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WELCOME TO PENDER COUNTY, NC

We invite you to discover Pender County and Topsail Island, a land rich in natural resources and history. From pirate lore to Patriot victory, and beaches to blueberries, Pender is a treasure trove of gems to explore. We invite you to Find Your Treasure in Pender County.



Burgaw



Topsail Pier



FIND YOUR TREASURE

Pender County and Topsail Island is a vacation playground of water sports and beaches. Explore the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and our inlets, where pirates such as Blackbeard once lurked for treasure. Fish the Northeast Cape Fear River and the Black River or launch a canoe at Moores Creek National Battlefield, Southeastern North Carolina's only national park, the Revolutionary War site of the Patriot's first victory against the Loyalists. Our attractions are gems in our treasure chest of activities. Visit the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle

Rescue and Rehabilitation Center where sick and injured sea turtles are nursed back to health. Visit Missiles and More Museum, where rocket and guided missile technology were developed in the historic Assembly Building. Don't miss Moores Creek National Battlefield, Southeastern North Carolina's only national park, the Revolutionary War site of the Patriot's first victory against the Loyalists.



BEACH & FISHING

Pender County and Topsail Island is the perfect location to catch a wave, swim in the surf, or just relax on the beach. If your treasure is a secret fishing hole, we have wonderful pier and deep sea fishing, as well as fishing in the Intracoastal Waterway, creeks, and rivers. Cruise the waterway with our captains or take a Jet Ski or paddle board our waters.



Cape Fear River



EXPERIENCE PENDER COUNTY

Live like a local by exploring our county and municipalities. The Town of Burgaw, the site of numerous television and movie productions, is the town Hollywood loves. Topsail Beach is one of the nation's top beaches and affordable beach towns. Discover our locally owned and operated businesses and restaurants.



ACTIVITIES

Pender County and Topsail Island provides a bounty of activities for beach goers or land lovers. Sail aboard a pirate ship, cruise the natural habitats along our waterways, or explore our game lands which are rich with plants and critters native only to our region.



Pirate Cruise in Surf City



Soundside Park



Burgaw Train Depot Railroad Museum





BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

The county's largest festival, the NC Blueberry Festival celebrates all things blueberry, from fresh picked flats of fruit to blueberry wine. The festival features family fun, music, dancing, arts, and foods. The festival is always the third Saturday of June.







WINE & COUNTRY

Pender County is rich in agriculture. Bannerman Vineyards is the county's oldest winery offering native Muscadine wines. Old River Farms with a nursery, strawberry fields, and farm animals is a great place to connect to farm life. Our blueberry farms are as famous as our NC Blueberry Festival.



WEDDINGS & EVENTS

Celebrate your special day in a special place. Our beaches are backdrops for weddings, as well as our historic venues such as the Burgaw Train Depot and the Assembly Building. Our farms set the stage for elegant country weddings.

Since the days of pirates and launching missiles into the ocean there's never a dull moment in Pender County. With festivals such as the NC Spot Festival, Autumn with Topsail, commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, movies and concert nights on our public lands.



Revolutionary War Reenactment



Turtle Release in Topsail



Autumn with Topsail Festival



SPORTS

Pender County loves our sports – surfing, paddle boarding, biking, and kayaking. Hike the Mountains-to-Sea Trail through our county, from state lands to the beach. We have fabulous golf courses and parks for recreational sports for all ages.





FILM

Hollywood treasures Pender County. Productions such as Good Behavior, Revolution, Sleepy Hollow, and Under the Dome select filming sites here. Fireball Run, an adventure travel show, rolled through Topsail Island. Movies, including the Conjuring, Tammy, and Teenage Ninja Turtles, have been set in Pender County.



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