

**2022  
Group Tour  
Planning Guide  
for the  
North Carolina  
Maritime Museum  
Beaufort, NC**



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**T**hank you, in advance, for considering the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort for your next group outing.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum hosts over 200 groups every year and look forward to your group's visit. Groups are invited to schedule a visit during normal Museum hours. There is no admission fee, but there is a charge for some programs and field trips.

The mission of the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort is to collect, preserve, research, document, and interpret the maritime history, culture and environment of Coastal North Carolina.

The mission of the North Carolina Maritime Museum's Education Department is to offer visitors the opportunity to learn about the natural and maritime history of coastal North Carolina through creative, hands-on experiences. Programs are offered year round ranging from one hour to nine days long.

One of the best ways to prepare for your group's visit to the NC Maritime Museum is by making an advance Museum visit on your own. When you book a field trip by calling 252-504-7743, please let your educator know if you would like to meet with him/her prior to group's visit to tour the Museum and review the materials.

Sincerely,

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## OUTREACH

The Museum comes to you with interactive programs featuring artifacts, activities, and experiences that connect participants with North Carolina's culture, history and environment.

Programs are flexible and can be taught at many locations, including but not limited to: schools, camps, libraries, community festivals, and early childhood or senior centers. Presentations can be adapted for all ages and abilities.

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

If you have questions or would like to schedule a program, contact Christine Brin at [christine.brin@ncdcr.gov](mailto:christine.brin@ncdcr.gov). Scheduling requests must be made at least four weeks prior to the program date.

**Cancellations: A minimum two-week notice (in writing) is required for a refund.**

**Cancellations due to weather:** If Carteret County schools are canceled or delayed due to weather, programs will be rescheduled as the Museum's calendar permits for the safety of the educators that will be traveling out of Carteret County. If we are unable to reschedule your program, we will offer a credit or refund as appropriate.

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## SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS

**Group size:** Minimum of 6; maximum of 30. For more than 30 participants, you must schedule additional programs.

**Note:** *An adult from your organization must be present during programs.*

**Fee:** \$50 for programs within fifty miles of the Museum. If the program is more than 50 miles from the Museum we will request the state rate for mileage.

**Program length:** 45-60 minutes

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## FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

Museum educators bring a variety of materials to provide an interactive, educational experience at your event. We offer a variety of themes, including state symbols, scientific tools, and more. Availability will vary depending on conditions at the time of the event.

**Fee:** \$50 for up to 4 hours within 50 miles of the Museum

*Note: This is not a structured lecture for large groups.*



## 2022 Group Programs

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All the following programs are offered Monday-Friday during normal business hours. Only a limited number of these programs will be offered during weekend schedules, contact the Museum to find out which programs may be available. Tour and program lengths can be adapted to fit your group's specific schedule or needs. If you have a group larger than the given maximum size, you may register for two simultaneous and/or consecutive programs to split and/or rotate your larger group between.

\*Programs that are available both in the Museum and as outreach programming.

## Museum Scavenger Hunts

### *Most Popular Program!*

The North Carolina Maritime Museum offers two levels of a museum scavenger hunt for grades K-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Each student is supplied with a clipboard, pencil and a copy of the grade appropriate scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunts will lead the students through all the Museum exhibits. Once they have completed the hunts students will be rewarded with either a Museum sticker or maritime stamp. (Teachers are welcome to supply their own rewards if desired.) While the students are encouraged to take their scavenger hunts home, they will be required to leave the pencils and clipboards for future groups to use.



One teacher or chaperone who is responsible for discipline while in the museum must be assigned to every 10 students. **There are no exceptions.** Unsupervised students and unruly groups will be asked to leave with their group leader.

*Group Size:* 60 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 20-45 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade



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### **Pirate Hooks & Peg Legs\***

Students are invited to the Museum to explore the world of pirates! Following a story about a boy that joined a pirate crew everyone will get to make their own pirate hats and explore what is inside a pirate treasure chest (it isn't just gold and jewels!). Along with learning about pirates students will be reviewing their senses, body parts (head, nose, fingers, etc.) and their colors.

*Group Size:* 30 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 45-60 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* Pre-Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### **Hatteras Jack\***

Does a dolphin bark? Can a whale sing? How do they breathe? Students are invited to the Museum for this free hour long program where they will have the chance to hear a story about the legendary Hatteras Jack and smell the oil from a Sperm Whale. Children will also have the chance to touch the heart of the Museum's own 33.5' sperm whale named "Echo".

*Group Size:* 30 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 45-60 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* Pre-Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



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### Boats that Float\*

"Will it float or will it sink?" Students will learn to judge different items (cannon ball, toy boats, spoons, etc.) and decide if they float or sink before testing their 'hypothesis' with a VERY scientific experiment where they drop their items into a pool of water. Following their experimentation with floating items the students will be treated to a story about a very special toy boat.

After learning about different types of boats and different items that float, students will get the chance to make their very own toy blow boats from kits made at the Museum's Watercraft Center. Depending on the weather the students may even be invited to try their new boats out in a small pool on the Museum's front patio.



*Group Size:* 30 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 45-60 minutes  
*Fee:* \$25 per group  
*Ideal Group:* Pre-Kindergarten to 3rd Grade

### Tidal Flat and Salt Marsh

Investigate a sand flat and adjacent salt marsh to study intertidal organisms and their adaptations, food chains, productivity, and the estuarine nursery area. A seine net is pulled in shallow water to view a sample of marine animals.

*Group Size:* 30 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 60 to 90 minutes  
*Fee:* \$30 per group  
*Ideal Group:* Pre-Kindergarten to 4th Grade



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### Pirate's Life\*

This educator lead program will introduce students to the Golden Age of Piracy using replica and prop items similar to what has been recovered from the wreck site of Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge*. This program will discuss navigation, true pirate treasure and of course pirate weapons!

*Group Size:* 60 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 45 to 60 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* 2nd Grade to 8th Grade

### Meet Me Under the Whale

The Museum's newest exhibit features the 33.5' skeleton of a sperm whale that beached itself on Cape Lookout National Seashore. Visitors will hear the story of not just this specific whale, but of whaling in North Carolina as they enjoy



a guided tour of the Museum's newest exhibit about Commercial Fishing in North Carolina. Visitors that participate in this tour will also have the opportunity to touch the preserved heart of a sperm whale, smell the oil that whalers spent lifetimes hunting for and win their very own replica whale tooth!

*Group Size:* 40 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 30 to 45 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* 4th Grade to Adult





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### The Best View in Beaufort

The North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort is proud to host one of the highest observation decks on Front Street, giving us what we think is the BEST view in Beaufort! From the Museum's observation deck visitors are able to see sites such as the Rachel Carson Reserve, Fort Macon State Park and on clear days as far as the Cape Lookout Lighthouse.

The observation deck is only accessible by a winding staircase similar to the staircase of a lighthouse, but significantly shorter. Larger groups are welcome to sign up for this program but are asked to split into multiple, smaller groups.

*Group Size:* 20 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 20 to 30 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* 4th Grade to Adult

### Guided Museum Tour

This educator lead tour will spend 5-10 minutes discussing each of the Museum's exhibits following a brief introduction to the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Depending on the weather visitors will be invited to visit the Museum's observation deck to see "the best view in Beaufort" following the end of the tour.

*Group Size:* 35 participants (maximum)  
*Duration:* 45 to 60 minutes  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* 7th Grade to Adult



### **Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge***

This program begins with a 15-20 minute introduction to both the Museum and specifically the history of Blackbeard and his ship *Queen Anne's Revenge*.

The introduction will be followed by a guided tour of the Museum's exhibit "Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge*" that features over 300 artifacts recovered from the site where the infamous ship ran aground just off the coast of Beaufort.

The exhibit tour is a walking tour that lasts 20-30 minutes. Depending on availability this program can also be supplemented with either a Q&A session with Michelle Crepeau, Museum Artifact Conservator and/or archeology activity in the Museum's auditorium.



*Group Size:* 35 participants (maximum) \*  
*Duration:* 45 to 60 minutes \*\*  
*Fee:* Free. Donations appreciated.  
*Ideal Group:* 7th Grade to Adult

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Welcome to the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Here are some general facts and policies designed to answer any questions you may have about the museum and to make your visit as enjoyable as possible.

**Q. *May I take photographs and videos in the exhibits?***

A. Flash photography is not allowed, but photographs (taken without flash) and videos are allowed for private, noncommercial use unless otherwise posted.

**Q. *Is there anywhere to store my belongings at the museum?***

A. We do not have a secure area to store your belongings while visiting the Museum.

**Q. *Do you have wheelchairs?***

A. Wheelchairs are available for visitor use. Please see the Information Desk for details.

**Q. *Where can I learn about Beaufort?***

A. General information about Beaufort can be found at [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org).

**Q. *Can my group eat lunch in the Museum?***

A. Food, beverages, candy and gum are not permitted in the Museum. Groups are welcome to eat their lunches on either of the Museum's front or back patio.

**Q. *May I bring food or drink into the galleries?***

A. Food, beverages, candy, and gum are not permitted in the Museum.

**Q. *Do you have bathrooms?***

A. Yes, our restrooms are cleaned daily and feature four stalls including handicap stalls.

**Q. *Are pets allowed in the building?***

A. Pets are not allowed in the museum with the exception of service animals.

**Q. *May I touch objects in the exhibits?***

A. We encourage you to touch and interact with reproduction objects and interactive exhibit components. However, we request that you do not touch museum artifacts.



***Q. How many people visit the museum each year?***

A. In 2015 the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort served an audience of over 300,000.

***Q. How many artifacts are in the museum's collection?***

A. Museum collections at each maritime museum include more than 35,000 objects and images related to the maritime history of coastal North Carolina.

***Q. How can I donate an artifact to the museum?***

A. Please contact the Collections Department at 252-504-7751. You will be asked a series of questions to determine if the artifact is appropriate for the Museum's collection.

***Q. How do I make a financial contribution to the museum?***

A. We need and welcome your financial support! Please contact the Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at 252-728-2762 or visit their website at [maritimefriends.org](http://maritimefriends.org) to learn more.