

BEACH BULLETIN

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Perfect for any Season

It used to be a beach vacation was synonymous with summer, but not so any longer. Most stores and restaurants now are open year-round, and more and more activities are available during different times in the year. In fact, you can give your family a special treat by vacationing on the Outer Banks for more than one different season of the year for entirely different experiences. Also, throughout the year you will find many Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates rental options for your family gatherings. For large family gatherings, Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates offers several homes big enough for non-stop togetherness for your family reunion; or, if you prefer, we can find you multiple smaller homes that are close together. The single family can enjoy a vacation stay in a comfortable condo or an inviting beach cottage. Regardless of the size of your family, you will discover each season on the Outer Banks has its own special appeal.

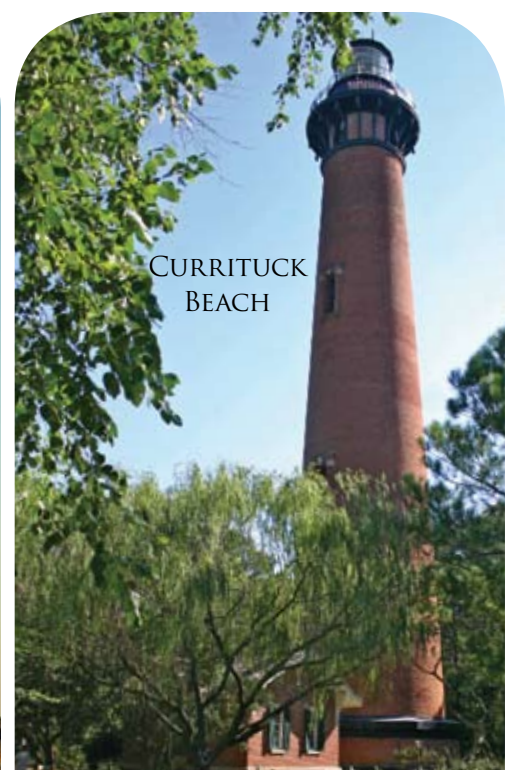
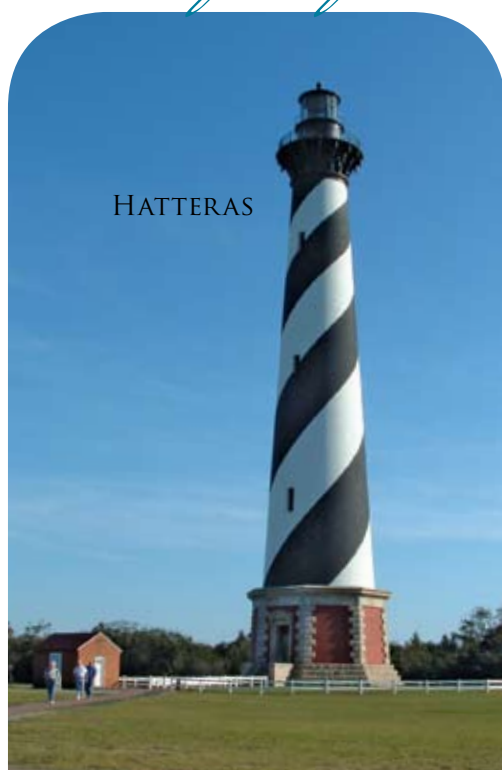
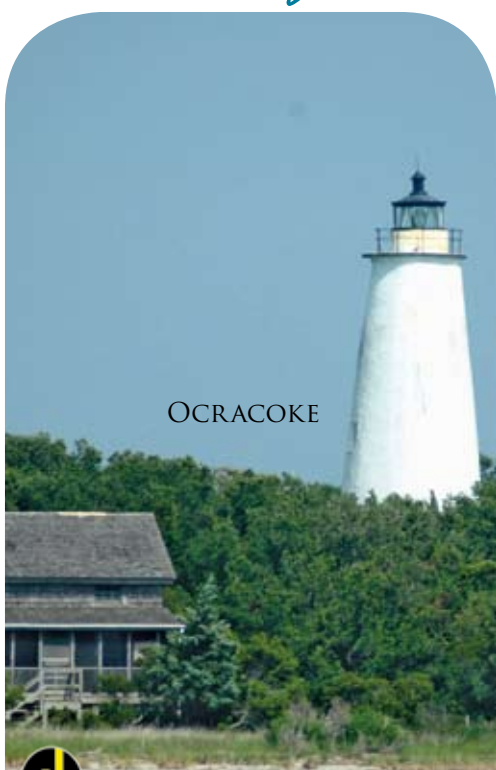
Summer

Traditionally, summer is the most active time at the beach. Many of us harbor pleasant memories of long hot days tempered by balmy ocean breezes and refreshing dips in the water. Of course, the ultimate summer experience at the Outer Banks is spending time at the beach. Here you can participate in a variety of activities. In addition to wading or swimming in the ocean, why not try surfing, body boarding, or skim boarding? You can rent a board of your choice, and you can take lessons through several local companies. For a break from the water, kids of all ages can participate in sand sculpting. Mold a giant turtle, crab, or fish as a change from the traditional sand castle. (Just remember to fill in any holes you've dug before you leave the beach.) For those with shorter attention spans, the easy drip-castle is a fast, fun way to demonstrate your sandy art skills. If you prefer to toss a Frisbee or football, or play volleyball or horseshoes on the beach, just remember to be considerate of those around you. There are also numerous activities away from the beach. Buy string and chicken necks so you can go crabbing in the sound. Travel to Wanchese, Oregon Inlet, or Pirate's Cove and watch the fishing boats off load their daily

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LIGHT UP YOUR VACATION

You can visit all four of the area's lighthouses while you are here!





Ever wonder about some of those strange looking things you find along the shores of the Outer Banks? Search the bag or bucket of sea treasures you've collected and see if you've found any of the following common beach treasures. Search the photo above and see if you can identify them. Visit our Outer Banks Beach Blog on the JL website for the guide to identify all of the items in the photo or come by the office at MP 2 in Kitty Hawk we'll see if you had a successful treasure hunt!

Mermaids Purse - This is the egg casing from a skate. It is a hard, oblong black case with two pointed appendages on each end. The appendages are usually referred to as horns, and most of the time one set of horns is longer than the other. The horns are used to help hold the egg sack in place when it is buried - at least partially - in ocean sand. The opening at one end of the sack (usually the end with the longer horns) is where the baby skate emerges from the sack.

Welch Casing - This is the egg casing from a whelk/conch. It is a long, wavy string with individual disks attached by one side to the string; these sometimes look like curvy "snakes." The shape and thickness of the disks usually indicate the type of whelk/conch that laid the eggs. One end of the string may have small, irregular disks - this is the end of the egg casing that is buried and used to anchor the eggs in the ocean sand. The disks are produced

individually, and it can take the female whelk/conch up to a week to lay a string of eggs. If you can't see through the disks, break them open - the ones that have a hole (from which the young creatures emerge) at one edge of the disk may be empty or filled with sand, but sometimes you find a disk that is still filled with miniature whelk/conch shells.

Fulgurite - This is sand that has been fused together from a powerful lightning strike. When lightning hits the sand it melts the nearby sand and forms it into various shapes. Many fulgurites will have an entry hole and will be hollow inside this tunnel where the electrical strike occurred. Most of the samples found on our beaches will be a few inches long and may resemble an unusual piece of concrete.

Horseshoe Crab - This strange looking creature, believed to have been around for millions of years, is sometimes referred to as a living fossil. Brownish in color, it has a rounded shell or carapace on its back and a long pointed tail. Underneath the shell are five pairs of legs used for walking and a small pair of pincers used for moving food toward its mouth. The Horseshoe Crab uses its long tail to steer itself in the water or to help right itself if it turns upside down. It has gills which allow it to breathe under water, and it can breathe out of the water for a short time if its gills stay wet. The Horseshoe Crab can grow up to 2 feet in length, including the tail. The female is usually larger

than the male, and, depending upon her size can lay up to 64,000 eggs! One of these arthropods can live for over 30 years. While they frequently wash ashore, it is more common to find a shell or a tail than a complete Horseshoe Crab. Even though they are called crabs, these creatures are more closely related to spiders. Horseshoe crabs are currently being used in medical research where it is hoped the study of their blue blood will result in important medical discoveries.

Operculum - This is the shell "door" that covers over the inside body of a gastropod or snail-like creature. When the gastropod withdraws into its shell the operculum closes over the shell opening as protection for the animal. While attached to the body of the marine creature this door is soft and pliable, but when it becomes separated from the shell and dries out it hardens and may become brittle. The operculum is usually oval but the shape varies according to the shell it is from. It looks like a piece of flat driftwood, or, with its concentric circles or pattern of rings, it resembles a flat disc that has been cut from a tree trunk.

While the items described in this article are usually fairly easy to find as you stroll along the beach, you will also find many other shells and natural ocean jetsam not described here. Any shell, coral, sea glass, or driftwood you save from the tide can become a treasure that represents your special time on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.



WORD SEARCH

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In the word search puzzle above, find the following words:

fun	beach	vacation	sun
ocean	sand	travel	crab
fish	kite	sea	waves

PERFECT IN ANY SEASON

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Please do not send images over 2M. They should be in .jpg format.

Or you can send your 4 x 6 photographs to
P.O. Box 1030, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

Be sure to provide your name, address,
phone number and a brief description of your entry.

Rules: Must be 18 years or older to enter. All photographs/digital images must be released for use by Joe Lamb Jr. & Associates. Entries will not be returned. All entries assume release for use by JLJ in print & web publications.



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catch. Rent a jet ski, or take a dolphin-watching tour. Drive a car at the speed-way, or set a putting record at one of numerous putt-putt courses. At the end of the day, a special place for an excellent seafood dinner is sure to be not too far away, and then you can enjoy the spectacular outside drama where you learn more about America's "lost colony."

Spring

Spring has long been the second most popular time to vacation on the Outer Banks. Warm temperatures invite people out of their houses for leisurely strolls along the beach. Flocks of pelicans and pods of dolphins are welcome sights as they glide back from their southern sojourns. Kite flying, always a favorite Outer Banks past-time, is fun for those of all ages; you can buy a kite at many local venues. Brisk spring breezes turn this activity into stunning shows of aerial acrobatics; a spectacular example of this is put on annually at the Wright Brothers Memorial. Or, how about a kayak journey? Local companies offer rentals, tours, and lessons so you can experience ocean, sound, or inlet adventures. Feeling wild? Hike the nature trails at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, The Nature Conservancy, Jockey's Ridge, or several other places that offer up-close glimpses of native wildlife. Or walk around in the North Carolina Aquarium where sharks and giant sea turtles will be just a pane of glass away, and you can enjoy interactive displays and hands-on activities. When you tire of walking, rent a bike at one of several bike shops or equipment rental stores and pedal down the many bike trails along the Outer Banks. Or plan ahead and reserve a special horse-

riding adventure. Many springtime activities cost very little yet offer such a big reward. Restaurants and stores, even those that close during the winter, open their doors in the spring and offer delicious meals and delightful shopping adventures.

Fall

For several reasons fall is a special time to visit the Outer Banks. Since days are still warm, but evenings are cool, it's almost like enjoying two seasons within one vacation. Shells and other ocean treasures are usually easier to find this time of year. The ocean itself is a real treat in fall. Its action and color can change from day to day, and the ocean gives the lucky vacationer a chance to witness its many personalities. The excitement of fishermen lining the piers or standing along the shore is catching. It's easy to get a fishing license and join in the fun – maybe you will reel in your own dinner! Don a light jacket and enjoy the panoramic view from your climb to the top of Jockey's Ridge. Tour the Wright Brothers Memorial, visit Fort Raleigh and Roanoke Island Festival Park, or meander through the Elizabethan Gardens during a time when lines aren't as long and the weather is cool enough to enjoy the outside activities at these parks. For a more traditional fall experience, and a special family gathering, schedule your visit during Thanksgiving; you will see why we give thanks for the kaleidoscope of color on our local trees and for the cornucopia of offerings at our local restaurants. Our stores offer numerous sales and opportunities for you to find bargains and unique Outer Banks gift ideas – maybe you'll be lucky enough to return home having already completed your holiday shopping!

Winter

An often overlooked seasonal treasure is a winter vacation at the beach. The ocean in its winter splendor is magnificent, and beautiful mounds of sea foam rival piles of northern snow. The beach will feel like your own special retreat as you walk along the sand with no one else in sight. As you enjoy the beauty of the waves, remember there may be special shell treasures for you to discover along the sand. There are no waiting lines at restaurants, and you can enjoy a special program or holiday extravaganza at Outer Banks Music Showcase. Unhurried shopping is available at a variety of venues from outlet stores to antiques malls. Marvel at the swans and other waterfowl at Pea Island or Bodie Island Marshes, and, of course, be sure to take your camera along – you never know when you'll see a lone heron along the sound or standing watch at the edge of an inlet. Warm up with treks through local lighthouses; these famous sentries line our coast from Duck to Hatteras. As you discover more about these famous coastal landmarks, remember the Outer Banks also boasts a rich history about pirates, Native Americans, a Freedman's Colony, and, naturally, the early days of the fishing industry and the United States Coast Guard. Winter is a nice time to tour museums, art galleries and historic sites of interest that abound here on the Outer Banks and Roanoke Island.

All of us at Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates invite you to experience more than one season of fun and beauty at the beach. Whatever season you choose we will do our best to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. Please grab a rental brochure or visit our website at www.joelambjr.com, or call one of our vacation specialists at 800-552-6257 to investigate your next Outer Banks vacation.

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It is important to note that your vacation home is owned by real people just like you. This is their home and they are welcoming you into it with the understanding that you will treat it with respect. The furnishings, décor and extras are selected and provided by the owner of the home. Some items you are used to having at home may not be here; you are welcome to make suggestions that you feel would enhance the home to others.

If you find that something is amiss please let us know as quickly as possible; it is best to call us as early in the day as possible. Most concerns that arise can be solved quickly, but keep in mind that some items require an independently contracted vendor be scheduled to look at the problem. Some items in your vacation home may be under warranty or the owner may have to be contacted to report the problem. Please be patient. It is never our intention to delay fixing or replacing an item, but please understand, some things are not always within our control.

It is our goal to be your rental agency of choice for years to come. We have been doing business on the Outer Banks for over forty years and intend to be here for generations to come. Have a great time, relax and enjoy yourself.



Photo: Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue

BEACH SAFETY

IS IMPORTANT.

Play it safe and smart and you'll leave the beach with memories of the fun filled times on the beautiful beaches of the Outer Banks. Have fun and keep your vacation a safe one!

WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING, SWIMMING IS PROHIBITED!! Do not swim in the ocean, these flags fly during dangerous conditions, which aren't always evident to the untrained eye. Familiarize yourself with rip currents, what they are and how to swim out of them. Rip currents often look like muddy rivers flowing away from shore. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the beach until you are free from the pull of the current.

- Stay 300 feet from all fishing piers while in the water.
- Flotation devices are NOT a substitute for swimming ability. Strong breezes and tide changes can cause dangerous drifting.
- Keep an eye on your children at all times!! Do not let them swim alone.
- Always face the waves and walk or wade into the water.
- Choose a beach with a Lifeguard on duty.

TO MAKE YOUR STAY FUN & RELAXING HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS:

- Apply sunscreen liberally & often. Don't forget the tops of your feet, ears, and the backs of your legs.
- Wear UV protective sunglasses.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration and heat exhaustion.
- Avoid jellyfish (most are harmless). For some, a sting can cause minor discomfort, but for some it may cause complications.
- Avoid swimming at dawn and dusk when marine life feed.



GUIDELINES FOR DOGS ON BEACHES

Duck - Dogs are allowed on the beach unleashed, but as a matter of public safety and courtesy, they should be under the watchful eye and control of the owner.

Southern Shores - Dogs are NOT allowed on the beach May 15th to September 15th. For the remainder of the year that dogs are allowed, they must be on a leash.

Kitty Hawk - Dogs are allowed on the beach 6:00 am to 9:00 am and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day (any time of day for the remainder of the year). They must be on a leash not exceeding 12 feet.

Kill Devil Hills - Between May 15 and September 15 of each year, no dogs shall be permitted on the public beach between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. unless being used to aid a handicapped person. At all other times, no dogs shall be permitted on the public beaches except upon a leash and under the control of owner or handler.

Nags Head - Dogs are allowed on the beach year round as long as they are restrained by a leash not exceeding 10 feet and held by a person who is physically able to control the animal.

Assistance dogs are allowed on all Outer Banks beaches as long as restrained by a leash.

** Please pick up and dispose of pet waste in a trash can. Please do not bury waste in the sand or throw in the ocean. Also, be sure to pick up pet waste from lawn areas around your vacation home. **



FIREWORKS

The beauty of nighttime fireworks is a spectacle of wonder, and a sure way to create a brilliant Outer Banks vacation memory. However, you need to know that the only allowed fireworks in our area are sparklers, cone fountains, illuminated torches, smoke devices, and ground displays.

North Carolina prohibits the possession and/or use of any pyrotechnics which launch or propel into the air, or which explode making a sound or "report" such as bottle rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers. Fireworks are illegal in all towns and villages here in Dare County.

If you do choose to set-off fireworks, do so away from buildings, dry fields and lawns and always while exercising extreme caution and fire prevention. Visitors love to light fireworks to commemorate their vacation at the beach with a fireworks show by the ocean. If you do make sure you take a flashlight and a bucket to fill with water. Be sure to extinguish and take the remains with you in your bucket and dispose of them properly. Never set fireworks off from or on the beach dunes or from your vacation home decks or walkways.

Always use fireworks under adult supervision and when exercising extreme caution and fire prevention. Remember to have fun and be watchful so you can enjoy your vacation here with us on the Outer Banks.



NC FISHING LICENSES

Anyone over the age of 16 visiting the Outer Banks who wishes to fish in North Carolina's coastal waters is required to purchase and carry a Coastal Recreational Fishing License or CRFL.

This means if you are on the beach surf casting or throwing a line from the shore on the sound-side you will need a license. Even if you are in a private boat on the ocean or sound, a CRFL is required.

This license can be purchased at area bait and tackle shops and at Walmart and Kmart. The area fishing piers and most charter boats have a blanket license. Keep in mind that this law has been in effect for over a year now so that means checks for licenses are being conducted and fines are being issued. The money collected is used to manage, protect, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve and/or enhance North Carolina's marine resources.

COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE

Non-Resident:	\$ 10.00 for 10 days \$ 30.00 annually
NC Resident:	\$ 5.00 for 10 days \$ 15.00 annually



Who's ready for next year?