



# Hammocks Beach State Park

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## Activities

**Education and Events:** Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about the park. To arrange a special exploration of Hammocks Beach State Park for your group or class, contact the park office.

Educational materials about Hammocks Beach State Park have been developed for grades 6-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Hammocks Beach program introduces students to the life history of sea turtles, focusing on the loggerhead sea turtle. The program's content includes information about animal adaptation, the sea turtle's lifecycle, endangered species, natural and human threats to wildlife, resource management and stewardship.

 **Camping:** Primitive campsites are located near the beach and the inlet. Fourteen family campsites accommodate six people and two tents each. Two group campsites are available to affiliated groups only. Campers must carry all provisions to the campsites from the beach or ferry dock. Due to sand migration in the channel, **the ferry schedule can change on a daily basis.** Please call the park for more information. Water and other facilities are available on the island in warm months. Fires are not permitted, and campers must remove all trash. Camping is permitted on numbered sites only and permits must be obtained from the park office on the mainland. Campsites are open year round.

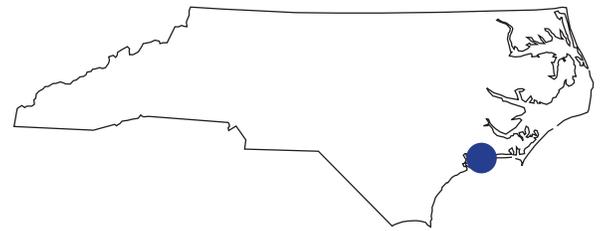
 **Picnicking:** Pack a picnic to enjoy under a covered shelter that offers respite from the sun. A concession stand provides cold drinks and snacks from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

 **Fishing:** Puppy drum, flounder, trout and blue fish are frequent catches on Bear Island. Fishing at Hammocks Beach is a favorite pastime in all seasons but is particularly good in the fall. All North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission fishing regulations are enforced.

 **Swimming:** Take a dip or catch a wave. A portion of the beach is a designated swimming area. There are lifeguards on duty in the designated swimming area most days from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

 **Boating:** The park is open even when the ferry is not operating. You can journey to the island by private boat or marine taxi. Please do not dock along the ferry pier. When traveling to the island by boat, navigate along the ferry route; boating in the inlet can be dangerous. Canoeists and kayakers may reach Bear Island by way of a designated canoe trail. A seasonal concessionaire at the park offers kayak, canoe, and stand-up paddle board tours and rentals. Please view their website at [paddlenc.com](http://paddlenc.com) or call 910.612.3297.

## Location



The mainland portion of Hammocks Beach State Park is located in Onslow County between Jacksonville and Morehead City. In Swansboro, Hammocks Beach Road, off of highway 24 leads to the park entrance adjacent to Queens Creek. From the mainland, the passenger ferry departs for Bear Island. The island is also accessible by private boat or marine taxi service.

## Park Hours

North Carolina State Parks are open every day, with the exception of Christmas Day. Park hours vary with the seasons.

Please visit the North Carolina State Park website or contact the park office for the most current information about seasonal hours, activities, alerts, camping fees, programs rules and weather.

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