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# 1972 NORTH CAROLINA VACATION GUIDE

Attractions - Tours - Accommodations

## How to Use This Guide

### Where to Go

- The guide is divided into two sections: the Mountain section starts on the page opposite; the Coastal section on page 36.
- This guide is also designed to be taken with you on your trip, to remind you of interesting things to see along the way.

### What to Do

- A list of helpful travel literature to write for is printed following the guide. Dependable places to lodge and dine will be suggested by the advertisements, and by the directory on pages 54 and 55.

### What to See

- (F) means fee; (S) means seasonal; \* means of special interest to travelers; \*\* means especially recommended.

Cape Lookout National Seashore\*\*—For the adventurous, isolated beach on Core Banks accessible by boat only (from Harkers Island and elsewhere also by excursion boat). Unusually nice swimming inside huge breakwater, good crabbing, picnicking on pleasant beach; no accommodations, but there is a Cape Lookout Boat Basin and Sport Center for swimmers, skin divers, sight-seers, etc. Lighthouse.

Cape Lookout Ferry,\*\* the Diamond City, a motor-sailboat, runs from Harker's Island to the Cape.

### Where to Stay

### Where to Eat





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Surfing is a popular sunrise sport at N. C. beaches.

● "The Central Carolina Coastline" is a phrase covering a vast and widely varied territory, from deep forest with lazy, winding rivers shaded by ghostly, moss-hung cypress to windswept sand dunes and salt cut and gnarled cedar lashed by long, foaming ocean combers. It is a land of beauty and contrasts, where the great bald eagle still soars, where ghost crabs scuttle along a lonely beach, where hulking freighters from distant shores slide by sleek sportsfishermen fighting the noble blue marlin, and where commercial fishermen haul their nets as in generations past.

Much of the activity is centered in Carteret County, surrounded and indented by water on all but its northwest side. This land of contrasts, of history and pleasure is a region of oysters on the half-shell, of fish

## CENTRAL CAROLINA COAST

By Bob Simpson

houses, of tourists and wild horses, where Blackbeard roamed in ancient times and where history is being made today.

The barrier beaches known as Outer Banks break the seas that would assail the mainland. Portsmouth, Core and Shacklebord Banks comprise Cape Lookout National Seashore on paper, though not yet in practice. Here is some of the finest sportsfishing in the world, for great red drum, bluefish, trout and flounder abound in the surf. These banks, isolated from the main-

land, are virtually uninhabited, except temporarily by anglers and other breeds of nature lovers, and the ever-watchful Coast Guard, tending the lighthouse and manning the lifeboat station at Cape Lookout.

At the Cape is a magnificent anchorage, protected from ocean storms and large enough to shelter a fleet. Its glistening white beaches, stark against the blue of the sky and the green of the sea, invite the vacationer to broil in the glaring sun, swim in the clear, clean waters or bird watch as myriad sea birds respond to primeval instincts. Inside the Hook of the Cape, as the anchorage is called, is room for a hundred boats to lie at anchor, swinging with wind and tide without crowding. There are some services in the form of sandwiches, drinks and fishing gear at the docks of Les and Sally  
MOORE.



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