

# ‘Must Do’s in Topsail Beach

Welcome to Topsail Beach, the southernmost town on Topsail Island. We hope you are enjoying our beautiful beach—which recently received a national award!

When you decide to take some time away from the beach, here is a suggestion of attractions, activities, and dining experiences that visitors can add to their “must do” in Topsail Beach!

**Missiles and More Museum**—Did you know we wouldn’t have a space program were it not for the rocket and missile technology developed here on Topsail Island? The Missiles and More Museum is located in the **Assembly Building**, where test rockets and missiles were assembled. The rockets were taken by wooden cart tracks to the launch pad (which is now the patio deck at Jolly Roger Inn). The museum documents the rocket program, called Operation Bumblebee, as well as offers exhibits on pirates, sea shells, and early female military pilots.

**Aquarium Program** — For five Wednesdays in the summer, beginning June 29, the Assembly Building and the Historical Society of Topsail Island hosts the Fort Fisher Aquarium staff for programs on topics such as dinosaurs, jelly fish, and more. The programs, designed for school-age children and families, are one hour long, beginning at 1 p.m. The programs are free.

**Bingo!** - The Historical Society of Topsail Island hosts Thursday night Bingo! during the summer, through Aug. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. This is fun for the entire family.



## Experience Topsail Beach from the water

Take a cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) with **Tuck’s Water Shuttle**. Captain Tate can shuttle visitors to the privacy of Lea Island, or give tours up the ICW. Sit back and relax on the **Queen Jean** for a cruise along the waterway. Or rent a boat or jet ski with **A&B Saltwater Adventures**. A visit to Topsail Beach isn’t complete without a stroll down the **Jolly Roger Pier**. Stay a while and drop in a fishing line!



## Dining in Topsail Beach

Topsail Beach offers some of the finest restaurants on Topsail Island.

If you're crazy about crab legs, Monday night is all-you-care-to-eat crab legs at **Breezeway Restaurant**. Breezeway serves fresh seafood and perhaps the best hushpuppies on the island! Located on the Intracoastal Waterway, dinner is often served with a beautiful sunset too!

**Beach Shop and Grill** serves the tastiest burgers, fresh seafood, fabulous chicken, and steaks. They are open during the season for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Regardless of when you dine, you will get a delicious meal. The restaurant features a full service bar too. Stop by the adjoining beach shop for souvenirs.

**Home Port** serves the town's best pizza and Italian dishes, but their seafood, burgers, and various pasta dishes are sure to please every palate in the family. There's a full service bar, separate from the restaurant.

**Cora's Isle-end Deli** serves high quality sandwiches, wraps, salads and seafood on the island's most creative menu. Have you tried a Piggy Stardust or a Coragator sandwich? Breakfast and lunch served during the summer season.



## Recreation

Topsail Beach features a park, **Town Center**, complete with a children's playground, basketball hoop, and restrooms.

Above the Topsail Beach Post Office is a local favorite — the **Topsail Skating Rink**. The floors are original and the music is played on old 45s.

**Patio Playground** is also fun for the entire family. It features the older-style putt-putt golf, an arcade, ice cream, and plenty of beach music.

## Shopping

If shopping is your relaxing delight, we have the best. Make your first stop at **Quarter Moon Books, Gifts and Wine Bar**. Here visitors find a beach read, gifts, wines, and a welcoming patio to kick back and enjoy our island breezes.

Nearby is **The Gift Basket** with quality jewelry and tide and nautical gifts and a whole lot more.

**South End Outfitters** offers resort wear, as well as outfits for your fishing trip and boating adventures.

**Summer Plunder Days** offers locally made arts and crafts every Thursday 10 a.m.—3 p.m. in June, July, and August.

*The businesses in Topsail Beach are locally owned and operated. Thank you for patronizing our hometown shops and restaurants.*

For additional assistance, call Pender County Tourism at 910-259-1536 or 910-789-2971.

