



beaches

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WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR

There is just nothing like the beach for relaxation...The beach is as versatile as the sun lovers on it. On a nice summer days, many people can be seen soaking up rays, frolicking in the waves, building sandcastles, or taking a stroll along the shoreline. Some may enjoy riding the waves on a surfboard. Others prefer parasailing or jet skiing. Whatever your passion, just about everyone enjoys a love of surf and sand!

RESORT STRIP BEACHES

When someone mentions “the beach”, this is often the area that comes to mind. The Resort Strip stretches roughly from the Jetty at 1st Street to 38th Street. This is the “action-packed” area. Here the banner-towing airplanes fly, the oceanfront cafes cook, and the boardwalk bustles with activity. A pair of in-line skates is just steps away for rental, and lifeguards look out for your safety. There are 25 parking lots and metered street parking all along the oceanfront. (Check out the contents page for more specific information about parking).

NORTH END BEACHES

North of 38th Street is where the locals hang. Here the beach is wider. It becomes downright “huge” the further north you go. The homes that scatter the shoreline are breathtaking! It is truly a lovely place. You must need to know, however, that there are no public restrooms or public parking lots near this area of the beach. No one is permitted near or on the sea oats. (Don't even think about it!). There are no lifeguards. To enjoy the North End beaches, one must get there early to secure a rare “on street” parking spot, pack a lunch or snack, and run the risk of dehydration by abstaining from liquids to avoid the need for a restroom. For these reasons, locals refer to the North End as “Extreme Beaches”.

CROATAN

South of the resort strip beaches lies Croatan. It is a local's haven. All-Day surfing is permitted here. It is also an “Extreme Beach”, but there is a lifeguard, as well as a public restroom, and a pay phone. However, directions to Croatan Beach are a secret that we are well-paid not to disclose.

THE NARROWS

At the end of 64th Street lies, “The Narrows”. The weird thing is, you take a left off of Atlantic Avenue to get there, if you are heading North. You'll see the First Landing State Park entrance at the end. You may be stopped by a Park Ranger upon entering. He may ask for a nominal fee. There is a boat ramp, beach and fishing area that abut Broad Bay. This is one of the loveliest sights in Virginia Beach! Broad Bay is just that – “broad”. It is breathtakingly beautiful! There is lots of boat traffic, which creates an ever-changing and entertaining view. Biking and hiking trails add to the versatility of this great area!

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