

Your Guide To Brunswick's Autumn Golf Wonderland

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vation changes and an outstanding finishing hole. The course received favorable mention in the Golf Digest "Best New Public Course" survey in January.

Lockwood Golf Links

Located along the scenic Lockwood Folly River and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Lockwood Golf Links offers some of the most spectacular scenery you'll find at a championship golf course.

Towering oaks and tranquil ponds and lagoons frame the 6,800-yard Willard Byrd creation. Lockwood provides a stern test from the blue tees, and the white tees also offer a great challenge at 6,200 yards.

Tight fairways and water hazards place a premium on accuracy of tee shots and approaches. In 1988, the Holden Beach area layout was nominated as the best new course by *Golf Digest*.

Lion's Paw

Lion's Paw Golf Links is one of

the area's newest course, opening in the summer of 1991. Another Byrd design, the 7,003-yard layout features rolling terrain and dramatic elevations.

The ruggedly beautiful course has several memorable par threes and an interesting combination of woods and water. Lion's Paw is located just a few miles from Sunset Beach on N.C. 904.

Marsh Harbour

A Dan Maples creation, Marsh Harbour Golf Links at Calabash has been highly regarded since it opened a decade ago.

The golf course is set on property that offers a unique combination of elevated ground bordered by low-lying marsh. Massive oaks draped with Spanish moss line the fairways, and the course offers a number of breathtaking views over marsh flats.

Marsh Harbour is one of the most popular courses for visitors and golf packages in the area. The links straddles the state line, giving golfers a chance to play in both Carolinas in one round.

Ocean Harbour

If it's water you want, Ocean Harbour Golf Links is the course for you.

The 7,000-yard layout sits on the southern-most tip of Brunswick County, a peninsula bordered by the Calabash River and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

Architect Clyde Johnston used the incredible surroundings to create 15 water holes. Grass and sand bunkers and fairway mounds add to the attraction.

The fascinating course demands careful approach shots, because the ample greens are an open invitation to three-putts.

The entrance to Ocean Harbour is located on N.C. 179 between Calabash and Sunset Beach.

Ocean Isle Beach

Perhaps one of the best-kept secrets in Brunswick County is Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course, located on Four Mile Road just a short drive from the Ocean Isle Beach strand.

This excellent facility has been visited by thousands of tourists over the years who enjoy great golf on a well-maintained course.

Rolling contours, tight fairways

and a meandering creek make Ocean Isle a challenge and a favorite among local seniors and golf associations.

Olde Fort

Located on N.C. 133 at Winnabow, Olde Fort Country Club is a layout intended for the beginning golfer.

The course is an unimposing 6,200 yards from the back tees and has few sand traps or other hazards. There are four water holes on the par-72 course, which features wide fairways and receptive greens.

Olde Fort is perfect for the average golfer more interested in a fun round than a stiff challenge.

Oyster Bay

Recognized by *Golf Digest* as the "Best New Resort Course" when it was built, Oyster Bay Golf Links had maintained its standing as one of the Southeast's finest facilities.

Architect Dan Maples used nature to create the hazards, incorporating salt marshes and freshwater lakes into his design.

The par-70 championship course measures 6,695 yards. It's located on N.C. 179 at Sunset Beach.

The Pearl

Located on Old Georgetown Road near Calabash, The Pearl Golf Links features two championship courses.

The East and West courses measure 6,895 and 7,011 respectively and have been acclaimed as two of the best in the Southeast.

They have been named among the top 10 course in the Carolinas, and The Pearl was nominated as the "Best New Public Resort Course" in 1998 by *Golf Digest*.

The Pearl has plans for two new golf courses (North and South) at its outstanding complex, which is a leader in the area for hosting tournaments.

Sandpiper Bay

Just a short drive from The Pearl is Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club, a championship course that

has gained many fans since it opened a few years ago.

The forgiving Dan Maples creation is topped off by a beautiful plantation clubhouse and pro shop.

Sandpiper is a fascinating course that feature wide fairways, a friendly cut of rough and some of the best, bent-grass greens you'll find anywhere.

Naturally-sculptured bunkers guard elevated greens that are highly-receptive to approach shots. Many of the holes demand a drive over or near water or marsh.

Sea Trail Plantation

Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach is the county's largest golf resort, with three championship courses and a new, on-site golf school that is expected to open this spring.

Dan Maples built the original Sea Trail course, which features 40-foot elevation changes and tree-studded islands surrounded by water. *Golf Digest* recognized the Maples course as one of the most outstanding new resort courses in 1986.

Rees Jones and Willard Byrd followed Maples with two more world-class courses. Each layout measures approximately 6,750 yards.

On his course, Jones blended his magic with the best in natural terrain to suit both contemporary and traditional tastes. His use of elevated tees, mounds, bunkers and water to frame the holes and focus on the natural beauty of land is outstanding.

The Byrd course at Sea Trail features two expansive lakes and stunning scenery. It has many interesting changes in elevation and a variety of challenging dogleg holes.

Oak Island

Oak Island Golf Club is a 6,800-yard George Cobb design located at Caswell Beach.

The course is carved out of a maritime forest and features fairways lined with towering pines and shading oaks.

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