

Around Sea Glass Cottage, Outer Banks

Sample plan: the host is fictional; every tip and number is genuinely researched.

Welcome to the barrier islands. From a cottage in the Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills stretch, you can walk to the ocean in minutes, drive to the birthplace of powered flight in about a quarter of an hour, and be climbing the tallest sand dune on the Atlantic coast before breakfast burns off. This guide is written for families: prices in USD, distances in miles, and honest notes about what closes, what costs nothing, and what a summer storm can change. One seasonal caution up front, because it matters here: Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 through November 30, and on the Outer Banks a passing storm can mean overwash on NC 12, ferry cancellations, lighthouse closures and, occasionally, a mandatory evacuation. Build flexibility into any August, September or October plan, and check the official links in this document the morning of your trip.

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On a rainy day

1. Wright Brothers National Memorial visitor center (Day Trips Worth the Drive), because the museum, the 1903 flyer reproduction and the ranger talks are all under a roof.
2. North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island (On a Rainy Day), because a full afternoon of sharks, otters and touch tanks needs no sunshine.
3. Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, Hatteras (On a Rainy Day), because shipwreck artifacts and a free admission policy pair perfectly with a gray sky.
4. Jockey's Ridge State Park visitor center (On a Rainy Day), because the exhibits are indoors, free, and five minutes away when a squall rolls in.

5. Outer Banks Brewing Station (Eat and Drink), because a long lunch indoors is a legitimate rain plan with children.

For summer days

- 1. Coquina Beach and the Bodie Island Lighthouse boardwalk (Free Things to Do), because it is the least crowded lifeguarded-season beach parking in the area.
- 2. Bodie Island Lighthouse climb (Day Trips Worth the Drive), because the climb season runs late April to mid October and tickets are cheap.
- 3. Jockey's Ridge sandboarding and kite flying (With Kids), because a bare dune plus steady wind is a whole afternoon.
- 4. Manteo waterfront and the Elizabethan Gardens (Day Trips Worth the Drive), because shade, ice cream and a short boardwalk beat midday heat.
- 5. Dolphin watching cruise from Manteo (With Kids), because summer is peak season for bottlenose sightings in the sound.

For fall and winter

- 1. WinterLights at the Elizabethan Gardens (Day Trips Worth the Drive), because evening light displays run on select nights from November 20 to December 29, 2026.
- 2. Wright Brothers National Memorial on December 17 (Free Things to Do), because entrance is waived on the anniversary of the first flight.
- 3. Nags Head Woods Preserve trails (Free Things to Do), because cool weather means no mosquitoes and no crowds.

1. At a Glance

Category	Name	Distance	Price	Note
Classic OBX sight	Wright Brothers National Memorial	5 to 7 miles, 10 to 15 min	\$10.00 per person age 16 and up, ages 15 and younger free	Open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, closed December 25. Card only, no cash. Source: nps.gov, as of 08/2026
Classic OBX sight	Jockey's Ridge State Park	2 to 3 miles, 5 to 8 min	Free day use	Visitor center daily 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Source: ncparks.gov, as of 08/2026
Classic OBX sight	Bodie Island Lighthouse climb	9 to 11 miles, 15 to 20 min	\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 seniors 62 plus, children 11 and under, and visitors with disabilities	Same-day tickets only, on sale 7:00 AM at recreation.gov. Source: nps.gov, as of 08/2026

Category	Name	Distance	Price	Note
Beach	Coquina Beach, Cape Hatteras National Seashore	8 to 10 miles, 15 min	Free	Big free lot, bathhouse, gentle walk to the lighthouse pond. Source: nps.gov, as of 08/2026
Family attraction	North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island	13 to 15 miles, 22 to 30 min	\$15.00 adults ages 13 to 61, \$14.00 seniors 62 plus and military, \$13.00 children ages 3 to 12, ages 2 and under free, taxes not included	Indoor, half-day, timed entry. Source: ncaquariums.com, as of 08/2026
Garden and gentle history	The Elizabethan Gardens, Manteo	11 to 13 miles, 20 to 25 min	Ticket prices via the official admissions page, children 2 and under free	February to November 19, 2026, Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed all of January. Source: elizabethangardens.org, as of 08/2026
Grocery	Food Lion, Nags Head	1 to 3 miles, 5 min	N/A	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days. Phone (252) 441-4118. Source: stores.foodlion.com, as of 08/2026
Guided experience	OBX Ghost Tours, Manteo	11 to 13 miles, 20 to 25 min	From \$23 per person, listed down from \$27	Rated 4.7 out of 5 from 41 reviews, which is below our 50-review bar. Source: getyourguide.com, as of 08/2026

2. Day Trips Worth the Drive

All distances and drive times are measured from central Nags Head, near Jockey's Ridge and the US 158 / NC 12 corridor. Add 15 to 30 minutes in July and August, when the Bypass backs up on changeover Saturdays.

Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills

The one sight nobody should skip. You stand on the flight line, read the four numbered markers of December 17, 1903, then walk up Big Kill Devil Hill to the granite monument.

- Distance and drive: 5 to 7 miles, 10 to 15 minutes north on US 158.
- Admission: \$10.00 standard entrance pass per person, valid seven days. All visitors over age 16 need a pass, including passengers, and children under 16 are free. An annual park pass is \$35.00 and admits the holder plus up to three adults. The park is self-pay at machines in the main parking lot and does not accept cash, so bring a card and your license plate number.

- Hours: open seven days a week, year-round, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The only closure is Christmas Day.
- Phone: (252) 473-2111.
- Fee-free days in 2026 include February 16, May 25, June 14, July 3 to 5, August 25, September 17, October 27 and November 11, plus two local waivers at this park only: August 19, National Aviation Day, and December 17, the flight anniversary.
- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: [nps.gov/wrbr](https://www.nps.gov/wrbr) fees and hours pages, as of 08/2026.

Bodie Island Lighthouse and Coquina Beach

Black and white horizontal bands, a marsh boardwalk full of egrets, and one of the calmest beach lots on the seashore just across NC 12.

- Distance and drive: 9 to 11 miles, 15 to 20 minutes south past Whalebone Junction.
- Admission: grounds are free. Climbing tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors 62 and older, children 11 and under, and visitors with disabilities. Tickets are sold only at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), go on sale at 7:00 AM for that same day's climbs, and cannot be bought in advance.
- Hours and season: the lighthouse is open for climbing late April to mid October 2026. Climb rules matter with children: each climber must be at least 42 inches tall, must climb unaided, weigh under 260 pounds, and children 11 and under need an adult 16 or older. Just over 200 steps, no elevator, no air conditioning.
- Weather closures: climbs are cancelled for thunder or lightning within 10 miles, when the interior heat index reaches 103°F, and during tornado warnings or waterspout sightings. Ticket holders are refunded automatically within 48 hours of a cancelled climb.
- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: [nps.gov/caha](https://www.nps.gov/caha) lighthouse climbs page, as of 08/2026.

Manteo: Fort Raleigh, The Elizabethan Gardens and the waterfront

A soft-focus day for mixed-age families: shaded garden paths, a small national historic site, then ice cream along the Shallowbag Bay boardwalk.

- Distance and drive: 11 to 13 miles, 20 to 25 minutes west on US 64.
- Admission: Fort Raleigh National Historic Site charges no entrance fee, confirm current conditions at [nps.gov/fora](https://www.nps.gov/fora) before you go. The Elizabethan Gardens charges admission by age category, published on its official tickets page. Members and children ages 2 and under are free. Last tickets sell one hour before closing and last entry is 45 minutes before closing.
- Hours: The Elizabethan Gardens is open February through November 19, 2026, Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closing at 4:00 PM daily from November 2, 2026. WinterLights runs November 20 to December 29, 2026 on select nights, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and daytime general admission is not available in that window. The Gardens close on Thanksgiving Day, December 24, December 25 and the whole of January.
- Phone: (252) 473-3234.

- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: elizabethangardens.org hours page, as of 08/2026.

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and Oregon Inlet

Cross the Marc Basnight Bridge, watch the inlet churn below, then walk the short, flat pond trail on the refuge for pelicans, herons and, in winter, snow geese.

- Distance and drive: 15 to 20 miles, 25 to 35 minutes south on NC 12.
- Admission: no entrance fee is charged for the refuge trails and parking. Confirm current access at fws.gov/refuge/pea-island, since overwash after storms occasionally closes sections of NC 12.
- Hours: refuge lands are generally open daylight hours; the visitor contact station keeps seasonal hours, check before visiting.
- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: [fws.gov](https://fws.gov/refuge) refuge pages, as of 08/2026.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Buxton

The tallest brick lighthouse in the country, with a long, beautiful drive down the seashore to reach it. Important for 2026: you cannot climb it.

- Distance and drive: 48 to 55 miles, 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 40 minutes south on NC 12, longer in summer traffic.
- Admission: the outdoor areas near the lighthouse are open 24 hours a day and free. The lighthouse will not open for climbing at all in 2026 because of the restoration project. Virtual climb experiences are offered on the park website instead.
- Hours: grounds always open; the nearby visitor center and museum keep seasonal hours, check nps.gov/caha before setting out.
- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: nps.gov/caha lighthouse climbs page, last updated August 17, 2026, as of 08/2026.

Corolla: wild horses and Currituck Beach Lighthouse

North instead of south. Pavement ends at Corolla and the Colonial Spanish Mustangs roam the beach beyond, reachable only with a licensed 4x4 tour.

- Distance and drive: 33 to 40 miles, 55 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes north on US 158 and NC 12.
- Admission: the Currituck Beach Lighthouse climb runs roughly \$10 to \$15 per climber with young children free, check before visiting at currituckbeachlighthouse.org. Wild horse tours are typically \$50 to \$70 per adult, book directly with a licensed Corolla operator.
- Hours: lighthouse climbing is seasonal, generally spring through fall in daylight hours, confirmed only on the official site.
- Map: [Open in maps](#)
- Source: currituckbeachlighthouse.org, as of 08/2026.

3. Eat and Drink

Outer Banks kitchens shift hours by season, and several close or shorten weeks in the winter. Hours below are given as ranges where we could not confirm a current official schedule; a phone call the same day is the local habit and never considered rude.

Outer Banks Brewing Station, Kill Devil Hills. A wind-powered brewpub with a proper kids' menu, and the rare OBX spot that works equally for a rainy lunch and a family dinner. Typically open daily for lunch and dinner in season, roughly 11:30 AM to 9:00 PM or later, with reduced days in deep winter, check before visiting at obbrewing.com. Address 600 S Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills. About 4 to 6 miles from Nags Head. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Sam & Omie's, Nags Head. Opened in 1937 for charter fishing crews and still the most honest breakfast on the beach road: eggs, crab cakes, hush puppies. Generally open daily for breakfast through dinner in season, with a winter closure of several weeks, check before visiting. Address 7228 S Virginia Dare Trail, Nags Head. About 2 to 4 miles. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Duck Donuts, Kitty Hawk. Made-to-order donuts, coated while you watch, which is the single most reliable way to get a family out of the house before 9:00 AM. Seasonal hours, usually opening around 7:00 AM in summer with shorter winter weeks, check before visiting at duckdonuts.com. Address 5230 N Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk. About 8 to 10 miles. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Front Porch Cafe, Kill Devil Hills. The local coffee roaster, good iced coffee, pastries and a porch. Typically 7:00 AM to mid afternoon or later depending on season, check before visiting at frontporchcafe.com. Address on N Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills. About 5 to 7 miles. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Basnight's Lone Cedar Cafe, Nags Head. Soundfront dining on the Nags Head to Manteo causeway, local fish and a sunset over the water. Dinner service most nights in season, commonly closed one weekday and closed for a winter break, reservations strongly advised, check before visiting at lonecedarcafe.com. About 3 to 5 miles. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Source for all five: each restaurant's own website, as of 08/2026. Where we list a range rather than exact hours, we could not confirm a current official schedule and you should call ahead.

4. On a Rainy Day

Wright Brothers National Memorial visitor center, Kill Devil Hills. Indoor galleries, a full-scale reproduction of the 1903 flyer, and ranger talks that hold a nine-year-old's attention. Entrance \$10.00 per person age 16 and up, ages 15 and younger free, card payment only. Open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, closed December 25. Source: nps.gov, as of 08/2026.

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Manteo. Sharks, sea turtles, otters and a shipwreck tank, plus the STAR Center for rehabilitating sea turtles. Admission is \$15.00 for adults ages 13 to 61, \$14.00 for seniors 62 and older and for military, \$13.00 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for ages 2 and under, taxes not included. Open daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with the last tickets of the day sold at 4:00 PM and last entry at 4:30 PM; the STAR Center runs 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Entry is timed and time slots do sell out, so reserve online. Address 374 Airport Road, Manteo, NC 27954. Phone (252) 475-2300. About 13 to 15 miles, 22 to 30 minutes. Source: ncaquariums.com, as of 08/2026. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, Hatteras. Shipwreck artifacts, U-boat history and the Fresnel lens story, at the far south end of the seashore. Admission is free with donations welcomed, hours are seasonal, check before visiting at graveyardoftheatlantic.com. About 60 to 68 miles, 1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 50 minutes, so save it for a full washout day. Source: graveyardoftheatlantic.com, as of 08/2026.

Jockey's Ridge State Park visitor center, Nags Head. Small but genuinely good exhibits on how the dune moves, an auditorium, and clean restrooms two miles from the cottage. Free. Open daily 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, closed Christmas Day. Phone (252) 573-6108. Source: ncparks.gov, as of 08/2026.

5. With Kids

Jockey's Ridge sandboarding and kite flying, Nags Head. Ages 4 and up. Day use is free and no permit is needed for sandboarding; a private concessionaire inside the park rents sandboards and gives kite and hang gliding lessons. Park hours in August and September are 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, dropping to 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM in October and 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM from November through February. Bring water and shoes: sand temperatures can run up to 30 degrees hotter than the air. Source: ncparks.gov, as of 08/2026. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Dune hang gliding lesson with Kitty Hawk Kites, Nags Head. Ages roughly 8 and up, weight limits apply. Beginner dune lessons on Jockey's Ridge typically run about \$100 to \$150 per person depending on the number of flights, check before visiting at kittyhawk.com. Registration is required with the park. Source: kittyhawk.com, as of 08/2026.

Dolphin watching cruise from Manteo. All ages, best for 3 and up. Two-hour narrated sound cruises listed from \$38 per person on GetYourGuide, with check-in 30 minutes before departure at the floating ticket office behind the Festival Park parking lot. Source: getyourguide.com, as of 08/2026.

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. Ages 2 to 12 especially. Touch tanks, otter enrichment and shipwreck stories, with several free daily programs included in admission. Tickets are \$13.00 for children ages 3 to 12, free for ages 2 and under, and \$15.00 for adults ages 13 to 61. Most families need about 1 to 1.5 hours, longer with add-on programs. Source: ncaquariums.com, as of 08/2026.

Bodie Island Lighthouse climb. Ages roughly 6 and up. Every climber must be at least 42 inches tall and climb the 200-plus steps unaided, and children 11 and under must be with an adult 16 or older. Tickets \$10.00 adult, \$5.00 child 11 and under, same-day only from recreation.gov starting 7:00 AM. Source: nps.gov, as of 08/2026.

6. Practical Things Nearby

Need	Name	Address	Distance	Notes
Grocery	Food Lion, Nags Head	5200 S Croatan Hwy, Nags Head, NC 27959	1 to 3 miles, 5 min	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. Phone (252) 441-4118. Deli, floral, propane, pickup. Source: stores.foodlion.com, as of 08/2026
Second grocery	Food Lion, Kill Devil Hills	1720 N Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948	6 to 8 miles, 12 to 15 min	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. Phone (252) 480-1016. Source: stores.foodlion.com, as of 08/2026
Coffee and bakery	Duck Donuts, Kitty Hawk	5230 N Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949	8 to 10 miles, 15 to 20 min	Seasonal hours, generally from 7:00 AM in summer, check before visiting at duckdonuts.com. As of 08/2026
Pharmacy	Walgreens, Kill Devil Hills (US 158 corridor)	Confirm exact street address on the official store locator at walgreens.com	5 to 8 miles, 10 to 15 min	Pharmacy counter hours differ from store hours, check before visiting. As of 08/2026
Urgent care	Outer Banks Health Urgent Care, Nags Head	S Croatan Hwy (US 158), Nags Head, confirm at locations.outerbankshealth.org	1 to 3 miles, 5 min	Walk-in hours vary by season, call ahead. For emergencies dial 911. As of 08/2026
Gas station	Multiple stations along US 158 (Croatan Hwy), Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills	Croatan Hwy between MP 10 and MP 16	1 to 6 miles, 5 to 12 min	Fill up before driving to Hatteras or Corolla; stations thin out south of Oregon Inlet. As of 08/2026

Need	Name	Address	Distance	Notes
EV charging	Public chargers around the Outer Banks Mall and US 158 commercial strip	Verify live locations and pricing in your network app (Tesla, ChargePoint, Electrify America) before arrival	1 to 5 miles, 5 to 10 min	Charging is limited on Hatteras Island, plan a round trip on one charge. As of 08/2026

7. Getting Here and Parking

Almost every guest arrives by car, and that is the right call: the Outer Banks has no rail service and no meaningful public transit between the towns.

From the north and Norfolk, take US 168 and US 158 across the Wright Memorial Bridge into Kitty Hawk, then south on the Bypass. From the west and Raleigh, take US 64 east through Columbia and Manteo, crossing the Washington Baum Bridge to Whalebone Junction. Saturday and Sunday mornings in June, July and August are changeover days, and the bridges can add 30 to 60 minutes; arriving midweek or after 4:00 PM is noticeably calmer.

If you fly, Norfolk International Airport (ORF) is the practical gateway at roughly 80 to 90 miles and 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes by rental car. Raleigh-Durham (RDU) is roughly 200 to 220 miles and 4 to 4 hours 30 minutes. Dare County Regional Airport in Manteo serves general aviation only.

Parking is straightforward and free at almost everything in this guide. Wright Brothers National Memorial has a large main lot with self-pay fee machines, so keep your license plate number handy and display the receipt on the dashboard. Jockey's Ridge has free lots at both the main access on W Carolista Drive and the Soundside access on W Soundside Road. Coquina Beach and the Bodie Island Lighthouse both have generous free national seashore lots. The aquarium has large free visitor lots, with an overflow lot in peak summer. In Manteo, park in the public lots near the waterfront and Festival Park and walk. Public beach accesses in Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills have small free lots that fill by 10:00 AM in July, so walk from the cottage when you can. Off-road beach driving requires a permit from the National Park Service and is not permitted on town beaches in season.

8. Free Things to Do

Coquina Beach. A wide, quiet national seashore beach with free parking, a bathhouse and seasonal lifeguards, directly across NC 12 from the Bodie Island Lighthouse. Grounds are open with no entrance fee. Source: nps.gov/caha, as of 08/2026. Map: [Open in maps](#)

Bodie Island Lighthouse grounds and marsh boardwalk. Free to walk the grounds and the short boardwalk over the marsh, even when the tower is closed, and the light itself is at its best in the last hour before sunset. Source: nps.gov/caha, as of 08/2026.

Jockey's Ridge State Park at sunset. There is no fee for day use, and the walk to the dune crest for sunset over Roanoke Sound is the single best free hour on the Outer Banks. Park hours run to 9:00 PM May through September, 7:00 PM in October, and 6:00 PM in November and December. Source: [nps.gov](https://nps.gov/jr), as of 08/2026.

Nags Head Woods Preserve. A maritime forest of ancient live oaks and freshwater ponds tucked behind the dune ridge, with free trails managed by The Nature Conservancy. Trail access is free, hours and trailhead parking are limited, check before visiting at nature.org. Source: nature.org, as of 08/2026.

Manteo waterfront boardwalk. Free to wander the Shallowbag Bay boardwalk, watch the shad boats and look across at the Elizabeth II, with public parking nearby and no admission needed to enjoy the harbor. Source: townofmanteo.com, as of 08/2026.

Fee-free days at Wright Brothers National Memorial. Entrance is waived nationally on February 16, May 25, June 14, July 3 to 5, August 25, September 17, October 27 and November 11, 2026, plus two dates specific to this park, August 19 and December 17. Source: nps.gov/wrbr, as of 08/2026.

9. Guided Tours and Experiences

We take no commission on anything listed here, and we never use affiliate links.

Honest result of our search: we checked GetYourGuide's Outer Banks listings first, and **no offer currently meets our quality bar of at least 4.6 out of 5 from at least 50 ratings**. The closest is OBX Ghost Tours: The Original Ghost Tour of the Outer Banks, rated 4.7 out of 5 but from only 41 reviews. The alternative ghost tour has 51 reviews but averages 4.1 out of 5, and the dolphin cruises and the clear kayak tour each have fewer than five ratings. So rather than dress up thin data, we have topped up the table with official park experiences, which are free or nearly free and run by the National Park Service and NC State Parks.

Tour	Meeting point	Price	Rating	Link
Ranger programs at Wright Brothers National Memorial (talks, flight line walks)	Visitor center, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills	Free with the \$10.00 park entrance pass, ages 15 and younger free	N/A, official NPS program, not rated	nps.gov/v/...
Bodie Island Lighthouse self-guided climb (NPS ticketed)	Base of Bodie Island Lighthouse, off NC 12 south of Whalebone Junction	\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 seniors 62 plus, children 11 and under, and visitors with disabilities	N/A, official NPS ticketed activity	recreation.gov/...
Jockey's Ridge State Park ranger and education programs	Visitor center, 300 W Carolista Drive, Nags Head	Free	N/A, official state park program	ncparks.gov/...

Tour	Meeting point	Price	Rating	Link
OBX Ghost Tours: The Original Ghost Tour of the Outer Banks (listed for transparency, below our bar)	307 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Manteo, next to the Kitty Hawk Kites Manteo store, arrive 15 minutes early	From \$23 per person, listed down from \$27	4.7 out of 5 from 41 reviews, fewer than the 50 ratings we require	getyourguide.com/...

Sources: [getyourguide.com](#) product and destination pages, [nps.gov](#), [recreation.gov](#) and [ncparks.gov](#), all as of 08/2026.

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