

Summer's A Great Time To Golf In Brunswick

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Just because the weather's a little sticky this time of year is no reason to put the golf clubs away until fall.

In fact, summer is one of the best times to golf in Brunswick County. The rates are the most reasonable of the year, and most area courses are kept in excellent condition throughout the season.

Brunswick County has 21 championship layouts to choose from, including 16 in the South Brunswick Islands area that includes Shalotte, Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach and Calabash. A dozen courses dot the landscape between Calabash and Sunset Beach alone, and there are several more under construction.

The area is blessed with an abundance of high-quality courses, most with well-stocked pro shops and on-site practice facilities.

Below is a complete listing and description of Brunswick County golf courses:

Bald Head Island

Golfers looking for a beautiful course off the beaten path need look no farther than Bald Head Island Golf Club. The remote island off Cape Fear is accessible via a 20-minute ferry ride from Southport.

Salt marshes, tidal creeks and more than 800 acres of maritime forests provide the backdrop for the

island's George Cobb-designed golf course. The par-72 measures 7,040 yards and navigates 15 freshwater lagoons, challenging players on every hole.

An Impressive Lineup

Course	Par	Yardage	Location
Bald Head Island	72	7040	Marina/Southport
Brick Landing	72	6943	Ocean Isle Beach
Brierwood	72	6700	Shalotte
Brunswick Plantation	72	6800	Hickmans Crossroads
Carolina Shores	72	6757	Calabash
Fox Squirrel	72	6762	Boiling Spring Lakes
Goose Bay	27	1,073	Shalotte Point
Lion's Paw	72	7003	Sunset Beach
Lockwood Links	72	6836	Lockwood Folly
Marsh Harbour	71	6690	Calabash
Oak Island	72	6608	Yaupon Beach
Ocean Harbour	72	7004	Sunset Beach
Ocean Isle	72	6637	Ocean Isle Beach
Olde Fort	72	6200	Hwy. 133, Winnabow
Oyster Bay	70	6695	Sunset Beach
The Pearl: East	72	6895	Old Georgetown Road
West	72	7011	Old Georgetown Road
Sandpiper Bay	71	6503	Old Georgetown Road
Sea Trail: Maples	72	6751	Sunset Beach
Jones	72	6761	Sunset Beach
Byrd	72	6750	Sunset Beach
The Gauntlet	72	7068	Southport

Brick Landing

With three holes skirting the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Brick Landing Plantation offers some of the most breathtaking views you'll

find in Brunswick County.

The course features one of the most memorable par threes in the region. The short 17th hole requires a tee shot to a small green over-

looking the waterway. Balls hit too firmly from the elevated tee often end up with the fish.

Accuracy is a premium at The Brick, located south of Shalotte and east of Ocean Isle Beach on N.C. 179.

The course folds naturally into the terrain and features bulkhead greens, pot ponds, marshland and more than 60 sand bunkers. Experience counts for a lot on this course, so you may want to play it more than once.

Brierwood

Brierwood Golf Club located on N.C. 179 on the outskirts of Shalotte is the oldest course in the South Brunswick Islands, but it remains a favorite among locals.

Brierwood's reasonable rates and well-conditioned fairways and greens make it a popular choice among area golf associations, tourists and senior golfers alike.

Despite its age, Brierwood demands a variety of shots and can still offer one of the most enjoyable rounds of golf in the county.

Brunswick Plantation

Heading into its second full year of operation, Brunswick Plantation & Golf Links is one of the area's newest courses.

The Willard Byrd layout features bunkers that flank the sloping landing areas on par 4s and 5s, putting
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