TOWN PARK AND BOARDWALK

THE DUCK TOWN PARK features 11 acres of natural beauty including trails through the maritime forest and willow swamp, open green space, soundside views and access to the Duck Boardwalk. Park amenities include an amphitheater, public kayak/canoe launch, playground, dog-friendly water fountain, picnic shelter and Town Green.

The Duck Boardwalk can be accessed from the park and other locations throughout the commercial Village. Please see the map below for details. The Duck Boardwalk extends nearly a mile along the Currituck Sound. Enjoy beautiful views, a variety of wildlife, visit our unique retail establishments and restaurants, or just enjoy the serenity.

Please enjoy the town park and boardwalk responsibly.

PARK & BOARDWALK OPERATING HOURS
Boardwalk: Dawn until 1:00 a.m.
Park: Dawn until dusk.

BOARDWALK AND PARK RULES

• Bicycles must be walked or left at bicycle racks.
• Skateboards, roller blades, and motorized vehicles are prohibited.
• Pets must be on a leash. Owners must clean up after their pet; special receptacles are located in the park and on the boardwalk.
• Smoking is not permitted on the boardwalk, in the park, or at any town facility.
• Fish and crab in designated areas only. A North Carolina fishing license is required.
• Swimming, wading, diving or otherwise entering the Currituck Sound from the shoreline, boardwalk, or boat pier that is not related to the launching, docking, or rescuing of authorized watercraft, is prohibited.
• Watercraft may be tied to the public boat slips for short-term use, not to exceed four hours. The public boat slips are located at the north and south ends of the boardwalk.
• The launch area in the park should only be used for canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddleboards.
• Hunting, chasing, feeding, or otherwise harassing wildlife in the park and along the boardwalk is prohibited.
• Open fires and the use of grills or other cooking devices is prohibited.
• Footwear is required.
• Boardwalk system is designed for passive use and cannot be reserved.
• Town-sponsored events take precedence over all other uses. Town Park and boardwalk areas may not be reserved for weddings.

For a complete list of rules, visit townofduck.com.

TOWN OF DUCK
North Carolina

1200 Duck Road
P.O. Box 8369, Duck, NC 27949
Office Hours:
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
Town Hall: 252-255-1234
Events & Info: 252-255-1286
Police Department: 252-261-1112
Fire Department: 252-261-3929
24-Hour Dare Central Dispatch
Non-Emergency: 252-473-3444
Emergencies: Dial 911
info@townofduck.com • townofduck.com
**THROUGHOUT TOWN**

**FIRE SAFETY: BEACH FIRES, FIREWORKS, AND BONFIRES**

ARE NOT PERMITTED. Grilling on decks or near vegetation is highly discouraged. Properly maintain grills and ensure charcoal ashes are cool before disposal. The use of all fireworks (including sparklers) is prohibited and punishable by a fine and 90 days in jail. Legal disputes have arisen over whether or not some beach accesses in the Town are available for use by the general public. The Town wishes to remind everyone that being kind, courteous, and compassionate with each other will help to avoid unnecessary negative interactions that distract from everyone’s enjoyment of the beaches and the Town of Duck.

**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:** Landing and launching is prohibited on the town’s ocean beach, but watercraft may be used in the sound between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and must be at least 900 feet from the shore. There are no public motorized boat ramps in Duck.

**TRAFFIC & PERSONAL SAFETY:** Obey all posted speed limits, and use extreme caution as Duck has heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the Duck Trail and Duck Road (NC 12). Use caution when turning onto side streets. Remember: don’t drink and drive; remove personal items from vehicles; and lock vehicles and residences.

**GOLF CARTS IN DUCK**

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**WHILE USING THE TRAIL**

• Use marked crosswalks.
• Pedestrians always have the right-of-way, but stay alert for vehicles.
• Watch for cars entering and exiting from Duck Road (NC 12), side streets, and parking areas.
• Pedestrians should slow down when being passed.
• Cyclists should always pass on the left and alert those who are being passed.
• Clean up after your pet as a courtesy to trail users.
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**WHILE USING THE TRAIL IN THE VILLAGE**

In addition to guidelines above, for your safety:
• Wear bright clothing and use lights at night.

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SUMMER 2020

EACH YEAR, WE LOOK FORWARD to sharing our summer with Free Family Events at the Duck Town Park. Over the years, we’ve enjoyed spending time with our residents and visitors with fitness classes, magic shows, live music, and outdoor movies. 2020 has thrown some challenges our way but hasn’t affected the spirit of Duck!

Our Town Park and Boardwalk are open for you to enjoy. Duck Surf Rescue lifeguards are on duty while you have some fun in the sun. The Duck Merchants are standing by with top-notch food, eclectic gifts, and one of a kind experiences.

Please check our website and social media pages for updates about events in Town, including virtual ways to connect with us and learn more about Duck.

Welcome to Duck. We’re so happy you are here!

THE DUCK JAZZ FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY PNC brings high quality jazz performers from around the nation to the Town of Duck for this annual special event held over Columbus Day weekend. The public is invited to attend this free, non-ticketed festival taking place at the Duck Town Park October 10-11. Events are being planned for the weekend both at the Duck Town Park and at individual businesses throughout Duck Village. Interactive educational events for children and adults will be offered leading up to the festival weekend.

Follow us at duckjazz.com and on social media to find updates on the festival and associated activities. Announcements about the festival schedule will also be posted on townofduck.com and the Town’s official social media pages.

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**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS**

- Be Bright At Night
- Watch For Turning Cars
- Walk Facing Traffic
- Make Eye Contact With Drivers Before Crossing
- Pull the Plug and Pay Attention
- Be Careful in Parking Lots

**WATCHFORME-NC.org**

Tips provided by WatchForMeNC.org

**BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS**

- Ride With Traffic
- Wear A Helmet
- Be Bright At Night
- Confident cyclists should use the bike lane.
- Use Hand Signals — Remember to signal with the left arm.
- Obey Traffic Signs and Signals
- Look Before Entering Traffic and Changing Lanes

**OCEAN SAFETY TIPS**

Text “Join OBXBeachConditions” to 30890 for text alerts from Outer Banks Lifeguards.

**RIP CURRENTS**

Know your options

Check water conditions before going in by looking at the local beach forecast and by talking to the lifeguard at the beach. Our local forecast is weather.gov/beach/mhx.

**IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT**

- Relax, rip currents don’t pull you under.
- Don’t swim against the current.
- Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- If you can’t escape, float or tread water.
- If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

**SAFETY**

- Know how to swim.
- Never swim alone.
- If in doubt, don’t go out.
- Swim near a lifeguard.

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.