

Just for Kids

The Outer Banks is a treasure trove of wildlife and the ocean. Planning trips with kids is easier than you might think – don't miss our top picks of a kid-friendly balance of activities that keeps everyone smiling.

- Corolla SEAL Program (Safety Education & Aquatic Learning) for kids.

It promotes ocean safety through education. This program is a two hour mini-camp on the beach that allows kids to interact with their local lifeguards to learn about and help create a safer beach environment. Focusing on three main factors that contribute to a safe ocean experience: the ocean environment, basic first-aid, and good health choices.

- Crabbing at the Wildlife Education Center.

Did you know that North Carolina is the number one producer of blue crab in the United States? Join Wildlife staff and try different techniques for catching blue crabs while learning ways to insure a sustainable fishery.

- Wild Horse petting and painting.

Offered every Tuesday and Wednesday from 11am-2pm, kids can come and paint a horse. Pet a Spanish Mustang on Wednesdays from 11am-2pm as well! Tour the Wild Horse Museum and learn about the wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs that roam Corolla.

- Sandcastle building contest

Ever visit the beach only to stumble upon a piece of land that has been turned into something creative? You too can create something beautiful by participating in a sandcastle contest at the Whalehead Club. And yes, there is a prize involved!

- Ghost crab hunts

At night, grab some flashlights, a big bucket, and hit the beach to find some ghost crabs. Get your game faces on as they have the ability to disappear from sight almost instantly, scuttling at speeds up to 10 miles per hour, while making sharp directional changes.

- Treasure Hunt at the Whalehead Club

That old-fashioned party game is now making a comeback everywhere as a new generation discovers how and why scavenger hunts originally began: they're fun!

- Kite Flying

Kids just love kites and although some won't admit to it right away, so do most adults! By choosing the right kite and understanding a few basic tips, you can provide hours of simple inexpensive fun for your kids and for yourself!