps, Day Programs, and Afterschool Programs**

Contact MCCS Child Development Centers (CDC) at 466-5605 for excellent childcare opportunities aboard MCAS Cherry Point. All centers are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and are guided by Creative Curriculum for the age appropriate development of your child.

The area hosts several excellent summer camps specializing in outdoor activities and introducing children to local watersports such as sailing and kayaking. Most camps offer different length stays and programs or

packages as well as scholarships and financial assistance for those in need. Some local camps include Camp Seafarer and Camp Seagull, Camp Albemarle, Camp Caroline and Camp Don Lee.

Many local churches also offer Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer.

There are local summer camps, day programs and afterschool programs offered through many of the local Parks and Recreation Departments as well as the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club.

[www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)

[www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)



Both Carteret and Craven Community Colleges provide summer camps for children covering topics like science and photography.

### **Youth Sports**

Contact MCCS Youth Sports for a listing of local children's sports and activities such as soccer, martial arts, dance or gymnastics.

252-466-5493

### **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

Scouting provides excellent opportunities for young people to build character, develop personal fitness and gain experience in the responsibilities of citizenship. Find a troop in

your area:

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

[www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

### **Spiritual Activities**

Carteret, Craven, and Onslow counties host a number of churches and religious entities. For more information, contact your local Chaplain who can provide an updated list and point you towards resources for your particular faith or beliefs including those available aboard Cherry Point.

*Cape Lookout  
National Seashore*



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