# The Outer Banks' Bucket List

1. Climb Cape Hatteras Lighthouse  
2. Drive America’s First Beach, 4x4 or HWY 12  
3. Visit the Wright Brother’s Memorial  
4. Eat local seafood  
5. Watch a Lost Colony performance  
6. Reel in a fish or teach someone else how  
7. Go shelling  
8. Catch a sunrise by the ocean  
9. Pull up a crab pot or shrimping net  
10. Play a round of golf or mini-golf  
11. Go Ghost Crab hunting at night  
12. Sample local Kill Devil Rum  
13. Pitch a tent at one of our NPS campsites  
14. Grab binoculars and birdwatch at Pea Island Wildlife Refuge  
15. Watch an episode of Wicked Tuna: OBX  
16. Try a new watersport  
17. Visit N.E.S.T. sea turtle exhibit at Roanoke Island Aquarium  
18. Fly a kite  
19. Make or buy beach art from funky beachfinds or in a local studio  
20. Read a novel (extra points if it’s about the OBX or from an OBX author)  
21. Take your pet to the water  
22. Tag along on a tour of the Alligator River and see a black bear  
23. Hear Red Wolves howling  
24. Set foot on the Elizabeth II ship replica at Roanoke Island Festival Park  
25. Get an aerial view of the islands in an airplane, helicopter, or biplane  
26. Spend a week in a vacation rental home  
27. Awe at a sunset over the sound  
28. Attend an apparatus Drill at Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station  
29. Step back in time to a living history site at Island Farm  
30. Get lost in the lush greenery at Elizabethan Gardens  
31. Watch *Nights in Rodanthe* and look for the famous house  
32. Take a selfie with three lighthouses: Roanoke Island, Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras  
33. Hop on a ferry for the day  
34. Enjoy a family style seafood boil  
35. Sled or run down Jockey’s Ridge sand dunes  
36. Learn about our 2,000+ shipwrecks at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum  
37. Spend happy hour on a pier or a waterside restaurant  
38. Shop boutique stores along Duck Boardwalk, Tanger Outlet Mall or other numerous shops  
39. Pick a bike path and ride your beach cruiser alongside the marshes  
40. Relax with a facial or body massage  
41. Recycle bottles, cans and bags to keep the beaches clean  
42. Sample ALL flavors of fudge & salt-water taffy  
43. Rent a jet ski or jet pack for a few hours  
44. Ride a horse alongside the shore  
45. Charter a sailboat  
46. Visit Cape Point  
47. Do yoga by the water  
48. Attend a local event, music festival or artist showcase  
49. Talk like a pirate  
50. Build a sandcastle  
51. Grill out  
52. Make an OBX music playlist  
53. Go phone free for one day  
54. Explore a new town or village...we have 15  
55. Teach someone else a new skill (ex. how to fish, fly a kite, tie a boat knot)  
56. Chill out on a hammock  
57. Take flight at the birthplace of aviation and sign up for hang gliding lessons  
58. Brush up on beach fire rules and host your own
Welcome Centers

Aycock Brown Welcome Center
Located on the bypass at Milepost 1 in Kitty Hawk (just south of Home Depot), the center provides information on attractions, events and directions. The center also offers restrooms and a picnic area. Rest areas are open 365 days a year; welcome center is open 363 (closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day), from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (877) 629-4386. The center opened in 1984, dedicated to Mr. Aycock Brown, who in 1952 became the first director of the Dare County Tourism Bureau. Adjoining this welcome center is the Icarus Monument to a Century of Flight.

Sarah Owens Welcome Center
This conveniently located center provides information on attractions, events and directions. The center also offers restrooms and a picnic area. Rest areas are open 365 days a year; welcome center is open 363 days (closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day), from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Convenient, drive-up waste-dump station available 24 hours. One Visitors Center Circle, Manteo. (877) 629-4386 or (252) 473-2138. This center is a Civil War Trail Site, at the foot of the Virginia Dare Bridge, the longest bridge in this state at 5.3 miles on Hwy 64. This facility was custom built in 2002 for welcoming our visitors and is currently home to our administrative offices. A stop here will have you marveling over the architecture, browsing our official apparel gift line, relaxing in the picnic area, or taking a stroll along the boardwalk toward the Croatan Sound.

Whalebone Welcome Center
The center provides information on attractions, events and directions. The center also offers restrooms and a picnic area. Rest areas are open 365 days a year; welcome center is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. March - December. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. (877) 629-4386. This center is the start of the Outer Banks Scenic Byway into the Cape Hatteras National Seashore where Hwy 64 meets Hwy 12. Our Visitors Bureau is in partnership with the National Park Service at this facility operating out of a small wooden kiosk structure on the grounds. NPS passport book stamp available.

U.S. Weather Bureau Station/Hatteras Welcome Center
The center provides information on attractions, events and directions. The center, built in 1901, is housed in the first U.S. Weather Bureau Station in the village of Hatteras in partnership with the National Park Service. The station played a key role in the nation’s developing meteorological network, and endured some of the worst storms of the 20th century until decommissioned in 1946. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March-November. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. 57190 Kohler Road, Hatteras Village. (877) 629-4386 or (252) 986-2203.

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