



Onslow County, NC

Coastal towns of Jacksonville, Richlands, Sneads Ferry, Swansboro and North Topsail Beach

Family fun adventures await in Onslow's Great Outdoors. Our coastal North Carolina location offers year-round opportunities on the water with a variety of adventures on tap. As home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, our area is steeped in military tradition and history that inspires our visitors to experience a unique and palpable sense of heartfelt patriotism that is all their own. From our rural coastal plains region, all the way out to North Topsail Beach, Sneads Ferry, and the quaint and historic waterfront town of Swansboro, unforgettable memories are made in Onslow.

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Hammocks Beach State Park, Swansboro, NC

Outdoor relaxation awaits on the wide beach between massive dunes and the ocean, interrupted only by primitive campsites and a modest picnic complex. Hammocks Beach State Park is **a true hidden gem of natural and historic wonders** at North Carolina's southern coast.

Your journey begins at the Visitor Center where the exhibits tell the story of the park's **1,500 acres**, which includes the **park's crown jewel, Bear Island**, as well as three smaller islands – Dudley, Huggins, and Jones. Bear Island is accessible via the park's passenger ferry service that runs from April through October as well as local specialty cruise operators.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy paddling and hiking trails, shelling, discovering wildlife, as well as educational programs on ecology, **endangered sea turtles**, and the history of the land.



Beach Days #OnlyInOnslow

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.

Cross over the high-rise bridge and the Intracoastal Waterway and discover the quiet relaxing vibe along the scenic shores of **North Topsail Beach**. Rent a beach house or stay at a resort – **Villa Capriani or St. Regis**. You might see an osprey, a bird species native to our area as well as the MV-22 Osprey variety from neighboring **MCB Camp Lejeune/ MCAS New River**.

Make a beach day an outdoor adventure at **Bear Island at Hammocks Beach State Park** in Swansboro. Cruise to this remote undeveloped barrier island by ferry or private charter for a day of exploration, paddling, shelling, birdwatching, or primitive camping. Enjoy unique accommodations and shopping in Swansboro's Historic Downtown District at the end of the day.



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Locally Inspired Products

Family owned and operated, **Walton's Distillery** in **Jacksonville, NC** makes craft corn whiskey and moonshine with all of the products bearing the names of owner, Don Walton's ancestors, as a lasting tribute to the hardships they endured, goals they achieved and the legacies they left.



IA second and third generation father and son partnership mans the helm of **Sneads Ferry's Riverview Café**, a waterfront landmark restaurant in business since 1946, serving fresh local seafood and the renowned Stump Sound oysters, mostly caught from the New River and the coastal waterways of Onslow County, NC.



Opening back in 2019, the **NC Products Barn @ Mike's Farm** in **Richlands, NC** is home to the largest variety of products that are produced, manufactured and crafted in the great state of North Carolina. Owners Theresa & Mike Lowe hope to soon have all 100 counties in North Carolina represented.



Specialty Cruises, Eco Tours & Marine Life Excursions

For families looking for fun things to do in Onslow, **coastal adventures await!**

- Go shrimp trawling with **Reel Livin' Fishing Charters**. See how a shrimping boat operates and take some fresh shrimp or crabs home with you!
- Enjoy bird watching at sunset with **Lady Swan Boat Tours**. Learn about local history and ecology.
- Tour an oyster farm and learn about stump sound oysters and clams with **Ghost Fleet Oyster Company**.
- Find sea treasures on a shelling cruise out to Bear Island with **Marsh Cruises or Pogie's**.



Onslow's Great Outdoors at NC's Southern Coast

Onslow is an ideal getaway for vacationing families seeking a variety of fun and unique experiences. Located just 2.5 hours from Raleigh, Onslow is also a convenient place to stay and a short drive to many regional coastal North Carolina attractions and points of interest.

- Find the sweet spots along the Intracoastal Waterway in Swansboro on a **kayak fishing excursion** with Pogie's for some tasty red drum, flounder and mullet.
- Spend an afternoon **deepwater fishing** for mackerel, snapper and tuna on a charter trip with Bad Habit Sportfishing, or aboard a shrimp and crab trawler to experience the variety of marine life in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Kayakers take peaceful paddles through the marshes of Bear Island, an undeveloped barrier island with maritime forests, endangered sea turtles and nesting shorebirds with **Paddle NC at Hammocks Beach State Park**.
- Soak in the coastal scenery, enjoy live music and a casual waterfront dining experience in **Historic Downtown Swansboro**.
- **Head inland** to the **coastal plains** town of Richlands to **Mike's Farm** for seasonal berry and pumpkin picking, southern comfort food, as well as their annual hayrides and Festival of Lights at the holidays.
- Stroll **Lejeune Memorial Gardens** in Jacksonville and develop a new appreciation for the sacrifices of our service men and women when walking the winding paths of these momentous memorials- Montford Point Marines Memorial, Vietnam Vietnams Memorial, Beirut Memorial, and the 9/11 Memorial Beam.
- **Motorcycle and bike riding enthusiasts** can feel the breeze along the open roads. scenic routes and trails – from the country to the coast.



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