



Swansboro and the Crystal Coast are special places for those of us who live here. We actually enjoy having visitors, so welcome to our paradise. This is the time of year to enjoy our beaches. Coming to Swansboro lets you relax by the water but also be close to many activities and shopping. My brochure raises as many questions as it answers so visit my online site for more information and pictures.

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Anything on the map is a favorite local spot. The best seafood is usually what you cook at home, and we get ours from Clyde Phillip's Seafood between the Highway 24 bridges and often add local produce from Winberry's.

A few words are in order on my restaurant suggestions. We try to regularly visit restaurants in the area. If we visit a restaurant on the list and have a meal that we don't feel is up to the standards that we have set for own enjoyment, I will take the restaurant off the list.

Some restaurants I drop from the list because we just haven't eaten there in a long time. The food may be okay, but for us not to eat there in a year, it likely means the last meal we had there was less than memorable, or we didn't feel that the food was a good value. We like good food, but we are more likely to cook it at home than try a restaurant that disappointed us the last time we ate there.

My two top ranked restaurants are listed below

1. *Riverside Steak & Seafood, Swansboro*
2. *Nicky's of Swansboro*

Things to do this week

1. Catch a fish from the surf or pier
2. Kayak some area waters
3. Visit Tideland Gallery-Swansboro
4. Taste a Sweet Spot ice cream cone
5. Hike the Emerald Woods Trail
6. Find Otway Burns' statue
7. Trek across the Point's new sand
8. Enjoy a Swanfest Sunday night concert in Swansboro
9. Get a massage from a local expert
10. Eat some Methodist Peanuts
11. Cook some local shrimp-none better
12. Eat on the deck at Nicky's
13. Find some fun at the Aquarium
14. Visit Beaufort's Maritime Museum
15. Have a cheese steak at Trattoria
16. Visit Mac Daddy's Arcade
17. Find out what heads on or off means- Clyde's between the bridges is the spot.
18. Watch for turtle nests on the beach
19. Do a bike ride on EI's new trails
20. Lose yourself in a summer book
21. Eat a fresh local tomato sandwich
22. Walk Bogue Inlet Pier to see what is biting and get a great view
23. Find Third St. Beach
24. Taste a Bogue Sound Watermelon
25. Take a nap on the beach
26. Plan to come back for the Mullet Festival on Oct 8-9 in Swansboro

Some area restaurants to try

1. Riverside Steak & Seafood for the best grouper entrees- the best spot here
2. Yana's in Swansboro for a great breakfast or lunch, expect a line
3. Trattoria- by bridge for Pizza & Italian
4. Rucker John's for a very good salad, and a variety of entrees w/atmosphere
5. Nicky's in Swansboro for fresh fish
6. El Zarape for quick Mexican
7. Fairway on Hwy 58 in Cape Carteret—go early for dinner
8. Chowdaheads for Smitty's Big Fish
9. Beaufort Grocery for interesting food
10. Front Street Beaufort for fine food
11. Smithfield's, MHC, barbecue & chicken
12. Spouter's Inn in Beaufort-consistent
13. T&Ws Oyster Bar for Oysters
14. Las fincas- good Mexican, Swansboro
15. Duck's Grille & Bar for food by the water in Swansboro- visit by boat
16. Andy's in Swansboro -Great burgers and fast food (Andy's in EI can be very slow in the summer)
17. Firehouse Subs Jacksonville-great subs
18. Moore's, New Bern- best area barbecue
19. Michaelangelos- three local spots-quick pizza
20. Tsunami Buffet in Morehead City for a good Mongolian barbecue & Sushi

*Welcome to Emerald Isle
It's mid August & water time is precious!*



Some rain has recently fallen along the White Oak River, Bogue Sound, and the beaches of Emerald Isle, but if you bring some showers with you, we will not complain. We will just hope that there will be only blue skies during the day for your visit along NC's Southern Outer Banks.

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