

THE FOLDED MAP

OUTER BANKS, NORTH CAROLINA

What makes the Outer Banks great

From the wide, open and sometimes isolated beaches to the wild, wooded national parks and wildlife refuges, the narrow string of barrier islands that comprise the Outer Banks offers a scenic, peaceful excursion for motorcyclists along the 100-mile "beach road." Wild horses, shipwreck stories and pirate lore, not to mention fresh seafood eateries and beach-themed taverns, draw tourists from all over the world to this unique location along the North Carolina/Virginia coast.

Top motorcycle events in the Outer Banks area

Outer Banks Bike Week, Outer Banks Bike Fest, Outer Banks Bike Rally, Barry's Bike Rally

Biker-friendly establishments

Bar: Lucky 12 Tavern

Restaurant: Black Pelican Oceanfront Restaurant

Lodging: Sea Ranch Resort

Quintessential local cuisine

North Carolina-style barbecue, fried green tomatoes with pimento cheese, fresh seafood, Hatteras-style clam chowder, Krispy Kreme Cheerwine doughnuts

Dealerships close to the Outer Banks

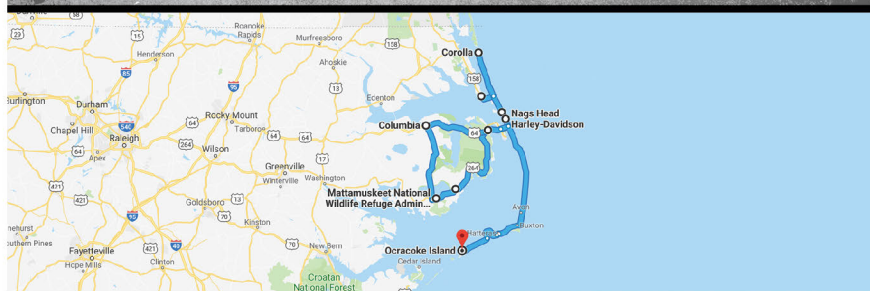
Outer Banks Harley-Davidson, Indian Motorcycle of Hampton Roads, Southside Harley-Davidson, Indian Motorcycle of Southeast Virginia, Bayside Harley-Davidson, Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson

Motorcycle-related attractions

Bob's Cycle Barn and Old Bike Museum, American Classics Garage, Vertigo Tattoo

Local rides

Starting at Outer Banks Harley-Davidson in Harbinger, North Carolina, go south on US-158, proceeding over the 2.8-mile Wright Memorial Bridge. Once in Kitty Hawk, you can head north 20 miles on NC-12 past Duck and into Corolla where you can take a wild horse tour through Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. Or, after the bridge, head south on NC-12 Virginia Dare Trail, past Wright Brothers National Memorial, then through Cape Hatteras National Park where you can take a detour to the Bodie Island Lighthouse. Proceed south on NC-12 crossing the Oregon Inlet Bridge into Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, all the way to the tip of Hatteras Island where you and your motorcycle can take the free ferry to Ocracoke Island to view more wild horses and where pirate lore abounds. An alternate route takes you from Nags Head, going west on US-64 over the Virginia Dare Memorial Bridge, past Roanoke Island, making a loop around Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge and Lake Mattamuskeet, up to Columbia and back over the bridge to Nags Head. There are several days' worth of rides here; don't try to jam all your sightseeing into a single day!



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