



We're beaches and country. We're farm folk and fishermen.

We're surfers and land lovers.

We cherish our history and we believe in seizing the day—starting with sunrises over the Atlantic and sunsets over the Intracoastal Waterway.

We're Pender County. Come, find a treasure trove of features and article ideas.



Save the Date

NC Spot Festival, Sept. 24-25, celebrating the spot, a fish found off the Atlantic Coast, with entertainment and vendors in the heart of the Seafood Capital of the Carolinas, Hampstead.

Topsail Island NC Jeep Week—Sept. 29-Oct. 2, days of family fun with a Jeep. Sponsored by the Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce.

Autumn with Topsail—The island's largest festival featuring juried artisans with live entertainment, food and drinks. Oct. 15-16, in Topsail Beach.

Ghost Walk: Visits by Ghosts of Pender's Past— Oct. 22, in Burgaw. Take a ghost walk and hear the eerie stories and lore of the ghosts that roam the county.

NC Blueberry Festival— June 16-17, 2017, celebrating all things blueberry with jamming music, crafts, antiques, and BBQ.

Pender County Treasures

We are home to the **NC Blueberry Festival** and the **NC Spot Festival**. Agriculture and natural resources abound.

Burgaw and **Pender County** have been **filming sites** for **Hollywood** productions.

We are home to the **Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center**.

We are home to **Topsail Beach**, a national award winner for best beach nourishment programs.

We are the home to the **only National Park** in Southeastern North Carolina, **Moore's Creek National Battlefield**.

We are called the **Seafood Capital of the Carolinas**.

Rocket technology was developed on Topsail Island.

Pender County, NC

FIND YOUR TREASURE

Topsail Beach Burgaw Surf City

Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center – the largest hospital on the East Coast dedicated to the care of endangered sea turtles. This NCTIA Visitor Attraction of the Year welcomes more than 60,000 visitors a year, during limited hospital visitation hours with an all volunteer staff.

The great outdoors is Pender's playground. Topsail Beach and Surf City offer uncrowded beaches which attract sunbathers, surfers, and fishermen. With the Intracoastal Waterway, kayaking, paddle boarding, jet ski riding offer boating adventures. Anglers love the Northeast Cape Fear River, the Black River, and our creeks and streams for fishing.

Heritage is important to Pender County. Many of our **churches date back to colonial days.** **Moore's Creek National Battlefield** was the site of the first Patriots victory over Loyalists in the Revolutionary War. Topsail Island was the **birthplace of rocket technology** as missiles were assembled and developed. **Penderlea Homestead Museum** preserves the first New Deal farming community.

Pender is proud of its locally owned restaurants and shops. You won't find many cookie cutter franchises in Pender County. Most of our businesses are "moms and pops."

Suggested features:

Jean Beasley, director of the sea turtle hospital

Moore's Creek National Battlefield

The Gullah-Geechee corridor, we're the northernmost section of this national heritage trail (Poplar Grove Plantation).

Missiles and More Museum—Operation Bumblebee and WASP beginnings

Shag dancing—Surf City's club is award-winning.

Canetuck Community Center—a former Rosenwald School preserved; one of only a few to receive a Lowe's grant.

Little Hollywood—Burgaw and surrounding areas where so many films and television programs located.

Historic Burgaw Train Depot—the oldest train depot in the state.

Blueberries—We offer some of America's top growers. The NC Blueberry Festival can provide award winning recipes.



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