



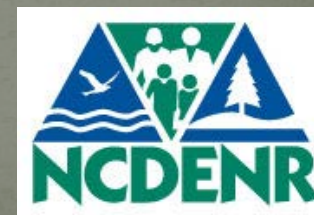
Carolina Beach State Park

NC Division of Parks and Recreation

NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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Division of Parks & Recreation

The North Carolina State Parks System exists for the enjoyment, education, health and inspiration of all our citizens and visitors.

The Mission of the State Parks System is to:

- Conserve and protect representative examples of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance;
- To provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment.
- To provide environmental education opportunities that promote stewardship of the state's natural heritage.

Park History

- Park established in 1969 as Masonboro State Park to preserve the unique environment along the Cape Fear River.
- The 761-acre park is located on a triangle of land known as Pleasure Island, which lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Cape Fear River.
- The island was created when Snow's Cut was carved in 1929/1930 to connect Masonboro Sound with the Cape Fear River. Snow's Cut, a part of the Intracoastal Waterway, provides inland passage for boat traffic along the Atlantic Coast from NJ to Galveston, TX





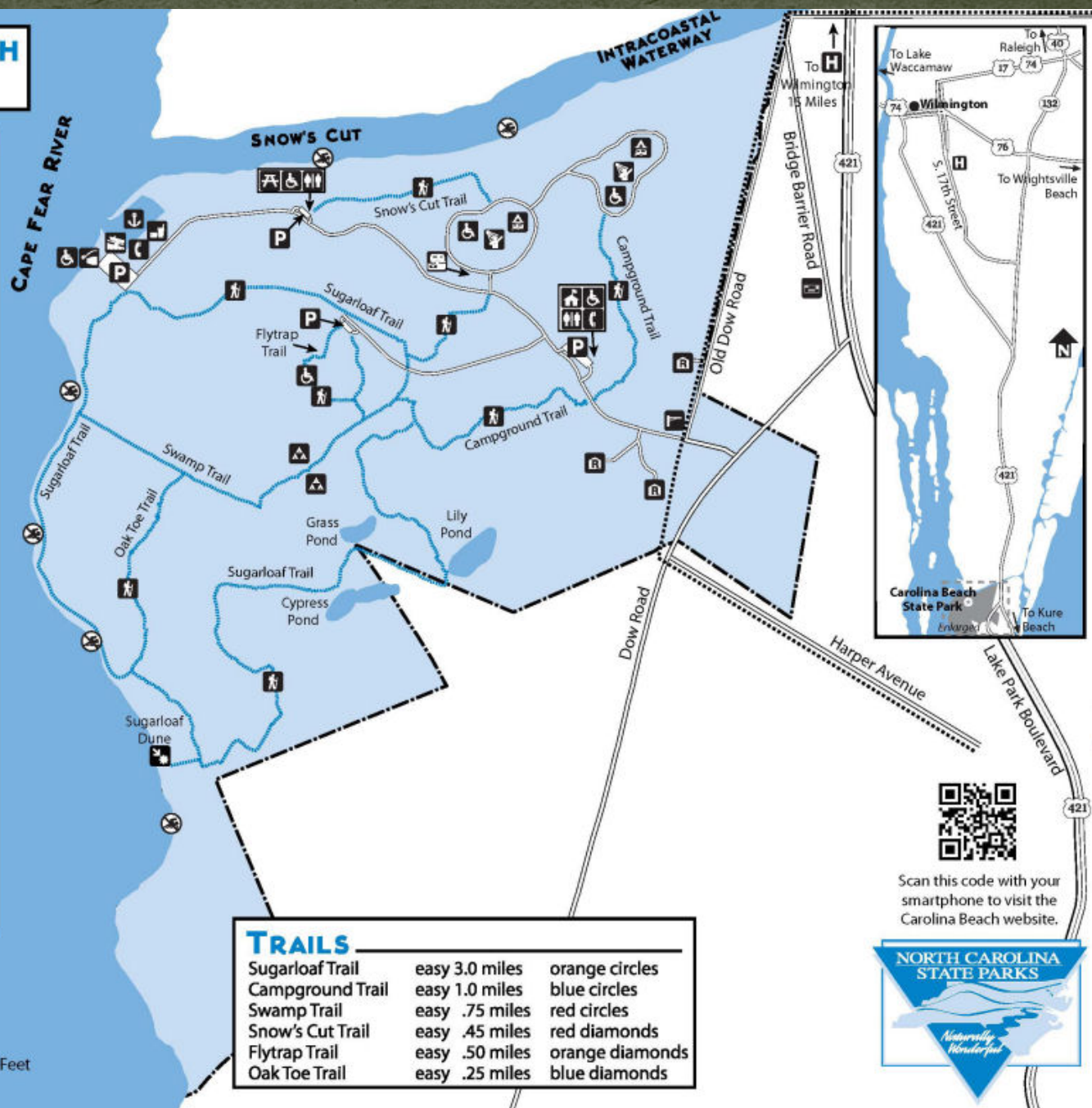
Snow's Cut



CAROLINA BEACH STATE PARK

LEGEND

- Accessible
- Bathhouse
- Boat Ramp
- Concession Stand
- Dump Station
- Family Camping
- Fishing Deck
- Group Camping
- Hiking Trails
- Hospital - New Hanover Regional (910) 343-7000
- Emergency 911**
- Marina
- No Swimming
- Parking
- Park Boundary
- Park Gate
- Park Office
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Post Office
- Public Telephone
- Ranger Residence
- Restrooms
- Town of Carolina Beach Greenway



TRAILS		
Sugarloaf Trail	easy 3.0 miles	orange circles
Campground Trail	easy 1.0 miles	blue circles
Swamp Trail	easy .75 miles	red circles
Snow's Cut Trail	easy .45 miles	red diamonds
Flytrap Trail	easy .50 miles	orange diamonds
Oak Toe Trail	easy .25 miles	blue diamonds



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Unique Ecological Features

Carnivorous plants such as:

- Venus flytrap
- Bladderworts
- Pitcher plants
- Sundews
- Butterworts





Limestone sinks w/ distinct vegetation

- Lily Pond
- Cypress Pond
- Grass Pond





Cobiolly Pond

Sawgrass Pond

Grass Pond

Gum Pond

Lily Pond

Bahoon Pond

Cypress Pond

Day Pond

Scout Pond

Thirteen unique, diverse ecosystems



- Xeric sand ridges (ancient relic dunes)
- Dense shrub swamps (pocosins)
- Brackish marshes





Painted Bunting



Eastern Coral Snake

Recreational Opportunities

- Last year over 14 million people visited our state's parks, nature preserves and recreational areas
- Nearly 550,000 people visited Carolina Beach State Park last year.
- Most popular activities
 - Hiking (6 miles of trails)
 - Camping (83 sites)
 - Boating (Boat Ramp and 54 Marina Slips)
 - Fishing
 - Nature Study
 - Picnicking



Increased Filming Requests

- “We’re The Miller’s” in late-July 2012
- “Revolution” October 2012



Phragmites patches/CABE with acreage

