

# FAMILY FUN in NORTH CAROLINA

*Prepared by the Cypress Landing Culture & Education Committee  
September, 2014*

The following list is comprised of suggestions from Cypress Landing residents. It in no way attempts to be complete. For more family activities, go to [www.visitnc.com/kids-family](http://www.visitnc.com/kids-family) and see what the state of North Carolina has to offer. Also visit <http://www.familydaysout.com/kids-things-to-do-usa/27817/> for state wide events and activities.



## Beaufort County

**Aurora Fossil Museum**, Aurora, NC – learn more about prehistoric life, collections of minerals and gems, informative video, search for shark remains, donations welcome  
<http://www.visitnc.com/listing/aurora-fossil-museum>

**Cotton Patch Landing on Blounts Creek**, 2018 Cotton Patch Rd, Chocowinity, NC – kayak and boat rentals, deep water ramp, (252-946-8226) <http://www.cottonpatchlanding.com>

**Extreme Action Park**, Chocowinity, NC – roller skating center, go karts, private parties, game room, snack bar & grill <http://www.extremeactionpark.net/>

**Goose Creek State Park**, 2190 Camp Leach Rd, Washington, NC – a primitive camping area, picnic sites, swim beach, and hiking and paddling trails offer a variety of ways to savor the tranquil surroundings of the park, (252-923-2191) <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/gocr/main.php>

**Inner Banks Outfitters**, Washington, NC – kayak and bike rentals  
<http://www.innerbanksoutfitters.com/>

**Kids Classes, Lessons, and Camps**, Washington, NC – check schedule for local offerings  
<http://www.activitytree.com/kids-classes-lessons-and-camps/all/north-carolina/washington/27889/>

**Little Washington Sailing Club**, Washington, NC – fundamentals of sailing for children  
<http://littlewashingtonsailingclub.org/>

**North Carolina Estuarium**, Washington, NC – over 200 exhibits describe our vital estuaries and coastal rivers, including: aquariums with crabs, alligators, and other estuarine life - River Roving tours of Pamlico-Tar River, April thru October, Wednesdays through Saturdays, passengers must be at least 6 years old, (252-948-0000) <http://www.littlewashingtonnc.com/venue/north-carolina-estuarium>

**Pond Fishing for Catfish**, Rt 17 South and right turn onto Wilmar Rd – small fee to fish for catfish, limited/by appt only, call Rusty Woolard for more information, (252-244-1349)

**Veteran's Bridge**, Cypress Landing, NC – fish for bass and crappie

## Surrounding Counties



**Bladez On Ice**, 104 Red Banks Rd. Greenville, NC – public skating time, fees and skate rentals, private parties can be arranged, (252-353-8888)

**Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center**, 2900 NC Hwy 125 South, Williamston, N.C. – horse shows, tractor pulls, and concerts, (252-792-8502) [www.agr.state.nc.us](http://www.agr.state.nc.us).

**Calvary Horse Stables**, NC Highway 33, Grimesland, NC – horseback riding, (252-814-1779)

**Carolina Mudcats Baseball**, Zebulon, NC - minor league baseball team, fireworks on select nights, some Sunday afternoon games, Box Office, (919-269-2287) <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t249>

**Celestine Ridge Alpacas**, 1913 NC HWY 121, Greenville, NC - Alpaca Farm Tours with a *Make and Take* Craft, schedule *personal tours*, (252-717-3311/ 252 -753-5751) [www.celestineridgealpacas.com](http://www.celestineridgealpacas.com)

**Country Doctor Museum**, 6642 Peele Road, Bailey, NC – learn about history of rural health care in US, Tuesdays thru Saturdays, admission fee, (252-235-4165) [www.countrydoctormuseum.org](http://www.countrydoctormuseum.org)

**Deadwood Western Theme Park**, 2302 Eds Grocery Rd, Williamston, NC - restaurant, train ride, roller coaster, playground, horse carousel, miniature golf, arcade room, and ice cream parlor, 6pm-2am on Fridays & Saturdays, 1-10pm on Sundays, (252-792-8516) [www.deadwoodnc.com](http://www.deadwoodnc.com)

**Harker's Island Visitor's Center**, eastern end of Harker's Island - park headquarters contains exhibits of local area, kids' corner, park film, and picnic area  
<http://www.nps.gov/calop/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm>

**Historic Bath**, Visitor's Center in Bath, NC - film about John Lawson and Blackbeard the Pirate, plus historic homes by scenic waterfront, (252-923-3971) [www.nchistoricsites.org/bath](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bath)

**Manteo Island**, Manteo, NC – Island Farm model, Lost Colony presentation, Elizabethan Gardens, NC Aquarium, Roanoke Island Festival Park with 18<sup>th</sup> century ship replica, lighthouse  
[www.outerbanks.com/manteo](http://www.outerbanks.com/manteo)

**Marbles Kids Museum**, 201 E Hargett St, Raleigh, NC 27601 - museum inspires imagination, discovery and learning through extraordinary adventures in play and larger-than-life IMAX experiences, admission fee, (919-834-4040) [www.marblekidsmuseum.org](http://www.marblekidsmuseum.org)

**North Carolina Aquariums** [www.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.com)

Roanoke Island, Manteo NC, (800-832-3474 ext 4) admission fee

Pine Knoll Shores, NC, (800-832-3474 ext 3) admission fee

Jennette's Pier, Nags Head, NC, (800-832-3474 ext 6) small aquarium, gift shop, fee to pier fish

**North Carolina Maritime Museum**, Beaufort, NC –exhibits relating to NC coastal life and history, donations welcome, check website for information on Junior Sailing Program and Summer Science School, (252-728-7317) [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com)

**North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**, 11 W Jones St, Raleigh, NC - permanent and special exhibits, live programs and educational film, (919-707-9800) <http://naturalsciences.org/visitor-info>

**Plymouth**, Plymouth, NC – Maritime Museum, Roanoke River Lighthouse, Ironsides replica, Rail Switch Nature Trail [www.visitplymouthnc.com](http://www.visitplymouthnc.com)

**Somerset Plantation**, Creswell, NC – historic site providing a realistic view of 19<sup>th</sup> century life on a NC plantation, Tuesdays thru Saturdays, free, (252-797-4560) <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset>

**Sylvan Heights Bird Park**, Scotland Neck, NC – a non-profit organization, and home to over 2,000 ducks, geese, swans, and other exotic birds from around the world, admission fee, (252-826-3186) [www.shwpark.com](http://www.shwpark.com)

**Tryon Palace**, New Bern, NC – Governor’s Palace, NC History Center, gardens, other historic buildings, changing exhibits, admission fee, (800-767-1560) [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org)

**The Painted Peacock**, Arlington Village, 631 Red Banks Rd, Greenville, NC – paint your own pottery <http://www.thepaintedpeacocknc.com>

**Wright Brothers National Memorial**, Kill Devil Hills, NC – visitor’s center contains exhibits and artifacts on the Wright Brothers, climb Big Kill Devil Hill, (252-473-2111) [www.nps.gov/wrbr](http://www.nps.gov/wrbr)



### **At the Beach**

**Cape Lookout National Seashore**, Crystal Coast, NC - climb lighthouse for a fee, chance to view wild horses on Schackleford Banks, ferry service to seashore from Harker’s Island <http://www.nps.gov/caloc/planyourvisit/ferry.htm>

**Fort Macon State Park**, Atlantic Beach, NC – guided tour of Civil War fort, swimming, fishing, hiking and picnicking, (252-726-3775) [www.ncparks.gov/visit/parks/foma/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/visit/parks/foma/main.php)

**Hammocks Beach State Park**, Swansboro, NC – venture to Bear Island to experience one of the most unspoiled beaches on Atlantic coast, “in-season” concession stand, lifeguards, & bath houses, accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat, (910-326-4881) [www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/habe/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/habe/main.php)

**Jennette’s Pier**, Nags Head, NC – pier fishing for a fee, accessible to beach, bathhouses/rest rooms available, (800-832-3474 ext 6) [www.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.com)

**Jockey’s Ridge State Park**, Nags Head, NC – largest natural sand dune on the east coast, self guided hiking trails, hang gliding, sand boarding, kite flying <http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/jori/main.php>