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CRAFT BEER & BREWERIES

in the Wilmington, NC Area



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Local Craft Beer Events

Thanks for picking up the Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine, and welcome to the Port City!

From hopheads to lager lovers and every beer drinker in between, Wilmington, NC has all palates covered. Peruse these pages to discover more about our local breweries and bottle shops, as well as the region's most craft-savvy restaurants and bars.

This go-to guide is a visitor's one-stop shop for Wilmington's local beer scene, including helpful neighborhood maps and detailed info on all of our breweries and bottle shops. Visit WilmingtonAleTrail.com for more in-depth stories on our brewing community—and brewery tour information! You have uncovered the best way to navigate this town with bountiful varieties of beer.

After flipping through the *Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine*, you will be craving the nearest craft brew. We hope you find the breweries, bottle shops, and beer hot spots as welcoming and lively as our locals do. Enjoy your brewcation at the beach!

ON OUR COVER

Thank you to photographer Brian Lantz for our cover image. For more info about his photography services, please visit his website: BrianLantzPhotography.com.



Discover the Breweries

Wilmington has a thriving brewery community that locals and tourists alike can enjoy. Between our bustling yet quaint downtown along the Cape Fear River and our beautiful beaches on the Atlantic shore, there is plenty to see and do. Even better, Wilmington is the number one spot on the coast of North Carolina to enjoy local craft beer.

Southeastern North Carolina is home to over a dozen craft breweries. You will find that each creates great craft beer with its own unique spin—whether it is a focus on supporting the natural environment, a dedication to the science of brewing, or going all in to make beer with interesting and fun ingredients. You can find these local beers in neighborhood bottle shops and in many restaurants—but we suggest you take a brewery tour.

Tours are the best way to discover Wilmington's breweries. You can chat with the brewmaster to gain exclusive access behind-the-scenes and experience the brewing process in action. Many of the local breweries offer tours, or you can sign up with Port City Brew Bus for the most comprehensive way to experience Wilmington's beer scene!

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Bill's Front Porch Pub and Brewery

Bill's Front Porch, the home of Bill's Brewing Company, is one of Wilmington's hidden gems located in Midtown off of Market St. This totally renovated building provides a very unique experience with recycled wood making up the entire interior creating a warm, cabin-like feel. The brewpub carries a very large selection of handcrafted beers that are brewed on the exposed seven barrel, steam-fired system. There are award-winning beers to satisfy almost any palate such as crisp lagers, refreshing seasonal Belgian ales, and of course, juicy IPA's. The food menu is comprised of many options that include beer in the recipes and everything is made fresh from scratch including weekly dinner specials and homemade desserts. Bill's famous fried chicken has become a staple in the Port City and can also be taken home by the bucket with a crowler of your favorite ale. Bill's is a fun, family atmosphere with six flat screens and a projector to watch the big game on and a monthly lineup of the best local artists performing on stage.



SIGNATURE BREW

Mosaic IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Orange Blossom Belgian Wit



ADDRESS

4238 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.762.6333
BillsFrontPorch.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon *Closed*
Tues-Wed 4 pm-10 pm
Thur 4 pm-11 pm
Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



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Broomtail Craft Brewery

Broomtail is a friendly, *Cheers*-like brewery and tap room located just off Market Street in Dutch Square Industrial Park. They specialize in producing true-to-style, clean ales and lagers as well as wild cultured and spontaneous fermentations using locally harvested yeast and bacteria.

The passion of crafting a scientifically perfect beer is a mission they take very seriously so saddle up and prepare for a unique experience of art and science!



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Acerbic Ecstasy



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Galloping Gose Special Series



ADDRESS

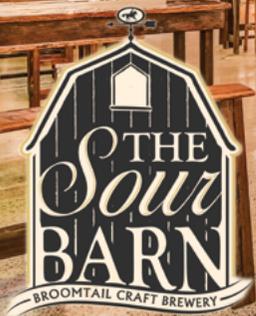
6404 Amsterdam Way #100
Wilmington, NC 28405

CONTACT

910.264.1369
BroomtailCraftBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Tues *Closed*
Wed 4 pm-9 pm
Thur 4 pm-9 pm
Fri 4 pm-10 pm
Sat 2 pm-10 pm
Sun 2 pm-8 pm



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The Sour Barn

The Sour Barn is Broomtail's 'wild' aging site where yeast and bacteria from the local natural environment is used in mixed culture re-fermentation along with occasional batches of full spontaneous fermentation. After aging in oak for one to three years, Broomtail expertly blends the barrels to develop world class sours only available at The Sour Barn.

Along with Broomtail clean beers on tap, wine, and an extensive sour bottle menu, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Featuring a large tap room, barrel aging room, beer garden, food trucks, and local musicians, The Sour Barn is a favorite destination in Ogden.



SIGNATURE BREW

Galloping Gose



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Extinction



ADDRESS

7211 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411

CONTACT

910.264.1369
Facebook.com/TheSourBarn

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon *Closed*
Tues 4 pm-9 pm
Wed-Thur 4 pm-10 pm
Fri 4 pm-11 pm
Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm



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Flytrap Brewing

In the Brooklyn Arts District of Historic Downtown Wilmington, an old office building has been transformed into an excellent microbrewery. Flytrap Brewing, named after North Carolina's official carnivorous plant, the Venus Flytrap, is unique in all the right ways.

Specializing in American and Belgian-style ales, Flytrap invites you to sample their brews in a flight or to enjoy a full pour. Its walls are lined with eye-catching art from local artists, and you can often find a tasty food truck parked outside. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, you can watch some of the area's best up-and-coming musicians perform as you relax with your favorite microbrew.



SIGNATURE BREW

Rehder's Red



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Stout



ADDRESS

319 Walnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.769.2881
FlytrapBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Thur 3 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 12 pm-12 am
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



Edward Teach Brewery

Set in a 111-year-old historic firehouse on North 4th Street in Downtown Wilmington's Brooklyn Arts District, Edward Teach Brewing features a classy, almost subtle nod to the most infamous pirate of all: Blackbeard, who 300 years ago was a regular on the shores and shallows of North Carolina's coast (and whose proper name was Edward Teach).

With a magnificent, 2-story ship-shaped bar (literally) built in, and Head Brewer Erik Peterson at the helm, Edward Teach currently features eight craft beer styles including Queen Anne's Blonde Ale, the highly-rated Cutlass German Lager, Scallywag Session IPA, Cannon Fire Amber Ale, Black Spot Lager, and Pegleg Porter, among other masterfully-crafted brews. On-site brewery tours are coming in the late Spring or Early Summer 2018.



SIGNATURE BREW

Filtered Cutlass German Lager



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Scallywag Session IPA



ADDRESS

604 N 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

910.523.5401
EdwardTeachBrewery.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Tues *Closed*
Wed-Thur 3 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 2 pm-12 am
Sun 12 pm-8 pm



Born at Sea, Brewed Ashore in Wilmington, NC!

Beer is pouring at Edward Teach Brewery on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 pm-10 pm, Fridays from 2 pm-12 am, Saturdays from 12 pm-12 am, and Sundays from 12 pm-8 pm. With longer hours coming by the Summer of 2018, visit them on Facebook or Instagram to check out their most up-to-date hours and beer selections.



Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, pair your craft beer with LIVE performances from the best of the best local musicians and bands. For the wine drinker in your party, Edward Teach stocks favorite local and international wine varietals. They also stock fresh, delicious snacks and treats from the

local favorite “The Veggie Wagon,” which pair perfectly with cold beer and hot vibes.

Having a local party? They have kegs available for events and parties of any size. Want to have your party or event on-site? Call them to talk about reserving the main deck for private parties and meetings.





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Front Street Brewery

Front Street Brewery, Wilmington's original brewery and restaurant, was founded in May of 1995 and has been an area landmark ever since. When it comes to local brewmasters, you would be hard-pressed to find someone more skilled than Front Street's Christopher McGarvey. With five flagships available year-round, award-winning seasonal selections, and an ever-expanding Oak Aged Series, Front Street Brewery is a true beer lover's delight. They offer FREE brewery tours with beer samples at 3 pm, 3:45 pm, and 4:30 pm and a FULL menu until midnight every day of the week. Beer is also available to-go in 32oz jugs. They offer a kid's menu as well, so bring the whole family.



SIGNATURE BREW

Dram Tree Scottish Ale



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Spring Brew *or* Slainte Irish Red



ADDRESS

9 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week
11:30 am-12 am

CONTACT

910.251.1935
FrontStreetBrewery.com



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Mad Mole Brewing

Mad Mole Brewing is Wilmington's first solar powered brewery! Spun off from a local software company, Mad Mole combines technology and art to brew better beer. Take a tour to see what happens when computer programmers build a brewery.

The first thing you notice when you walk in is the rack of large Mueller serving tanks shipped from Holland. Taps are mounted directly to the tanks for the freshest beer possible. Attached thermometers confirm it will be cold. The tasting room is cozy and literally makes you feel like you are part of the brewing process. A large, glass garage door opens to a beer garden making for a great inside-outside atmosphere. Dogs are welcome. Conveniently located off Oleander Drive near Bradley Creek, this is the perfect place to pick up beer "brewed by the sun" when you are on the way to the beach.

OPENING SUMMER OF 2018
Please visit their website for an opening date and tap room hours!



ADDRESS
6309 Boathouse Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT
910.859.8115
MadMoleBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:
Opening Summer 2018!
Please visit their
website for current
Tap Room Hours!



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Ironclad Brewery

The Ironclad class of ships were built in Wilmington’s ironically named Beery’s Shipyard during the Civil War. Ironclad’s founder began his career working next generation capabilities for the Navy. The name Ironclad was selected as a remembrance of both Wilmington’s history and their founder’s career.

Ironclad is both a brewery and event venue. The building, located in historic downtown Wilmington, dates back to 1925 and was painstakingly revitalized using 33 local vendors. They can accommodate large parties of over 400 people and a wide range of events are often held at Ironclad.

With an assortment of 15+ Ironclad beers on tap, the four-ounce beer tasters are very popular. Several wines, liquors, juices, and soda are available as well.



SIGNATURE BREW
Smoked Honey Lager



SEASONAL FAVORITE
Tropical IPA Series Cat 1 – 5



ADDRESS
115 N 2nd Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

TAP ROOM HOURS:
Mon-Sat 12 pm-12 am
Sun 1 pm-10 pm

CONTACT
910.769.0290
IroncladBrewery.com

Book Your Next Event at Ironclad Brewery



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Weddings, Corporate Events, Birthdays, and More for Over 400 People

IRONCLAD BREWERY AMENITIES:

- Over 11,000 square feet of space.
- Comfortably holds over 400 people.
- Two floors with large bars on each floor.
- Stage and sound system.
- High definition overhead projector with a 12-foot screen.
- The City of Wilmington's 2nd Street parking deck is directly across the street from Ironclad. The first hour is free and it only costs \$1 for each additional hour.

Ironclad Brewery is a unique event space for weddings, receptions, corporate events, and fundraisers, as well as retirement, birthday, and holiday parties. Events held at Ironclad Brewery are scheduled as either public or reserved events. A public event means the brewery remains open to customers. A reserved event is when either the 2nd floor or the entire brewery is closed to the public. A contract is required for reserved events. The venue, bartenders, tables, chairs, and glassware are all included!

Planning a great event takes a lot of time and effort, but it should not cost a lot of money! For reserved events, there is a minimum bar tab required, as the brewery will be closed to the public during the event. Event bookings are done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call 910.769.0290 and ask to speak with a manager to book your event.



Makai Brewing Company

Makai Brewing Company, Brunswick County's newest brewery, opened at the end of 2017 "toward the sea" in Ocean Isle Beach. Merging the spirit of the Hawaiian Islands with the Carolina coast, you will find beers brewed with tropical fruits or Kona coffee beans and served by friendly staff in their open and airy tap room. Makai also serves wines by the glass and rotating guest taps from Wilmington breweries, including a non-alcoholic Kombucha. Enjoy a pint or flight at one of their handcrafted tables or at the long bar strewn with Hawaiian postcards, then take a Crowler for the beach! Stay tuned for many fun events planned throughout the year.



SIGNATURE BREW

Carolina Tropical IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Hula Berry Saison



ADDRESS

5850 Ocean Highway West
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Sat 11 am-9 pm
Sun 12 pm-9 pm

CONTACT

910.579.2739
MakaiBrewing.com



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New Anthem Beer Project

Nothing is off limits at New Anthem Beer Project. Taking inspiration from classics and newer styles from around the world, New Anthem Beer Project creates unique beers with familiar lines but aren't afraid to blur the boundary either. With an ever-changing, diverse lineup of fresh hoppy beers, and a menu full of modern Belgian ales and rustic farmhouse styles, you are sure to find something to please your palate. New Anthem Beer Project makes its home in a turn-of-the-century stable on Dock Street in the Historic District of downtown Wilmington.



SIGNATURE BREW

Throwing Shade IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Roadside Prophet (Chili Stout)



ADDRESS

116 Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT

Brewer@NewAnthemBeer.com
NewAnthemBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Thur 1 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



SALTY TURTLE

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Salty Turtle Beer Company

Salty Turtle Beer Company is a veteran-owned and operated brewery and tap room dedicated to serving the local community. Their on-site tap room offers a relaxing environment that welcomes family, friends, and well-mannered dogs to sit back and enjoy one's company. They are a 3bbl nano-brewery that values customer feedback to help establish a rotating tap lineup. Salty Turtle Beer Company strives to provide a unique craft beer experience with each visit.



SIGNATURE BREW

Hey Zay NEIPA, Swingbridge Breakfast Stout



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Coastline Kölsch



ADDRESS

103 Triton Lane
Surf City, NC 28445

CONTACT

910.803.2019
SaltyTurtleBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Thur 3 pm-10 pm
Fri-Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-9 pm



Waterman's Brewing Company

Waterman's Brewing Company (formerly Fibbers near Wrightsville Beach) celebrates the spirit of a long and impressive tradition of coastal watermen and women!

Press your nose to the glass brewhouse and watch brewmaster Zac build on his San-Fran reputation for innovative interpretations of the classic beer styles (and there is top shelf wine and spirits too!). Just do not forget the kitchen where Chef Stan whips up delectable fare – from bar favorites to award-winning seafood.

So whether you are warming up by the fireplace with a big West Coast IPA, dancing with friends in the private party room, or sipping a Blonde Ale in the sun on the dog-friendly deck, there is something for everyone at Waterman's!



SIGNATURE BREW

Abundant Sunshine IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Moonlit Descent Imperial Chocolate Rye



ADDRESS

1610 Pavilion Place
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.839.3103
WatermansBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon-Wed 11:30 am-10:30 pm
Thur-Fri 11:30 am-12 am
Sat 10 am (brunch)-12 am
Sun 10 am (brunch)-10:30 pm



Waterline Brewing Company

Waterline Brewing Co. brews a wide variety of well-balanced styles including a refreshing kölsch-style ale, a full-bodied red ale, a spicy and hoppy rye IPA, and a uniquely tart gose brewed with basil and sun-dried tomatoes. Visit their tap room and enjoy a flight, a pint, or fill a growler to take home!

With the motto, “Brewed Under the Bridge,” the brewery and tap room occupy the restored Jacobi Hardware warehouse located under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. The structure was built in the 1940s and the owners worked hard to preserve the look and feel of the original heart pine construction. There are so many reasons to visit: free brewery tours, outdoor beer-garden seating with great views, free parking, special events, and live music and food trucks on weekends. Come and check it out for yourself!



SIGNATURE BREW
Kölsch



SEASONAL FAVORITE
Coffee and Cream Pale Ale



ADDRESS
721 Surry Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

CONTACT
910.557.BREW
WaterlineBrewing.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:
Mon *Closed*
Tues-Thur 2 pm-9 pm
Fri 2 pm-11 pm
Sat 12 pm-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm

Craft Beer. Gorgeous Sunsets. Historic Setting.

Come Experience Beers "Brewed Under the Bridge!"

Located just a few blocks from the heart of Downtown Wilmington, this unique brewery and entertainment venue features a variety of delicious and award-winning craft beers, a well-appointed family and pet-friendly tap room, and a spacious beer garden with plenty of free parking. Build a flight of your favorites and enjoy a free brewery tour, challenge your friends to one of the dozens of board or yard games, browse the art work, or simply enjoy the beautiful sunsets over the Cape Fear River.

Weekly events include small-batch releases, Thursday evening farmer's market, Wednesday evening and Sunday morning yoga, group bike rides, and more. Weekends are filled with live music, events, and the best food trucks in town! Check their Facebook page or website for weekly lineups and updates on their famous big tent events including Oktoberfest, Mardi Gras Bash, and their annual 4th of July Weekend Freedom Fest! For the non-beer drinker, wine, cider, and meads are available.





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Wilmington Brewing Company

Homegrown from a small homebrew shop to a 11,800-square-foot facility, Wilmington Brewing Company serves you fresh, local beer straight from the tank to your glass. Located right in the middle of town, Wilmington Brewing Company has a 3bbl and 25bbl brewery on site, a tasting room, and a homebrew supply store.

15 drafts are available in their tap room. Enjoy a pint, a growler, a crowler (32 oz can of beer poured and sealed on demand), or pick up a keg or a 4-pack of 16 oz. cans for your home enjoyment. Have a beer while you shop for homebrew supplies or just relax in the beer garden. Bring the family and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere at Wilmington Brewing Company!



SIGNATURE BREW

Tropical Lightning IPA



SEASONAL FAVORITE

Jalapeño Saison



ADDRESS

824 S Kerr Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

CONTACT

910.392.3315
WilmingtonBeer.com

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Mon 3 pm-9 pm
Tues-Thur 10 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat 10 am-10 pm
Sun 12 pm-6 pm



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Wrightsville Beach Brewery

Wrightsville Beach Brewery is committed to being a different kind of brewery, both in the beers they make and the impact they have in the community. Their mission is to educate their customers about environmental stewardship and contribute to local charities while also making high-quality, tasty beer.

As for the brewpub, the Masonboro Wild oysters are not to be missed and pair excellently with an Oysterman Stout. With a 20-barrel system and 40 beers on tap, they are sure to have something on draft that you will love. Order a pizza and relax under the live oaks in the beer garden or pick up a six-pack for a day on the water. Don't miss Reggae Sundays and other fun, weekly events!



SIGNATURE BREW

Kölsch Krush



SEASONAL FAVORITE

La Brewchacha Mexican Lager



ADDRESS

6201 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week
11 am-11 pm

CONTACT

910.256.4938
wbBeer.com

PANACEA BREWING COMPANY



Panacea means “a remedy for all difficulties or diseases.” We use local and organic ingredients whenever possible, crafting the freshest, healthiest farm-to-bottle kombucha at the only kombucha brewery in Coastal North Carolina. Visit our taproom to explore our selection of seasonal kombuchas, tonics, gluten-free kombucha beers, and local beers.



@panaceabrewingcompany



PANACEA BREWING COMPANY

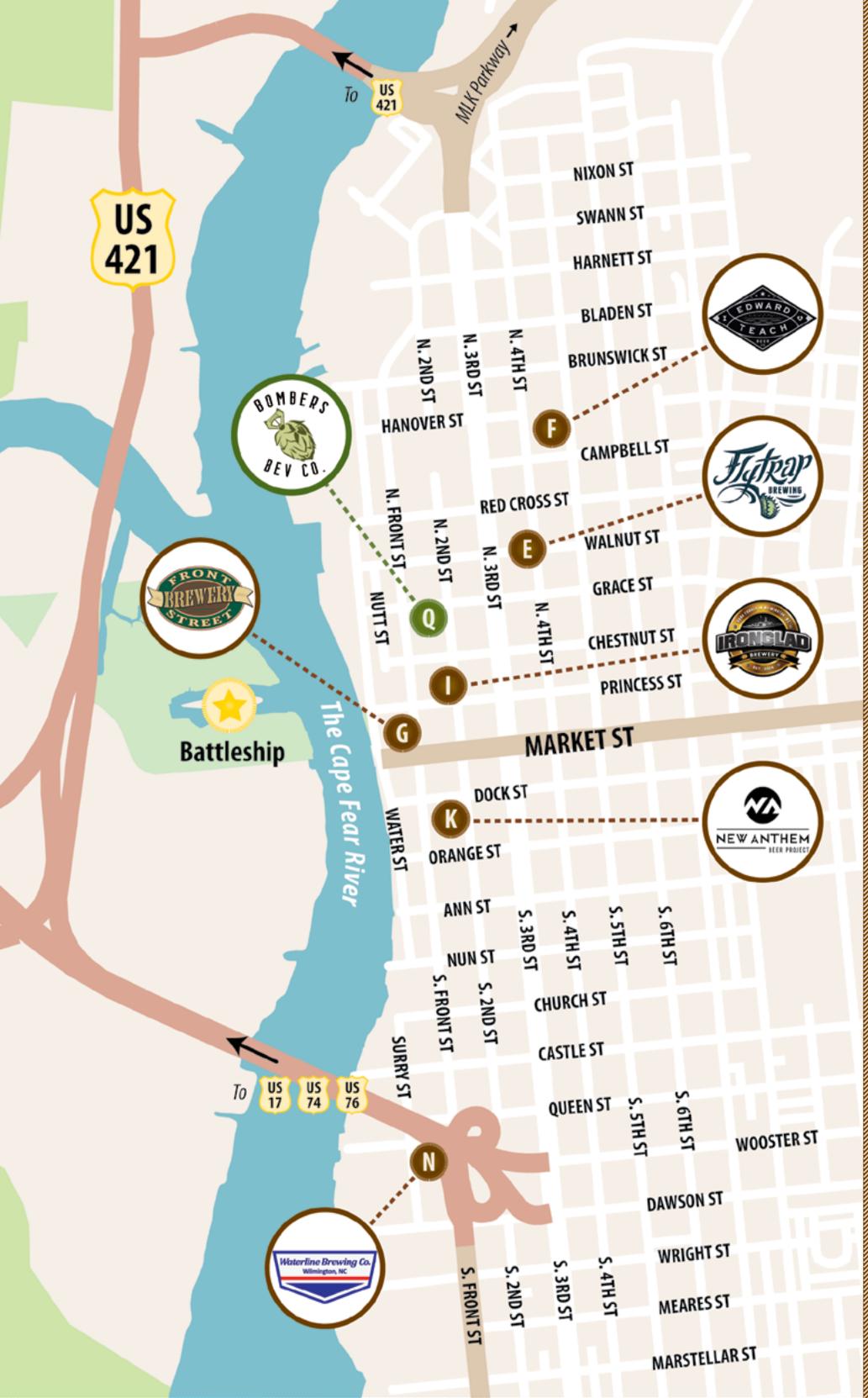
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910-444-1697

TUESDAY-SUNDAY 10AM-7PM

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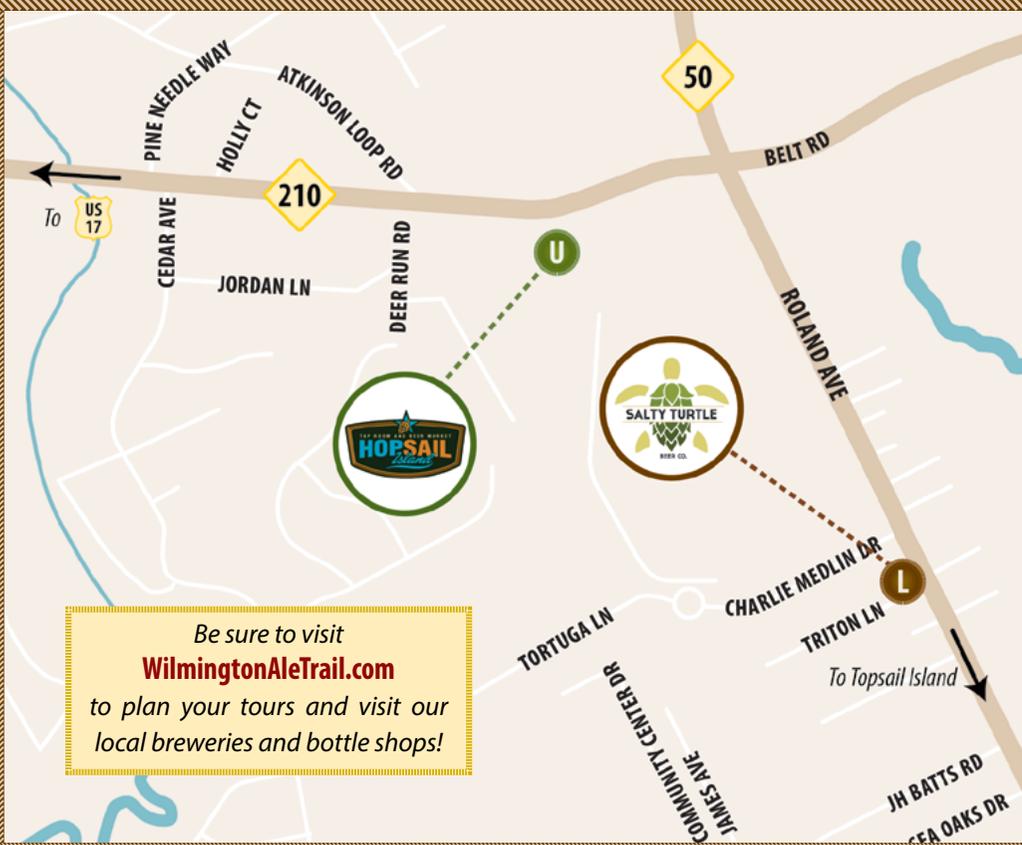
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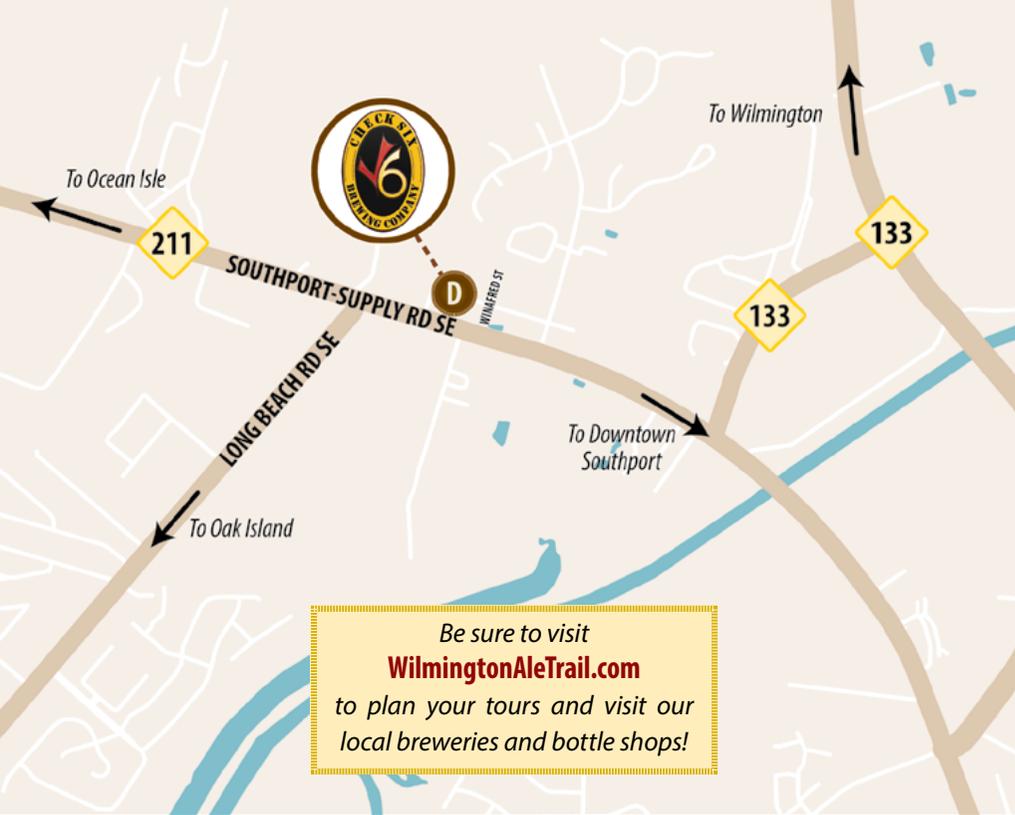


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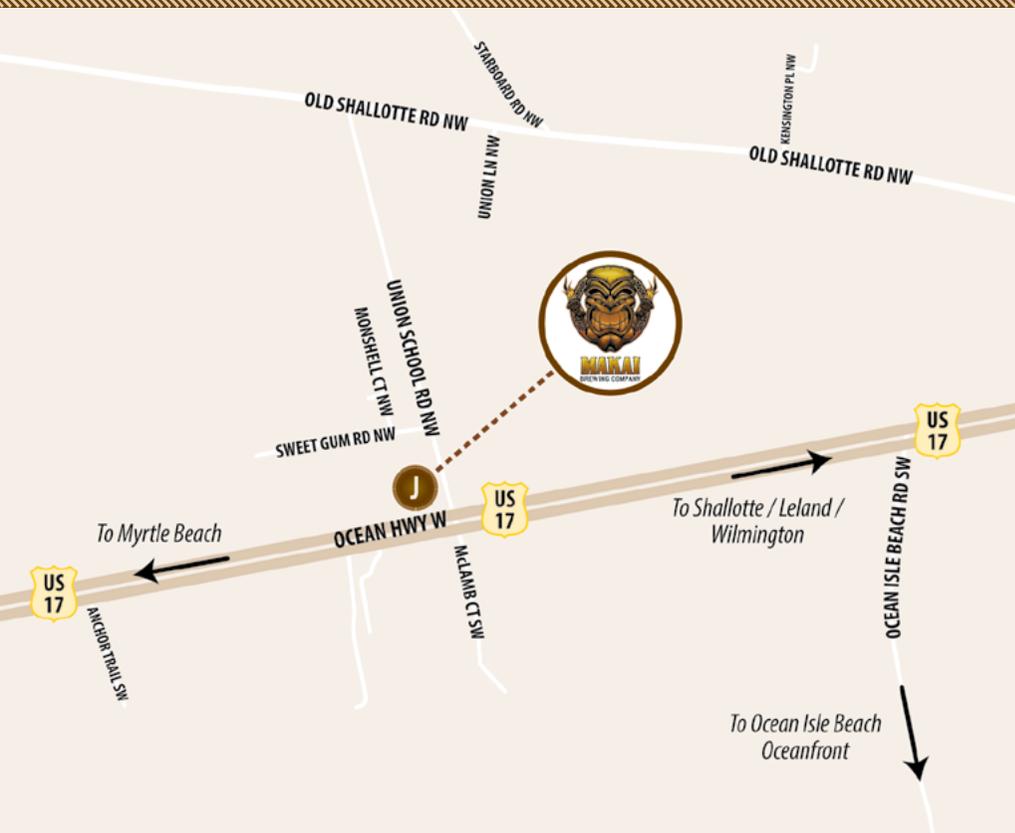
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- 10% rental discount when serving only Wilmington area produced beer
- Beer tender services available

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@capefeardraught

910.444.1050



capefeardraught.com

Discover the Bottle Shops

Visitors to the Port City may find that Wilmington's market features beers and breweries they will never run across at home. The best place to scoop some of these up for yourself, be it limited productions or six-packs of that well-crafted IPA, is in one of our area bottle shops. Pick some up to enjoy on the back deck of your beach house or at the hotel before going out—or take some home to share with friends.

All of our bottle shops feature beers on tap and by the bottle to be enjoyed in their bars. You will find that these stores have become Wilmington locals' neighborhood watering holes, where everyone is friendly and eager to recommend the perfect craft beer for your palate. On the weekends, some offer live music or may even be hosting a brewery event in the shop. We urge you to check out our bottle shops and see what you can find!

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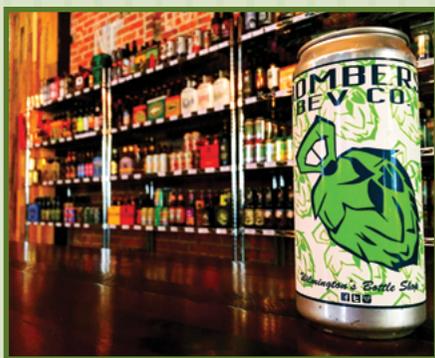
**108 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.833.5107
BombersBevCo.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon Closed
Tues-Wed 10 am-10 pm
Thur-Sat 10 am-12 am
Sun 12 pm-8 pm

Bombers Bev Co. is a specialty craft beer retail store and tasting room that provides customers with unique craft beer. They offer daily specials ranging from draft beer to wine and cider! Stay and enjoy a drink in a friendly, inviting environment or grab a few things to go. They will happily fill growlers and also have crowlers on hand.



Bombers has an outside seating area, the Beer Alley, where you can sip on a beverage in the sun. They have live music and comedy on the weekends and a FREE wine tasting every Friday! Dogs are also welcome in this establishment.





Located in a mid-century service station in Midtown, The Brewer's Kettle offers a collection of fine ales, lagers, wines, and cigars. It is a comfortable place to meet with friends and explore beers and wines with plenty of interior and exterior seating. They also feature live music, food pairings, and beer and wine tastings. The Brewer's Kettle offers rotating drafts, wines by the glass, and to-go packaging.

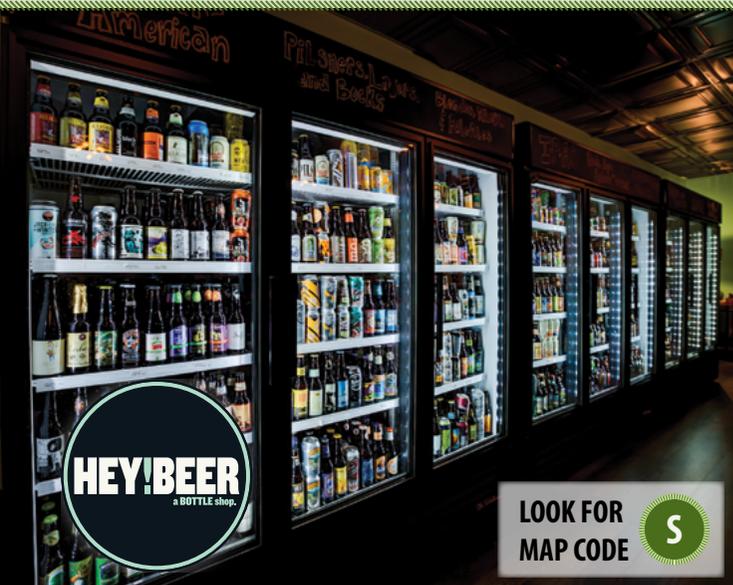
Enjoy the shaded pergola and courtyard where on clear evenings musicians play. Check out their Facebook page or website for all upcoming events. They are also a dog-friendly establishment.

4718 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

910.502.0333
bkWilmington.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 11 am-10 pm
Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-8 pm



At Hey Beer, you can choose from over 400 individually priced singles to create your favorite six-pack or eight-pack! They organize their beers by style so that you can find your favorite flavors all in one place.

Grab a draft, growler, or crowler from any of the 10 rotating taps. Since expanding in the fall of 2016, Hey Beer now offers a comfortable lounge area to enjoy a beer!

Owners Mike and Kristy Duffy are always in the shop to chat about beer and point you toward the newest releases.

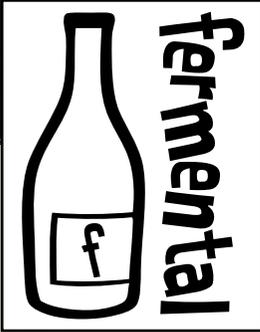
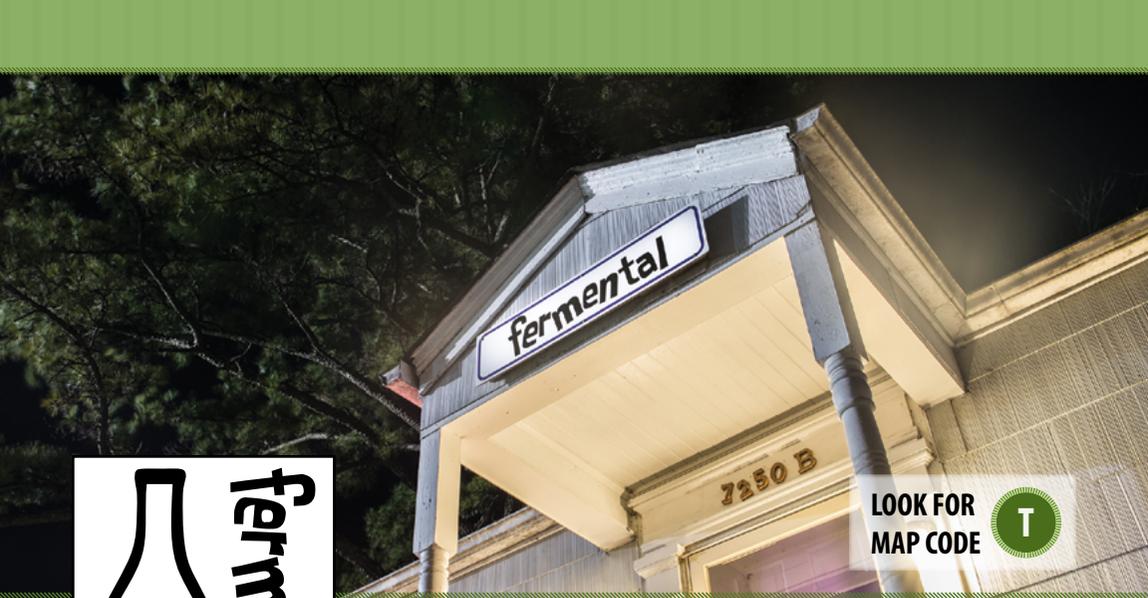
Gift certificates are also available for purchase for the craft beer fanatic in your life.

4405A Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

910.547.6707
HeyBeerNC.com

SHOP HOURS

Mon 12 pm-10 pm
Tues-Sat 10 am-10 pm
Sun 10 am-8 pm



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**7250 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28411**

910.821.0362
Fermental.net

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 10 am-10 pm
Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm



Located in North Wilmington along the Market Street corridor, Fermental is set inside the comfortable confines of a 1940's bungalow with a unique assortment of rooms and seating areas to peruse and/or sample their vast inventory.

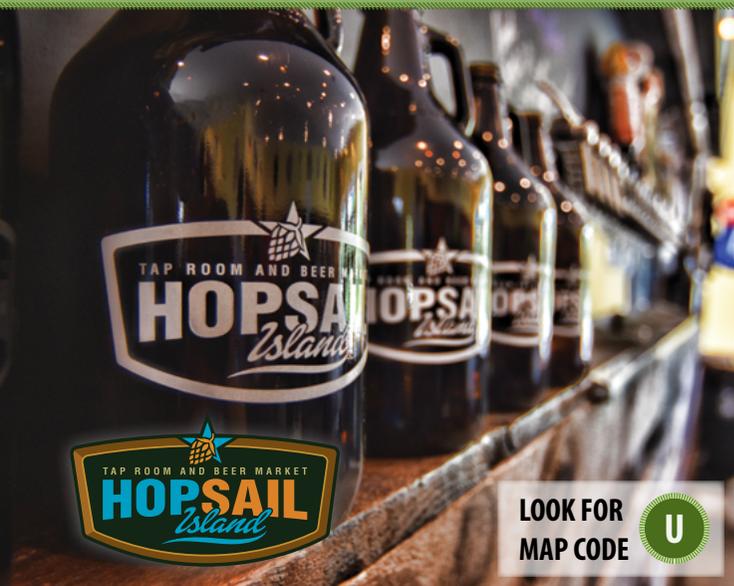
The shop sells and serves an eclectic selection of craft beer and fine wine and features a large outdoor beer garden, a tasting bar with perpetually rotating draught beer selections, wines by the glass, growler fills, weekly events, free tastings,

live music, food trucks, and an expansive selection of quality libations and accompanying accoutrements including imported cheeses, meats, olives, and wine ice cream (yes, wine ice cream).

Fermental also serves as one of the few local locations to rent, purchase, and order kegs for home use, special events, weddings, and more. The shop sells equipment and supplies for home draft systems as well as offers service calls from trained professionals.

Join the fine folks at Fermental every Friday evening for their weekly free wine and beer tasting at 6 pm, alongside local food trucks in the beer garden, coupled with live music, outdoor games, and more. The entertainment continues throughout the weekend with additional food vendors, brewery events, wine tastings, and other fun activities. Children and pets welcome. *Casual. Comfortable. Fermental.*





Hopsail Island's rustic bar and laid-back atmosphere make it the perfect place to unwind with friends. State-of-the-art Digital Pour menus offer a fun way to expand your knowledge with new beers or find your favorite among their 24 rotating taps. The Digital Pour app lets you access their real-time draft list and keg levels. Rate your beers via Untappd and check into their verified venue! Dogs are also welcome at Hopsail Island.

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The beer market features 125+ varieties to build six packs to go or fill up a growler and hit the road.

**2660 Highway 210 E #105
Surf City, NC 28443**

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Thur 10:30 am-10 pm
Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm
Sun 12 pm-10 pm

910.803.2325
Hopsailsland.com



The term "session" is used in the beer world to indicate a refreshing and balanced experience that allows you to have multiple beers, within a reasonable timeframe, without overwhelming your senses or reaching inappropriate levels of intoxication. Embracing this philosophy, Session Beer Market is Wilmington's newest pet-friendly bottle shop and growler station.

**LOOK FOR
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Located near the intersection of South College Road and 17th Street, Session Beer Market features 8 rotating taps, 6 cooler doors full of individually priced beers, and larger format bottles and six packs to enjoy at home.

**3604 S College Road
Wilmington, NC 28412**

SHOP HOURS

Sun-Mon 12 pm-9 pm
Tues-Thur 11 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm

910.399.4576
SessionBeerMarket.com



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We are all about promoting, educating, and advocating. We love beer. We want to teach others about it and we want people to enjoy it responsibly.

The mission of the Cape Fear Craft Beer Alliance is to promote awareness and increase the visibility of craft beer in the Cape Fear Region through education and participation in community events.

Promote. Educate. Advocate.

Visit www.CapeFearCraft.org for more info



Discover the Restaurants and Bars

Wilmington has long been revered for its delicious food culture, from Southern farm-to-table cuisine to excellent French and Thai restaurants. Likewise, with the city's emphasis on craft beer, many restaurants and bars cater to the industry by carrying local brews on tap and producing menus to pair perfectly with the beers they feature.

The Wilmington Ale Trail Magazine compiles a list of great bars and restaurants to help you navigate the city's marriage of food and beer. Try any of these appetizing spots for lunch or dinner and get a taste of true Port City flavor, washed down with a pint or two from our local breweries.



- Cape Fear Wine and Beer is ranked as *Wilmington's Best Beer Bar*
- Fastest rotating draft list in the world
- All craft beer
- 300 bottles to choose from
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- Visit their website for up-to-date draft and bottle lists
- Open late every night
- Follow them on Untappd

139 N Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

910.763.3377
CapeFearWineandBeer.com

HOURS

Mon-Wed 4 pm-2 am
Thur-Sun 1 pm-2 am

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Moe's Original BAR B QUE

5818 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

910.769.0617
MoesOriginalBBQ.com

HOURS
Sun-Thur 11 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm

Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is an easy-going BBQ joint that smokes their meats in-house. Moe's turns out a whole lot more than barbecue. Both the Shrimp Moe Boy and the smoked wings with Alabama White sauce come highly recommended, but you need to try their sides and desserts as well. The recipes have been passed down for generations and are perfect to pair with one of the 20 rotating taps.

Moe's Original Bar-B-Que is a Southern soul food revival. They serve incredible food in an atmosphere that is soulful, relaxed, spontaneous, yet civilized...well, sometimes.





**201 N Front Street, G-101
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.769.1980

PourTaproom.com/Wilmington

HOURS

Mon-Thur 11 am-11 pm

Fri-Sat 11 am-2 am

Sun 11 am-11 pm

Pour Taproom offers you a beer and wine festival every day. Customers have freedom to taste a large variety of craft beer and wine and pay by the ounce.

Pour Taproom is in the unique 1911 Murchison Building bank located in the heart of the downtown historic district of Wilmington. The 6,500-square-foot taproom offers 70 taps consisting of craft beer, ciders, and wines. The first level has 42 beers on tap and the second floor mezzanine level has 20 taps dedicated to Wilmington-based breweries, as well as breweries from around North Carolina. The 2-story taproom offers an assortment of beers ranging from stouts and porters to Belgians and even sour beers and ciders. Taps will rotate frequently so there will always be something new to try both locally and from world-class breweries. Find a beer you cannot leave without? Beer Hosts can fill a 32 oz crowler for you to take home. If you prefer wine, enjoy samples of rich reds and crisp whites from inside the original 120-square-foot bank vault.

Pour Taproom also serves a full food menu with all items under \$10. Items include a variety of paninis, grilled cheeses, flat bread pizza, all-beef hot dogs, nachos, pretzel baguettes, cheese boards, and salads. Multiple TV's can be enjoyed throughout the space to catch the latest sporting events. Pour Taproom is a fun and relaxing place to meet up with friends, family, and co-workers to try some world class beers and wines.



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LOCAL CRAFT

CAPE FEAR CRAFT BEER WEEK

March 23-April 1, 2018 *Various Locations*

CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Celebrates the Cape Fear's thriving craft beer culture through a ten-day celebration that attracts beer tourism and serves as a showcase for the area's breweries, bottle shops, restaurants, and craft-centric businesses.

ULTIMATE BREWING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 23, 2018 *Hannah S. Block Community Arts Center*

CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Cape Fear area breweries will go head-to-head in the 2nd Annual Ultimate Brewing Championship. This will be the official Cape Fear Craft Beer Week kickoff party.

3RD ANNUAL LOCAL CRAFT BIKE RIDE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

March 24, 2018 *Waterline Brewing Co*

WaterlineBrewing.com

Join your friends at Waterline to help kickoff Cape Fear Craft Beer Week with one of Wilmington's greatest adventures, a bike ride scavenger hunt designed to explore all of Downtown Wilmington.

PORT CITY PLUNDER

March 31, 2018 *Waterline Brewing Co*

We are happy to announce the next generation of friendly competition in the fermentation arts in the Lower Cape Fear region, brought to you by the Wort City Brewers homebrew club and Waterline Brewing Company.

CAPE FEAR CRAFT AND CUISINE

March 31, 2018 *Airlie Gardens*

CapeFearCraftandCuisine.com

25 local chefs with their best cuisine paired with 25 breweries and their best offering, showcasing the capabilities of food and beer together. Chef and brewer will be on site to talk about their pairing and provide insight into their choices.

WILMINGTON BREWERY SHOWCASE

April 14, 2018 *Audi Cape Fear*

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

Highlighting the great comradery and relationships amongst local breweries while allowing the community to see their best creations.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH MOTHER EARTH BREWING

April 21, 2018 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

Fermental's annual celebration of the earth and beer. Featuring beers from local brewery, Mother Earth. Rare beers, cask ale, giveaways, brewery folks, eco-information, and more.

BLOOM BOOM

April 22, 2018 *Flytrap Brewing*

FlytrapBrewing.com

A celebration of the blooming of flytraps, Earth Day, and NC Beer Month! The all day event will be filled with beer releases, a local market, music, and food trucks.

BOMBERS BEER FEST ON THE RIVER

June 16, 2018 *Pier 33*

BombersBevCo.com

Breweries and beer enthusiasts from across the region will gather on Saturday afternoon for a sampling of craft beers of all styles and tastes and a whole lotta fun!

FREEDOMFEST

July 1, 2018 *Waterline Brewing Co*

WaterlineBrewing.com

A nostalgic American style block party complete with live music, barbecue, games, and waterfights.

4TH OF JULY ANNIVERSARY PARTY

July 4, 2018 *Waterman's Brewing Co*

WatermansBrewing.com

It's a great day to show American pride and we've just provided the venue for the celebration. Join us for Waterman's 1st Anniversary Party!

BEER EVENTS ★ ★

SPELLING BEE(R): INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

September 8, 2018 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

Raise awareness and raise a glass as Fermental hosts its annual beer garden spelling bee for all ages. Free.

FERMENTAL ARTS & DRAFTS

September 22, 2018 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

Enjoy an outdoor celebration of art and beer with multiple artists showcasing their wares in the beer garden alongside live music, food trucks, and massive amounts of beer.

HALFWAY THERE

September 30, 2018 *Downtown Wilmington*

CapeFearCraftBeerWeek.com

Celebrating the halfway point to Cape Fear Craft Beer Week, all participating local breweries will release new or seasonal beers in Downtown Wilmington and patrons can collect stamps on their "passport" at each participating venue.

OKTOBERFEST

October 6, 2018 *Waterline Brewing Co*

WaterlineBrewing.com

An authentic beer tent party with music, steins, sausages, pretzels, lederhosen, and lots of beer!

WILMINGTON BEER WEEK

October 20-27, 2018 *Various Locations*

Wilmington.beer

A celebration of beer in the Port City with beer dinners, tap takeovers, gatherings, festivals, and beer—yes, plenty of beer.

VORACIOUS & RARE BEER FESTIVAL

October 26, 2018 *USS North Carolina*

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

This is an event for the true beer aficionado, someone that loves to try new things. If you're constantly searching for the latest and greatest beer — this event is for you!

LIGHTHOUSE BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

October 27, 2018 *North Waterfront Park*

LighthouseBeerandWine.com

Lighthouse Beer & Wine puts on this fantastic event once a year, always in the wonderful month of October. Mark your calendars for October 27th for the 18th Annual Beer and Wine Festival.

FLYTRAP SOUR BEER SMASH

October 31, 2018 *Flytrap Brewing*

FlytrapBrewing.com

Pucker up for Flytrap Brewing's 5th Annual Halloween Sour Beer Smash on Wednesday, October 31st from 3-untill! This event will feature Flytrap and guest sour beers.

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS ALE RELEASE

November 23, 2018 *Front Street Brewery*

FrontStreetBrewery.com

Front Street Brewery's most highly-anticipated beer release of the year takes place on Black Friday, kicking off the holiday season with good cheer and great beer, an imperial vanilla java porter.

BLACK FRIDAY CELEBRATION

November 23, 2018 *Fermental*

Fermental.net

Celebrate the dark side of beer with a full day dedicated to stouts, porters, and more. Food trucks, live music, and giveaways.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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We work with breweries every day to help their businesses succeed. We work with regulators, protect brands and intellectual property, assist with all permitting, and negotiate distribution agreements. **In Wilmington, reach out to Justin Lewis, jml@wardandsmith.com. He's usually up for a chat over a pint.**



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