TOPSAIL TRADITION

Surf City has been the commercial heart of Topsail Island for over 65 years. The town has grown from a small fishing village that was home to a handful of families to a year-round community of some 2,500. Visitors enjoy Surf City as “the way the beach used to be,” quiet, serene, peaceful and bucolic. Cross our iconic swing bridge, step back into the past, begin your family tradition or continue one.
DISCOVER THE MAGIC
It’s all about the magic. Your magic may be witnessed through the touch of sand on your feet, the scent of the offshore and onshore breezes that bathe Topsail Island or the constant motion of the waters as they stretch toward a deep blue sky. Perhaps it is a pod of dolphin passing by or a flock of shore birds passing overhead. Whatever your magic, it’s here in Surf City. All day. Every day.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
From our maritime forests, to our wetlands, to our waterways, our natural environment and broad biodiversity offer up a great setting to explore the sights and sounds of an extensive variety of plant and animal life.

TOPSAIL’S TURTLES
Surf City is a sanctuary for loggerhead and other varieties of endangered sea turtles that typically nest on its shores from May through October. Surf City is now the home of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, whose volunteers care for injured sea turtles and then return them to their ocean home.

INLAND WATERWAYS
Lying west of Surf City, Topsail Sound separates the island portion of the town from the mainland. This narrow body of water, with its nearby creeks, estuaries and wetlands provides the perfect setting for canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, water and jet skiing and fishing. Both Soundside Park and Kenneth Batts Family Park offer playgrounds, piers, boardwalks and spectacular views of the setting sun.

BEACHES
Generations of visitors have enjoyed Surf City, owing to its clean and uncrowded beaches that have become a hallmark of the town. 35 designated public beach access points, all of which offer free parking throughout the year, provide convenient access.

SHOPPING
The central business district offers a surprising choice of shopping opportunities. Shops range from boutiques that carry a variety of distinctive gifts to specialty shops featuring foods, resort wear and items for recreational activities.

DINING
A variety of indoor and outdoor dining facilities features coastal Carolina cuisine. Local fare ranges from shellfish and finfish to uniquely seasoned surf, turf and poultry. Whatever you enjoy, whatever your budget allows, Surf City can provide it.