



## *Bald Head Island Overview*

### AN ISLAND OVERVIEW

- Located two nautical miles off the coast of southeastern North Carolina, Bald Head Island is a residential and resort community accessible only by private boat or passenger ferry.



- Bald Head Island is the southernmost barrier island in N.C., located where the mouth of the Cape Fear River meets the Atlantic Ocean. The south eastern tip of the island forms the Cape Fear Point. Extending from the Cape Fear Point are the “Frying Pan Shoals” that extend over 20 miles into the Atlantic. The shoals are home to hundreds of shipwrecks from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

- The entire island complex consists of 12,000 acres, featuring 14 miles of pristine beaches, tidal creeks, dunes, and maritime forest. 2000 acres (or 16%) is available for development, while the remaining 10,000 acres will remain undeveloped.
- There are no cars allowed on Bald Head Island. On island transportation is limited to electric carts, bicycles and pedestrian traffic.
- Bald Head Island has approximately 1150 private residences and is home to approximately 200 year-round residents.
- The island is home to Old Baldy, a lighthouse completed in 1817. Old Baldy is North Carolinas oldest lighthouse. Visitors are welcome to climb the 108 steps to the top of Old Baldy which provides visitors with panoramic views of the island, salt marsh, Cape Fear River, and Atlantic Ocean.
- Bald Head Island is rich in maritime history. The island is the site of NC’s oldest lighthouse, Old Baldy (circa 1817). Bald Head Island is the former site of the US Lifesaving Service and US Coast Guard Stations, and in the 1700s was a popular hideout for pirates.
- There is an abundance of wildlife on the island, including nesting loggerhead turtles, alligators, deer, fox, and more than 200 species of birds. There is a variety of fishing opportunities in the



waters surrounding Bald Head Island from red fish and flounder in the creeks to dolphin and king mackerel in the Gulf Stream.

- Additional outdoors activities of interest on Bald Head Island include crabbing, canoeing, fishing, kayaking, surfing, tennis, running, cycling, nature walks and historic tours.
- The waters surrounding Bald Head Island offer a variety of options for anglers. Offshore, visitors can fish for tuna, wahoo, billfish, tarpon and king mackerel, while inshore fishermen may hook red drum, pompano, bluefish, flounder and speckled trout

### **GETTING HERE**

Bald Head Island is accessible by private boat or by a 20-minute passenger ferry ride from Deep Point Marina, located at 1301 Ferry Road in Southport, N.C. Ferries run hourly from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with extended hours in season.

- **By Automobile**

Southport is 30 miles South of Wilmington, N.C. via Highway 133 and 60 miles North of Myrtle Beach, S.C. , via Highway 17 North to Highway 211 South. Interstate 40 and Highway 74 link the region directly to I-95.



- **Airports**

Three airports service the surrounding area. Wilmington International Airport is a 45-minute drive north; Myrtle Beach International Airport is a 60-minute drive south. Both service major carriers. Brunswick County Airport is five miles from Southport and services small planes with a 5,505-foot hard surface landing field.

### **ISLAND MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT**



- The Village of Bald Head Island is a chartered municipality governed by an elected Village council and mayor. A Village Manager and support staff work out of the Village Hall located across from Old Baldy Lighthouse.
- Home Owners Associations help to insure architectural integrity and provide covenants to maintain and protect property values.

### **CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION**

- We are a community that lives in harmony with nature.
- The Bald Head Island Conservancy is a independent non-profit 501(C)3 organization located on Bald Head Island in Southeastern North Carolina. Founded in 1983, the mission is: *foster*

*community based barrier island conservation, education, and preservation.* The vision is: *Bald Head and all coastal communities live in harmony with nature.* With a fulltime staff of 10 and part time staff of up to 25, the organization facilitates scientific research and engaging environmental education to aid our community to live in harmony with nature.

- In our efforts to conserve the unique habitats on the island the BHI Conservancy conducts research in every habitat on our island from our Dune



Savannas, through our maritime forest to the pristine 10,000 acres of salt marsh. Through the Smith Island Land Trust more than 10% of the developable upland on Bald Head is preserved in conservation easements. These preserved parcels enhance the value of surrounding properties and serve to absorb rainwater, shelter wildlife, and connect our living landscapes. Living

in a place where nature surrounds enhances property values. Pristine vistas with wheeling bald eagles and carousing river otters provide rare moments that allow the pressures of the mainland to drop away. Nature therapy abounds Bald Head Island ensuring that your family retreat continues to share the peace and protection only mother nature can provide.

- Of Bald Head Islands 12,000 acres, 10,000 acres are protected and will remain undeveloped — 2,000 acres are set aside for development
- Bordering the island to the north, protected salt marsh and tidal creeks are ideal for fishing, canoeing and kayaking.
- Bald Head Island boasts a maritime forest that is among the largest and most prized examples of its kind on the East Coast. Here, the island is dense with live oaks, dogwoods, sabal palms, cedars, yaupons, wax myrtles and junipers.
- Bald Head Island is one of the East Coast's most important nesting grounds for loggerhead turtles. The Bald Head Island Conservancy is a nonprofit group that monitors loggerhead nesting on the island and works to protect this endangered species.
- Recently, the Bald Head Island Conservancy announced the launch of the Barrier Island Study Center, the first in the world to examine real-time conservation efforts for barrier islands.

### **BALD HEAD ISLAND CLUBS**

#### ***Bald Head Island Club***

- Bald Head Island Club's 18-hole, 6,855 yard championship golf course winds its way through the Maritime Forest, beside fresh water lagoons and dunes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.
- The Bald Head Island Club also offers a Pro Shop, driving range, fitness room, swimming pool, four hard-surface tennis courts, croquet greensward and a variety of dining options.



### ***Shoals Club***

- The oceanfront Shoals Club, located near Cape Fear Point at the southeast corner of the Island, features a 20,000 square foot cedar-sided clubhouse, expansive decks, pools, fitness room, private parking and umbrella, chair and towel-service for adjacent beaches. The Shoals Club recreation department coordinates organized activities for kids, teenagers and the entire family. Programs include scavenger hunts, ice cream socials, beach Olympics, sand sculpting contests and holiday carnivals and activities
- Dining at the Shoals Club includes a 105-seat second floor dining room featuring New American Cuisine and specializing in seafood. The Sandbar Grille is an open-air venue that serves appetizers, sandwiches, salads and burgers.



### ***Yacht Club***

- The picturesque Bald Head Island Marina is the homeport of the Bald Head Island Yacht Club.
- Boat slips in the marina range from 20 feet to 100 feet, with an 8' draft MLW.
- Options are available for transient dockage, short and long term rental, and ownership.
- Membership in the Bald Head Island Yacht Club is affiliated with deeded interest condominium (boat slip) ownership.
- Ownership in this beautiful marina includes full access to a bathhouse with restrooms, showers and laundry; 30, 50 or 100 amp electric hookups, convenient gas and diesel pumps, pump-out facilities, cable TV service (limited locations), and wireless internet.

### **VACATIONS & VISITORS**

- Bald Head Island offers visitors a variety of accommodations and vacation packages. Accommodations include a bed and breakfast, private homes, condos and villas. Rentals can be found in all the islands environments.
- Rental homes include one or more electric carts.
- Most island accommodations include the ability to purchase temporary memberships in the Bald Head Island Club and the Shoals Club.



### **DINING AND SHOPPING**

- There are a number of dining options on the Island.
- The Maritime Market is a full service grocery store that includes a café, deli, butcher shop, and ice cream shop.
- Other island shops include several retail clothiers, gift shops, bicycle and cart rentals, art galleries, the Bald Head Island Club Pro Shop, a hardware store, a jewelry store, the Smith Island Museum gift shop and Turtle Central, a gift shop located at the Conservancy.
- Centrally located in the maritime forest, Merchant's Row is a retail, office and storage center that houses a variety of independently owned and operated businesses offering a range of construction and home-related goods and services, including framing, electrical, plumbing, painting, tile, cabinetry, home maintenance, renovations and remodeling, and golf cart sales and servicing.

### **REAL ESTATE**

- Homes and homesites are available in many different environments throughout the island - Forest, Golf, Ocean, Ocean View, Dune Ridge, Harbor, and Creek.
- Homesite prices range from \$50,000 - \$4,000,000+.
- Home prices range from \$250,000 condominiums to \$5,000,000 homes.

### **MARINAS**



- The Bald Head Island Marina offers easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway, Atlantic Ocean and Cape Fear River.
- Boat slips range from 30 to 100 feet with transient dockage for yachts to 115' on T-heads.
- The Bald Head Island Marina's Harbourmaster can assist visitors with small boat rentals, and fishing charters.
- The Marina features a lighted entrance channel, electric hookups and gas and diesel fuel.
- Boat slips are also available at Deep Point Marina on the Southport mainland.
- Slips in both marinas are available for rent on a daily, monthly or annual basis.

**For more information on Bald Head Island, please  
visit our website.**

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