



Activities for Children

All Children's Park

10th Ave. S. and Hollywood Dr., Surfside Beach

This innovative playground, designed and equipped to accommodate both able-bodied and disabled children has set a nationwide example.

All Children's Park features "standard" equipment modified to suit the singular needs of challenged youngsters, without separating them from their peers. Specially designed equipment includes a slide with tiered ramp along its side, mesh-net swings and an elevated tic-tac-toe board and sandbox. A landscaped, shaded area with picnic tables and an adult swing adjoins the park.

#1 on map

Inlet Point Plantation

5800 Little River Neck Rd., North Myrtle Beach

(843) 249-2989

www.inletpointplantation.com

Reservations are highly recommended because prices and hours vary greatly. 9 or older admitted. Horseback beach and trail rides, carriage rides and a horse-lover's adventure on a private island all highlight this attraction for children of all ages.

Ride through hundreds of acres of fields and forests, over high rolling terrain, past salt marshes and along miles and miles of uninhabited barrier island beaches. This family-fun adventure offers a genuine alternative to the glitter and ping of the high-tech arcades and all-inclusive amusement park rides.

#2 on map

Alligator Adventure

Barefoot Landing

U.S. Hwy. 17 N. Bypass at 21st Ave. N., Myrtle Beach

(843) 444-3200

www.alligatoradventure.com

On-site, permanent attractions include the fenced-in, padded, jungle-gym-filled Family Play Park to let your little ones run around in and work off some of that energy; the Carousel Park & Kiddie Rides section and pedal boats to get around the whole Broadway lake by your own leg power.

#3 on map

The Children's Museum of South Carolina

2501 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach

(843) 946-9469

Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 4

<http://www.cmsckids.org/>

Admission charged. Adjacent to Myrtle Square Mall and next door to Office Depot, The Museum features exhibits such as: Calling All Colors Gallery, Bubble Play, Fairway Physics, Fossil Safari, Boating and Starlab. Ideal for children of all ages.

#4 on map

IMAX Discovery Theater

Broadway At The Beach, Celebrity Cir., Myrtle Beach

(843) 448-IMAX

<http://www.myrtlebeachimax.com/>

There are shows every hour of every day. Operating hours vary from month to month. The theater is open 364 days every year. (closed Thanksgiving day)
This amazing high-tech filming and projection process puts you in the middle of movie action in a way no ordinary screen presentation can. Titles include: Cosmic Void, Thrill Ride, Elephant Kingdom and Into the Deep.

#5 on map

Ripley's Sea Aquarium

1110 Celebrity Circle

Broadway At The Beach between 21st and 29th Aves. N., Myrtle Beach

(843) 916-0888

<http://www.ripleysaquarium.com/>

9 - 8 Sunday through Thursday, 9 -9 Friday and Saturday.

This 74,000-square-foot aquarium is a world-class attraction. Travel a moving glide path and get a close look at sharks, eels and stingrays and experience the glorious beauty of a living coral garden.

Five major portions of the aquarium explore different sea habitats. Dangerous Reef is centered around a shipwreck swarming with large sharks, poisonous predators, Caribbean reef fish and green moray eels. Rainbow Rock re-creates the Pacific Ocean to be home to more than 1,000 fish. The aquarium is viewed through two movie-screen sized windows. The Living Gallery is a Pacific environment. The inhabitants include the Pacific giant octopus, jellyfish and anemones. Rio Amazon showcases the piranha. At the Sea-For-Yourself Discovery Center, there is an opportunity to interact with some of the sea creatures.

#6 on map

Waccatee Zoological Farm

8500 Enterprise Rd. (in the Socastee Community), Myrtle Beach
(843) 650-8500
<http://www.waccateezoo.com/>

Admission charged.
10 - 5 every day, year round, excluding holidays.

For children and animal lovers, this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to view many unusual animals including Bengal tigers.. Waccatee covers 500 acres that include pasture and woodlands for the zebras, buffalo and deer. In the zoo itself you can see the traditional lions, tigers, bears and monkeys : more than 100 species of animals. The walk is about a mile long and makes for a casual, educational afternoon.

#7 on map

Captain Dick's Educational Cruises

4123 U.S. Hwy. 17 Bus., Murrells Inlet
(843) 651-3676

If you're looking for a fun and unusual activity add "educational cruises" to your calendar. These anything-but-boring boat trips offer firsthand exposure to the vast array of plants and animals that make the salt marshes of Murrells Inlet their home. Narrated by a marine biologist, the cruises last up to two hours and are restricted to the calm waters of the inlet. Using crab traps, bottom dredges, plankton nets and rods and reels, a collection of marsh plants and animals is produced for up-close looks and touches. During the last portion of the trip, participants can fish for samples of inlet dwellers such as spot, croaker and pinfish. Cruises operate from late spring through early fall.

#8 on map

Captain Sandy's Plantation Tours and Ghost Stories

117 Harborwalk, Georgetown
(843) 527-4106

Capt. Sandy not only knows more ghost stories, folk history and local lore than anyone living, but also is the embodiment of Southern hospitality and quick friendship. One of America's greatest living storytellers, he is known worldwide for his wit, tall tales and ability to bring listeners into his world.

Three-hour plantation tours combine fascinating historical lore with wildlife tales as well as a ghost story or two. Shell-lovers can't miss the five-hour trip to undeveloped, off-the-beaten-path Shell Island

#9 on map

Broadway At the Beach

1325 Celebrity Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-7445
(843)444-3200
<http://www.broadwayatthebeach.com/>

a 350-acre entertainment complex in the heart of Myrtle Beach, offers 20 restaurants including Hard Rock Café, Planet Hollywood, Official All Star Café, Easyriders Café and NASCAR Café. Broadway at the Beach, nestled around a 23-acre lake, features more than 100 specialty shops and attractions such as Celebrity Square nightclub district, Carmike's Broadway Cinema 16, The Palace Theater, NASCAR SpeedPark and Dragon's Lair Fantasy Golf.

Broadway at the Beach also offers IMAX Discovery Theater and Ripley's Aquarium.

#10 on map

Family Kingdom Ocean Front Park

301 3rd Ave S
Myrtle Beach,
(843)916-0400
<http://www.family-kingdom.com/groupsales.htm>

Family Kingdom is open from late March to late November. Operating hours vary, depending on the season.

South Carolina's largest roller coaster and largest Ferris wheel are both available here. The Swamp Fox Roller Coaster is a great wooden classic with a 62-foot drop. Children like the miniature locomotive that chugs around the grounds. The antique carousel was built in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1932. Other attractions include go-carts, bumper cars and the Express Himalaya.

This home of family fun takes a great deal of pride in it's reputation as a "family-friendly" park. There is a separate area called Kiddie Land just for toddlers & tots. In Kiddie Land, you'll find lots of "small" rides, including a miniaturized ferris wheel and roller coaster.

#11 on map

Fun Spot Action Park

500 S. Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach
<http://www.fun-spot.com/>

Open daily from March until December. Operating hours vary, depending on the season.

This park will put you in the driver's seat of a custom-designed go-cart on a number of different and exciting tracks. The Super Eight Track, a multilevel, nine-turn course with hairpin curves features Myrtle Beach's only nine-horsepower carts. On the Family Track, two-seater carts allow a parent and child to share a spin.. The action park also features Bumper Cars, Bumper Boats, a Space Walk, Ferris wheel, carousel, Kiddie Cars and several other attractions for the little ones.

#12 on map

Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park

812 N. Ocean Blvd.

Myrtle Beach

(843) 448-6456

<http://www.mbpavilion.com/>

CLOSING THIS SUMMER – BE SURE TO VISIT BEFORE THIS GEM IS GONE!!

In the heart of downtown Myrtle Beach, the Pavilion has been the area's No. 1 family attraction for more than four decades. In the last several years, the park has spent \$10 million-plus on new rides, expansions and renovations. Covering 11 acres, the Pavilion currently offers more than 35 rides for young and old. One exciting option is the Hydro Surge, an 1,100-foot whitewater rafting experience that recreates the excitement of rafting down a wild river in an eight-person raft. The Pavilion Grand Prix Road Course, a 900-foot-long go-cart course, allows the all family members to test their skill.

#13 on map

Myrtle Beach Grand Prix Family Thrill Park

3201 South Kings Highway

Myrtle Beach

(843) 238-3787

and

3900 US Highway 17 South

North Myrtle Beach

(843) 272-6010

<http://www.mbgrandprix.com/>

10AM - 11PM in season.

Grand Prix Family Thrill Parks (North and South) each feature a variety of racing cars and tracks including formula Grand Prix, Go-Carts, Speed Racers, and Junior Racers. The parks are divided into zones which accurately describe the types of rides found in each area. Families and individuals of all ages enjoy spending time in the Family Thrill Zone, Race Zone, Children Zone, Laser Zone, Food Zone, Golf Zone, Water Zone, and Game Zone. The parks are designed to accommodate more than 3,000 people at one time, and can accommodate groups of all sizes.

#14 on map (2 locations)

Myrtle Waves

3000 10th N. Ext. (off U.S. 17 Bypass) Myrtle Beach

843-448-1026

<http://www.myrtlewaves.com/>

20 acres of water rides and slides. The Carolinas' largest water park is also the tallest; Turbo Twisters is a 10-story, lightening-fast ride. With 30 rides and attractions, Myrtle Waves is proudly staffed by professionally certified lifeguards. The just-for-children Tadpool, only 18 inches deep, includes a Little Dipper Slide and the Magic Mushroom water fountain. The Lazy River serves up a cool and relaxing opportunity to float along a designated course. Picking up the pace is no problem on Snake Mountain, Pipeline Plunge or Ricochet Rapids all heart-in-your-throat water slides. Only the adventuresome venture to the Riptide Rocket, two body flumes that send you blasting.

Myrtle Waves also boasts its own Ocean In Motion Wave Pool

#15 on map

NASCAR Speed Park

1820 21st Ave N Myrtle Beach, SC

(843)626-8725

<http://www.nascarspeedpark.com/>

The Speed park is designed to provide family entertainment that resembles as closely as possible the NASCAR racing circuit.

An impressive variety of vehicles includes Grand Prix go-carts, mini Ferraris, Jeeps and Corvettes that can be maneuvered on a variety of tracks for high performance fun. A few of the most challenging tracks require licensed drivers; however, there is plenty of racing excitement available for all ages.

Both parks also offer miniature golf courses and water race parks with bumper boats. The south park boasts speed boats and the East Coast's only Hydro-Fighter. The North location has a complete Kiddie Park with rides that include Dinosaurs, a Car Carrousel and a merry-go-round. Air-conditioned arcades and snack bars are provided at both locations.

#22 on map

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum

Ocean Blvd. & 9th Ave No Myrtle Beach

843-448-2331

http://www.ripleysaquarium.com/other_attractions.asp

Located on Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach, SC, and features exhibits that you must see to believe - exhibits that are so bizarre, so odd, so strange, that even the most worldly and knowledgeable guests will be awestruck! All of our actual, original and real exhibits are displayed in individually themed galleries at each one-of-a-kind museum. Eye-catching illusions, clever animation, intriguing video, and state-of-the-art effects serve to enhance each visitor's already amazing experience. Ripley's™ spends approximately \$3.5 million on advertising and promotion of Ripley's™ Believe It or Not! museums, and has embarked on an aggressive and extensive worldwide franchising plan that has helped to expand Ripley's™ Believe It or Not! museums into a total of 11 countries.

#16 on map

South Carolina Aquarium

(843) 579-8601

<http://www.scaquarium.org/>

100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC 29401 | 843-720-1990

The South Carolina Aquarium on Charleston Harbor depicts the rich variety of life that exists in the aquatic environments of South Carolina. Opening Spring of 2000, the Aquarium will bring together over 10,000 animals and 5,000 live plants normally separated by hundreds of miles in the wild. Journey from the Mountain to Sea, and learn how these environments, no matter how different, are mutually interdependent. River otters, snakes, fish, turtles, alligators, and birds, all in their natural habitats will be found under one roof. The South Carolina Aquarium offers the perfect balance between conservation, education, and entertainment.

#17 on map

Wild Rapids Water Park & Pavilion

301 Third Ave. and S. Ocean Blvd.

Myrtle Beach

In addition to a fabulous oceanfront location in the center of Myrtle Beach, Wild Rapids features several big slides and tube rides for fun that's wet and wild and refreshing. A children's area is available, as well as an expansive sundeck that overlooks the Atlantic. An arcade is underneath the park that looks like a mountain

#18 on map

Wild Water Waterpark & Family Fun Center

910 Highway 17 S

(843)238-9453

<http://wild-water.com/>

Wally the Walrus, the mascot of Wild Water, welcomes guests to the wild slides and careening rides. This 16-acre facility is the area's newest waterpark

A 16-foot wide Lazy River, complete with a tropical rainforest and cascading waterfalls, meanders throughout the park. Wild Water also offers Wally's Wee-Children World, a wonderful kiddies' park with a pool, a "shipwreck," slides and more. Grownups will love the Lounge Pool; in-water lounge chairs are approved, and island music is upbeat.

#19 on map

Aladdin's Bankshot Basketball

Did you know that this family sport originated in **Israel** and this is becoming a very popular sport in the United States. The game requires players to shoot at 19 different stations using conventional basketballs and backboards with a number of opportunities to make each goal. Each station requires its own shooting strategy, with each player shooting up to 5 times per station. The game is similar in concept to a miniature golf course and can be played by both young and old alike. Here is your chance to show the little ones how to play basketball from a strategy perspective without worrying about what old father time has to say about it. Games are \$3 per game. Call **843-272-0952** for best times to play. Great fun for all ages!

Beamers

If a high-tech futuristic interpretation of "Tag, you're out!" is your game, then this laser tag game may be for you. Armed with your wits and a laser gun, you compete with 2 to 60 other participants trying to dodge and zap each other in over 5,000 square feet of black-lit illuminated playing areas. The strategy here is to make it to the "enemy" line without being hit. Glow in the dark shields and **your cunning** provide your only protection in this game. Dress comfortably with rubber-soled shoes and enjoy this real life science fiction thriller. Games are 20 minutes long and are priced at \$6.50 per person. Best to call ahead for specific times at this popular spot at **843-448-1900**

Fant-A-Sea Wheels

If its been a long time since the entire family got together and enjoyed a great afternoon roller skating; then this may be the spot to try. Traditional roller skates and the new in-line skates are available for all skating levels. While skating, pause for a moment to peer into one of the seven 125 gallon aquariums that take center stage. When its time to rest, a great snack bar is available and don't forget to challenge some of the family members at the arcade before getting back to the fun at the rink. **Family day** is Sunday, when a family of four can get in for just \$6. Every day has different special sessions so call **843-238-0409** ahead of time to see which one would be best for your family. Great value and fun for the entire family!

Mayhem Manor

For older children and adults alike, this hunted house will scare you silly. Dr. Morphious Mayhem is reputed to have performed murderous experiments on unsuspecting beach visitors, and the mansion is said to be haunted by these many victims. High technology makes many of the frights in this one very believable utilizing haunted twists such as robotics and special lighting and sound that will startle the starch out of even the most **fearless ghosts**. Boo! Call **843-651-4413** for hours of operation.

#21 on map

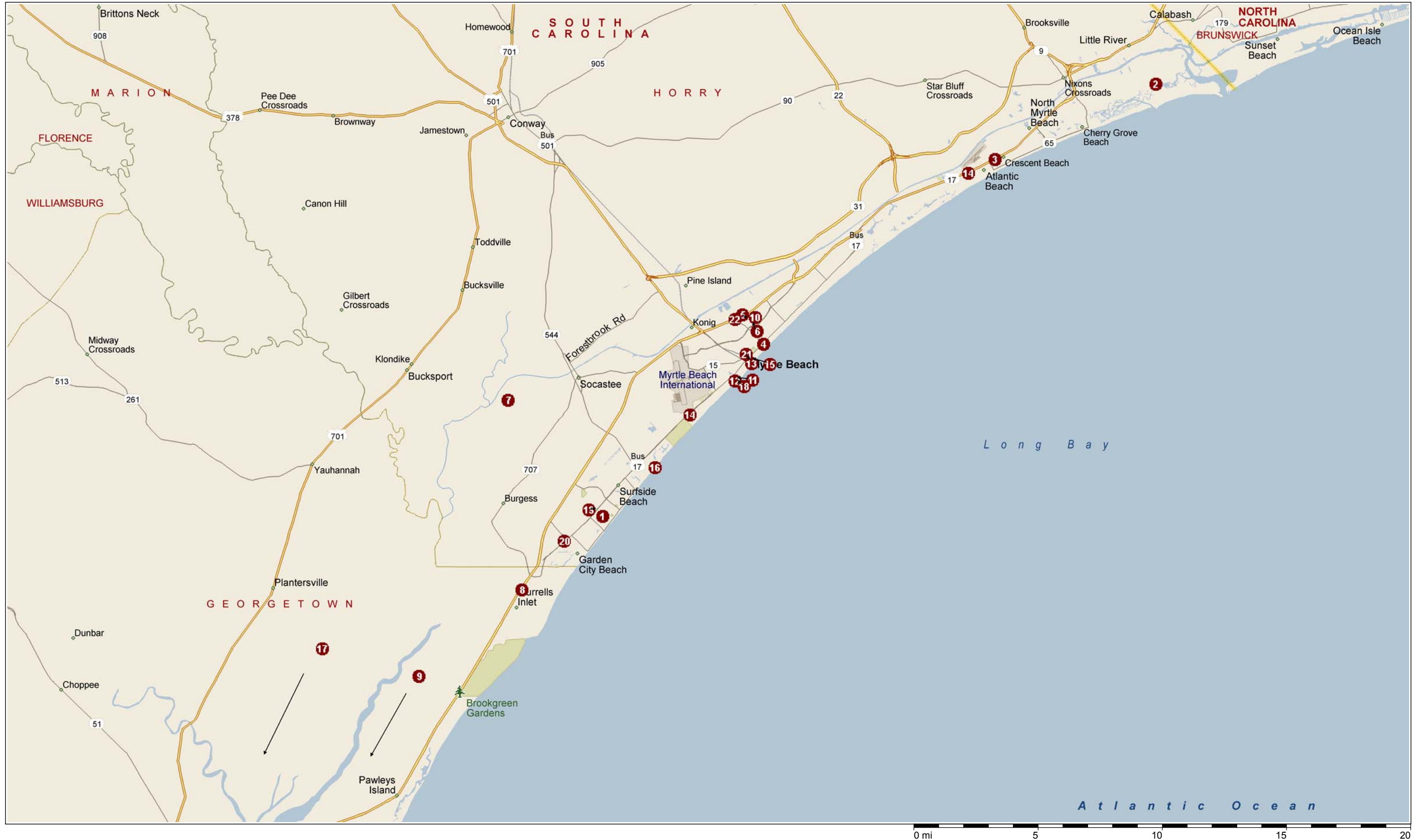
Maze Mania

<http://mazemaniasc.com/>

Talk about your rat race! This maze will keep the entire family lost for hours. Scurry through the mind-blowing network of paths and find the cheese and get back as fast as possible. There are prizes for those that can beat the posted time on your time card. This is an outdoor course constructed on three-fourths of an acre and modified daily. Family members can watch and root on the observation deck as family and friends alike become **stuck in the trap**. Admission is \$4.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children 12 and younger. A ticket is good for the day. Call **843-651-1641** for hours of operation.

#20 on map

Activities locations map





Activities for Adults & Older Children

Dixie Stampede

N. Kings Hwy. at U.S. Hwy. 17 Bypass, Myrtle Beach
(843) 497-9700

Reservations needed.

<http://www.dixiestampede.com/myrtlebeach.php>

Dixie Stampede is brought to you by the Dollywood Theme Park. For one all-inclusive admission, this unique dinner attraction serves Southern food, unlimited beverages and a show. Children will love the thrilling re-enactment of the North/South rivalry, complete with prancing horses, handsome heroes and fair maidens. The spectacular finale showcases 15,000 sparkling lights.

A on Map

Medieval Times

Fantasy Harbour, 2904 Fantasy Way, Myrtle Beach
(843) 236-8080

<http://www.medievaltimes.com/2006/schomepage.htm>

Admission includes dinner.

Imagine the year is 1093 A.D., and you are a noble guest of the Spanish kingdom's Royal Family. The Lord of the Castle has invited more than 1,000 of his friends, neighbors and foes to enjoy the sport and splendor of a royal tournament. As you step back in time nearly a millennium, you will feast on a hearty four-course meal. You'll marvel as spirited stallions perform intricate equestrian drills, and you'll gaze in awe as fearless knights compete in daring tournament games, jousting matches and sword fights.

B on Map

Motion Master Moving Theater

917 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach
(843) 448-2331

cost per ride.

Hours are 10AM- 8 PM, depending on the volume of business ... sometimes until midnight during midsummer.

Motion Master is a theater that thrusts participants into film adventures, with seats that move in eight different directions. Seats are motion-synchronized with the giant-screen action for realism that's heart-pounding, nonstop fun. This adventure is really for child-age children the able-bodied (management describes the ride as "aggressive" and doesn't want anyone with any type of health condition to take any chances).

C on Map

Brookgreen Gardens

US Highway 17 South Murrells Inlet 843-237-4218

<http://www.brookgreen.org/index2.html>

Located twenty miles south of Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens is known as the most beautiful sculpture garden in America. In 1930, Archer Milton Huntington, and his sculptress wife, Anna Hyatt Huntington, purchased four colonial plantations. In 1931 they organized a non-profit institution to preserve habitats for native plants and animals while providing an outdoor showcase for American Figurative Sculpture. Brookgreen is also home to a 23-acre Wildlife Park that protects the habitats of a wide variety of indigenous animals. Brookgreen's botanical gardens feature 2,000-plus species and sub-species of plants. "The Springfield," a pontoon-type craft that accommodates approximately 50 passengers tours the flora and fauna of the creeks, as guides identify such and give historical aspects of the rice fields.

D on Map

Carolina Safari Jeep Tours

(843) 497-3480

<http://www.carolinasafari.com/Ghost%20Lore/JeepGhost.htm>

Tours take place twice daily during the summer; other seasons, once a day.

Each specially designed tour vehicle seats 10 to 13 passengers and a tour guide "safari-style," allowing for an extensive and personalized overview of area history and local lore as well as tons of narrative information. The itinerary includes natural coastal attractions, historic areas, old plantation homes, two islands and an unexpected abundance of natural beauty.

Binoculars are provided, and you're welcome to bring cameras.

The Franklin G. Burroughs, Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum

3100 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach 238 2510

<http://www.myrtlebeachartmuseum.org/>

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 - 4 Sunday, 1 - 4 Admission charged.

The Franklin G. Burroughs, Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum is a public art museum for the visual arts and includes "the Villa" exhibition galleries. Its programs include local art shows, a permanent art collection and traveling guest artist exhibits. An art library and working studios support active educational programs.

E on Map

Hopsewee Plantation

off U.S. 17 S., 12 miles south of Georgetown 843-546-6961

<http://www.hopsewee.com/>

The plantation, featuring a view of the North Santee River, is open to the public early March through early November on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Other times are available by appointment. The plantation mansion, which was once the home of Thomas Lynch Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is surprisingly elegant in its simplicity.

F on Map

Horry County Museum

438 Main St.

Conway 626-1282

<http://www.horrycountymuseum.org/>

The Horry County Museum showcases not only Horry County history but much of the surrounding area's history as well.

Originally a post office, the building stands on what was formerly the grounds of a historic home. Just outside the museum, stands the stately old Wade Hampton oak.

G on Map

Southern Cruz Casino

4491 Waterfront Ave.

Little River, SC 29566

843-249-9811

<http://www.southernelegancecasino.com/>

Take a cruise for casino fun. Call for schedule

H on Map

Aggie Gray

passengers in case of inclement weather. Equipped with restrooms and vending machines, rates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 through 16. Children younger than 6 are admitted free. Schedules are available by calling **843-238-0168** Explore beautiful South Carolina Lowcountry with a narrated historical tour of the Waccamaw River aboard the 51 foot aluminum riverboat **Aggie Gray**. The tour lasts about 50 minutes and covers approximately 6 miles. The Coast Guard licenses the Aggie Gray to carry 49 passengers - the open upper deck seats up to 29, while the enclosed lower deck is adequate for all 49

Bellefield Nature Center

U.S. 17

South of Pawleys Island

843-546-4623

The center is open year round, and admission is free.

The Bellefield Nature Center, at the entrance to Hobcaw Barony, is operated by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation. The Center features displays and audiovisual programs on Hobcaw's history, coastal environments, local wildlife and the teaching and research programs of the Baruch Institutes. Visit the saltwater touchtank and snake displays. Audiovisual programs are also shown daily. There are no walking trails or self-guided tours, and advance reservations are required for guided tours and special programs

I on Map