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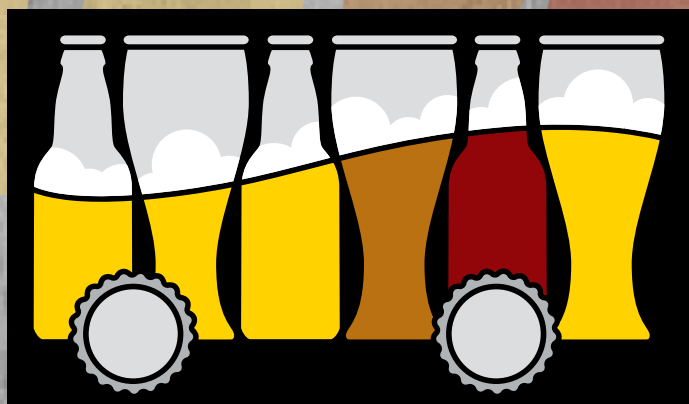
your guide to

CRAFT BEER & BREWERIES

in the Wilmington, NC Area



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**Thanks for picking up the
Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine,
and welcome to the Port City!**

From hopheads to lager lovers and every beer drinker in between, Wilmington, NC has all palates covered. Peruse these pages to discover more about our local breweries and bottle shops, as well as the region's most craft-savvy bars and restaurants.

This go-to guide is a visitor's one-stop shop for Wilmington's local beer scene, including helpful neighborhood maps and detailed info on all of our breweries and bottle shops. Visit WilmingtonAleTrail.com for more in-depth stories on our brewing community—and brewery tour information! You have uncovered the best way to navigate this town with bountiful varieties of beer.

After flipping through the *Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine*, you will be craving the nearest craft brew. We hope you find the breweries, bottle shops, and beer hot spots as welcoming and lively as our locals do. Enjoy your brewcation at the beach!

ON OUR COVER

Thank you to photographer Karen Zyp of The Cape Fear Real Estate Directory for our beautiful cover image. For more information about her services, please visit DiscoverWilmington.info.



Discover the Breweries

Wilmington has a thriving brewery community that locals and tourists alike can enjoy. Between our bustling yet quaint downtown along the Cape Fear River and our beautiful beaches on the Atlantic shore, there is plenty to see and do. Even better, Wilmington is the number one spot on the coast of North Carolina to enjoy local craft beer.

Southeastern North Carolina is home to over a dozen craft breweries. You will find that each creates great craft beer with its own unique spin—whether it is a focus on supporting the natural environment, a dedication to the science of brewing, or going all in to make beer with interesting and fun ingredients. You can find these local beers in neighborhood bottle shops and in many restaurants—but we suggest you take a brewery tour.

Tours are the best way to discover Wilmington's breweries. You can chat with the brewmaster to gain exclusive access behind-the-scenes and experience the brewing process in action. Many of the local breweries offer tours, or you can sign up with Port City Brew Bus for the most comprehensive way to experience Wilmington's beer scene!

Check Out Our Locator Maps

See pages 18-21 to find the locations of these breweries on our Brewery and Bottle Shop Locator Maps!

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Bill's Front Porch Pub and Brewery

Bill's Front Porch is one of the newest members of the Wilmington brewing scene located in Midtown. This totally renovated building provides a very unique experience with recycled wood making up practically the entire interior creating a warm, cabin-like feel. The brewpub carries a very large selection of handcrafted beers that are made on their exposed seven barrel, steam-fired system. There is a beer to satisfy almost any palate ranging from crisp lagers, to the refreshing seasonal wheats, and of course, juicy IPA's. The food menu is comprised of many options that include beer in the recipes. Everything is made fresh, including the famous fried chicken. There is a beer to pair with each item. It is a fun, family atmosphere that includes six flat screen TVs and a projector so you will never miss the big game! You can also catch live music with a monthly lineup of local artists performing on stage.



SIGNATURE BREW

Mosaic IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Oktoberfest Lager



ADDRESS

4238 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.762.6333
BillsFrontPorch.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon *Closed*
Tues-Wed 4 pm-10 pm
Thur 4 pm-11 pm
Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



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Broomtail Craft Brewery

Broomtail was born out of a love of the science and art of creating a great craft beer. It is a passion they take very seriously.

Broomtail is a friendly, *Cheers*-like brewery and tap room located just off of Market Street in Dutch Square Industrial Park. From their eight-plus unique beers on tap to specialty casks and sours, there is sure to be something every beer connoisseur will enjoy.

So saddle up and grab a Broomtail beer. They are looking forward to seeing you!



SIGNATURE BREW

Moe-Beer



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Acerbic Ecstasy IPA



ADDRESS

6404 Amsterdam Way #100
Wilmington, NC 28405

CONTACT

910.264.1369
BroomtailCraftBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Tues *Closed*
Wed 4 pm-9 pm
Thur 4 pm-9 pm
Fri 4 pm-10 pm
Sat 2 pm-10 pm
Sun 2 pm-8 pm



The Sour Barn

The Sour Barn is Broomtail Craft Brewery's new sour-aging site. Broomtail is known for the "Scientific Art and Artistic Science of Great Beer." Technical accuracy in chemistry and biology result in consistent quality and a variety of true-to-style beers. The Sour Barn ages the Broomtail beers with house cultures of bacteria and wild yeast. Come in and experience the complex flavors of house sours, as well as others from around the world.

Would you prefer an IPA, Stout, or Bière de Garde? You can always find Broomtail's clean beers on tap at The Sour Barn, so there is something for everyone! Stop by today and enjoy The Sour Barn's large tap room, barrel aging room, beer garden, food trucks, local musicians, and more!



SIGNATURE BREW

Extinction



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Efficacy



ADDRESS

7211 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411

CONTACT

910.264.1369
[Facebook.com/TheSourBarn](https://www.facebook.com/TheSourBarn)

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon *Closed*
Tues 4 pm-9 pm
Wed-Thur 4 pm-10 pm
Fri 4 pm-11 pm
Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm



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Flytrap Brewing

In the Brooklyn Arts District of Historic Downtown Wilmington, an old office building has been transformed into an excellent microbrewery. Flytrap Brewing, named after North Carolina's official carnivorous plant, the Venus Flytrap, is unique in all the right ways.

Specializing in American and Belgian-style ales, Flytrap invites you to sample their brews in a flight or to enjoy a full pour. Its walls are lined with eye-catching art from local artists, and you can find a tasty food truck parked outside every day. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, you can watch some of the area's best up-and-coming musicians perform as you relax with your favorite microbrew.



SIGNATURE BREW

Rehder's Red



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Stout



ADDRESS

319 Walnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.769.2881
FlytrapBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Thur 3 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 12 pm-12 am
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



Front Street Brewery

Front Street Brewery, Wilmington's original brewery and restaurant, was founded in May of 1995 and has been an area landmark ever since. When it comes to local brewmasters, you would be hard-pressed to find someone more skilled than Front Street's Christopher McGarvey. With five flagships available year-round, award-winning seasonal selections, and an ever-expanding Oak Aged Series, Front Street Brewery is a true beer lover's delight. They offer FREE brewery tours with beer samples at 3 pm, 3:45 pm, and 4:30 pm and a FULL menu until midnight every day of the week. Beer is also available to-go in 32oz jugs. They offer a kid's menu as well, so bring the whole family.



SIGNATURE BREW

Dram Tree Scottish Ale



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Swamp Lager Schwarzbier *or* St. Stan's Baltic Porter



ADDRESS

9 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.251.1935
FrontStreetBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week
11:30 am-12 am



NEW ANTHEM
BEER PROJECT

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New Anthem Beer Project

Nothing is off limits at New Anthem Beer Project. Taking inspiration from classics and newer styles from around the world, New Anthem Beer Project creates unique beers with familiar lines but aren't afraid to blur the boundary either. With an ever-changing, diverse lineup of fresh hoppy beers, and a menu full of modern Belgian ales and rustic farmhouse styles, you are sure to find something to please your palate. New Anthem Beer Project makes its home in a turn-of-the-century stable on Dock Street in the Historic District of downtown Wilmington.



SIGNATURE BREW

Throwing Shade IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Roadside Prophet (Chili Stout)



ADDRESS

116 Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

Brewer@NewAnthemBeer.com
NewAnthemBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon 1 pm-10 pm
Tues 1 pm-10 pm (Apr-Oct)
Closed (Nov-Mar)
Wed-Thur 1 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



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Ironclad Brewery

The Ironclad class of ships were built in Wilmington's ironically named Beery's Shipyard during the Civil War. Their CEO began his career working next generation capabilities for the Navy. The name Ironclad was selected as a remembrance of both Wilmington's history and their CEO's career.

Ironclad is both a brewery and event venue. The building, located in historic downtown Wilmington, dates back to 1925 and was painstakingly revitalized using 33 local vendors. They can accommodate large parties of over 400 people and a wide range of events are often held at Ironclad.

With an assortment of 15+ Ironclad beers on tap, the four-ounce beer tasters are very popular. Several wines, liquors, juices, and soda are available as well.



SIGNATURE BREW

BYEMAN Black IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Tropical IPA Series Cat 1 – 5



ADDRESS

115 N 2nd Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.769.0290
IroncladBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Sat 12 pm-12 am
Sun 1 pm-10 pm

Book Your Next Event at Ironclad Brewery



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Weddings, Corporate Events, Birthdays, and More for Over 400 People

IRONCLAD BREWERY AMENITIES:

- Over 11,000 square feet of space.
- Comfortably holds over 400 people.
- Two floors with large bars on each floor.
- Stage and sound system.
- High definition overhead projector with a 12-foot screen.
- The City of Wilmington's 2nd Street parking deck is directly across the street from Ironclad. The first hour is free and it only costs \$1 for each additional hour.

Ironclad Brewery is a unique event space for weddings, receptions, corporate events, and fundraisers, as well as retirement, birthday, and holiday parties. Events held at Ironclad Brewery are scheduled as either public or reserved events. A public event means the brewery remains open to customers. A reserved event is when either the 2nd floor or the entire brewery is closed to the public. A contract is required for reserved events. The venue, bartenders, tables, chairs, and glassware are all included!

Planning a great event takes a lot of time and effort, but it should not cost a lot of money! For reserved events, there is a minimum bar tab required, as the brewery will be closed to the public during the event. Event bookings are done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call 910.769.0290 and ask to speak with a manager to book your event.



Waterline Brewing Co.
Wilmington, NC

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Waterline Brewing Company

Waterline Brewing Co. brews a wide variety of well-balanced styles including a refreshing kölsch-style ale, a full-bodied red ale, a spicy and hoppy rye IPA, and a uniquely tart gose brewed with basil and sun dried tomatoes. Visit their tap room and enjoy a flight, a pint, or fill a growler to take home!

With the motto, "Brewed Under the Bridge," the brewery and tap room occupy the restored Jacobi Hardware warehouse located under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. The structure was built in the 1940s and the owners worked hard to preserve the look and feel of the original heart pine construction. There are so many reasons to visit: free brewery tours, outdoor beer garden seating with great views, free parking, special events, and live music and food trucks on weekends. Come and check it out for yourself!



SIGNATURE BREW

Kölsch



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Coffee and Cream Pale Ale



ADDRESS

721 Surry Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.557.BREW
WaterlineBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon *Closed*
Tues-Thur 2 pm-9 pm
Fri 2 pm-11 pm
Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm

Craft Beer. Gorgeous Sunsets. Historic Setting.

Come Experience Beers “Brewed Under the Bridge!”

Located just a few blocks from the heart of Downtown Wilmington, this unique brewery and entertainment venue features a variety of delicious craft beers, a well-appointed family and pet-friendly tap room, and a spacious beer garden with plenty of free parking. Take a free brewery tour, challenge your friends to one of the dozens of board or yard games, browse the art work, or simply enjoy the beautiful sunsets over the Cape Fear River. Weekly events include a Tuesday evening farmer's market, Sunday morning yoga, group bike rides, and more. Weekends are filled with live music, events, and the best food trucks! Check their Facebook page or website for weekly lineups and updates on their famous big tent events including Oktoberfest, Halloween Bash, and the annual Light the Leg Lamp Ugly Sweater Party! For the non-beer drinker, wine, cider, and meads are available.





Wilmington Brewing Company

Homegrown from a small homebrew shop to a 11,800-square-foot facility, Wilmington Brewing Company serves you fresh, local beer straight from the tank to your glass. Located right in the middle of town, Wilmington Brewing Company has a 3bbl and 25bbl brewery on site, a tasting room, and a homebrew supply store.

15 drafts are available in their tap room. Enjoy a pint, a growler, a crowler (32 oz can of beer poured and sealed on demand), or pick up a keg or a 4-pack of 16 oz. cans for your home enjoyment. Have a beer while you shop for homebrew supplies or just relax in the beer garden. Bring the family and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere at Wilmington Brewing Company!



SIGNATURE BREW

Tropical Lightning IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Blair's Breakfast Stout



ADDRESS

824 S Kerr Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.392.3315
WilmingtonBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon 3 pm-9 pm
Tues-Thur 10 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat 10 am-10 pm
Sun 12 pm-6 pm



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BREWERY

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Wrightsville Beach Brewery

Wrightsville Beach Brewery is committed to being a different kind of brewery, both in the beers they make and the impact they have in the community. Their mission is to educate their customers about environmental stewardship and contribute to local charities while also making high-quality, tasty beer.

As for the brewpub, the Masonboro Wild oysters are not to be missed and pair excellently with an Oysterman Stout. With a 20-barrel system and 40 beers on tap, they are sure to have something on draft that you will love. Order a pizza and relax under the live oaks in the beer garden or pick up a six-pack for a day on the water. Don't miss Reggae Sundays and other fun, weekly events!



SIGNATURE BREW

Kölsch Krush



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Toasted Honey Lager



ADDRESS

6201 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.256.4938
wbBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week
11 am-11 pm

DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON



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WilmingtonAleTrail.com
 to plan your tours and
 visit our local breweries
 and bottle shops!



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*to plan your tours and visit our
local breweries and bottle shops!*

Discover the Bottle Shops

Visitors to the Port City may find that Wilmington's market features beers and breweries they will never run across at home. The best place to scoop some of these up for yourself, be it limited productions or six-packs of that well-crafted IPA, is in one of our area bottle shops. Pick some up to enjoy on the back deck of your beach house or at the hotel before going out—or take some home to share with friends.

All of our bottle shops feature beers on tap and by the bottle to be enjoyed in their bars. You will find that these stores have become Wilmington locals' neighborhood watering holes, where everyone is friendly and eager to recommend the perfect craft beer for your palate. On the weekends, some offer live music and all will be more than happy to supply samples from their draft lines—or may even be hosting a brewery event in the shop. We urge you to check out our bottle shops and see what you can find!



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**108 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**
910.833.5107
BombersBevCo.com

SHOP HOURS
Mon 12 pm-10 pm
Tues-Wed 10 am-10 pm
Thur-Sat 10 am-12 am
Sun 12 pm-6 pm

“Bomber” is the popular term used in the craft beer industry describing beer packaged in a 22-fluid-ounce bottle. They loved those big beautiful bottles so much they decided to take the term on as their name. Bombers offers an extensive selection of over 500 different products such as to-go beer, 12 rotating drafts, wine, cider, and crowler or growler fills.



They are a specialty craft beer retail store and tasting room that provides customers with unique craft beer. Bombers has an outside seating area, the Beer Alley, where you can sip on a beverage in the sun. Dogs are also welcome in this establishment.



4718 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

910.502.0333

bkWilmington.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 11 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-8 pm

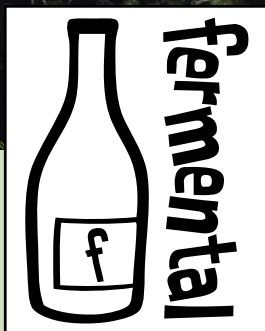
Located in a mid-century service station in Midtown, The Brewer's Kettle offers a collection of fine ales, lagers, wines, and cigars. It is a comfortable place to meet with friends and explore beers and wines with plenty of interior and exterior seating. They also feature live music, food pairings, and beer and wine tastings. The Brewer's Kettle offers rotating drafts, wines by the glass, and to-go packaging.

Enjoy the shaded pergola and courtyard where on clear evenings musicians play. Check out their Facebook page or website for all upcoming events. They are also a dog-friendly establishment.

KEEP UP WITH LOCAL BEER EVENTS

Signup to receive weekly emails about local beer events at
WilmingtonAleTrail.com.





**7250 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411**

910.821.0362

Fermental.net

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 10 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-10 pm



Located in North Wilmington along the Market Street corridor, Fermental is set inside the comfortable confines of a 1940's bungalow with a unique assortment of rooms and seating areas to peruse and/or sample their vast inventory.

The shop sells and serves an eclectic selection of craft beer and fine wine and features a large outdoor beer garden, a tasting bar with perpetually rotating draught beer selections, wines by the glass, growler fills, weekly

events, free tastings, live music, and an expansive selection of quality libations and accompanying accoutrements including imported cheeses, pickles, olives, and wine ice cream. (Yes, wine ice cream!)

Fermental also serves as one of the few local locations to rent, purchase, and order kegs for home use, special events, weddings, and more. The shop sells draught equipment and supplies as well as home brew and wine-making essentials.

Join the fine folks at Fermental every Friday evening for their weekly free wine and beer tasting at 6 pm, alongside local food trucks in the beer garden, coupled with live music, outdoor games, and more. The entertainment continues throughout the weekend with additional food vendors, brewery events, wine tastings, and other fun activities. Children and pets welcome. **Casual. Comfortable. Fermental.**





Hopsail Island's rustic bar and laid-back atmosphere make it the perfect place to unwind with friends. State-of-the-art Digital Pour menus offer a fun way to expand your knowledge with new beers or find your favorite among their 24 rotating taps. The Digital Pour app lets you access their real time draft list and keg levels. Rate your beers via Untappd and check in to their verified venue! The beer market features 125+ varieties to build six packs to go or fill up a growler and hit the road.

2660 Highway 210 E #105
Surf City, NC 28443

910.803.2325

Hopsailsland.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur

10:30 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-10 pm



The term "session" is used in the beer world to indicate a refreshing and balanced experience that allows you to have multiple beers, within a reasonable timeframe, without overwhelming your senses or reaching inappropriate levels of intoxication. Embracing this philosophy, Session Beer Market is Wilmington's newest pet-friendly bottle shop and growler station.

3604 S College Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

910.399.4576

SessionBeerMarket.com

SHOP HOURS

Sun-Mon 12 pm-9 pm

Tues-Thur 11 am-9 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm



LIKE BEER? BREW BEER? SELL BEER?
We've got you covered.

We are all about promoting, educating, and advocating. We love beer. We want to teach others about it and we want people to enjoy it responsibly.

The mission of the Cape Fear Craft Beer Alliance is to promote awareness and increase the visibility of craft beer in the Cape Fear Region through education and participation in community events.

Promote. Educate. Advocate.

Visit **www.CapeFearCraft.org** for more info



Discover the Restaurants and Bars

Wilmington has long been revered for its delicious food culture, from Southern farm-to-table cuisine to excellent French and Thai restaurants. Likewise, with the city's emphasis on craft beer, many restaurants and bars cater to the industry by carrying local brews on tap and producing menus to pair perfectly with the beers they feature.

The Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine compiles a list of great bars and restaurants to help you navigate the city's marriage of food and beer. Try any of these appetizing spots for lunch or dinner and get a taste of true Port City flavor, washed down with a pint or two from our local breweries.



**201 N Front Street, G-101
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.769.1980

PourTaproom.com

HOURS

Mon-Thur 11 am-11 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-2 am

Sun 12 pm-10 pm

Pour Taproom offers you a beer and wine festival every day. Customers have freedom to taste a large variety of craft beer and wine and pay by the ounce.

Pour Taproom is in the unique 1911 Murchison Building bank located in the heart of the downtown historic district of Wilmington. The 6,500-square-foot taproom offers 70 taps consisting of craft beer, ciders, and wines. The first level has 42 beers on tap and the second floor mezzanine level has 20 taps dedicated to Wilmington-based breweries, as well as breweries from around North Carolina. The 2-story taproom offers an assortment of beers ranging from stouts and porters to Belgians and even sour beers and ciders. Taps will rotate frequently so there will always be something new to try both locally and from world-class breweries. Find a beer you cannot leave without? Beer Hosts can fill a 32 oz crowler for you to take home. If you prefer wine, enjoy samples of rich reds and crisp whites from inside the original 120-square-foot bank vault.

Pour Taproom also serves a light food menu with locally sourced fare and you can also order from nearby fine food establishments and have food delivered straight to your table. Multiple TV's can be enjoyed throughout the space to catch the latest sporting events. Pour Taproom is a fun and relaxing place to meet up with friends, family, and co-workers to try some world-class craft beers and wines.





Moe's Original BAR B QUE

**5818 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403**

910.769.0617

MoesOriginalBBQ.com

HOURS

Sun-Thur 11 am-9 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm

Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is an easy-going BBQ joint that smokes their meats in-house. Moe's turns out a whole lot more than barbecue. Both the Shrimp Moe Boy and the smoked wings with Alabama White sauce come highly recommended, but you need to try their sides and desserts as well. The recipes have been passed down for generations and are perfect to pair with one of the 20 rotating taps.

Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is a Southern soul food revival. They serve incredible food in an atmosphere that is soulful, relaxed, spontaneous, yet civilized...well, sometimes.





**139 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.763.3377

CapeFearWineandBeer.com

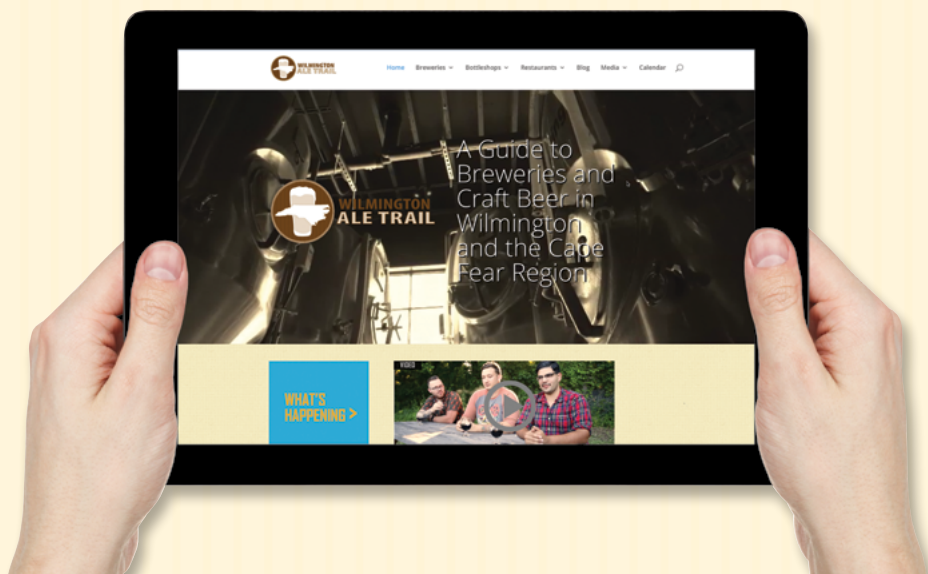
HOURS

Mon-Wed 4 pm-2 am

Thur-Sun 1 pm-2 am

- Cape Fear Wine and Beer is ranked as *Wilmington's Best Beer Bar*
- Fastest rotating draft list in the world
- All craft beer
- 300 bottles to choose from
- 30 beers on tap
- Cask ale every day
- Drink it here or take it to-go
- Cicerone certified staff
- Great selection of sours
- Outdoor seating
- Visit their website for up-to-date draft and bottle lists
- Open late every night
- Follow them on Untappd

Visit **WilmingtonAleTrail.com** to learn more about local breweries, bottle shops, restaurants, and bars. Also check out the brewery tour info, event info, and area maps.





LOCAL CRAFT

HALFWAY THERE

September 23, 2017 *Downtown Wilmington*

CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Celebrating the halfway point to Cape Fear Craft Beer Week, all participating local breweries will release new or seasonal beers in Downtown Wilmington and patrons can collect stamps on their “passport” at each participating venue.

FERMENTAL ARTS & DRAFTS

September 30, 2017 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

Enjoy some of the best, rarest, oddest, and most celebrated beers from all over in a day full of live music and a beer garden full of local artists, sculptors, and craft makers.

OKTOBERFEST

September 30, 2017 *Waterline Brewing Company*

WaterlineBrewing.com

An authentic beer tent party with music, steins, sausages, pretzels, lederhosen, and lots of beer!

WILMINGTON BEER WEEK

October 21-28, 2017 *Various Locations*

Wilmington.beer

A celebration of beer in the Port City with beer dinners, tap takeovers, gatherings, festivals, and beer—yes, plenty of beer.

VORACIOUS & RARE BEER FESTIVAL

October 27, 2017 *USS North Carolina*

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

This is an event for the true beer aficionado, someone that loves to try new things. If you're constantly searching for the latest and greatest beer — this event is for you!

LIGHTHOUSE BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

October 28, 2017 *North Waterfront Park*

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

Lighthouse Beer & Wine puts on this fantastic event once a year, always in the wonderful month of October. Mark your calendars for October 28th for the 17th Annual Beer and Wine Festival.

HALLOWEEN BASH

October 28, 2017 *Waterline Brewing Company*

WaterlineBrewing.com

Get ghoulish under the bridge with an epic Halloween costume party and concert. Great prizes and no cover!

FLYTRAP SOUR BEER SMASH

October 31, 2017 *Flytrap Brewing*

FlytrapBrewing.com

Pucker up for Flytrap Brewing's 4th Annual Halloween Sour Beer Smash on Tuesday, October 31st from 3-until! This event will feature Flytrap and guest sour beers.

BLACK FRIDAY CELEBRATION

November 24, 2017 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

An annual salute to the dark side of beers. Stouts, Porters, Quads, and more.

UGLY SWEATER “LIGHT THE LAMP” PARTY

December 2, 2017 *Waterline Brewing Company*

WaterlineBrewing.com

A traditional kickoff to the holiday season with live music, ugly sweaters, and a “major award.”

BEER EVENTS ★ ★

GREAT GATSBY BREW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31, 2017 *Waterline Brewing Company*
WaterlineBrewing.com

Celebrate New Year's roaring 1920's style with live music, bootlegged beer, and a not so secret "Speakeasy Room."

ULTIMATE BREWING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 23, 2018 *TBD*
CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Cape Fear area breweries will go head-to-head in the 2nd Annual Ultimate Brewing Championship. This will be the official Cape Fear Craft Beer Week kickoff party.

CAPE FEAR CRAFT BEER WEEK

March 23-April 1, 2018 *Various Locations*
CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Celebrates the Cape Fear's thriving craft beer culture through a ten-day celebration that attracts beer tourism and serves as a showcase for the area's breweries, bottle shops, restaurants, and craft-centric businesses.

PORT CITY PLUNDER

March 24, 2018 *Front Street Brewery*

We are happy to announce the next generation of friendly competition in the fermentation arts in the Lower Cape Fear region, brought to you by the Wort City Brewers homebrew club, Front Street Brewery, and the Cape Fear Craft Beer Alliance.

CAPE FEAR CRAFT AND CUISINE

March 31, 2018 *Airlie Gardens*
CapeFearCraftandCuisine.com

20 local chefs with their best cuisine paired with 20 breweries and their best offering, showcasing the capabilities of food and beer together.

WILMINGTON BREWERY SHOWCASE

April 14, 2018 *Audi Cape Fear*
LighthouseBeerandWine.com

Highlighting the great comradery and relationships amongst our soon to be 12+ current local breweries while allowing the community to see their best creations.

BLOOM BOOM

April 22, 2018 *Flytrap Brewing*
FlytrapBrewing.com

A celebration of the blooming of flytraps, Earth Day, and NC Beer Month! The all day event will be filled with beer releases, a local market, music, and food trucks.

BOMBERS BEER FEST ON THE RIVER

June 16, 2018 *Pier 33*
BombersBevCo.com

Breweries and beer enthusiasts from across the region will gather on Saturday afternoon for a sampling of craft beers of all styles and tastes and a whole lotta fun!

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Visit our website, WilmingtonAleTrail.com, to learn more about these and *ALL* of the events taking place in the Wilmington area!

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