

# Carolina Beach State Park

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## Activities

**Education and Events:** Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about the park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration of the park for your group or class. Educational materials about Carolina Beach State Park have been developed for grades 5-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Carolina Beach program introduces students to basic plant biology, focusing on carnivorous plants.



**Visitor Center:** In addition to the multiple educational programs offered, the park's visitor center features environmental education exhibits that focus on the diversity of the 13 different plant communities found within Carolina Beach State Park.



**Camping:** Family campsites (two accessible) are equipped with a picnic table and grill. Drinking water and restrooms with showers are nearby. The park gate is locked daily at posted closing hours. Campers cannot leave the park by vehicle after closing or before 8 a.m., except in an emergency. Two camping areas for **organized groups** are available by advance reservation only. These areas include picnic tables, grills and pit toilets. Water and shower facilities are not available. This area is accessible by foot only.



**Picnicking:** The picnic area is located near the bank of Snow's Cut, between the campground and marina. Under the shade of large oak trees, tables and grills supply all the necessities for dining. A wheelchair-accessible site is also available. Water, restrooms and parking are conveniently located nearby.



**Trails:** Six miles of trails wind through a variety of distinct habitats at Carolina Beach State Park. Relatively flat and easy to walk, the trails offer an opportunity to observe the diversity of plant and animal life in the park. Bikes and horses are not allowed on the park trails.



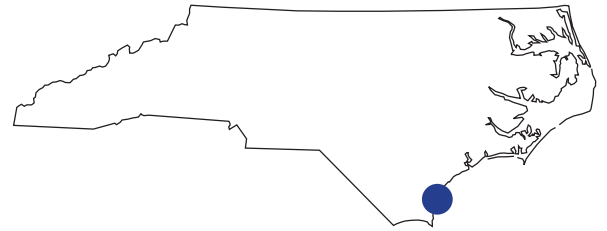
**Boating:** A 54-slip marina with two public boat ramps is located at the junction of Snow's Cut and the Cape Fear River. Fuel, snacks, and fishing and camping supplies are available at the marina store. Restrooms and a laundry room are also available. Showers are provided for boat slip renters. Please contact marina staff for fees.



**Fishing:** Fish from the river bank, the wheelchair accessible fishing deck or launch your boat at the marina. Flounder, spot, sheepshead and speckled trout are waiting. A North Carolina Coastal Recreational Fishing License is required to fish in the park.

Swimming is prohibited throughout the park due to dangerous currents and sharp drop-offs existing near the shores.

## Location



Carolina Beach State Park is located in New Hanover County along Dow Road, 10 miles south of Wilmington off N.C. 421.

## 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.

[www.ncparks.gov](http://www.ncparks.gov)

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