

MAC REAL ESTATE TEAM

Your Area Guide

TO BUILDING YOUR NEW LIFE
IN SOUTHEASTERN
COASTAL NORTH CAROLINA

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Welcome to Southeastern Coastal NC

Whether you're dreaming of coastal living, relocating for work or military service, or simply searching for a lifestyle that offers more space, sunshine, and community — welcome.

You're in the right place.

Southeastern North Carolina is more than just beautiful beaches and mild winters. It's a region rich with charming coastal towns, strong local communities, top-rated schools, growing job markets, and an unmatched quality of life. From waterfront living along the Intracoastal Waterway to

family-friendly neighborhoods and new construction opportunities, there truly is something here for everyone. This relocation guide was created by the Merritt Anderson Crawley Real Estate Team to give you an insider's look at what it's really like to live here. Inside, you'll find local insights, community overviews, housing options, and practical information to help you feel confident and prepared — whether you're moving down the street or across the country.

Our goal is simple: to help you find not just a house, but the **right** place to call home. We're so glad you're here and we look forward to welcoming you to the coast!

Meet The MAC Real Estate Team



Merritt Anderson Crawley specializes in coastal relocation, guiding clients through a seamless transition to the beautiful shores of North Carolina. With extensive knowledge of VA loans and a Military Relocation Professional (MRP) designation, she is uniquely positioned to serve military families and those relocating from out of state. Whether clients are moving across town or across the country, Merritt delivers expert guidance, strategic insight, and a highly personalized experience. She is consistently ranked among the top 100 agents in the local marketplace with over 4000 agents and is one of the top producing agent at her firm.

James brings a dynamic and well-rounded background, including new construction sales, acting, and client-facing roles that sharpen his ability to connect with people. Known for his approachable personality, strong work ethic, and genuine honesty, James has quickly become an invaluable part of the team. From assisting with showings to supporting day-to-day operations, he's always ready to step in, ensuring every transaction runs smoothly from start to finish.

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Wilmington

Defined by its rich past and bright future, Wilmington, NC, is a vibrant riverfront city with timeless character that has preserved its historic roots through the city. While downtown boast historic charm and tree lined city streets it also offers many modern amenities. The newly built waterfront Live Oak Bank Pavilion has hosted many big name artist such as Darius Rucker, The Dave Matthews Band, and Bon Iver. The up and coming Cargo Distict mixed with the newly created Soda Pop District shows just how much growth is happening in Wilmington!

Wilmington

a vibrant coastal city known for its rich history, diverse neighborhoods, and proximity to stunning beaches. Situated along the Cape Fear River, Wilmington offers a blend of urban amenities and relaxed coastal living.

Downtown Wilmington/River District: This historic area features a lively Riverwalk along the Cape Fear River, lined with locally-owned shops, restaurants, and art galleries. The district's architecture reflects the city's rich history, making it a cultural hub.

Landfall: An upscale, gated community known for its luxury homes and proximity to Mayfaire and The Forum shopping centers. Residents enjoy access to amenities like golf courses and tennis courts.

Wrightsville Beach: A sought-after coastal neighborhood offering pristine beaches and upscale amenities. It's ideal for outdoor enthusiasts, with opportunities for boating, surfing, and paddleboarding. The area also boasts a variety of dining and shopping options.

Carolina Beach: Known for its laid-back atmosphere, this neighborhood offers stunning ocean views, a lively boardwalk, and numerous dining and shopping choices. It's perfect for those seeking a relaxed coastal lifestyle.

Myrtle Grove/Mid Town: A family-friendly suburb known for its safety and community feel. Residents appreciate the active law enforcement and the overall sense of security in the area.

Ogden/Bayshore/Porters Neck: A quiet neighborhood appreciated for its friendly community and starry nights. Residents enjoy the peaceful environment and the sense of community among neighbors.

Each of these neighborhoods offers a unique living experience, catering to various preferences and lifestyles. Whether you're drawn to the bustling downtown scene, the tranquility of beachside living, or the serenity of suburban communities, Wilmington has something to suit everyone's needs.

Ogden/Porters Neck Neighborhoods

Marsh Oaks	Demarest Landing
Bayshore Estate	Middle Point
Blue Point	Timber Creek
Covil Estates	Brittany Lakes
Snug Harbor	West Bay Estates
Anchors Bend	Grayson Park
Porters Neck Plantation	Hanover Reserve
Vineyard Plantation	Fairington Farms
Waterstone	Oakvale
Avenal	
Figure 8 Island	

Midtown/Monkey Junction Neighborhoods

Tarin Woods
Village at Motts Landing
East and Mason
Windward Oaks
Johnson Farms
Rivers Edge
River Oaks
The Forks at Barclay

Tidewater
Fawn Creek
Glen Meade
Forest Hills
Woodberry Forest
Silver Lake
River Lights
Willow Glen

Hampstead & Surf City

Located about 30 minutes from downtown Wilmington, Hampstead is a quiet coastal town with historic charm and a mixed population of retirees and young families looking for their forever home. It's suitable for those seeking a peaceful environment, though commuting to Wilmington may be less convenient space but still conveniently located close to Wilmington and Surf City/Topsail Island.

A Few of Our Favorite Neighborhoods:

- Wyndwater
- EastWynd
- Crown Pointe
- Songbird
- Carolina Creek
- Olde Point (Golf community)
- Washington Acres
- Delamar (Coming Soon)
- Halcyon (Coming Soon)
- Pecan Grove
- Saltwater Landing
- Castle Bay (Golf community)
- Bridgewater Landing
- Pinnacle Ridge
- Waterside
- Magnolia Greens
- Topsail Greens
- Salters Haven
- The Sound
- Sparrows Bend
- Canter Crest
- Bay Harbour
- Virginia Bay
- Majestic Oaks
- Hideaway Shores

Brunswick County

Brunswick county is the fastest growing county in the state for the past three years - as it grows there are more and more neighborhoods popping up.

Offers a few different lifestyle communities including Brunswick Forest, Magnolia Greens, St. James and Compass Pointe

Brunswick county has the most golf courses on the Southeastern coast for every golfer's dream!

Located to many beaches along the coast including Holden Beach, Oak Island, Southport, Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle Beach to name a few.

Restaurants

WILMINGTON

GENKI SUSHI
JOHNNY LUKES
HIERONYMUS
TASTE OF ITALY
BRIDGETENDER
DOCKSIDE
OCEANIC
FISH HOUSE
G PRIME
KIPPOS
TOMMOKO
PERLA
INDOCHINE
DRAM YARD
MANNA
YOSAKE
BLUEBERRY GRILL
ITALAIN BISTRO
UMAI
KORNERSTONE BISTRO
THE SAILFISH

HAMPSTEAD/SURF CITY

JEBBYS
NINETEEN
BURRITO SHACK
LOS PRIMOS
SHUCKIN SHACK
SURF CITY SMASH
EGGS UP GRILL
CAMINO REAL
LOW TIDE STEAKHOUSE
ITALAIN BISTRO

THE SAWMILL GRILL
BURNEYS
PALOMINO CAFE
PT'S GRILL
BEACH SHOPPE AND GRILL
SHAKA TACO
HIGHWAY 55
SUSHI GEM
WILMYWOOD PIZZA @ LBC

Coffee Shops

WILMINGTON

HIDDEN GROUNDS

CASA BLANCA

PORT CITY JAVA

CALIACO

SUNDAYS

DRIFT COFFEE

MAVEN COFFEE

BESPOKE COFFEE

SOCIAL

BLUE CUP

BITTY AND BEAUS

HAMPSTEAD / SURF CITY

THE DINER

MATTER MORE

BORI BORI CAFE

PALOMINO

DRIFT

A TASTE OF SUNRISE

GRUMPY GRANDPAS

Beaches

W R I G H T S V I L L E B E A C H

T O P S A I L I S L A N D

C A R O L I N A B E A C H

K U R E B E A C H

O A K I S L A N D

S O U T H P O R T

O C E A N I S L E B E A C H

S U N S E T B E A C H

H O L D E N B E A C H

E M E R A L D I S L E

A T L A N T I C B E A C H

B A L D H E A D I S L A N D

Golf Courses



HAMPSTEAD/SURF CITY

OLDE POINT
CASTLE BAY
IRON CLAD
NORTH SHORE

WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON MUNICIPAL
GOLF COURSE
BEAU RIVEAGE
INLAND GREENS

PRIVATE COURSES:

LANDFALL
PINE VALLEY
PORTERS NECK
EAGLES POINT
CAPE FEAR CC

WILMINGTON

FERRY RIDE FROM FORT FISHER TO SOUTHPORT OR TAKE
IT A STEP FURTHER AND TAKE A DAY TRIP TO BALD
HEAD ISLAND

CAROLINA BEACH BOARDWALK FOR BRITTS DOUGHNUTS
DOWNTOWN FOR KILWINS ICE CREAM BY THE RIVERWALK

IFLY FOR INDOOR SKY DIVING

CHARTER A BOAT FROM LEA EXCURSIONS AND ISLAND
HOP

TROLLEY RIDE DOWNTOWN

GHOST TOURS DOWNTOWN

RENT JET SKIS UNDER WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BRIDGE

CHILDRENS MUSEUM OF WILMINGTON

NEW HANOVER COUNTY ARBORETUM

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HAMPSTEAD

CHARTER A BOAT WITH LEA EXCURSIONS AND TAKE A RIDE TO THE ISLANDS
FOR SHELLING

STROLL ON OVER THE BRIDGE AND TAKE A WALK ON THE BEACH

SEA TURTLE HOSPITAL TOURS

SHAKA TACO AT OLDE POINT GOLF COURSE ON THURSDAY DURING THE
SUMMER FOR OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

THE LITTLE BLUE COTTAGE (LBC) FOR ENTERTAINMENT

TOPSAIL BEACH SKATING RINK

SALTY TURTLE BEER COMPANY

HIDDEN SHIPS DISTILLERY

BOOMBALATIS

MINI GOLF / BOWLING / ARCADE AT HIGH TIDES AND GOOD VIBES

We can't wait to guide you home!

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