



## What Makes Bald Head Island Different?

- **No bridge** connects the island to the mainland—visitors and residents arrive by passenger ferry or private boat. Visitors to Bald Head Island feel they are truly “getting away from it all” when they arrive on the island.
- There are **no cars** allowed on Bald Head Island. Transportation on the island is limited to electric golf carts, bicycles or your own two feet. This means significantly reduced emissions, narrower roads and smaller parking areas, allowing for more green space.
- With a maximum cart speed of 18mph, the island has a more **relaxed pace** than the mainland. The atmosphere is family-oriented, and the island often plays host to multiple generational gatherings.
- The island has been sensitively, **thoughtfully developed**—of its 12,000 total acres, 10,000 are beach, marsh and maritime forest preserves. 14 miles of pristine beaches wrap the island’s shores.
- Bald Head Island’s **rich maritime history** is fun and easy to explore. The island is the site of NC’s oldest lighthouse, Old Baldy (circa 1817), which was commissioned by Thomas Jefferson. It is the former site of US Lifesaving Service and US Coast Guard Stations, and in the 1700s was a popular hideout for pirates.
- The island is home to a wide range of **wildlife**, including loggerhead turtles that nest on its shores each summer, more than 200 species of birds, alligators, foxes, and deer. The surrounding creeks abound with trout, flounder and drum.
- With **beaches along its eastern, southern and western shores**, Bald Head Island allows you to witness the sun both rising and setting over the Atlantic Ocean each day.

For more information on Bald Head Island, please visit our website at [www.baldheadisland.com](http://www.baldheadisland.com)

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