

# Kure Beach



**KURE  
BEACH**

*North Carolina's Small Wonder*

**Official 2013 Visitors Guide**

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## Ready. Set. Unwind

Kure Beach invites you to unplug from the world in a beautifully natural, small-town beach unlike any other. And all the peace and quiet a family could ask for. Isn't that why you want to get away in the first place?

This small wonder of North Carolina's coast is packed with big attractions. Whether you are a wildlife enthusiast, history devotee, or a shell-seeker, Kure Beach has the kind of local character that has all but disappeared from coastal towns.

Turn off the cell phone and find a world of things to do. Touch bamboo sharks, come face to face with Twister, a new spotted eagle ray, and dig for fossilized shark's teeth in the new Adventure Reef outdoor play area at the North Carolina

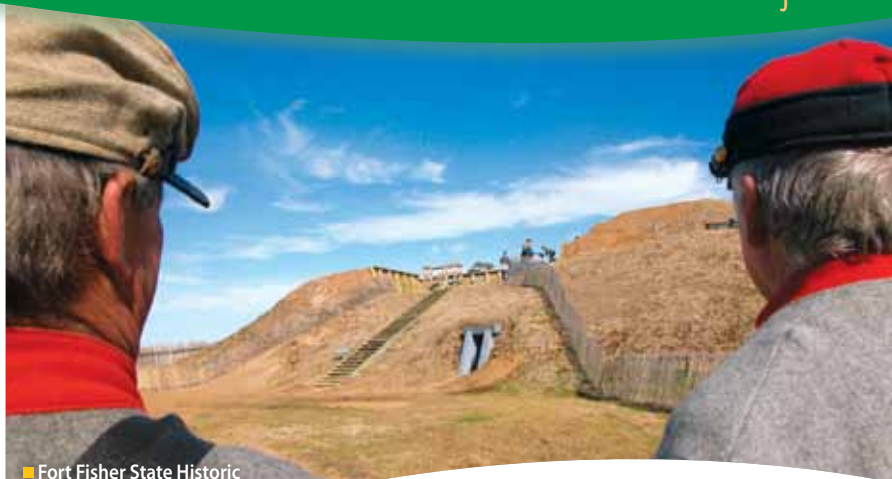


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Aquarium at Fort Fisher, recently named one of the best aquariums in the U.S. by the Travel Channel. Peek into the past under the towering, wind-swept live oak trees that surround the Fort Fisher State Historic Site and Museum. Explore the new Ocean Front Park, scheduled to open in 2013, and reel in fresh seafood along the 712-foot Kure Beach Fishing Pier, one of the oldest on the Atlantic Coast. Hop on the ferry and take in the natural beauty of the area or test your skills on the area's only disc golf course.

Spend quality time in a peaceful retreat, from family-owned motels to vacation rental homes and cozy beach cottages. Stroll miles of unspoiled beach, taste fresh dining at local restaurants, boogie to bluegrass by the river, touch a starfish... or just relax, sit back, and do nothing at all.

Experience North Carolina's family-friendly seaside retreat. Kick back. Relax. Reconnect. See why life's a little less hectic here at Kure Beach.



■ Fort Fisher State Historic Site & Civil War Museum

• Historical and Cultural •

● **Fort Fisher State Historic Site & Civil War Museum**

Before its fall in January 1865, the South's largest earthen fort protected blockade runners en route to Wilmington. The Second Battle was the largest land-sea battle of the Civil War. Wayside exhibits mark the tour trail. Guided tours are offered. 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. S., Kure Beach, 28449. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. ☎

- ▶ Hours: Tues.-Sat. 9am-5pm year round; from Memorial Day until Labor Day, the site is also open Sun. 1-5pm. The site is closed most major holidays.
- ☎: 910-458-5538, [www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher)



▲ NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher

## Things to Do

● **NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**

Make new discoveries at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher. See stingrays, seahorses, sea turtles, exotic fish and a rare albino alligator. Even touch a shark! Free daily programs include divers, feedings and touch-pool talks. Explore more with sleepovers, canoeing, camps and tours. Stay and play in the gardens, on Adventure Reef play area and fossil hunt. Kure Beach, a short drive from Wilmington or ferry from Southport. Admission charged for ages 3 and older. ☎

- ▶ Hours: 9am-5pm.
- ☎: 910-458-8257, [www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher](http://www.ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher)

● **North Carolina Ferry at Fort Fisher/Southport**

The Fort Fisher-Southport ferry provides 30-minute scenic trips across the Cape Fear River 365 days a year. Fare charged. ☎ with notification.

- ☎: 910-457-6942, [www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org)

● **North Carolina Military History Museum**

Indoor and outdoor exhibits feature artifacts and military vehicles representing all branches of service and previous wars. Archives and gift shop available also. Admission is free, donations welcome. Near Fort Fisher at the National Guard Training Center, Kure Beach. ☎

- ▶ Hours: Fri.-Sun. 12-4pm. Closed for holidays.
- ☎: 910-251-7325



## • North Carolina Underwater Archaeology Center

The Underwater Archaeology Branch of the North Carolina Division of Historical Resources operates a small museum with exhibits on dive sites and maritime history dating from prehistoric to the Civil War and beyond. Adjacent to Fort Fisher State Historic Site at Kure Beach. Admission is free. ☎

► Hours: daily, 9am-4pm.

☎: 910-458-9042, [www.arch.dcr.state.nc.us](http://www.arch.dcr.state.nc.us)

## • Outdoor Activities •

Kure Beach is a Certified USLA Lifeguard Agency. Lifeguards are on duty Memorial Day-Labor Day. For information on free beach ability equipment/services, call the Kure Beach Fire Department at 910-458-2014, and Fort Fisher State Recreation Area at 910-458-5798. ☎

## • Aquatic Adventures

A collection of shipwrecks, nearby reefs, and ledges along Kure Beach offers top-notch diving. Area dive shops provide instruction, charters, certification and equipment rental, all readily available for your explorations. For outfitters and rentals visit:

► [www.VisitKureBeachNC.com](http://www.VisitKureBeachNC.com)

## • Bicycling/Disc Golf

Explore Kure Beach via bike path, running from Carolina Beach down to Fort Fisher. A new, 18-hole disc golf course has been built near Joe Eakes Park off K Ave. for individuals and tournament play. For cycle rentals: [www.VisitKureBeachNC.com](http://www.VisitKureBeachNC.com). For area cycling information: [www.capefearcyclists.org](http://www.capefearcyclists.org)

## • Bird-watching

Kure Beach is home to four North Carolina Birding Trail Sites: Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Fort Fisher State Recreation Area, North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher and Zeke's Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (in the Cape Fear River). For a free NC Birding Trail brochure: [www.ncbirdingtrail.org/coast.asp](http://www.ncbirdingtrail.org/coast.asp). For birding information: <http://nc.audubon.org>

## • Boating/Marinas

You may launch your boat at the Federal Point boat ramp (terminus of US 421 near Fort Fisher), or rent skiffs, outboards, personal watercraft, kayaks and canoes from local outfitters. Nearby Carolina Beach Fishing Center and Marina offers a large recreation fishing fleet and party/cruise boats. For marina/boating information: [www.VisitKureBeachNC.com](http://www.VisitKureBeachNC.com)

## • Fishing

Kure Beach is on the southern end of North Carolina's Pleasure Island, with the Cape Fear River on one side and Atlantic Ocean on the other. This place is a haven for anglers, yielding mackerel, flounder, drum, blue fish, spots, trout, and more. Fishing charter and head boats depart from nearby Carolina Beach Fishing Center and Marina.

► [www.VisitKureBeachNC.com](http://www.VisitKureBeachNC.com)

## • Kiteboarding

Local outfitters offer lessons and equipment. Kiteboarders find the best wind at the Basin at Fort Fisher.

DISCOVER PLAY TOGETHER LEARN WONDER

900 Loggerhead Road  
Kure Beach, NC | 910.458.8257  
[ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher](http://ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher)

NORTH CAROLINA  
AQUARIUM  
at Fort Fisher







## • Surf Schools

Surf lessons and camps are offered by eco-friendly surfing schools and programs. [www.VisitKureBeachNC.com](http://www.VisitKureBeachNC.com)

## • Parks, Garden & Nature-Based Tourism •

### • Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

Explore 5 miles of undeveloped beach, where shell-seekers, bird watchers and nesting loggerheads find peace and seclusion. The public beach access point provides a protected swimming area, picnic area with grills and a visitors center. A permit is required for 4-wheel-drive access. Located 5 miles south of Carolina Beach on US 421, 28449. ♿

► Contact park office for current operating hours.

☎: 910-458-5798, [www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/fofi/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/fofi/main.php)

### • Kure Beach Parks and Recreation

Kure Beach has a collection of parks, including Joe Eakes Park (K Ave. at Seventh St.), which has a playground, ball fields, a tennis court, dog park, and disc golf course. An oceanfront park also just opened on Atlantic Ave. in February 2012. Recreational classes and opportunities are offered

at Kure Beach Community Center, 118 Third Ave. N., 28449

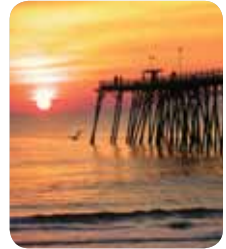
☎: 910-458-8944, [www.townofkurebeach.org](http://www.townofkurebeach.org)

### • Zeke's Island

Three islands comprise this component of the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve with extensive marshes and tidal flats.

Inhabitants include shorebirds, mammals, and endangered loggerhead sea turtles. Located adjacent to the Fort Fisher Recreation Area. Access to islands by personal boat only. Access to beach through Fort Fisher Recreation Area.

☎: 910-962-2998, [www.nccoastalreserve.net](http://www.nccoastalreserve.net)



## • Pier •

### • Kure Beach Fishing Pier

Located on K Ave., 28449. Tackle shop, arcade, and souvenirs. ♿

☎: 910-458-5524, [www.kurebeachfishingpier.com](http://www.kurebeachfishingpier.com)

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# Kure Beach Restaurants

Restaurant Name	Address	Phone	Cuisine Type	Meal Cost	Serves
Beach House Burgers	118 Fort Fisher Blvd. 28449	910-458-8586	Variety	under \$10	L
Big Daddy's Restaurant	206 K Ave. 28449	910-458-8622	Seafood	\$10-\$20	L/D
Freddie's Oceanside Grille	111 K Ave. 28449	910-458-5979	Italian	\$10-\$20	D
Jack Mackerels Island Grill	113 K Ave. 28449	910-458-7668	Seafood	\$10-\$20	L/D

KEY: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner SB=Sunday Brunch LN=Late Night

**SEVEN SEAS INN**

- Oceanfront rooms, efficiencies, suites & interconnecting rooms
- Oceanfront pool & kiddie pool
- Picnic area with barbecue grill
- Laundry facility
- 1/2 block from pier & restaurants
- Ground floor rooms, some with limited handicap accessibilities
- All units non-smoking
- WiFi available
- No pets, please

**Reservations:**  
866-7SeasInn (866-773-2746)

130 N Fort Fisher Boulevard  
Kure Beach, NC 28449  
(910) 458-8122  
[www.sevenseasinn.com](http://www.sevenseasinn.com)



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# Kure Beach Accommodations

Hotel Name	Address/Website	Phone	Rooms	Pets	♿
<b>Admirals Quarters</b>	129 Fort Fisher Blvd. S. 28449 www.admiralsquartersmotel.com	910-458-5050 • 855-276-6835	37	No	No
<b>Blue Marlin Beach Lodging</b>	318 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.blue-marlin.com	910-458-5752 • 800-458-5752	8	No	No
<b>Darlings By The Sea</b>	329 Atlantic Ave. 28449 www.darlingsbythesea.com	910-458-1429 • 800-383-8111	5	No	No
<b>Dry Dock By The Pier Motel</b>	122 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449	910-458-1153	8	No	No
<b>Hidden Treasure Inn</b>	113 S. 4th Ave. 28449 www.hiddentreasureinn.com	910-458-3216	4	No	No
<b>Kure Keys Motel</b>	310 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.kurekeysmotel.com	910-458-5277	10	No	Yes
<b>Moran Motel</b>	118 Fort Fisher Blvd. S. 28449	910-458-5395	25	No	Yes
<b>Peterson's</b>	109 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.hiddentreasureinn.com	910-458-3216	2	No	No
<b>Sandi Beach Inn</b>	314 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.sandibeachinn.com	910-458-5906 • 877-458-5904	6	Yes	Yes
<b>Seven Seas Inn</b>	130 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.sevenseasinn.com	910-458-8122 • 866-773-2746	32	No	Yes
<b>South Wind Motel</b>	109 Fort Fisher Blvd. S. 28449 www.southwindmotel.com	910-458-8573	34	No	Yes
<b>The Sand Dunes</b>	133 Fort Fisher Blvd. S. 28449 www.beachfrontvacationsinc.com	910-458-5470 • 800-535-4984	39	No	No

## • Vacation Rentals

Hotel Name	Address/Website	Phone	Rooms	Pets	♿
<b>Blue Water Realty</b>	1000 S. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.bluwaterealtyinc.com	910-458-3001 • 866-458-3001	89	Some	Some
<b>Bryant Real Estate</b>	1401 N. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.bryantre.com	910-458-5658 • 800-994-5222	70	Some	Some
<b>Bullard Realty, Inc.</b>	1404 S. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.bullardrealtyonline.com	910-458-4028 • 800-327-5863	16	Some	Some
<b>Carolina Beach Realty</b>	1009 N. Lake Park Blvd., B3, 28428 www.carolinabeachrealty.net	910-458-4444 • 877-456-4311	29	Some	Some
<b>Gardner Realty Rentals</b>	1009 N. Lake Park Blvd., C4 28428 www.gardnerrealtyrentals.com	910-458-8503 • 800-697-7924	10	Some	Some
<b>Intracoastal Realty Vacation Rentals</b>	1206 N. Lake Blvd. 28428 www.intracoastalrentals.com	910-458-2100 • 855-346-2463	50	Some	Some
<b>Island Beach Rentals/Walker Realty</b>	501 N. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.carolinabeach-nc.com	910-458-3388	8	No	Some
<b>Island Realty</b>	325 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28449 www.islandrealty-kurebeach.com	910-458-8800	31	Some	Some
<b>Jim Ring Realty</b>	225 Fort Fisher Blvd. 5 28449	910-458-4300	10	Some	Some
<b>Laney Vacation Rentals</b>	123 Harper Ave. 28428 www.laneyvacationrentals.com	910-458-5604 • 800-455-1594	21	No	Some
<b>Network Real Estate Beach Vacations</b>	1029 N. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.networkcarolinabeach.com	910-458-8881 • 877-489-1249	78	Some	Some
<b>Palm Air Realty</b>	133 Fort Fisher Blvd. N. 28428 www.palmairrealtync.com	910-458-5269	51	Some	Some
<b>United Beach Vacations</b>	1001 N. Lake Park Blvd. 28428 www.unitedbeachvacations.com	910-458-9073 • 800-334-5806	145	Some	Some
<b>Victory Beach Vacations</b>	206 Fayetteville Ave. 28428 www.victorybeachvacations.com	910-458-0868 • 888-256-4804	157	Some	Some

# Kure Beach

Map

CAPE FEAR RIVER







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# Kure Beach Map

## # Things to Do

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7. NC Military History Museum
8. NC Underwater Archaeology Center
9. Zeke's Island
10. Shopping Districts



## # Accommodations

### •Hotels/Motels•

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2. Blue Marlin Beach Lodging
3. Darlings By The Sea
4. Dry Dock by the Pier Motel
5. Hidden Treasure Inn
6. Kure Keys Motels
7. Moran Motel
8. Peterson's
9. Sandi Beach Inn
10. Seven Seas Inn
11. South Wind Motel
12. The Sand Dunes

### •Vacation Rentals•

13. Blue Water Realty (See CB Map pg. 52)
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