

NC PIERS



Bogue Inlet Pier

North Carolina's piers are stalwart landmarks for families and fishermen. Cast a line, take a stroll, breathe in the salty air — and order that ice cream cone. This is your official NC pier bucket list.

- OCEANANA PIER**, Atlantic Beach
Built in 1959
700 East Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
(252) 726-0863, oceanana.com
The Barnacle Bar at the end of the nearly 1,000-foot-long pier lures more than just fishermen. Order a frozen Painkiller and settle in for live music.
- AVON FISHING PIER**, Avon
Built in 1963
41001 NC Highway 12
Avon, NC 27915
(252) 995-5480
The weather-scarred wooden pier in Avon juts out 665 feet from Hatteras Island and is known for its excellent red drum fishing.
- BOGUE INLET FISHING PIER**, Emerald Isle
Built in 1960; rebuilt in 1984, 1997, 2012
100 Bogue Inlet Drive
Emerald Isle, NC 28594
(252) 354-2919, bogueinletpier.com
Fish for Spanish or king mackerel, or grab an ice cream cone from the on-site convenience store and post up on top of the observation deck to watch the action.
- HOLDEN BEACH FISHING PIER**, Holden Beach
Built in 1960
441 Ocean Boulevard West
Holden Beach, NC 28462
(910) 842-6483
Browse the beach shop and watch as the setting sun fills the sky with color.
- KITTY HAWK PIER**, Kitty Hawk
Built in 1953; rebuilt in 2008
5353 North Virginia Dare Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 261-1290
The pier house often hosts weddings, but for simpler pleasures, it's an excellent spot to watch the sunrise.
- KURE BEACH FISHING PIER**, Kure Beach
Built in 1923; rebuilt in 1955, 1984, 1996
100 Atlantic Avenue
Kure Beach, NC 28449
(910) 458-5524, kurepier.com
The oldest pier on the Atlantic Coast is open 24 hours a day in the summer, so people come to fish, stroll, and hang out around the clock.
- JENNETTE'S PIER**, Nags Head
Built in 1939; rebuilt in 1945, 2011
7223 South Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27959
(252) 255-1501, jennettespier.net
At this eco-friendly educational center, explore aquarium exhibits, learn about renewable energy, and, of course, learn how to fish.
- NAGS HEAD FISHING PIER**, Nags Head
Built in 1947
3335 South Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27959
(252) 441-5141, nagsheadpier.com
Catch a fish and the Pier House Restaurant will cook it — fried, grilled, or blackened — and then serve it to you on a plate piled with French fries, slaw, and hush puppies.
- SEAVIEW FISHING PIER**, North Topsail Beach
Built in 1982; rebuilt in 1999
124 Fishing Pier Lane
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460
(910) 328-3172
At more than 1,000 feet, this pier is one of the longest in North Carolina. At one end, it offers king mackerel fishing; at the other, a memorable cheeseburger.
- OAK ISLAND PIER**, Oak Island
Built in 1955; rebuilt in 1972, 1992, 2019
705 Ocean Drive
Oak Island, NC 28465
(910) 933-6161, oakislandpier.com
At 27 feet above the sea, this is the tallest pier in the state. Take a stroll to the end and wonder at the views of Oak Island.
- OCEAN CREST FISHING PIER**, Oak Island
Built in 1955
1409 East Beach Drive
Oak Island, NC 28465
(910) 278-6674, ocpier.com
Drop a line or relax beneath the shady gazebo at the end of this pier, which often hosts fishing tournaments.
- OCEAN ISLE BEACH PIER**, Ocean Isle Beach
Built in 1957
1 West First Street
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
(910) 579-3095, oibpier.com
Be sure to order a cheeseburger at The Pier Grill, then grab an ice cream or a beer from the small shop to enjoy in "the backyard."
- RODANTHE PIER**, Rodanthe
Built in 1960
24251 Atlantic Drive
Rodanthe, NC 27968
(252) 987-0030, rodanthepierllc.com
Go fishing, look for sea life, hang out in the game room with a cold drink, or simply take in the view of the coast.
- SUNSET BEACH FISHING PIER**, Sunset Beach
Built in 1960; rebuilt in 1976
101 West Main Street
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
(910) 579-6630, sunsetbeachpier.com
In 1864, Vesta, a Confederate blockade runner, ran out of fuel and then ran aground. This pier was built over the sunken ship hull.
- SURF CITY OCEAN PIER**, Surf City
Built in 1951; rebuilt in 1974, 1996
112 South Shore Drive
Surf City, NC 28445
(910) 328-3521, surfcityoceanpier.com
This wooden structure offers ocean views above and a different kind of beauty below — almost like a cathedral.
- JOLLY ROGER INN & PIER**, Topsail Beach
Built in 1954
803 Ocean Boulevard
Topsail Beach, NC 28445
(910) 328-4616, thejollyroger.com
This pier opens up early so that fishermen can get a weather update and a bag of breakfast sandwiches to go.
- CRYSTAL PIER**, Wrightsville Beach
Built in 1939; rebuilt in 1955
703 South Lumina Avenue
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
(910) 256-5551, oceanicrestaurant.com
At the adjoining Oceanic restaurant, tables overlook the sand and sunbathers below.
- JOHNNIE MERCERS FISHING PIER**, Wrightsville Beach
Built in 1937; rebuilt in 1955, 2002
23 East Salisbury Street
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
(910) 256-2743, johnniemercersfishingpier.com
This solid-concrete pier — unusual on the Carolina coast — is a favorite fishing spot year-round.