

# A WINTERTIME GUIDE TO COROLLA



In the northernmost reaches of our state's coast, the coldest season is a chance to celebrate solitude. Here are 12 ways to experience this seaside village and its wild surroundings.

## **HISTORIC WHALEHEAD CLUB**

The pride and joy of 39-acre Historic Corolla Park, this 21,000-square-foot manor is open to tours, giving visitors an immersive experience of its generous porches and Art Nouveau-style furnishings. Stop by for a tour when they're open for the season or stroll around the soundside property's grounds and the rest of Historic Corolla Park any time of year. *Projected reopening February 17.*

1100 Club Road  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-9040  
[visitcurrituck.com/places/whalehead-in-historic-corolla](http://visitcurrituck.com/places/whalehead-in-historic-corolla)

## **CURRITUCK BEACH LIGHTHOUSE**

One of Currituck's most famous landmarks stands proud a short walk from Whalehead. Generations of lighthouse keepers, staff, and (during its open season) visitors have braved the circa-1875 lighthouse's 220 steps to reach the top of the 162-foot-tall tower.

1101 Corolla Village Road  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-4939, [obcinc.org](http://obcinc.org)

## **CURRITUCK BANKS RESERVE**

For outdoorsy folks, this 965-acre stretch encompasses sand dunes, maritime forests, marshes, grasslands, tidal flats, and more. Make sure to dress in layers and pack a sandwich (for you — feeding the wildlife is not allowed) as you prepare to embark on your coastal adventure.

*Access the walking trail at the southern portion of the reserve off of NC Highway 12, just north of Corolla Village*  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 475-7219, [deq.nc.gov](http://deq.nc.gov)

## **COROLLA WILD HORSE FUND**

Bankers, wild horses descended from Spanish mustangs brought by early explorers, roam over 7,600 acres of protected land in the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. This nonprofit works to protect these wild horses and preserve the land, where mustangs are free to flaunt their winter coats for guests. Keep in mind to observe at a distance and never feed the horses.

1130 East Corolla Village Road  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-8002  
[corollawildhorses.com](http://corollawildhorses.com)

## **COROLLA JEEP ADVENTURES**

For a closer look at wildlife in its natural maritime habitat, climb aboard a guided jeep tour. Tours operate year-round; just make sure to bundle up because the jeeps are open-air.

1070 Ocean Trail  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-6899  
[corollajeepadventures.com](http://corollajeepadventures.com)

## **COROLLA VILLAGE INN**

When the crisp coastal air chases you indoors, warm up in a cozy room with a cup of coffee at this tucked-away piece of paradise. The inn welcomes people who adventure off the beaten path, ideal for those who set out to explore Corolla during the off-season.

1149 Persimmon Street  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 597-3422  
[corollavillageinn.com](http://corollavillageinn.com)

## **UNCLE IKE'S SANDBAR AND GRILL**

"Comfort food done really well" is the inspiration behind the menu at Uncle Ike's. Indulge in fried pickles, bacon-wrapped scallops, and plenty of seafood. For our sports fans, you catch up on your favorite team with one of the restaurant's 10 televisions.

1159 Austin Street  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 597-1606  
[uncleikesobx.com](http://uncleikesobx.com)

## **COROLLA PIZZA**

Grab an extra-large slice (or four, we won't judge) at this local favorite. Their menu also offers cheesesteaks, strombolis, and salads, so you will surely find a satisfying option after a long day of exploring.

1152 Ocean Trail  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-8592  
[corollapizza.com](http://corollapizza.com)

## **ISLAND BOOKSTORE**

What better way to enjoy the slower pace of the off-season crowds than by whiling away an afternoon in this two-story, independent bookstore? Take your time browsing the vast collection of books, puzzles, and stationery and pick up the perfect page-turner for the ride home.

1130 Corolla Village Road  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-2292  
[islandbooksobx.wordpress.com](http://islandbooksobx.wordpress.com)

## **FARMER'S DAUGHTER**

A trip to the coast would not be complete without a shopping detour. Specializing in coastal fashions, this store has everything from clothing and jewelry to wall decor.

812 Ocean Trail  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 453-9116  
[farmersdaughterobx.net](http://farmersdaughterobx.net)

## **THE COTTON GIN**

"The Gin" started more than half a century ago, when the Wright family turned a functioning cotton gin into a farm market in the Currituck mainland. The Corolla location of the beloved gift store is a popular roadside stop to find beachwear, Sanctuary Vineyards wine, and plenty of options for keepsakes.

789 Sunset Boulevard  
Timbuck II Shopping Village  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 491-2387  
[cottongin.com](http://cottongin.com)

## **KITTY HAWK KITES**

Inspired by the Wright brothers' famous flight, this store has been helping people take to the skies for more than 50 years. You can find plenty of colorful kites, unique gifts, and more in their Monterey Plaza location.

819 Ocean Trail, Monterey Plaza  
Corolla, NC 27927  
(252) 251-4314  
[kittyhawk.com](http://kittyhawk.com)