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Our Military

at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA, ON the Neuse River, is the home of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The air station is just 20 miles from Atlantic beaches and about 34 miles west of Cape Lookout National Seashore.

In August 1941, workers began clearing North Carolina forests and draining swamps to build air facilities at Cherry Point, North Carolina. The military chose the site from a “sunshine map” as one of three in the country with reliable sunshine, a benefit that outweighed its wetlands humming with malaria-bearing mosquitoes, and its hurricanes.

By September, the installation’s name had been changed to Cunningham Field to honor the first Marine Corps aviator, Lt. Col. Alfred A. Cunningham, but it was redesignated as U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point on Dec. 1 and was commissioned under that name on May 20, 1942.

Construction began on Nov. 21, 17 days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. During World War II, the air station trained individual Marines and units for battle in the Pacific

theater, though it was also an anti-submarine base; in 1943, a U.S. Army Air Corps and a U.S. Navy unit each sank a German U-boat prowling just off the North Carolina coast.

Today, MCAS Cherry Point is the corps’ largest air station. It is home to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; Marine Transport Squadron 1; Combat Logistics Company 21; the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training; and Fleet Readiness Center (East), with all their subordinate entities, as well as Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron and Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point.

The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, an ever-ready and integral part of the Marine Corps air-ground team, is headquartered at Cherry Point, though with elements at MCAS New River, North Carolina, and MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina. Its missions include offensive air support, anti-air warfare, assault support, aerial reconnaissance, electronic warfare, and control of aircraft and missiles.

Marine Transport Squadron 1’s C-9B Skytrains and UC-35D Cessna Encores transport

military and civilian dignitaries and are used to support missions requiring cargo and troop movement. For many years, though, the squadron and its H-46 helicopters, “Pedro,” built a sterling reputation for search and rescue, not just for the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing but also for regional authorities by finding lost people and providing emergency medical transport. Since 1959, they had supplemented the U.S. Coast Guard’s own over-water search and rescues, and from 2005 to 2015, the year the Marines ended the program, Pedro crews were averaging more than 50 life-saving missions each year.

Logistics Company 21 manages freight and passenger transportation to ensure that things the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and MCAAS Cherry Point need, get where they’re needed when they’re needed. In addition, the company operates the base’s Aerial Port of Embarkation/Debarcation under supervision from II Marine Expeditionary Force, and helps the Fleet Assistance Program carry out its legal, postal, exchange, security, personnel administration,

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call the Base Operator at 252-466-2811.

American Red Cross	877-272-7337	Human Resources	252-466-2301
Career Assistance	252-466-4201	ID/Command Access Card Center	252-466-3330
Chapel	252-466-4000	Information & Referral	252-466-4401
Child Care		Installation Personnel	
Cherry Tree House (School-Age Care)	252-466-3861	Administration Center (IPAC)	252-466-6777
Child Development Centers		Legal Assistance	252-466-2311
Franklin Road CDC	252-466-3105	Lending Locker	252-466-5662
Jones Road CDC	252-466-4176	Library	252-466-3552
Woodside Drive CDC	252-466-3782	Lodging	
Commissary	252-466-0800	Cherry Point Inn (BOQ)	252-466-5169
Defense Finance and Accounting Service	888-332-7411	Devil Dog Inn (TEQ)	252-466-3060
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247	Marine & Family Programs	252-466-4401
DSTRESS Line (counseling hotline)	877-476-7734	Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Education Center	252-466-3500	Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point	252-466-0921
Exchange	252-720-1628	Aviation Medicine.....	252-466-0364
Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)	252-466-7533	Optometry.....	252-466-0294
Family Advocacy	252-466-3264	Pharmacy.....	252-466-0252
Family Readiness Program	252-466-5779	Medication refills	252-466-0570
Family Team Building (L.I.N.K.S.)	252-466-4637	12th Dental Clinic	252-466-0400
Financial Management	252-466-4201	Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society	252-466-2031
Fitness		NCIS	252-466-7412
Adult Sports	252-466-4232	Outdoor Connection Rentals	252-466-4058
Aerobics and Spin Center	252-466-4934	Pass & ID Office	252-466-5921
Devil Dog Gym	252-466-2713	Relocation Assistance	252-466-6759
Hancock Gym.....	252-466-4018	Retired Services Office	252-466-5548
Health Promotion & Education	252-466-6467	School Liaison	252-466-7648
Lanham Field Athletics Sports Complex.....	252-466-2566	Sexual Assault Prevention & Response	252-665-4713
Semper Fit	252-466-6467	Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Youth Sports.....	252-466-5493	Substance Abuse Counseling Center	252-466-3264
Golf Course & Pro Shop	252-466-3044	Transition Assistance	252-466-4201
Housing		Travel & Leisure	252-466-2197
Housing Office	252-466-2107	Veterinarian	252-466-2166
Family Housing	888-883-0980	Victim Advocacy	252-665-4713



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freight and passenger transportation duties, and bulk fuel deliveries for the base.

With 76 courses of instruction, the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Cherry Point trains approximately 1,400 Marine, Navy, foreign national and civilian students every year to care for and maintain the AV-6B Harrier 2, the KC-130J aerial refueling tanker and the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet fighter. Center training also covers avionics, or aviation electrical systems; cryogenics, the study of what happens to materials at very low temperatures; and intermediate-level aviation ordnance, or handling guns, bombs, torpedoes, rockets and missiles.

For more than 75 years and under different names, the present-day Fleet Readiness Center East, the Vertical Lift Center of Excellence, has repaired, reworked and rebuilt aircraft, engines and components for all branches of the U.S. armed forces. Its modern industrial complex is North Carolina's largest industrial employer east of Interstate 95 and has an annual payroll of more than \$275 million.

At 850 active-duty service members, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron is the Marine Corps' largest such squadron. "The Rams" responsibilities center on providing and managing living and training facilities, and range from administration to logistics, law enforcement, air traffic control, aircraft rescue and firefighting, legal advice, food and religious services.

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point is an outpatient medical facility with Navy Medicine's sole stand-alone Ambulatory Procedures Unit, providing general surgery, gynecology, orthopedic,

oral/maxillofacial and podiatry surgical services to 33,000 active-duty members and DOD beneficiaries. It is the only health clinic in Navy Medicine to offer same-day surgical services and also houses the 12th Dental Company and 2nd Marine Air Wing Medical.

Population

The base had more than 12,000 active-duty military and civilian members, approximately 9,200 family members lived and worked on and around the base and an estimated 13,300 retirees lived in the area in Fiscal Year 2017.

Economic Impact

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's total impact on the local economy in fiscal year 2015 totaled approximately \$2.04 billion. Salaries paid to active duty, retired military, current and retired civilians exceeded \$1.15 billion.

HISTORY

Natural resources brought settlers and prosperity to what became Craven County, North Carolina, more than a century before the American Revolution; the Marines who underwrite the region today came seeking sunshine.

By 1705, plantations were using the Neuse River on the north side of Havelock, home of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, as a trade corridor, and pine resin from the dense pine forests was being turned into turpentine and the natural tar used to waterproof wooden ships (why North Carolinians are "Tar Heels"). At its production peak, 25 percent of the world's pine tar and turpentine was being drawn from around Havelock, but technology killed the pine

products market in the 1860s as steam replaced sails and iron supplanted planks for building vessels. Craven County's economy abruptly cratered until, on the brink of World War II, Congress appropriated just under \$15 million to clear 8,000 acres of malarial swamps, timber and farms for a new Marine air station there. The site's humming mosquitoes and hurricane risks were more than outweighed by its reliable sunshine, perfect for aviators.

Within the first five months of its August 1941 establishment, the site's name changed three times: from the original, Air Facilities Under Development at Cherry Point, North Carolina, to Cunningham Field, Cherry Point, to honor the first marine aviator, Lt. Col. Alfred A. Cunningham, then on Dec. 1, to its final name, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Lore attributes "Cherry Point" to a minuscule settlement of fishermen, hunters and trappers on a nearby creek bank thick with cherry trees; the Cherry Point post office operated there from 1890 to 1935, and though both the settlement and post office are long gone, the name remains.

Building began on Nov. 21, 1941, 17 days before Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor kicked base construction into high gear. It was commissioned within six months, on May 20, 1942, with its primary mission the training of units and individual Marines to fight in the Pacific theater, though it was also a base for airborne antisubmarine forays to protect the Atlantic coast from German U-boats.

The Korean War brought a steady stream of trained aviators and crews from MCAS Cherry Point, and maintenance and support personnel to cycle in and out of front-line aviation units.

The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, split between San Diego and Hawaii since its 1941 commissioning, moved in April 1946 to

MCAS Cherry Point. From there it supplied trained aviators and air crew, maintenance and support personnel as replacements to forward-deployed aviation units throughout the Korean War and later, deployed three A-6 Intruder attack squadrons to the Far East during the Vietnam War as well as regular replacements for air crews and enlisted aviation personnel.

Personnel from Cherry Point also were big contributors to Operation Desert Storm. The air station's Marines supported the deployment of three AV-8B Harrier Jump Jet attack squadrons, two A-6E Intruder squadrons, a KC-130 Hercules extended range tanker squadron, an EA-6B Prowler tactical electronic jamming squadron, and headquarters detachments from Marine Aircraft Groups 14 and 32, under the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Cherry Point Marines sprang to defend the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Starting in 2001, the air station backed combat units involved in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Units from the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing trained at Cherry Point's bombing ranges and expeditionary landing fields between their rotations into Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and aboard ship with deployed Marine Expeditionary Units, as well as traveling to the Far East under the Unit Deployment Program. Harrier, Prowler and KC-130 air crews and ground maintenance Marines trained at Cherry Point, while thousands of East Coast-based ground combat Marines came and went through the air station's Aerial Port of Embarkation.

In addition to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point's other major entities include Marine Transport Squadron One, refocused now on personnel transport worldwide after termination of its famed helicopter search and rescue missions in 2015; the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training; Fleet Readiness Center East; and Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point.

Today, Cherry Point's position as one of the best all-weather jet bases in the world remains as secure as its sunshine. Its four-point runway system gives pilots multiple approach and departure options, and the runways themselves are so long that NASA tabbed them as alternate emergency landing sites during the nation's space shuttle program. The air station and its associated support sites occupy about 29,000 acres, plus training ranges and auxiliary landing fields. Aviation and naval fighters from all U.S. and some foreign military services have benefitted from Cherry Point facilities and its topography, which includes miles of seashore. In 2015, Cherry Point expanded its air traffic control to



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more than 9,000 miles of airspace for military, civilian and commercial air traffic.

ORGANIZATIONS

2ND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (2ND MAW)

Since its commissioning in 1941 and move to Cherry Point in 1946, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing's mission has been to support the Fleet Marine Force with air operations, among them offensive air and assault support, anti-air warfare, aerial reconnaissance, electronic warfare, and control of aircraft and missiles. Its global deployments mean that somewhere in the world, the sun is always shining on the wing.

Its subordinate units have many different responsibilities:

2nd MAW Band Command ensembles — including the Brass Band, the Jazz Combo and the Show Band — travel more than 30,000 miles every year to perform at more than 200 events, among them military and civilian ceremonies, formal concerts, community celebrations, parades, festivals and public relations tours. Music has been a part of the Marines since Nov. 10, 1775, when the newly formed Continental Marines stepped out to fifes and drums, and today's 51 Marine musicians carry on that legacy.

Marine Aircraft Group 14 is tasked with conducting offensive air and assault support, anti-air warfare, electronic warfare and air reconnaissance on behalf of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force or joint and coalition forces. It also conducts fleet replacement training to provide combat-capable aircrews to operational squadrons.

One of **Marine Aircraft Group 29's** nine squadrons operates out of MCAS Cherry Point, though MAG-29 itself and its other eight squadrons are at MCAS New River, 50 miles to the southwest.

Marine Air Control Group 28's main tasks are to provide air command and control of complex air space, wing communications and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR). Though its focus is global battlegrounds, the group also has responded to tragedies such as the 2010 Haitian earthquake, helping to bring humanitarian aid and disaster relief to that stricken nation.

Combat Logistics Company 21 is among Cherry Point's combat-ready, multi-mission



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companies. Its activities help keep the air station and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing operational; its personnel transport freight and passengers, handle disbursing, postal and exchange services, and coordinate the loading and offloading of Marine Expeditionary Forces equipment and personnel from arriving and departing aircraft at the station's Aerial Port of Embarkation.

Two other aircraft groups come under the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing but are at MCAS New River, North Carolina, and MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina, respectively. They are **Marine Aircraft Group 26** at MCAS New River; and **Marine Aircraft Group 31** at MCAS Beaufort.

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, with about 850 active-duty service members, is the largest such squadron in the Marine Corps. Duties for "The Rams" include administration, logistics, law enforcement, air traffic control, aircraft rescue and firefighting, and legal, food and religious services, among others, but basically focus on managing the air station's living and training facilities.

CENTER FOR NAVAL AVIATION TECHNICAL TRAINING

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training instructs about 1,400 Marine, Navy, Italian foreign national and civilian students every year in 76 different courses that support the AV-8B Harrier II attack aircraft, the KC-130J Super Hercules extended-range tanker, the

FA-18E/F Super Hornet multirole fighter, and maintenance specialties in avionics, cryogenics and I-level ordnance, vital to aviation logistics squadrons because it ensures that equipment will work as expected when it's needed.

FLEET READINESS CENTER EAST

One of eight U.S. Navy fleet readiness centers and the only one commanded by Marines, Fleet Readiness Center East is also the Department of Defense Vertical Lift Center of Excellence. For more than 70 years the center has maintained, repaired and overhauled almost every sort of aircraft the Marines have flown, from World War II's F4U Corsair, the "Whistling Death," to the forward-edge F-35B Lightning II now in delivery. The center is one of the most advanced aviation rework facilities in the country, and its clients include the Navy and Marine Corps, the U.S. Air Force and Army, federal agencies and more than 30 foreign nations.

NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC CHERRY POINT

An outpatient medical facility with Navy Medicine's sole stand-alone ambulatory procedures unit, Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point provides general surgery, gynecology, orthopedic, radiology, oral/maxillofacial and podiatry surgical services, as well as immunizations, a lab, a pharmacy, an optometry office, and dental care from the 12th Dental Company. The clinic also houses the 2nd Marine Air Wing Medical. During a typical month, the command handles 8,381 outpatient medical appointments, 60 ambulatory surgical procedures and 18,000

laboratory and 2,622 radiological studies, and fills 22,000 prescriptions.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Craven County chapter on Page XX for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Coastal Carolina Regional Airport in New Bern, North Carolina, about 20 miles from MCAS Cherry Point. Transportation is not provided to the base.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at MCAS Cherry Point.

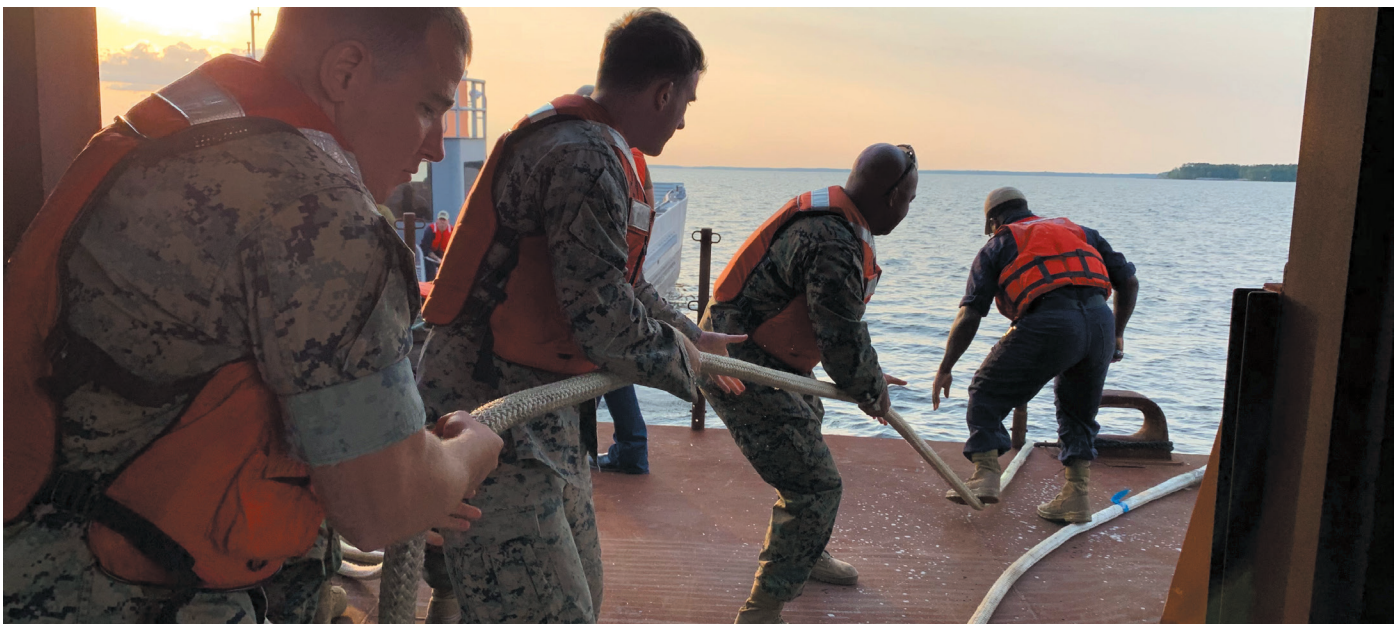
Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for MCAS Cherry Point. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From Coastal Carolina Regional Airport, New Bern, North Carolina

From the airport, take U.S. 70 south past the community of Riverdale and through the Croatan National Forest for about 20 miles



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to Havelock, then follow the signs to MCAS Cherry Point.

From OAJ-Ellis Airport, Jacksonville, North Carolina

From the airport, turn right onto NC-111, then bear right onto U.S. 258 South to its intersection with NC-24. Follow NC-24 southeast to 9 Mile Road in Morehead, then head north on 9 Mile Road through Newport and pick up U.S. 70 north into Havelock. Follow the signs to MCAS Cherry Point. Total distance is about 65 miles.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

During working hours, Station Marines and permanent personnel assigned to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Combat Logistics Company or the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training should go to the main gate at the intersection of Fontana and Roosevelt boulevards for direction to the Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC), Building 298, for their endorsement and join audit.

After working hours, weekends and holidays, Station Marines and permanent personnel assigned to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Combat Logistics Company or the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training are to report to the Station Command Duty Officer in Building 1 for an after-hours reporting endorsement. The next business day, they must report to the Installation Personnel Administration Center, Building 298, for an official reporting endorsement and new join audit.

If they require lodging, Marines will receive an endorsement from the Station Command Duty Officer and be directed to Temporary Lodging in Building 3673.

Signs are placed in numerous locations across MCAS Cherry Point to help all new join personnel checking in.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training students will check in at Barracks 3742; call 252-466-2722 or 252-466-2672.

Fleet Readiness Center East personnel will check in directly to FRC-East.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Cherry Point Inn

Building 487, Madison Drive.....252-466-5169
<https://mccscherrypoint.com/shopping-services/lodging>

At Cherry Point Inn, all rooms have queen-size beds, and Wi-Fi is available in all rooms and in common areas. Amenities include refrigerators, microwaves, coffee makers, hair dryers, free internet access, cable TV, washer and dryer facilities and complimentary breakfast. No pets. Check the website for room rates.

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT ONLINE

Official site: www.cherrypoint.marines.mil
Marine Corps Community Services: <http://mccscherrypoint.com>

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www.mbgapp.com

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook
www.facebook.com/mccschpt

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social



Twitter
<https://twitter.com/Maxwell/AFB>

networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.

2. Don't invite people whom you do not know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information not to be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

Devil Dog Inn

Building 3673, F Street 252-466-3060
<https://mccscherrypoint.com/shopping-services/lodging>

The Devil Dog Inn offers single rooms and two-room suite motel-style accommodations for Marines, Sailors and their families. Complimentary Wi-Fi and a business center are available. No pets.

Room rates are posted on the website.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

Naval Health Clinic

Building 4389,
4389 Beaufort Road252-466-0266
Appointments252-466-0921
Optometry252-466-0294
Pharmacy252-466-0252/0254
Prescription refills252-466-0570
12th Dental Clinic252-466-0400
24/7 Nurse Advice Line252-466-0921
www.med.navy.mil/sites/cpoint

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point treats patients on an outpatient basis in the areas of orthopedics, podiatry, gynecology, internal medicine, military medicine, radiology, physical therapy, mental health, preventive medicine,

aviation medicine and same-day surgery and through a Medical Home Port that includes family care and pediatrics.

Patients can get immunizations, visit a dentist with the 12th Dental Company or an optometrist, or have their prescriptions filled at the pharmacy. Obstetrics, emergency services and hospital care are handled by local community partners.

Dental care is available to active-duty military only. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Military Housing Office

Building 298, E Street.....252-466-2107
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Housing/Family-Housing-Office

The MCAS Cherry Point Base Housing Management Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at MCAS Cherry Point, visit the HMO

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for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Bachelor Housing

Building 286..... 252-466-2699
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Housing/Bachelor-and-Transient-Housing

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. The dormitories are within walking distance of all base facilities. Enlisted dormitory room assignments can be made in advance by your sponsor. During your orientation, an office representative will inform you of all Air Force and base-specific policies.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with greater than three years of service and above will move into housing in the local community.

Family Housing

Building 298, E Street..... 888-883-0980
<https://cp.atlanticmcc.com>

At MCAS Cherry Point, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the MCAS Cherry Point privatized housing community, visit the Cherry Point Family Housing website.

MAIL

Post Office

153 E St.
 Havelock, NC 28532..... 252-466-2496
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Consolidated-Post-Office

Most MCAS Cherry Point Base postal needs of military personnel, civilian employees and their families are handled by the Main Base Office. The general delivery address for newcomers is:

Your full name
 Your rank
 MCAS Cherry Point Base Post Office
 153 E St.
 Havelock, NC 28532

PETS

Building 293,
 Fourth Avenue..... 252-466-2166/2409
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Veterinary

Pets belonging to personnel residing on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point must be licensed by the Veterinary Treatment Facility upon arrival, and current rabies tags must be visible on the pets at all times. Pets must also be registered with Animal Control on base and be microchipped. Only two domestic pets (cats/dogs) are allowed per home in base housing. The base bans full or mixed breeds of pit bulls, Rottweilers, wolf

hybrids, or any canine breed with dominant traits of aggression that present unreasonable risks to those aboard the base.

Clinic services include wellness exams, annual physicals, minor appointments and vaccinations, heartworm testing, and all essential vaccinations and examinations for puppies and kittens beginning as early as 7 weeks old. Emergency cases should be handled by a full-service civilian veterinary hospital.

The clinic's main concern is government-owned animals but it also is available to pets belonging to the air station's active duty and retired service members and their dependent families.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

MCAS Cherry Point Memorial Chapel

Building 100, E Street 252-466-4000
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Chapel

The MCAS Cherry Point military and civilian staff welcomes you to Memorial Chapel; our goal is to serve active-duty, family members and retired military personnel in close coordination with Second Marine Aircraft Wing chaplains. Worship opportunities, sacraments and programs include baptisms, child dedications, communion, religious education, marriage and confidential pastoral counseling.

For a listing of chapel services, visit the chapel's website.

SERVING YOU DINING

Crow's Nest

Building 4389,
 Naval Health Clinic..... 252-466-9147

Five Guys Burgers & Fries

Building 4535..... 252-444-2500

Library Cafe

Building 298, Station Library 252-466-9553

Lightning Cafe

Fleet Readiness Center
 East Complex 252-466-8255

Mayberry Cafe

Fleet Readiness Center
 East Complex 252-466-8270

McDonald's

100 Woodside Drive..... 252-466-2269

New City Deli

Building 4535..... 252-466-9328

Rice King

Building 4535..... 252-444-2505

Roadhouse Grill

Building 3542,
 E Street at First Street 252-466-5555

Snack a-Tach

Fleet Readiness Center
East Complex 252-466-8269

Subway

Building 3918..... 252-444-1864

Wings Restaurant

Building 4843,
Miller's Landing..... 252-466-9132
For hours of operation, menus, catering and information on the food truck schedule, visit www.mccscherrypoint.com/dining.

EDUCATION

Education Services/University Center

Building 4335, Room 109 252-466-3500
Information & Referral 252-466-6759
Testing..... 252-466-3500
Transition Assistance 252-466-4201
<http://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/personal-professional-development/education-programs>

Personal & Professional Development provides a broad range of educational opportunities and counseling services that focus on Marines assigned to MCAS Cherry Point and their family members at the Jerry Marvel Training & Education Building.

Three on-base universities and a local community college are represented — Boston University, Park University, South Illinois University and Craven Community College — offering associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs both on base and online.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Team Building

Building 232..... 252-466-4637
<https://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/family-team-building>

Marine Corps Family Team Building provides educational resources and services to foster personal growth and enhance the readiness of service members and their families. The MCFTB is composed of Family Readiness Program, Readiness & Deployment Support, LifeSkills, L.I.N.K.S., CREDO and PREP. All services are free and can be used by active-duty military members from all services, Guard and Reserve members, retired military members and Department of Defense civilians.

Child Development Center

Resource & Referral,
Building 4859..... 252-466-5605
CDC No. 1, Building 4298,
Woodside Drive..... 252-466-3782
CDC No. 2, Building 4629,
Franklin Road..... 252-466-3105

CDC No. 3, Building 4859,
Jones Road 252-466-4176
Cherry Tree House,
Building 4415..... 252-466-3861
<https://mccscherrypoint.com/children-youth>

Three Child Development Centers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children offer full-time and hourly care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old, using the Creative Curriculum for age-appropriate development of each child. All CDCs meet Department of Defense standards for staff qualifications, program quality, safety, sanitation and nutrition.

Nationally accredited school age care is available for children enrolled in school, and offers after school, intersession, single day and summer camp options at the Cherry Tree House.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 232..... 252-466-7533
<http://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/family-care/exceptional-family-member>

Staff with the Exceptional Family Member Program is trained to provide families with services, support and resources they need to care properly for exceptional family members, starting with making sure such families are assigned to locations where such support is available. In addition to setting up educational training, adult monthly social groups, sponsor assignment, accompaniment to school meetings and respite care, staff members can tap a vast network of local, state and national resources to benefit special needs families.

School Liaison

Building 232..... 252-466-7648
<http://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/family-care/school-liaison>

The MCAS Cherry Point school liaison is available to help with all K-12 education issues for public, private, Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) and home-schooled students, from finding schools in the area, deployments, moving tips and school advice. Tutoring, scholarships and SAT/ACT prep resources also are available.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

First Flight Federal Credit Union

Building 3672,
Second Avenue 252-447-0691
www.efirstflight.com

First Flight Federal Credit Union serves the those on MCAS Cherry Point with one branch and additional ATMs can be found at the Marine Corps Exchange, 7-Day Troop Store and Naval

Air Depot Building, along with additional area branches and ATM locations.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 219..... 252-466-2311
www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Staff/CP-Legal-Service-Support-Team/Legal-Assistance

Legal Assistance cannot help with criminal cases but can assist in matters of civil law such as estate planning, family law, leasing disputes and financial matters. The office's first priority is active-duty personnel, followed in descending order, as resources permit, their dependents, reserve personnel on active duty of more than 30 days, dependents of activated reserve personnel, and retired personnel and their spouses.

LIBRARY

Building 298..... 252-466-3552
<http://mccscherrypoint.com/programs/personal-professional-development/library>

The Cherry Point Library, called the Marine Warrior Library houses a collection designed to support the education, personal development and entertainment needs of all Service members and their families. The library provides a wide range of both print and digital resources, as well as a computer lab, study and gaming rooms, café and a children's area complete with early learning computers.

The Cherry Point Library carries a huge selection of books, magazines, audiobooks, video games, equipment, and music, all available for free with a library card. The library also offers an extensive number of free digital services, including academic databases, e-book and audio book downloads, free music downloads, and language learning resources.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at MCAS Cherry Point, visit the Marine Corps Community Services online at <http://mccscherrypoint.com/recreation-entertainment>.

Auto Skills Center

Building 4652..... 252-466-2352
<https://mccscherrypoint.com/recreation-entertainment/autoskilz>

The Auto Skilz facility is a state of the art DIY, 64 bay automotive center available for you to work on your cars, trucks, motorcycles and more. ASE certified technicians are available at all times to help guide you through a variety of mechanical repairs, such as oil changes, tire balance/rotations, brake replacements, or even

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rebuild your entire engine. A full line of OEM or specialty performance parts are available.

Fitness & Sports Centers

<http://mccscherrypoint.com/semper-fit/fitness-centers>

Devil Dog Gym

Building 4322..... 252-466-2713

The gym has treadmills, elliptical machines, cross-trainers, step machines, upright and recumbent bikes, free weights, cardio theater, locker rooms, and checkout belts and straps. Each patron must bring a full-size towel to lay down on workout benches before using them to work out, as well as a lock to secure belongings.

Hancock Gym

Building 3471..... 252-466-4018

Hancock Gym offers a warm-up area, treadmills, cross-trainers, step machines, upright and recumbent bikes, free weights, checkout belts and straps, and the Nexersys NXS Interval Training System. It's also adjacent to a pool and a running trail. Patrons must bring their own locks to secure their belongings, and full-size

towels to lay on the benches prior to working out on them.

Marine Dome

Building 287..... 252-466-2566

The Marine Dome hosts many sports and activities under one roof, from basketball to Zumba, including the High Intensity Tactical Training Program (HITT). Reserve an athletics field or indoor court, check out gear or meet the Semper Fit staff. There are three basketball courts, volleyball and racquetball courts, speed and heavy bags, martial arts and wrestling areas, locker rooms, a men's steam room and sauna, a women's sauna, personal training, a road race series, team and competitive events, health fairs and gear rental.

Athletics Sports Complex at Lanham Field

Lanham Field next to

Lanham Housing..... 252-466-2566

This sports complex has an eight-lane running or walking track, a lighted football field, two soccer fields, three volleyball courts, a marked combat fitness test field and a covered pavilion.

For reservations, call the Marine Dome Issue Room, 252-466-2566.

Golf Course & Pro Shop

Building 3570..... 252-466-3044

<http://mccscherrypoint.com/recreation-entertainment/golf>

Sound of Freedom is a PGA-rated 18-hole golf course with a driving range, chipping and putting green, full-service Pro Shop, golf cart and club rentals, and a restaurant. Golf lessons from a certified PGA teaching pro are available upon request.

Outdoor Connection Rentals

Building 162..... 252-466-4058

<http://mccscherrypoint.com/recreation-entertainment/rentals>

Whether you're planning a day on the water, an outdoor celebration, a camping trip or planting a garden, Outdoor Connection can rent you the equipment you need, from propane refills to kayaks, party canopies to campers, inflatables to climbing walls, new professional lawn equipment to an outdoor theater system.

Travel & Leisure

Building 3918..... 252-466-2197/2172

<http://mccscherrypoint.com/recreation-entertainment/crystal-coast>

Visit Crystal Coast Travel & Leisure to get discounts and deals for airline tickets and cruises, tickets to all major theme parks (Walt Disney World, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, Six Flags Over Georgia and Universal Studios Parks, to name a few) and customized vacation packages to such getaways as the Biltmore Estate in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina, or New Jersey's Atlantic City Boardwalk.

SHOPPING

Commissary

Building 3918..... 252-466-0800

www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary. In-store services include a bakery, a deli, fresh lobster and fresh sandwiches to go, plants and sushi.

Marine Corps Exchange

Building 3918..... 252-720-1628

<http://mccscherrypoint.com/shopping-services/shopping/#mex>

The Marine Corps Exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program on most items that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside the MCX vary so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Craven County

WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA! That's how you will feel here, welcomed. Situated between the Neuse and Trent rivers, Craven County is much more than a pass-through or pit stop on the way to North Carolina's heralded beaches less than 30 miles away. For history buffs, it's a jackpot of "firsts" (first postal service, printing press and fire department, among others) and fine 18th-century homes as well as the new, interactive North Carolina History Center. For families, it's a haven of affordable, livable neighborhoods and miles of waterfront playground. For retirees, the county boasts an ideal climate and a bevy of golf, arts and recreation opportunities. And for all residents — young and old, Craven County natives and newcomers alike — it is a friendly community with about 103,000 residents, where life's pace takes a go-with-the-flow cue from the prominent rivers: fast enough to keep things moving, slow enough to savor all that the region has to offer.

Craven's county seat, New Bern, is the original state capital. It boasts a pedestrian-friendly downtown, dotted with mom-and-pop restaurants, quaint storefronts and a popular river walk. Just

to the south of New Bern, the small village of Havelock is home to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and in the 157,000-acre Croatan National Forest you can find rare Venus flytraps, bears, plenty of alligators and other wildlife.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities for residents to explore: Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from the Coastal Christmas Flotilla, with everything from small boats to large yachts all decorated in bright lights and dazzling decorations, to Mum-fest, a combination of family fun, entertainment, attractions, exhibitors and great food.

HISTORY

Craven County was named in honor of William, Earl of Craven, who lived from 1606 to 1697. His death preceded the establishment of Craven County, and he never had the pleasure of visiting the county that carries his name. The official Craven County seal was designed and adopted in 1981, using the coat of arms of the earl, which is also the coat of arms of his nephew, William, Lord Craven, who succeeded him as Lord Proprietor of Carolina.

Craven County, originally included as a precinct of Bath County, was established in its present form in 1712. New Bern became its county seat in 1722 and was also the capital of the colony and first state capital until 1794. Because of its location, situated between the Albemarle and Cape Fear, Craven County grew in size and importance during the mid-18th century because of the significance of its county seat as a river port. As Craven County moved into the 19th century, it continued to flourish as the developing railroad system served to further New Bern's commercial dominance, wealth and cultural sophistication. These influences were also felt in the nearby communities.

During the Civil War, there was significant activity in Craven County, and remains of battle-grounds can still be found.

The 20th century brought the military into Craven County, with the establishment of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. This development translated into new prosperity for the area as well as greater diversity. Over the years, as military personnel retired, many chose to settle in Craven County. In the last few decades of the

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Havelock Chamber of Commerce

201 Tourist Center Drive
Havelock, NC 28532 252-447-1101
www.havelockchamber.org

New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce

316 S. Front St.
New Bern, NC 28563 252-637-3111
www.newbernchamber.com

New Bern-Craven County Convention & Visitors Center

203 S. Front St.
New Bern, NC 28560 252-637-9400

20th century, Craven County became a preferred retirement destination for legions representing every region of the country, who find its climate, quality of life, cost of living and amenities to be quite desirable.

SAFETY

State of North Carolina Department of Transportation

Nonemergency 877-368-4968
www.ncdot.gov/programs/ghsp

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is one of North Carolina's largest state government agencies, with 12,000 employees. NCDOT works hard to

provide high-quality transportation for travelers throughout North Carolina, including highways, rail, aviation, ferries, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and public transit. Visit the department's web site for information about general safety on the state's roadways, work-zone safety, child passenger safety, bicycle safety and more.

Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management

Nonemergency 919-825-2500
[www.ncdps.gov/Our-Organization/
Emergency-Management](http://www.ncdps.gov/Our-Organization/Emergency-Management)

The Division of Emergency Management plans for and responds to natural and man-made disasters. The division works with local and federal agencies to help individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit groups and communities recover from disaster. Emergency Management also handles search and rescue efforts, risk management and hazardous materials containment and cleanup. Visit the division's website for emergency preparedness information.

Craven County

Emergency Management

Nonemergency 252-636-6608
[www.cravencountync.gov/179/Emergency-
Management](http://www.cravencountync.gov/179/Emergency-Management)

Emergency Management offers comprehensive emergency planning and coordinates with local, state and federal agencies. The Emergency Management program includes mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The department coordinates and participates in activities to educate the public on emergency preparedness to ensure that people affected by a disaster have the proper relief and recovery assistance. Visit

the office's website for the county's disaster planning guide and other disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Craven County has a warm, humid temperate climate with hot summers and no dry season. The county gets about 53 inches of rain per year, while the U.S. average is 39. The area receives little snowfall, generally 2 inches per year. On average, there are 214 sunny days per year in Craven County. The July high is around 89 degrees. The January low is 34.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Ready North Carolina is the state's official emergency preparedness campaign managed by the Division of Homeland Security. Visit the official website at www.readync.org for information about local disaster preparedness, including tips for planning a readiness kit, how to protect your home, special considerations for seniors, how to prepare pets for an emergency and more. In addition, the ReadyNC mobile app is an all-in-one tool to help people get ready for everything from traffic jams to hurricanes and ice storms. The app gives information on real-time traffic and weather conditions, river levels, evacuations and power outages. Download the free ReadyNC app for your iOS or Android mobile device at the App Store or the Google Play store.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.





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Getting To & Around

In Craven County

SITUATED ALONG THE ATLANTIC Ocean, the coastal plains of Craven County are an ideal location for raising a family or a relaxing getaway. Many people traveling in the area choose to drive, enjoying the ocean views and forest backdrop of the Croatan National Forest.

For those flying, there are four airports within about two hours' drive with numerous air carriers to choose from. One airport is right in New Bern but offers limited service, but a major airport is 150 miles away with numerous options for travelers. The county also has public transportation.

AIRPORTS

Albert J. Ellis Airport

264 Albert Ellis Airport Road
Richlands, NC 28574 910-324-1100
www.flyoaj.com

Albert J. Ellis Airport is near Jacksonville and about 55 miles from MCAS Cherry Point. The airport serves residents in the coastal region in places such as Morehead City, Surf City and throughout Onslow County and

eastern North Carolina. American Airlines and Delta Air Lines offer daily flights to and from Charlotte and Atlanta.

Ground transportation includes taxi, hotel shuttle and rental car service. Five rental car companies offer services to travelers at the airport: Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and National-Alamo.

Coastal Carolina Regional Airport

200 Terminal Drive
New Bern, NC 28562 252-638-8591
www.newbernairport.com

Located in New Bern, less than a block from U.S. Highway 70, the airport offers as many as 10 flights daily, including regional jet service, with shorter lines and parking just a few steps away from the terminal. American Airlines and Delta Air Lines offer frequent flights to and from East Coast hub airports.

Ground transportation includes taxi, hotel shuttle and rental car service. Five rental car companies offer services to travelers at the airport: Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and National-Alamo.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport

2400 John Brantley Blvd.
Morrisville, NC 27560 919-840-2123
www.rdu.com

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) is about 150 miles from MCAS Cherry Point and is served by 10 major carriers: Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit and United Airlines. Travelers can choose from more than 40 nonstop destinations on one of 400 daily flights from RDU.

Ground transportation includes 11 rental car companies, Greyhound, Amtrak, a regional bus service, a number of shared transportation options, and taxi and limo services.

Wilmington International Airport

1740 Airport Blvd., Suite 12
Wilmington, NC 28405 910-341-4125
www.flyilm.com

Wilmington International Airport is about 95 miles from MCAS Cherry Point and has two major carriers, American Airlines and Delta Air

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Lines, with nonstop service to Atlanta, Charlotte, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Ground transportation includes eight rental car services and taxi and limo services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS)

2822 Neuse Blvd.

New Bern, NC 28562..... 252-636-4917

www.cravencountync.gov/165/

Transportation-CARTS

CARTS serves Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. The system operates a fleet of 32 vehicles, including specially modified vans to accommodate the elderly and/or handicapped and a variety of other vehicles such as standard vans, converted vans, mini-buses and sedans. The service operates from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on fares and the system's service area, visit the website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Craven County is served by two U.S. highways and several state routes.

Within the county, two major U.S. highways intersect in the city of New Bern. U.S. Highway 70 heads east from New Bern, past MCAS Cherry Point, to the Port of Morehead City on the Atlantic Coast, west to Interstate 95, and then on to Raleigh, North Carolina. From New Bern, U.S. Highway 17 runs north to Winchester, Virginia, and south through Wilmington, North Carolina, ending in Punta Gorda, Florida.

In addition to the U.S. highways, numerous state routes in Craven County join it to neighboring South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation offers commuter strategies at www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/traffic-travel.

NCDOT provides free real-time traffic information, work zone maps and commuter options. There are also resources and information encouraging the use of commuting alternatives such as transit, vanpooling/carpooling, walking, biking, telecommuting and alternate work schedules.

North Carolina

Department of Motor Vehicles

299 Wilmington Highway

Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-347-3613

www.ncdot.gov/dmv

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/downloads.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in North Carolina from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all North Carolina residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its North Carolina Driver's Handbook, which can be downloaded at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/driver-licenses/new-drivers/Documents/driver-handbook.pdf.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with vehicle registration are available online at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/downloads/Pages/registration.aspx, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Distracted Driving

The state of North Carolina does not prohibit drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. There are a couple of exceptions to this law, including novice drivers under age 18 or school bus drivers.

Texting while driving is prohibited in North Carolina.

North Carolina

Department of Transportation

www.ncdot.gov

Visit the North Carolina Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, ferry reservations and real-time traffic conditions.





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Housing & Real Estate

in Craven County

WITH ITS RICH HISTORY and cultural offerings, along with the beauty of its rivers and surrounding region, living in Craven County means having the best of both worlds: the quaintness of a Southern small town and the vitality of a community that appreciates its vibrant sense of place. In addition to a low cost of living and abundant natural amenities, the county offers a quality of life not often found in larger metropolitan areas. In 2018, an estimated 102,912 people called Craven County home, the U.S. Census Bureau says. Population density in Craven County was 146 people per square mile, the Census found.

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, in Craven County, is made up of more than 30,000 people, including active-duty and retired Marines, the civilian workforce and their families. Additionally, about 12,000 veterans live in the area.

Craven County

Craven County was named after William, 1st Earl of Craven, son of a Lord Mayor of London and a soldier who, while fighting on

the Continent during the English Civil War back home, fell madly in love with Elizabeth of Bohemia, sister to the embattled Charles I. As part of his wooing Craven threw financial support behind Charles, but after that monarch lost his head his son, Charles II, eventually ascended the English throne. Charles II rewarded Craven's loyalty with an earldom, a share in the Colony of Carolina, which he served from afar as one of its Lord Proprietors, and court offices where he developed a reputation for bawdy language and generosity; during the Great Plague of London, he was among the few nobles who stayed, maintaining order and donating property for burials. In gratitude, Craven County took his name at its formation in 1712, though the earl himself had been dead 15 years. County seat New Bern had a river port and later, railways, and commerce and transportation brought wealth and culture to the whole area. Heavy fighting raged across the region during the Civil War, however, and battle-grounds are a significant part of county history.

With the Croatan National Forest situated within the county, and access to several

riverfronts and close proximity to Atlantic Ocean beaches, Craven County is perfect for outdoor recreation. For more information about where to go and what to see in the county, check out the New Bern Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.visitnewbern.com.

Communities in Craven County near Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point include Havelock and New Bern.

Havelock

P.O. Box 368
Havelock, NC 28532.....252-444-6400
www.havelocknc.us

Located in Eastern North Carolina, midway between New Bern and the beaches of the Crystal Coast, Havelock has much to offer residents and visitors alike. The city's 16.85 square miles are home to about 20,000 residents.

Havelock is one of eight cities in the world named after Sir Henry Havelock, a British officer in India who distinguished himself in 1857 during what was known as the Indian Mutiny. The area was originally named Havelock Station in the late 1850s, when the Atlantic



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and North Carolina Railroad built a depot where its right-of-way crossed what is now Miller Boulevard.

In 1940, Havelock became the home of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The Naval Aviation Depot on the air station provides employment opportunities for local residents. In 1959 the town was officially established.

Situated at the edge of the Croatan National Forest, there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation in the area.

The cost of living is below the national average by more than 10 percent. Median rent is \$1,029, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,142. Mean travel time to work for those living in Havelock is 17 minutes.

New Bern

300 Pollock St.

New Bern, NC 28560.....252-636-4000
www.newbern-nc.org

New Bern was settled in 1710 by Swiss and Palatine German immigrants. The new colonists named the settlement after Bern, the capital of Switzerland and hometown of their leader Christoph von Graffenried. New Bern is the second-oldest European-American colonial a

The city serves as the county seat of Craven County, a distinction it has held since 1722. New Bern is 19 miles north of MCAS Cherry Point at the junction of the Neuse and Trent rivers, offering residents beautiful river views and walkways.

This residential community is 28.23 square miles with a population of 30,113. Mean travel time to work for those who reside in New Bern is 19 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$844, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,256.

New Bern is notable for being the setting for two of Nicholas Sparks' novels, "The Notebook" and "A Bend in the Road."

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any

valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The

main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

The North Carolina Department of Justice's Landlord-Tenant Booklet can be downloaded at https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/north_carolina/renting/tenantrights.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The North Carolina Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.ncrealtors.org.

State Programs

North Carolina provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <http://portal.hud.gov> and select North Carolina from the "State Info" drop-down menu.

USDA Rural Development offers programs to help rural Americans with essential services such as housing, economic development and health care. As part of USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and



essential community facilities in rural areas. Rural Housing Service does this with loans, grants and loan guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools and more. Visit www.rd.usda.gov/nc for more information.

The North Carolina Housing Coalition provides guidance to help residents find programs that secure housing for veterans, the elderly and people with special needs or those in need of financial assistance. For more information, visit <https://nchousing.org> or contact the housing coalition at 919-881-0707.





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Employment & Economy

in Craven County

WHILE IT'S CHERISHED FOR its historic locales, Craven County also has an eye on the future with its diverse and thriving economy. The region has industry leaders in education, health, service and manufacturing. Craven County Schools and local universities provide both learning and employment opportunities to residents. CarolinaEast Medical Center, a 350-bed facility, employs more than 250 physicians who direct a health care team of more than 2,100 professionals. The county's larger employer, however, is the Department of Defense, with MCAS Cherry Point and Fleet Readiness Center East both calling Craven County home.

The Craven County Economic Development organization is a leading resource for businesses, aiding both entrepreneurs and major industries within the region. The group provides business solutions to help enterprises grow. Its website, <http://cravenbusiness.com>, has helpful information on financial resources and incentives, local demographics, small business resources and available business properties.

Median household income in Craven County is \$49,391, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The state income tax rate is 5.499 percent.

MCAS Cherry Point

MCAS Cherry Point plays a vital role in the economic stability of the area. It is the largest employer in the county. In fiscal year 2017, the base's overall economic impact was \$1.96 billion, according to the installation's 2017 Economic Impact Statement. More than \$1.15 billion was paid in salaries to active-duty members, retired military members, current and retired civilians. In Craven County, the base has about 4,830 active military members, 3,352 retired military members, 3,323 active civilian members and 3,193 retired civilian members. Nearly 16,000 family members accompany these personnel.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth

of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

North Carolina Workforce Solutions Division

NCWorks Career Center — Craven County
2836 Neuse Blvd.

New Bern, NC 28560.....252-514-4828
www.nccommerce.com/about-us/divisions-programs/workforce-solutions-division

The North Carolina Workforce Solutions Division administers workforce programs that prepare adults, veterans, youth and other citizens for employment. The division also connects businesses with qualified employees. Job seekers can use the online job-search portal, learn new industries with NCWorks

apprenticeships or visit a career center for employment resources. Career centers have a number of free services to aid job seekers, including career assessments and guidance, access to training and education programs, job search assistance, resume and cover letter preparation, interview help, computer and internet access, and information on job fairs, workshops and the local job market. Visit the division's website for employment resources and more information on local career centers.

State of North Carolina

www.nc.gov/jobs

Employment opportunities with the state of North Carolina are posted online. Search and filter results by category, title, location, department, salary and more, then apply online.

Craven County

Human Resources Department

406 Craven St.

New Bern, NC 28560.....252-636-6602

www.cravencountync.gov/1471/Human-Resources

Craven County is among the top 10 employers in the county. Employment opportunities are posted online with benefits information. The county only accepts online applications for vacancies within the county government.

City of Havelock

1 Governmental Ave.

Havelock, NC 28532.....252-444-6400

www.havelocknc.us/departments/human-resources

Visit the city's human resources website to view current employment opportunities.

City of New Bern

Human Resources Department

303 First St.

New Bern, NC 28563.....252-639-7575

www.newbern-nc.org/departments/human_resources

To view job announcements, click on "Career Opportunities" at the city's human resources page.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors;

misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Cherry Point.

MCCS Jobs

For information about Marine Corps Community Services jobs, including openings in recreation areas, child care facilities, dining facilities and more, visit the base's MCCS Human Resources website at <http://mccscherrypoint.com/employment>.

Exchange Jobs

For Marine Corps Exchange jobs, visit the MCCS Civilian Careers website at www.usmc-mccs.org/careers.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Small Business and Technology Development Center

North Carolina's Small Business and Technology Development Center offers management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. The center provides entrepreneurs with the tools they need to build and grow successful businesses. Most services are free. For more information on local regional service centers, visit www.sbtcd.org.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN CRAVEN COUNTY

Company	Industry	Employment Range
Department of Defense	Public Administration	1,000+
Fleet Readiness Center East.....	Manufacturing	1,000+
Craven County Schools	Education.....	1,000+
CarolinaEast Health System	Health Services.....	1,000+
BSH Home Appliances Corp.	Manufacturing	1,000+
Moen Inc.	Manufacturing	500-999
Marine Corps Community Services	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	500-999
Craven County.....	Public Administration	500-999
Craven Community College	Education and Health Services	500-999
City of New Bern	Public Administration	500-999

Source: Craven County Economic Development



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Health Care

in Craven County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Craven County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina

Community Health Center Association website at www.ncchca.org. Click on "Find a Health Center Near You" on the home page.

DENTAL CARE

The North Carolina Dental Society's website, www.ncdental.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist with its roster lists. Visit www.ncdental.org/for-the-public/find-a-dentist to search by address, ZIP code, name or specialty. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Section of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at www2.ncdhhs.gov/dph/oralhealth.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the North Carolina Medical Board's online licensee search at <https://www.wapps.ncmedboard.org/Clients/NCBOM/Public/LicenseeInformationSearch.aspx>. You can browse for a provider by type or by location.

That should give you an idea of local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the North Carolina Medical Board at www.ncmedboard.org or call 800-253-9653.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Craven County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 6 — the VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, with the nearest major medical centers in Durham and Fayetteville, about 150 to 160 miles from MCAS Cherry Point. VISN 6 serves more than 340,000 veterans each year with eight medical centers and 33 community-based outpatient



clinics located throughout North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. The closest community outpatient clinic is in Morehead City.

Durham VA Medical Center

508 Fulton St.
Durham, NC 27705 919-286-0411
www.durham.va.gov

Fayetteville VA Medical Center

2300 Ramsey St.
Fayetteville, NC 28301 910-488-2120
www.fayettevillenc.va.gov

The Durham and Fayetteville VA medical centers offer a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient health care services, ranging from disease prevention to primary care, mental health services and specialty care. Durham VA Medical Center's services are available to more than 200,000 veterans living in a 26-county area of central and eastern North Carolina. Fayetteville VA Medical Center provides services to more than 65,000 veterans living in a 21-county area of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Morehead City Community-based Outpatient Clinic
5420 Highway 70
Morehead City, NC 28557 252-240-2349

North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

413 N. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27603 844-624-8387
VA Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255
www.milvets.nc.gov

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for North Carolina's veterans, military and their families

by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources. It operates one service office in Craven County:

New Bern Service Office

2402 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
New Bern, NC 28562 252-636-6611
www.cravencountync.gov/189/Veterans-Services

HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies don't announce themselves, it's prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can

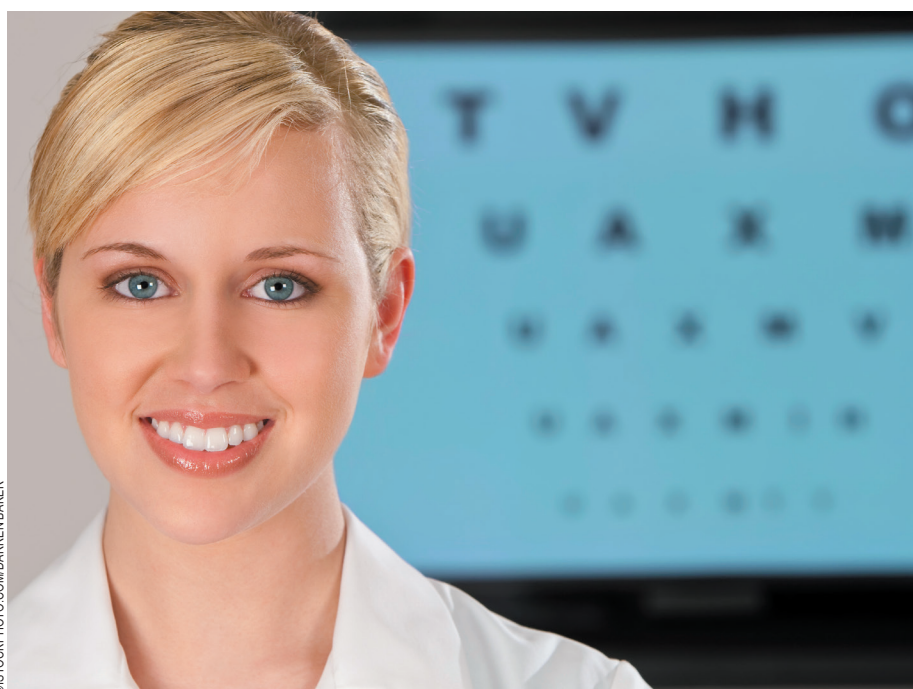
mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. In life-threatening situations, call 911 immediately and follow dispatcher instructions.

CarolinaEast Medical Center

2000 Neuse Blvd.
New Bern, NC 28561 252-633-8111
www.carolinaeasthealth.com

Carteret Health Care

3500 Arendell St.
Morehead City, NC 28557 252-499-6000
www.carterethealth.org





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Family Resources

in Craven County

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes

responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them —

with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.



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Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

North Carolina Health and Human Services – Social Services

Dorothea Dix Campus, McBryde Building
820 S. Boylan Ave.

Raleigh, NC 27603.....919-527-6335

www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dss

The North Carolina Department of Social Services works to protect the vulnerable, promoting strong and economically self-sufficient families as well as personal and family recovery and resiliency. The department's programs include safe surrender (for newborns' safety); refugee services; Work First, North Carolina's temporary assistance for needy families; and services for adoption, child care, child support enforcement, food and nutrition, foster care, pregnancy and more.

Craven County Social Services

2818 Neuse Blvd.

New Bern, NC 28561252-636-4900

www.cravencountync.gov/275/Social-Services

The Department of Social Services assists Craven County citizens in meeting their basic daily living needs through financial, nutritional and medical assistance. The department promotes the well-being of citizens through social work services to strengthen families and protective services to prevent or remedy abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable children and disabled or elderly adults.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.



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FAMILY RESOURCES

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

Your pet faces many new outside dangers in the area, including snakes and alligators. Four species of venomous snakes — rattlesnakes, cottonmouths, coral snakes and copperheads — pose a real danger. So keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Alligators pose the biggest threat to dogs as they closely



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resemble alligators' natural prey. They live wherever there is water, so avoid allowing your dog to walk around or swim in unknown waters, especially at night when alligators are eating.

Animal Services

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Hunting and Fishing Licenses..... 919-707-0391

Wildlife Violations 800-662-7137

www.ncwildlife.org

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission manages and ensures the long-term well-being of fish and wildlife, especially as

humans continue to encroach on wildlife habitats. The website offers tips on conservation and information regarding sustaining North Carolina's wildlife habitats.

Craven Pamlico Animal Services Center

1639 Old Airport Road

New Bern, NC 28562..... 252-637-4606

www.cravencountync.gov/1377/Animal-Adoption

Craven Pamlico Animal Services Center provides a variety of services, including assistance with adoptions, animal surrenders, lost and found animal reporting, and spay/neuter education. For more information on the county's animal shelter and pet adoption, visit the Craven Pamlico Animal Services Center website.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Craven County are plentiful; are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another place to start looking is the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association at www.ciclt.net/sn/peo/p_find.aspx?ClientCode=ncvma.



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Education & Academics

in Craven County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOL and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Craven County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a North Carolina school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 31 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should take the following to the school office: proof of residence; the child's birth certificate, immunization records, NC Health Assessment and previous school records; and a withdrawal form from the child's previous school (if applicable). Check with the school for additional requirements. Required immunizations for a child enrolling in kindergarten are as follows: five doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; four doses of polio; three to four doses of haemophilus influenzae type B; two doses of measles, mumps and rubella; three doses of hepatitis B; and two doses of varicella. For more details on North Carolina's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the North Carolina Health and Human

Services Immunization Branch website at www.immunize.nc.gov.

In 2010, North Carolina, along with many other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics, though North Carolina has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its

website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a listing of charter schools in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's website at www.ncpublicschools.org/charterschools.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education website at www.ncadmin.nc.gov/citizens/home-school-information. Here you will find information on home-school requirements, standardized testing, resources and more.

North Carolinians for Home Education

4441 Six Forks Road, Suite 106, Box 144
Raleigh, NC 27609..... 844-624-3338
www.nche.com

North Carolinians for Home Education is a private, volunteer organization serving home-schoolers in North Carolina. NCHE provides resources for home schooling families including curriculum resources, testing information and an athletic commission. For information on local home-school groups in Craven County, visit NCHE's website.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in North Carolina, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Craven County Schools

3600 Trent Road
New Bern, NC 28562.....252-514-6300
www.craven.k12.nc.us

The Craven County Schools district has 15 elementary schools, five middle schools and five high schools, as well as pre-K programs and evening high school education programs. The district covers about 695 square miles with a population of more than 100,000 residents.

UNIVERSITIES/HIGHER EDUCATION

Craven County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. Several colleges have on-base education programs. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Boston University

MCAS Cherry Point
Building 4335, Room 114..... 252-466-2491
www.bu.edu/military/lejeune-cherry-point

Craven Community College

800 College Court
New Bern, NC 28562..... 252-638-7200
305 Cunningham Blvd.
Havelock, NC 28532..... 252-444-6005
www.cravencc.edu



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Park University

MCAS Cherry Point
Building 4335, Room 122..... 252-466-2655
www.park.edu

South Illinois University

MCAS Cherry Point
Building 4335, Room 114..... 252-466-2779
www.siu.edu

University of Mount Olive at New Bern

2912 Trent Road
New Bern,
NC 28562..... 252-633-4464/800-868-8479
www.umo.edu/new-bern

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Craven County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The State Library of North Carolina, www.statelibrary.ncdcr.gov, supports libraries in the state with resources, Interlibrary Loan and other assistance.

For a full list of libraries in North Carolina, visit the State Library of North Carolina website. Residents of Craven County are served by the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library system, which consists of 10 member libraries in eastern North Carolina. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. The following public library branches are near MCAS Cherry Point.

Havelock Public Library

301 Cunningham Blvd.
Havelock, NC 28532..... 252-447-7509
www.havelocklibrary.org

New Bern-Craven County Public Library

400 Johnson St.
New Bern, NC 28560..... 252-638-7800
<http://newbern.cpclib.org>

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction:** www.dpi.state.nc.us
- **North Carolina PTA:** www.ncpta.org
- **Reading is Fundamental:** www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:** www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.



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Living

in Craven County

THE LOCAL AREA BOASTS plenty of entertaining activities — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Float down the lazy river at Lion's Water Adventure, for instance, or tee off at one of the challenging 18-hole golf courses in the area. Don't miss the Mumfest in downtown New Bern or the chance to compete at the Havelock Chili Festival. And be sure to check out the New Bern Firemen's Museum, celebrating the first chartered fire company in the state.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Craven County have many annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

Craven County Fall Fair

www.cravencountyfair.com

The Craven County Fair is held near the end of September or early October at the county fairgrounds in New Bern. The fair features thrill rides, vendors, carnival foods, music and fun for all ages.

Havelock Chili Festival

www.chilifestival.org

Havelock's annual chili festival is a two-day event in mid-October that includes a variety of cook-offs. Chili chefs compete to prove who has

the best chicken wings, chili verde, red chili and salsa. Compete to earn your bragging rights, or just come to enjoy the food.

Havelock Christmas Tree Lighting Jubilee

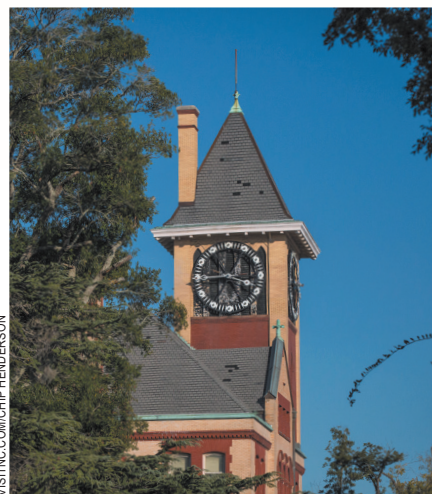
www.havelocknc.us

On a Saturday in early December, Havelock hosts a Christmas Tree Lighting Jubilee. Activities for the afternoon include Santa's Parlor, a hot chocolate/cider/sugar cookie booth, booths to decorate cookies and Christmas cards, food pantry for area donations and more. Visit the city website to find out the schedule for the annual event.

Mumfest

www.mumfest.com

MumFest is a combination of family fun, entertainment, attractions, exhibitors and great food in the beautifully restored setting of downtown New Bern and its waterfront. More than 60,000 festival-goers enjoy Mumfestivities every fall. The award-winning annual event is held over a weekend in mid-October.



VISTNC.COM/CHIP HENDERSON



“The Polar Express” Train Ride in the Smokies

www.gsmr.com/events/polar-express

Fun for the entire family usually held from November to January. This round-trip train ride brings the magic of “The Polar Express” to life. Enjoy Christmas carols and hot cocoa while listening to the storybook being read. Arrive at the “North Pole” and find Santa Claus waiting to board the train and present everyone with a special gift.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Craven County residents.

ArtWalk

317 Middle St.

New Bern, NC 28563 252-638-2577
www.cravenarts.org/artwalk.html

The second Friday of every month downtown New Bern is home to ArtWalk, where art venues, participating restaurants and shops extend their hours for a host of festivities. Enjoy a walking tour around historic downtown, explore galleries, listen to local musicians, talk to local authors and more. For details on participating businesses and other information, visit www.cravenarts.org/artwalk.html or call the Craven Arts Council and Gallery at 252-638-2577.

Carolina Ballet

3401-131 Atlantic Ave.

Raleigh, NC 27604 919-719-0900
www.carolinaballet.com

Carolina Ballet has garnered critical praise from the national and international media, staged 80 world premiere ballets, and toured internationally in China and Hungary. Its principal venue is the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh, North Carolina.

New Bern Civic Theatre

414 Pollock St.

New Bern, NC 28560 252-634-9057
www.newberncivictheatre.org

New Bern Civic Theatre is proud to be an important part of the New Bern Community for over 40 years. Performing hundreds of shows for audiences both young and young at heart, New Bern Civic Theatre has always been about more than just entertainment.

North Carolina Symphony

3700 Glenwood Ave., Suite 130

Raleigh, NC 27612 919-733-2750
www.ncsymphony.org

Founded in 1932 and the first state-supported symphony in the country, the North Carolina Symphony is a vital and honored component of North Carolina's cultural life. Its 175 performances annually are greeted with enthusiasm throughout the state in communities large and

small, in concert halls, auditoriums, gymnasiums and outdoor settings. Visit the website to see the schedule of performances.

MUSEUMS

Learn about the North Carolina's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Museum of the Marine

824 Gum Branch Road, Suite P

Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-937-0033
www.museumofthemarine.org

The design of the first phase of the Museum of the Marine (formerly the Marine Museum of the Carolinas) was presented in May 2016, along with the unveiling of the eagle, globe and anchor statue that will adorn the Reflection and Celebration Park grounds at Lejeune Memorial Gardens. Phase II is under way. Visit the website for updates.

New Bern Firemen's Museum

420 Broad St.

New Bern, NC 28560 252-636-4087
www.firemensmuseum.com

Visit the New Bern Firemen's Museum for the history of the first chartered fire company in North Carolina. Experience the Great Fire of 1922 that destroyed over 1,000 buildings and left much of the city in ruin. Talk to New Bern's famous fire horse, Fred, and bring the kids for a day of learning. With hands-on exhibits and an impressive collection of authentic memorabilia, this is a museum you don't want to miss.

The Birthplace of Pepsi

256 Middle St.

New Bern, NC 28560 252-636-5898
www.pepsistore.com

Take a trip to the birthplace of Pepsi, in New Bern, North Carolina. Step back in time and enjoy a fountain Pepsi, learn about the history of the inventor and browse the shop for souvenirs.

Tryon Palace/North Carolina History Center

529 S. Front St.

New Bern, NC 28562 800-767-1560
<http://tryonpalace.org>

At Tryon Palace, North Carolina's history is more than a story — it's an experience. It was here where governors ruled, legislators debated, patriots gathered and George Washington danced. Today, costumed guides, working craftspeople, engaging character interpreters and American history come to life on its grounds. Enjoy the Governor's Palace and surrounding historic homes, stunning gardens and interactive exhibits. The North Carolina History Center is a new \$65 million addition to the Tryon Palace & Gardens complex. Visit the website for more information.

PARKS

There are a multitude of parks and recreational areas in Craven County. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Bicentennial Park

Highway 24

Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-2600
<http://swansboro.recdesk.com/recdeskportal>

Bicentennial Park, on the shores of the White Oak River along the Swansboro waterfront, includes areas on both sides of the White Oak River Bridge. This attractive and popular facility features a fishing dock, picnic facilities, brick walkways and a boardwalk, benches, historical information and restrooms.

Fort Macon State Park

2303 E. Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, NC 28512 252-726-3775
www.ncparks.gov/fort-macon-state-park

Fort Macon State Park is a multifaceted place. It's the site of a perfectly restored Civil War-era fort, a museum-quality coastal education center and an unspoiled shoreline for swimming, surf fishing and beachcombing. Nearly surrounded by water at the eastern tip of Bogue Banks, the park offers undisturbed natural beauty and opportunities to explore and learn about salt marshes, estuaries and dune fields. Cannon and musket demonstrations and guided tours are regular features, complementing extensive exhibits indoors and out. A bathhouse and handicapped-accessible beachside areas complete the recreational fare.

Fort Totten Park & Field

490 Fort Totten Drive

New Bern, NC 28560 252-636-4060
<https://newbern.recdesk.com/Community/Facility/Detail?facilityId=34>

Tucked between Neuse Boulevard and Trent Road on Fort Totten Drive is the 5.4-acre Fort Totten Park. It's the perfect spot for get-togethers with family or friends. For the little ones, a modular playground and tot lot make a visit to the park unforgettable. For something more competitive, challenge your friends to a game of ball on the lighted softball field. Fort Totten Park has a picnic shelter with grills and picnic tables for any size gathering.

Hammocks Beach State Park

1572 Hammocks Beach Road

Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-4881
www.ncparks.gov/hammocks-beach-state-park

Hammocks Beach State Park offers a Welcome Center with nature exhibits showcasing island wildlife and history, picnic tables and a gazebo, ferry shuttles to and from Bear Island

year-round as well as several opportunities for recreation on the island itself. The island boasts a wealth of unique shell finds, year-round fishing, primitive camping and covered picnic tables as well as a concessions stand and swimming on the east shore from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

New Bern Aquatics Center

1155 Laura Drive

New Bern, NC 28562 252-639-2981
<https://newbern.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=7817>

The family-oriented New Bern Aquatics Center features zero-entry pool depths, interactive water features, slides, swim lanes and a large deck. Also included are family locker rooms, concessions, office space and a conference room. A full-time certified pool operator, lifeguard and attendants are all on hand at the center. Swimming lessons, monthly summer passes and facility rental are also available.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Jacksonville Mall

375 Jacksonville Mall

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-353-2477
www.shopjacksonvillemall.com

Jacksonville Mall features more than 70 specialty retailers, three department stores, a 16-screen movie theater and a number of dining choices.

New Bern Farmers Market

421 S. Front St.

New Bern, NC 28560 252-633-0043
www.newbernfarmersmarket.org

New Bern Farmers Market has been bringing patrons the freshest produce, baked goods, handmade crafts plus other specialty items for the past 20-plus years. The market is open year-round Saturday and open Tuesday from April through December.

New Bern Mall

3134 Highway 17

New Bern, NC 28562 252-633-2800
www.newbernmall.com

The New Bern Mall offers 361,000 square feet of enclosed retail shopping and dining space. The mall features several department stores, apparel, jewelry and specialty stores.

The Original
Pepsi-Cola
 Formula

Sugar - Standard Confectioners
 Water, sufficient quantity to
 Caramel - burnt sugar color
 Lime Juice
 Phosphoric Acid S.G. 1.750
 Alcohol
 Oil Lemon
 Oil Orange
 Cinnamon Oil
 Oil Nutmeg
 Oil Coriander
 Oil Petit Grain

Mix; Stir two hours; Boil Sugar and

The current Pepsi formula is a revised version

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you're looking to take ghost tour or go behind the scenes of a NASCAR race, Craven County offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Parkway S
Concord, NC 28027 800-455-3267
www.charlottemotorspeedway.com

Visitors can attend one-of-a-kind race spectacles such as the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race & Bank of America 500; take behind-the-scenes speedway and race shop tours; and drive an 800-horsepower stock car. The 167,000-seat facility also hosts numerous other events including three of the nation's largest car shows; a 10-week series of Legends Car, Bandolero and Thunder Roadster racing; and the Richard Petty Driving Experience.

Ghosts of New Bern

246 Middle St.
New Bern, NC 28560 252-635-1410
www.ghostsofnewbern.com

Discover if ghosts really do exist as you walk through the historic district of New Bern. Candlelit lanterns add to the experience as a knowledgeable guide shares the stories of the ghosts that haunt the homes and buildings as well as the paranormal investigations that have been held. Family friendly and wheelchair friendly make the tour perfect for everyone. Visit the website for more information on this walking tour.

Golf

Step to the tee among stunning mountains, rolling hills or beautiful beaches. North Carolina offers 400-plus golf courses across the state with temperatures that allow play year-round. A variety of public and country club courses are available in Craven County, including the Rees Jones-designed Emerald Golf Club, named one of the top 50 courses in the Southeast by Golf Weekly; the challenging Carolina Colours Golf Course that appeals to all handicap levels; and the resort-style Harbour Pointe Golf Club where golfers can enjoy a unique natural setting of picturesque coastal marsh lands. For a full list of public and private courses in North Carolina, visit www.visitnc.com/golf.

Kirkman's Farm and Petting Zoo

5255 N.C. Highway 55 W
Cove City, NC 28523 252-638-1847
www.newbern.insiderinfo.us/kids-stuff/farm/kirkmans-farm-and-petting-zoo/profile

Kirkman's Farm and Petting Zoo is a working farm, inviting visitors since 1999 to see the family-run operation and to feed and pet farmyard and exotic animals. Situated about



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20 minutes west of New Bern, Kirkman's Farm demonstrates preparing the fields, planting, fertilizing and harvesting corn, wheat, rye, oats, hay and pumpkins. Besides seeing the farming activities and machinery, you can enjoy the farm's goats, potbelly pigs, rabbits, ponies, cows, a miniature donkey, ostriches, an emu, a rhea and more.

Lions Water Adventure

2602 W. Vernon Ave.
Kinston, NC 28504 252-939-1330
www.lionswateradventure.com

Lion's Water Adventure is in Kinston, 35 miles from New Bern. The water park has three water slides, a kiddie lagoon, lazy river, lap pool and therapeutic pool, shady bungalow to view the lazy river and locker/changing room area. Lion's Water Adventure is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Visit the website for more information.

Lynnwood Park Zoo

1071 Wells Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-938-5848
www.lynnwoodparkzoo.com

Lynnwood Park Zoo sits on a 10-acre parcel with a 1/2-acre pond next to the picnic area. It is the only animal exhibiting facility in Onslow County and the Camp Lejeune area. The zoo displays over 80 animal exhibits with many species ranging from zebras, antelopes, potbellied pigs and skunks to alligators, pythons, box turtles and barn owls. Tours are available for groups of 20 or more. The zoo closes in the winter.

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

1 Roosevelt Blvd.
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512 252-247-4003
www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores

The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores has something for the whole family to enjoy. Watch river otters play. Touch a stingray. Look a shark in the eye. Explore shipwrecks — without getting wet. See a rare white sea turtle. Thousands of aquatic animals take you on a journey from the state's grand peaks to the open Atlantic. For more information on hours and ticket prices, visit the aquarium's website.