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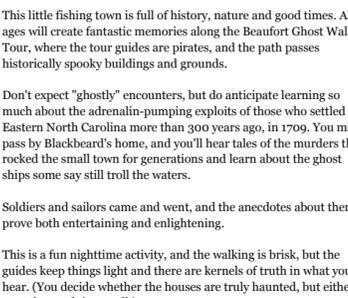


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Massacres, Murder and Mayhem



Beaufort, North Carolina

This little fishing town is full of history, nature and good times. All ages will create fantastic memories along the Beaufort Ghost Walk Tour, where the tour guides are pirates, and the path passes historically spooky buildings and grounds.

Don't expect "ghostly" encounters, but do anticipate learning so much about the adrenalin-pumping exploits of those who settled Eastern North Carolina more than 300 years ago, in 1709. You may pass by Blackbeard's home, and you'll hear tales of the murders that rocked the small town for generations and learn about the ghost ships some say still troll the waters.

Soldiers and sailors came and went, and the anecdotes about them prove both entertaining and enlightening.

This is a fun nighttime activity, and the walking is brisk, but the guides keep things light and there are kernels of truth in what you'll hear. (You decide whether the houses are truly haunted, but either way, the good times roll.)

WOW Factor: Most folks love walking past the cemetery and everyone recommends returning during the day to walk through the Beaufort Burial Grounds, where headstones tell the stories and ancient trees provide perfect photo opportunities. Be sure to stop by the Visitor Center for a map of the Burial Grounds.

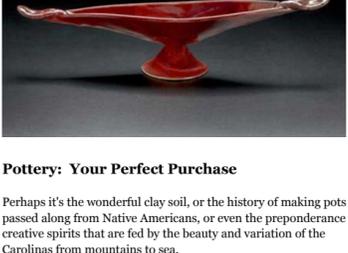
Hint: Wear comfortable shoes, of course, but depending upon the time of year, take/wear bug repellent. This is the coast after dusk, so be forewarned. Plan to walk for about an hour, often at a fast pace. Take your camera and know that some of the stories are more than a little creepy. Reservations for the Ghost Walk Tour are necessary, and as long as enough folks sign up, the tour is given year round. The meeting point is at the Grayden Paul Park, located across from the Beaufort Town Hall. Parking's a breeze. Many yachts and sailboats moor along the public docks. Walk the waterfront, enjoy the salt air and look across Taylors Creek for the wild ponies and horses that make their home on Carrot Island.

Learn more at: www.beauforthistoric.org

More about the Ghost Walk: www.PCTourco.com

For travelers with a yen to experience more out of life, check out almost **80 more Carolina Adventures.**

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Pottery: Your Perfect Purchase

Perhaps it's the wonderful clay soil, or the history of making pots passed along from Native Americans, or even the preponderance of creative spirits that are fed by the beauty and variation of the Carolinas from mountains to sea.

Seagrave is famous for his potters, and the Blue Ridge Mountains claim their own working culture.

What do we love about pottery? It's art with a purpose – beautiful items which are useful, too.

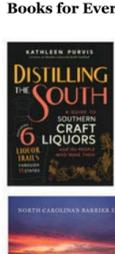
Check out the work of Ben Owens, Chris Luther, and Suze Lindsay and Kent McLaughlin. Find them doing what they love and what we love to see. Pretty, pretty things.

www.carolinliving.com/culture/pottery

Famous Faces

"My ambitious goal is to try to inject a little sanity into a world gone barking mad."

– Kathleen Parker



How can you not love the woman who penned those words?

The Carolinas have spawned hundreds of writers and poets, but the point here is that it's still going on.

Maya Angelou, Nicholas Sparks, James Dickey, Mickey Spillane and of course, Kathleen Parker. Discover why the Carolinas hold such attraction for those who love to spin tales and write verse to enchant and transport us all.

[Our Famous Writers and Poets.](#)

Books for Every Taste

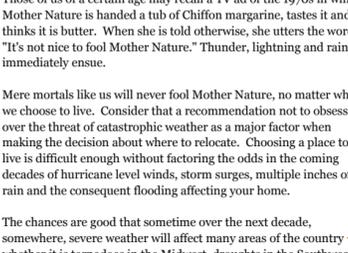


40% off on all UNC Press print books for the holidays.

These are great gifts, including one heck of a coffee table book, *North Carolina Barrier Islands*, as well as books about *Battles*, *History*, *famous and infamous*, *food* (I have my eye on *Southern Snacks*) and more. Some times, your Kindle or Nook just won't do. You need a hold-in-your-bust, page-by-page adventure.

[Check out](#) these beauties!

Weather or Not, Live Where You Want to Live



By Larry Gavrich
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Editor's note: In recent weeks, The Weather Channel has covered all manner of storms in the Midwest and nor'easters blanketing our northern Atlantic states. The wildfires in California, fueled by the Santa Ana winds, have broken records in terms of damage and human misery, and winter storm warnings have made "Sno-ember" one for the books. *There's weather everywhere, so take our golf expert's title to heart. "Live where you want to live."*

Those of us of a certain age may recall a TV ad of the 1970s in which Mother Nature is handed a tub of Chiffon margarine, tastes it and thinks it is butter. When she is told otherwise, she utters the words, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature." Thunder, lightning and rain immediately ensue.

More chores like us will never fool Mother Nature, no matter where we choose to live. Consider that a recommendation not to obsess over the threat of catastrophic weather as a major factor when making the decision about where to relocate. Choosing a place to live is difficult enough without factoring the odds in the coming decades of hurricane level winds, storm surges, multiple inches of rain and the consequent flooding affecting your home.

The chances are good that sometime over the next decade, however, severe weather will affect many areas of the country – whether it is tornadoes in the Midwest, droughts in the Southwest, hurricanes on the east and Gulf coasts, or some other cataclysm as yet unimagined. Remember, real estate value = location, location, location. Get the facts, [here](#).

Photo: Carolina Colours Golf Club, Hole #5

Charleston's Holiday Pub Tour



Through January 10, 2019, the Original Pub Tours of Charleston will feature the annual Holiday Pub Crawl in Historic Charleston.

The Holiday Pub Crawl will take groups on a walking tour to celebrate local food, flavor, and fun and raise money for MUSC Children's Hospital.

Guests will be escorted by a licensed tour guide to several pubs and taverns while learning the stories and legends of Charleston's unique culture and holiday history. They will enjoy complimentary appetizers and local holiday treats as they sip on their favorite beverages with the backdrop of the beautifully decorated city.

More about the [Holiday Pub Crawl](#).

Carolina Cuisine



Christmas Upside-Down Cake

Cranberries at their Most Festive

A delicious alternative to pie and uses one of the tastiest fruits of the fall harvest – sparkling cranberries.

The recipe is very versatile and can be made with apple, pears, peaches or plums. Simply arrange the fruit in the pan before you pour the batter over it.

Serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream. As pretty as a picture, but so much tastier. [Christmas Cranberry Upside Down Cake.](#)

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Recipe and photo courtesy of Pat Branning.

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Club of the Year Datasw Island

Beaufort, SC: Datasw Island has been named the South Carolina Golf Association's 2018 Club of the Year!

Since 2013, the South Carolina Golf Association (SCGA) has bestowed this coveted award annually in recognition of clubs that are committed to growing the game through amateur golf by hosting Championships, Seminars, charity events & anything else that supports the growth of the game.

Datasw island and their Director of Golf, Dave Britton, have long supported growing the game, supporting events at the Amateur level as well as the collegiate level and high school levels.

Datasw Island is a private community in Beaufort, South Carolina, featuring two 18-hole golf courses by architects Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills. The community also features a tennis facility that was recently recognized as one of the top four in the country by the U.S. Tennis Association, croquet lawns, bocce courts, an indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, yoga studio, art studio, community docks, and an unrivaled range of social activities. www.datasw.com



Host of the 2018 South Carolina Golf Association's Junior and Amateur Championships



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Wild Dunes Resort & Gibbes Museum of Art

Culturally Rich Family Getaway Package

Wild Dunes Resort is partnering with the Gibbes Museum of Art to give families the opportunity to experience the ultimate artistic Charleston getaway, coupling a beach vacation with a culturally rich excursion to the museum and choice of three art workshops celebrating Lowcountry heritage and tradition.

Choose from three on-site workshops at Wild Dunes Resort that will give you great gifts (for yourself or loved ones), to take home:

- **Sweetgrass Basket Weaving:** Families learn about the prized art-form and time-honored tradition of sweetgrass basket weaving in the Lowcountry and create a beautiful basket.
- **Indigo Dyeing:** Families can create a Charleston's tradition in indigo production and dyeing with a fun hands-on workshop and create a set of napkins.
- **Playing with Fire Ironworking:** Led by a local Charleston blacksmith, families can learn the celebrated art form of Lowcountry ironworking and work together to create a commemorative piece.

For more information visit www.wilddunes.com | www.gibbesmuseum.org

Photo courtesy Wild Dunes



Holiday on Main

Historic Downtown McCormick, SC kicks off the Holiday Season

November 30-December 8

This family-friendly holiday event offers good times for all ages and interests, including festive displays, concerts, a parade, tree lighting and more. Tour the historic 100-year-old Dorn House and enjoy lunch or dinner at one of their lively local restaurants.

For the youngsters, Santa will be attending the tree lighting on November 30th, and afterwards, the adults can shop for wonderful gifts at the Holiday Market. On Saturday, December 1, Santa will host the Main Street Parade.

History enthusiasts will enjoy taking a grist mill tour at the Dorn Mill Complex, where the Festival of Trees will delight and inspire. [Check the website](#) for a complete Schedule of Events. You'll want to plan to attend concerts and take advantage of holiday tours and exhibitions.

[Visit](#) Historic Downtown McCormick.

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