

THINGS TO DO



MULTI-DAY ITINERARIES

WILMINGTON, NC



THE HUNT HIDEAWAY

ITINERARIES



WE THOROUGHLY HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN WILMINGTON, NC.

Whether you're visiting Wilmington, NC for the first time or 100th, there are many things to see and do. We hope to offer you some thoughts on day, multi-day, and rainy day itineraries that you can add to your trip. If you find something of particular use that we have not included in this packet, please let us know so we can share with others!

These itineraries are simply suggestions of things we've enjoyed throughout the region. Feel free to mix and match to make these itineraries fit your trip!

Enjoy your stay at The Hunt Hideaway and in Wilmington.

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BE READY TO

EXPLORE





GETTING AROUND

PERSONAL VEHICLES

A car is highly recommended for the best experience, especially if you plan to visit the beach, downtown, Mayfaire, or Porters Neck. Parking at the home is easy with a driveway and street.

SHARED RIDE SERVICES

Uber and Lyft are available in Wilmington and are a great option for:

- Downtown restaurants and nightlife
- Brewery hopping
- Events at UNCW
- Beach days when you don't want to deal with parking

PARKING

Beach parking is by the hour along with all-day paid lots. Downtown has free street parking in certain areas, paid parking lots or decks, and paid/metered street parking.

BEACH PARKING

Wrightsville Beach is about 20–25 minutes away with traffic. Beach parking can fill up quickly, especially on weekends and during peak season.

Pro tip: Go earlier in the day for the easiest parking and best beach experience.



1-DAY ITINERARY



MORNING: COFFEE & ILM VIBES

- Start with The Famous Toastery or Sawmill Cafe
- Take a stroll along the Riverwalk and explore downtown shops OR make your way to the beach

MIDDAY: BEACH TIME

- Head to Wrightsville Beach for a few hours
- Relax, swim, and enjoy the coastal vibe
- Pro tip: earlier is easier for parking!

AFTERNOON: RECHARGE AT THE HUNT HIDEAWAY

Head back to the home for:

- Pool + deck time (seasonal)
- A quick shower + downtime

Let kids/pets enjoy the fenced yard

EVENING: DINNER & DESSERT

Pick your vibe:

- The Fish House / Ben & Jerry's
- Indochine / Crumbl
- Front Street Brewery / Kilwins

NIGHTTIME: BACKYARD OASIS

Head home to enjoy the oasis at your fingertips:

- Tiki torches
- Fire Pit
- Sunset over the pool
- Comfy couch and fireplace
- Read a book
- Watch TV
- Get some Zzzzzzzzzzz



3-DAY HISTORY LOVERS ITINERARY

DAY 1: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN & RIVERWALK



MORNING: COFFEE & ILM VIBES

- Start with The Famous Toastery, Sawmill Cafe, Drift Coffee, or First Watch
- Explore Historic Downtown Wilmington
 - Walk Front Street and Market Street
 - Browse Local Shops and historic buildings
 - Stroll the Riverwalk along the Cape Fear River

AFTERNOON

- Visit the Bellamy Mansion Museum
- Optional: stop by the Latimer House Museum for more local history
- Set up a tour of the Wilmington Coup & Massacre - insightful and tragic history

DINNER

- The Copper Penny (casual)
- Indochine (eclectic)
- Front Street Brewery (casual)

NIGHTTIME: BACKYARD OASIS

Sunset Walk on the Riverwalk, especially beautiful at sunset!

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3-DAY HISTORY LOVERS ITINERARY

DAY 2: BATTLESHIP & WWII HISTORY



MORNING

- Head to the Battleship North Carolina
 - Plan for 2-3 hours if you want to fully explore
 - Great for families, couples, and anyone into military history

LUNCH

- Grab lunch downtown afterward
 - Front Street Brewery
 - Fork 'N' Cork
 - Cargo District Food Hall (1605 Queen St, Wilmington, NC 28401)

AFTERNOON

- Visit the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science
 - Great overview of Wilmington and regional history
 - Good rainy-day option too



DINNER

- Cape Fear Seafood Company (casual)
- Manna (fine dining)
- Michael's on the Waterfront
- Dockside (Wrightsville Beach)
- Fish House (Wrightsville Beach)

3-DAY HISTORY LOVERS ITINERARY

DAY 3: FORT FISHER & COASTAL HISTORY LONGER DAY AHEAD!



MORNING

- Drive to Fort Fisher State Historic Site
 - One of the most important Civil War sites in NC
 - Scenic & Educational

LATE MORNING/EARLY AFTERNOON

- Visit the Carolina Beach Boardwalk
 - Filled with shops, tourist attractions, and food
- OR
- Head over to Airlie Gardens (open 09:00AM - 05:00PM Daily)



LUNCH

- Freddie's (Italian, Kure Beach)
- Riverview (Carolina Beach)
- Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar (Carolina Beach)
- Poe's Tavern (Wrightsville Beach)
- King Neptune Restaurant & Pirate Bar (Wrightsville Beach)



DESSERT

- Britt's Donuts in Carolina Beach
- The Original Ice Cream Stand (Wrightsville Beach)



DINNER/EVENING

- Cape Fear Seafood Company (Porter's Neck)
- Marco's Pizza (pick up or have delivered to the house!)
- Fortuna Cucina Italino (casual Italian)

3-DAY BEST HIGHLIGHTS ITINERARY

DAY 1: DOWNTOWN + HISTORY + RIVERWALK



MORNING

- Brunch: Drift Coffee & Kitchen, Brunches, Famous Toastery, or First Watch
- Walk the Loop: Park at the beach or at the community park by Wrightsville Beach City Hall and walk the “Loop” with locals

LATE MORNING/EARLY AFTERNOON

- Head to somewhere historic like the Bellamy Mansion Museum, Latimer House, or Poplar Grove
- If you're downtown, walk the Riverwalk and see the sights: the Battleship North Carolina, House Boats, and Cape Fear River



LUNCH

- Trolley Stop Hot Dogs (Wrightsville Beach)
- Mellow Mushroom (Wrightsville Beach)
- Poe's Tavern (Wrightsville Beach)
- Oceanic (Wrightsville Beach)
- Flaming Amy's (Wilmington)
- Front Street Brewery (Downtown)

DINNER/EVENING

- The Copper Penny (Downtown)
- Savorez (Downtown)
- Ceviches (Wrightsville Beach)
- Four Corners Sports Bar (Wrightsville Beach)

DESSERT

- The Original Ice Cream Stand (Wrightsville Beach)
- Kilwins Chocolate and Ice Cream Shop (Downtown)



3-DAY BEST HIGHLIGHTS ITINERARY

DAY 2: WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH + RELAX AT HOME



MORNING

- Eat breakfast at home and head to Wrightsville Beach early to grab a parking spot!
- Once on the island head south (right) after the second bridge to find better parking along the sound or head farther down for beach parking

LUNCH

Depending on where you park, either one can be walkable.

- Trolley Stop Hot Dogs (Wrightsville Beach)
- Oceanic (Wrightsville Beach)

AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

Head home for:

- Pool + Deck time (seasonal)
- Backyard Grilling + Relaxing
- Firepit and sunset

DINNER

Order in or head out!

- Marco's Pizza
- Umii Sushi or Nigori Gourmet & Sushi Bar
- Block Taco
- K38 Baja Grill
- Casa Encanto (flavorful vibes!)



3-DAY BEST HIGHLIGHTS ITINERARY

DAY 3: TOPSAIL OR CAROLINA BEACH OR STAY LOCAL



SURF CITY/TOPSAIL ISLAND

- Head to Topsail Beach - about 45 - 60 minutes depending on traffic
- Dogs are allowed - must be leashed

CAROLINA BEACH

Head to Carolina Beach

- Fort Fisher State Park (history and hikes)
- Carolina Beach Boardwalk
- Drive on Beach - requires 4x4 vehicle (\$50/day pass paid at gate)



STAY LOCAL

Local attractions

- Airlie Gardens
- Battle House Laser Tag
- Jungle Rapids
- Dave & Buster's and SkyZone/Flip 'n' Fly



LUNCH OR DINNER

- Cowfin Bar & Grill (Surf City)
- Island Delights (Surf City)
- Maine Lobstah Shack (Surf City)
- Burrito Shak (Hampstead or Porter's Neck)
- Cornerstone (Porter's Neck)
- Two Guys Grill (Porter's Neck)
- PT's Olde Fashioned Grille (Porter's Neck)
- Freddie's (Italian, Kure Beach)
- Riverview (Carolina Beach)
- Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar (Carolina Beach)



RAINY DAY ITINERARY

STAY IN OR INDOOR ACTIVITIES



MOVIES

- Pick a movie in regular, 3D or IMAX formats at the Regal Cinema in Mayfaire

JUNGLE RAPIDS

- Indoor games and activities
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Laser Tag



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- 13th Hole Indoor Miniature Golf
- Wilmington Rock Gym
- Bowling - Cardinal Lanes OR Ten Pin Alley
- Battle House Laser Tag
- Flip 'n' Fly OR Sky Zone
- Cameron Art Museum
- The Children's Museum of Wilmington
- Wilmington Railroad Museum
- Cape Fear Museum
- Retroscape, Gaming & Soda Lounge
- Escape Rooms - The Escape Ventures OR Greenlight Escape Room
- Crossfire - Indoor paintball, Axe Throwing, Nerf, GellyBall
- Polar Ice Wilmington Skating Rink



DAVE & BUSTERS

- Indoor Arcade games
- Food
- Big Screen TVs



QUIET & CALM

- New Hanover County Library - Northeast Branch
- Barnes & Noble, Mayfaire
- Y6 Yoga
- Prana Salt Cave
- Head to Toe Day Spa

HISTORIC PLACES

POPLAR GROVE

AIRLIE GARDENS

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

LATIMER HOUSE

BELLAMY MANSION

THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY

BATTLESHIP NC

THALIAN HALL CENTER FOR
THE PERFORMING ARTS

STANLEY REHDER
CARNIVOROUS PLANT
GARDEN

WILMINGTON COUP AND
MASSACRE HISTORIC TOUR



SHOPPING & ATTRACTIONS

MAYFAIRE TOWN CENTER

FLIP 'N' FLY

JUNGLE RAPIDS

CAROLINA BEACH
BOARDWALK

BRITT'S DONUTS

DAVE & BUSTER'S

REGAL MAYFAIRE MOVIE
THEATER



FORT FISHER STATE
HISOTRIC SITE

SURF CITY & TOPSAIL ISLAND

MYRTLE BEACH OUTLETS

LIVE OAK PAVILION - LIVE
CONCERTS

GREENFIELD AMPHITHEATER

IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING

HANOVER STABLES
HORSEBACK RIDING

LIVE MUSIC

*HOST'S FAVORITES

SEVEN MILE POST*

SATELLITE BAR & LOUNGE*

STRING & KEY DUELING
PIANO

THE PALM ROOM ON
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

THE BEND*

SMOKE ON THE WATER

OUTER DUNES BREWING*

WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT*

GREENFIELD LAKE
AMPHITHEATER

CLOUD 9 ROOFTOP BAR



FITNESS & GYMS

*HOST'S FAVORITES

YOGA 6*

RECESS (CYCLING)

BURN BOOTCAMP*

CROSS-CITY TRAIL*

PLANET FITNESS

TRUE FIT

O2 GYM

LONG LEAF PARK*

FIT4LIFE

WRIGHTSVILLE STAND UP
PADDLE BOARD (SUP)

THE LOOP - WALKING PATH
AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH*



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