

Nobody leaves Topsail Island hungry. These are the places we send friends and family — grouped by where you'll be, so you can find something close.

Surf City — On the Island

Daddy Mac's Beach Grille

AMERICAN OCEANFRONT DOG-FRIENDLY DECK

A short walk from the house down the beach, right next to the pier. Service is always great, and you can bring your dog, sit outside on the deck and watch the surfers.

Shaka Taco

MEXICAN SUPER CASUAL OUTDOOR SEATING ONLY

Super fresh, right across the street from Daddy Mac's.

Santorini Greek and Italian Bistro

GREEK & ITALIAN FAMILY-OWNED

Great pizza, pasta and gyros.

SurfDog Bites and Brews

BURGERS & SANDWICHES CASUAL

Burgers, dogs, homemade soups, apps, sandwiches and salads.

Sears Landing

SEAFOOD WATERFRONT

Right on the Intracoastal Waterway.

unWINEd Wine Bar and Beer

WINE BAR LIGHT BITES LIVE MUSIC

A great place to have a drink and something light — paninis and charcuterie.

Maine Lobstah Shack

LOBSTER CASUAL

Fresh Maine lobster: lobster rolls, bowls, mac-n-cheese, bisque and more.

Topsail Steamer

SEAFOOD BOIL COOK IT AT THE HOUSE

A very fun option for a low country boil at your own place: they provide the steam pot with whatever seafood and seasonings you order, plus instructions to finish it at home.

Surf City — Mainland

Low Tide Steakhouse & Sandbar

STEAKHOUSE GREAT SALAD BAR

Great service, too.

Cape Fear Seafood Company

SEAFOOD BOOKS UP EARLY

Probably the best seafood in the area, even though it's a chain! Great service — but reserve ahead.

YOUR BEACH PARADISE

Places to Eat

Crystal Coast, North Carolina
Book direct with the owner

Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar

OYSTER BAR SEASONAL

Local oysters and clams when they're in season.

Surf City Barbeque and Catering

BARBECUE FAMILY-FRIENDLY

GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS

Charming, rustic and delicious!

Smoky Tony's BBQ

BARBECUE

Great barbecue, friendly service.

Cowfin Bar and Grill

SPORTS BAR LOCALLY OWNED

Great food.

North Topsail

Burrito Shak

MEXICAN FAST COASTAL VIBE

Fast service, great food.

Agave Azul

MODERN MEXICAN CANTINA UPSCALE

Great margaritas.

Spiaggia Ristobar

ITALIAN FAMILY-OWNED

Great service, generous portions, great food!

Splash by the Sea

SEAFOOD OCEANFRONT DINING

Seafood, family recipes and salads, right by the water.

Fishmonger's Honest Seafood

SEAFOOD LOCALLY SOURCED

Locally sourced when possible, with farm-raised produce.

Driftwood Cafe

CASUAL ALL-DAY MENU

Great atmosphere, great food, great menu!

Rick's Sports Bar

SPORTS BAR AMERICAN

Great bar food. Steelers fans!

Riverview Cafe

SEAFOOD & STEAKS WATERFRONT SINCE 1946

Family-owned and operated since 1946. Fresh seafood, steaks and chicken. No website — call [910-327-2011](tel:910-327-2011).

Tip: many island kitchens close earlier than you'd expect (8–9 PM, earlier off-season), and some are cash-friendly or seasonal. Check hours before you drive.