



Coastal towns of Jacksonville, Richlands, Sneads Ferry, Swansboro and North Topsail Beach

Family fun adventures await in Onslow's Great Outdoors. Our coastal North Carolina location makes being out on the water nearly a year-round opportunity with a variety of adventures on tap. As home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, our area is steeped in military tradition and history that inspires our visitors to experience a unique and palpable sense of heartfelt patriotism that is all their own. From our rural coastal plains region, all the way out to North Topsail Beach, Sneads Ferry, and the quaint and historic waterfront town of Swansboro, unforgettable memories are made in Onslow.

Specialty Cruises, Eco Tours & Marine Life Excursions



For families looking for fun things to do in Onslow, **coastal adventures await!**

- Go shrimp trawling with **Reel Livin' Fishing Charters**. See how a shrimping boat operates and take some fresh shrimp or crabs home with you!
- Enjoy bird watching at sunset with **Lady Swan Boat Tours**. Learn about local history and ecology.
- Tour an oyster farm and learn about stump sound oysters and clams with Topsail Intracoastal Adventures **or Hold Fast Oyster Co.**
- Find sea treasures on a shelling cruise out to Bear Island with **Marsh Cruises or Pogie's**.

Onslow's Great Outdoors at NC's Southern Coast

- Spend an afternoon **deepwater fishing** for mackerel, snapper and tuna on a charter trip with Bad Habit Sportfishing.
- Kayakers take peaceful paddles through the marshes of Bear Island, an undeveloped barrier island with maritime forests, endangered sea turtles and nesting shorebirds with **Paddle NC at Hammocks Beach State Park**.
- Soak in the coastal scenery, enjoy live music and a casual waterfront dining experience in **Historic Downtown Swansboro**.
- **Head inland** to the **coastal plains** town of Richlands to **Mike's Farm** for seasonal berry and pumpkin picking, southern comfort food, as well as their annual hayrides and Festival of Lights at the holidays.
- Stroll **Lejeune Memorial Gardens** in Jacksonville and develop a new appreciation for the sacrifices of our service men and women and when walking the winding paths.





Onslow County just launched its Hushpuppy Trail in September 2026. Of course we mean the Southern staple of deep-fried, savory cornmeal batter that make a hushpuppy. Explore our **14-stop Hushpuppy Trail** to discover the origin, legend, and unique local history behind this iconic food. After your tour, rate your favorite stops on our website and enter our survey for a chance to win!

- **Jacksonville** - Angie's Restaurant, Baker's Restaurant, Cajun Seafood, Helen's Kitchen, JoeDeddy's Bar & Grill, Marina Cafe, and Thig's BBQ
- **Swanboro Area** - Preston's Corner, Jordan's Smokehouse & Seafood, and Sandridge Diner
- **Sneads Ferry Area** - Riverview Cafe, Madison's Prime Rib & Seafood, Seaview Restaurant and Smoky Tony's BBQ

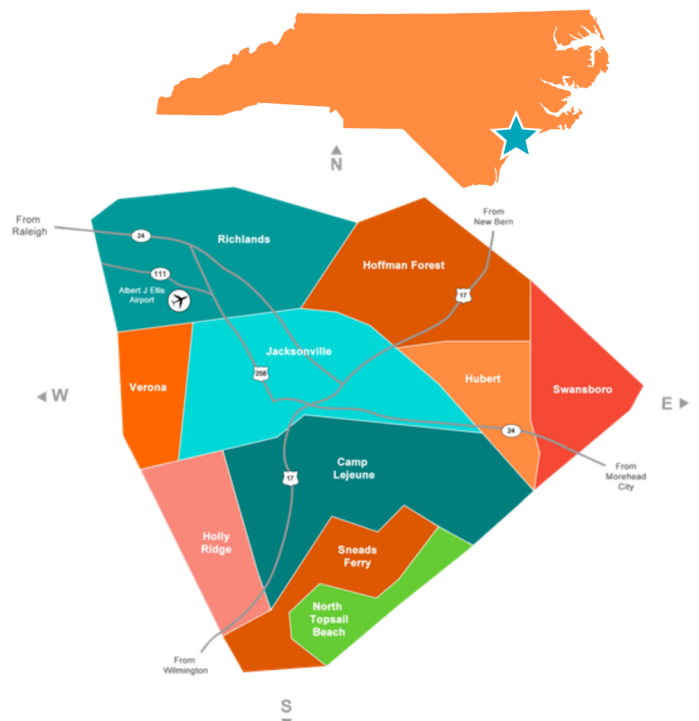
New Openings and Renovations In Onslow

- **Mike's Farm Market** in Richlands, NC featuring fresh produce and homemade ice cream with seasonal rotation flavors like apple cider donuts, maple bacon, and apple butter cheesecake.
- **The Social 1931** is a cozy, historic-inspired spot located at 105 Front Street in downtown historic Swansboro. Modeled after a classic 1930s Italian caffè, it operates as a laid-back daytime coffee shop serving espresso and light pastries before transitioning into an atmospheric evening lounge. In the evenings, it features specialty craft cocktails and an extensive bourbon selection.
- **Topsail Island Brewing** (located at 514 Pete's Way in Sneads Ferry) offers a laid-back, family-friendly venue combining fresh craft beer with outdoor fun. The spacious grounds feature an outdoor putt-putt mini-golf area, giving guests of all ages a chance to play a round while enjoying local brews, live music, and food.
- **Big Branch Bike Park** (located off NW Corridor Boulevard in Jacksonville) is a premier outdoor recreation destination designed for mountain biking enthusiasts and trail runners. Built along coastal bluffs overlooking the New River, the park features professionally designed, singletrack flow trails, banked turns, and natural elevation changes tailored for riders of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced cyclists.



Onslow County's Beaches

Onslow County offers 15+ miles of gorgeous, uncrowded coastline, perfect for relaxing, fishing, and watersports. Discover the quiet vibe of North Topsail Beach with its rental houses and resorts (Villa Capriani/St. Regis), where you might spot both the bird and aircraft Ospreys. For a true outdoor adventure, visit Bear Island at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. This undeveloped barrier island is accessible by ferry/charter and offers shelling, paddling, and primitive camping.



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