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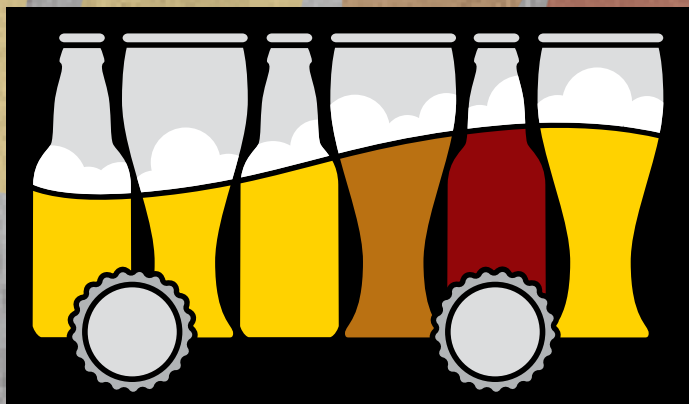
*your guide to*

# CRAFT BEER & BREWERIES

in the Wilmington, NC Area



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*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 bars and restaurants.

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](http://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!

**WilmingtonAleTrail.com**

Visit our website to learn more about the breweries, bottle shops, restaurants, and bars. You can also get brewery tour info, find out about local events, and view area maps.

# ★ CRAFT BEER EVENTS ★

## CAPE FEAR CRAFT BEER WEEK

**March 24-April 2** *Various Locations*

Celebrate 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 24** *The Fieldhouse at Tops Athletics*

Cape Fear area breweries will go head-to-head in the first ever Ultimate Brewing Championship hosted by The Fieldhouse at Tops Athletics. This will be the official Cape Fear Craft Beer Week kickoff party.

## PORT CITY PLUNDER

**March 25** *Front Street Brewery*

Enjoy 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, Front Street Brewery, and the Cape Fear Craft Beer Alliance.

## CAPE FEAR CRAFT & CUISINE

**April 1** *Airlie Gardens*

20 local chefs pair their best cuisine with 20 breweries and their best offering, showcasing the capabilities of food and beer together.

## WILMINGTON BREWERY SHOWCASE

**April 8** *Audi Cape Fear*

Highlighting the great camaraderie and relationships amongst our soon to be 12+ current local breweries while allowing the community to see their best creations.

## FIRKINPALOOZA

**May 20** *Wilmington Brewing Co.*

Features three local bands with firkins inspired by each band.

## BOMBERS BEER FEST ON THE RIVER

**June 17** *Pier 33*

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

## FREEDOMFEST

**July 2** *Waterline Brewing Co.*

A nostalgic American-style block party complete with live music, barbecue, games, and water fights.

## FERMENTAL ARTS & DRAFTS

**September 23** *Fermental*

Enjoy some of the best, rarest, oddest, and most celebrated beers from all over in a day full of live music and a beer garden full of local artists, sculptors, and craft makers.

## OKTOBERFEST

**September 30** *Waterline Brewing Co.*

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

## WILMINGTON BEER WEEK

**October 21-28** *Various Locations*

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

## VORACIOUS & RARE BEER FESTIVAL

**October 27** *USS North Carolina*

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

## THE CAROUSEL CENTER BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

**October 28** *North Waterfront Park*

Lighthouse Beer & Wine puts on this fantastic event once a year, always in the wonderful month of October. Mark your calendars for the 17th annual Beer and Wine Festival.

## FLYTRAP SOUR BEER SMASH

**October 31** *Flytrap Brewing*

Pucker up for Flytrap Brewing's 4th Annual Halloween Sour Beer Smash featuring both Flytrap and guest sour beers.

Visit our website, [WilmingtonAleTrail.com](http://WilmingtonAleTrail.com), to learn more about these and *ALL* of the events taking place in the Wilmington area!



# 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!

## Check Out Our Locator Maps

See pages 20-23 to find the locations of these breweries on our Brewery and Bottle Shop Locator Maps!

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## Bill's Front Porch Pub and Brewery

Bill's Front Porch is one of the newest members of the Wilmington brewing scene located in Midtown. This totally renovated building provides a very unique experience with recycled wood making up practically the entire interior creating a warm, cabin-like feel. The brewpub carries a very large selection of handcrafted beers that are made on their exposed seven barrel, steam-fired system. There is a beer to satisfy almost any palate ranging from crisp lagers, to the refreshing seasonal wheats, and of course, juicy IPA's. The food menu is comprised of many options that include beer in the recipes. Everything is made fresh, including the famous fried chicken. There is a beer to pair with each item. It is a fun, family atmosphere that includes six flat screen TVs and a projector so you will never miss the big game! You can also catch live music with a monthly lineup of local artists performing on stage.



### SIGNATURE BREW

Mosaic IPA



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Mango Wheat Ale



### ADDRESS

4238 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28403

### CONTACT

910.762.6333  
BillsFrontPorch.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday *Closed*  
Tuesday-Wednesday  
4 pm-10 pm  
Thursday 4 pm-11 pm  
Friday-Saturday 11 am-11 pm  
Sunday 12 pm-10 pm





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## Check Six Brewing Company

Check Six Brewing Company is Brunswick County's first and only brewery and is located in Southport, NC. Veteran-owned and operated, Check Six offers a diverse range of beers that anyone is sure to love!

The tap room features 16 taps and a variety of wines for those not in the mood for beer. Check Six is a food-friendly environment and guests are encouraged to bring in outside food to enjoy with their favorite beers. Special nights every week include music, trivia, and karaoke with Don Jewell.



### SIGNATURE BREW

Wendy's Blonde Ale



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Flying Circus Hefeweizen



### ADDRESS

5130 Southport-Supply Road  
Southport, NC 28461

### CONTACT

910.477.9280  
CheckSixBeer.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Tuesday  
12 pm-10 pm  
Wednesday-Thursday  
12 pm-11 pm  
Friday-Saturday 12 pm-12 am  
Sunday 12 pm-8 pm



## Broomtail Craft Brewery

Broomtail was born out of a love of the science and art of creating a great craft beer. It is a passion they take very seriously.

Broomtail is a friendly, *Cheers*-like brewery and tap room located just off of Market Street in Dutch Square Industrial Park. From their eight-plus unique beers on tap to specialty casks and sours, there is sure to be something every beer connoisseur will enjoy.

So saddle up and grab a Broomtail beer. They are looking forward to seeing you!



### SIGNATURE BREW

Moe-Beer



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Acerbic Ecstasy IPA



### ADDRESS

6404 Amsterdam Way #100  
Wilmington, NC 28405

### CONTACT

910.264.1369  
BroomtailCraftBrewery.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Tuesday *Closed*  
Wednesday 4 pm-9 pm  
Thursday 4 pm-9 pm  
Friday 4 pm-10 pm  
Saturday 2 pm-10 pm  
Sunday 2 pm-8 pm





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## The Sour Barn

The Sour Barn is Broomtail Craft Brewery's new sour-aging site. Broomtail is known for the "Scientific Art and Artistic Science of Great Beer." Technical accuracy in chemistry and biology result in consistent quality and a variety of true-to-style beers. The Sour Barn ages the Broomtail beers with house cultures of bacteria and wild yeast. Come in and experience the complex flavors of house sours, as well as others from around the world.

Would you prefer an IPA, Stout, or Bière de Garde? You can always find Broomtail's clean beers on tap at The Sour Barn, so there is something for everyone! Stop by today and enjoy The Sour Barn's large tap room, barrel aging room, beer garden, food trucks, local musicians, and more!



### SIGNATURE BREW

Extinction



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Efficacy



### ADDRESS

7211 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28411

### CONTACT

910.264.1369  
[Facebook.com/TheSourBarn](https://www.facebook.com/TheSourBarn)

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday *Closed*  
Tuesday 4 pm-9 pm  
Wednesday-Thursday  
4 pm-10 pm  
Friday 4 pm-11 pm  
Saturday 12 pm-11 pm  
Sunday 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 find a tasty food truck parked outside nearly every day. 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

Hoppy Tripel



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Belgian Blond



### ADDRESS

319 Walnut Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### CONTACT

910.769.2881  
FlytrapBrewing.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Thursday  
3 pm-10 pm  
Friday-Saturday  
12 pm-12 am  
Sunday 12 pm-10 pm





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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

Battleship Pale *or* El Hefe Hefeweizen



### ADDRESS

9 N Front Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### CONTACT

910.251.1935  
FrontStreetBrewery.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

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



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## Ironclad Brewery

Inspired by the Ironclad class of ships built in Wilmington’s ironically named Beery’s Shipyard during the Civil War, Ironclad Brewery is proud of their high-quality ingredients and handmade craft beverages.

The brewery is located on North 2nd Street inside a former auto-repair shop built in 1925 that has been painstakingly revitalized into a well-functioning brewery overflowing with historic charm. With two floors and over 11,000 square feet of space, Ironclad can accommodate large parties. Business events, fundraisers for charities, and theme parties are often held here.

With an assortment of Ironclad beers on tap, the four-ounce beer tasters are very popular, as well as the beer specials served Sunday through Thursday.



### SIGNATURE BREW

BYEMAN Black IPA



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Tropical IPA Series Cat 1 – 5



### ADDRESS

115 N 2nd Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday-Saturday  
12 pm-12 am  
Sunday 1 pm-10 pm

### CONTACT

910.769.0290  
IroncladBrewery.com



# Book Your Next Event at Ironclad Brewery



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## ***Birthdays, Anniversaries, Corporate Events, and More for Over 400 People***

Ironclad Brewery is a unique venue for *wedding receptions, fundraising and charity events, corporate functions, business networking*, 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.*

### **Ironclad Brewery Does Not Charge to Use the Space!**

Planning a great event takes a lot of time and effort, but it should not cost a lot of money! To help reduce your event cost, Ironclad Brewery does not charge an event space fee. 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.

### **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 only \$1 for each additional hour.



**NEW ANTHEM**  
BEER PROJECT

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## New Anthem Beer Project

Inspired by European Farmhouse beers, New Anthem Beer Project takes these classic styles and puts a unique American spin on them. Nothing is off limits in the early 20th century stables turned brewery. They brew unique and fresh takes on hop-forward and innovative Belgian beers while respecting the process, ingredients, and flavors of the classics. Making beers with a little more edge, New Anthem Beer Project may not be a farmhouse, but it might be as close as you can get to it in Historic Downtown Wilmington.



### SIGNATURE BREW

Throwing Shade - IPA



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Traffic Circle - Farmhouse Wheatbeer



### ADDRESS

116 Dock Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### CONTACT

Brewer@NewAnthemBeer.com  
NewAnthemBeer.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday 1 pm-10 pm  
Tuesday *Closed*  
Wednesday-Thursday  
1 pm-10 pm  
Friday-Saturday  
12 pm-11 pm  
Sunday 12 pm-10 pm





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## Prestige Brewing

Where passion and skill meet, greatness thrives. Through dedication, late nights, and sore backs, Prestige Brewing grew from a far-fetched dream of four ambitious kids and is proud to join the ranks of Wilmington's up-and-coming craft beer scene.

A full menu compliments the 8 house brewed beers on tap. They have a variety of craft beers, with classic American styles including East and West Coast IPAs, Stouts, and Pilsners to European styles like Belgians, Saisons, and Scottish Ales. They aim to please with familiar and exotic cuisine including vegan dishes and a kid's menu. No one is left out at Prestige Brewing!



### SIGNATURE BREW

Classic Pilsner



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

American Stout



### ADDRESS

509 Castle Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### CONTACT

910.292.9275  
PrestigeBrewing.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

*Grand Opening will  
happen in Mid-May!*

Open 7 Days a Week  
11 am-11 pm



## Waterline Brewing Company

Waterline Brewing Co. brews a wide variety of well-balanced styles including a refreshing kolsch-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

Kolsch



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Coffee and Cream Pale Ale



### ADDRESS

721 Surry Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

### CONTACT

910.557.BREW  
WaterlineBrewing.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Monday *Closed*  
Tuesday-Thursday 2 pm-9 pm  
Friday 2 pm-11 pm  
Saturday 12 pm-11 pm  
Sunday 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 craft beers, a well-appointed family and pet-friendly tap room, and fantastic sunset views in the beer garden. Weekly events include a Tuesday evening Farmer's Market, yoga, bike clubs, and more. Weekends are filled with live music, events, and tasty food trucks. Make sure you check their Facebook page or website for weekly lineups and updates on their famous big tent events like the St. Paddy's Day Beer Garden Party, 4th of July Weekend Freedom Fest, Oktoberfest, block parties, and much more. 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 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:

Monday *Closed*  
Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-9 pm  
Friday-Saturday 10 am-10 pm  
Sunday 12 pm-6 pm





## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BREWERY

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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

Oysterman Stout



### SEASONAL FAVORITE

Airlie Amber Ale



### ADDRESS

6201 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

### CONTACT

910.256.4938  
wbBeer.com

### TAP ROOM HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week  
11 am-11 pm

# DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON





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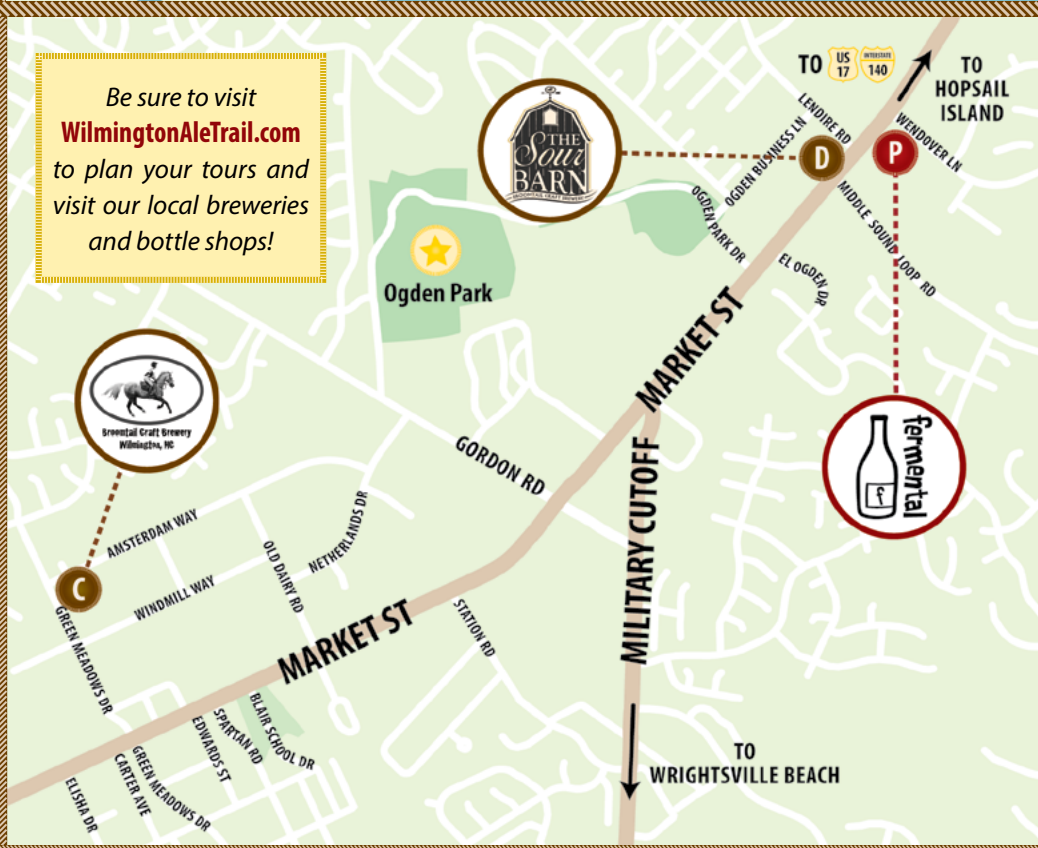


# WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH



# OGDEN

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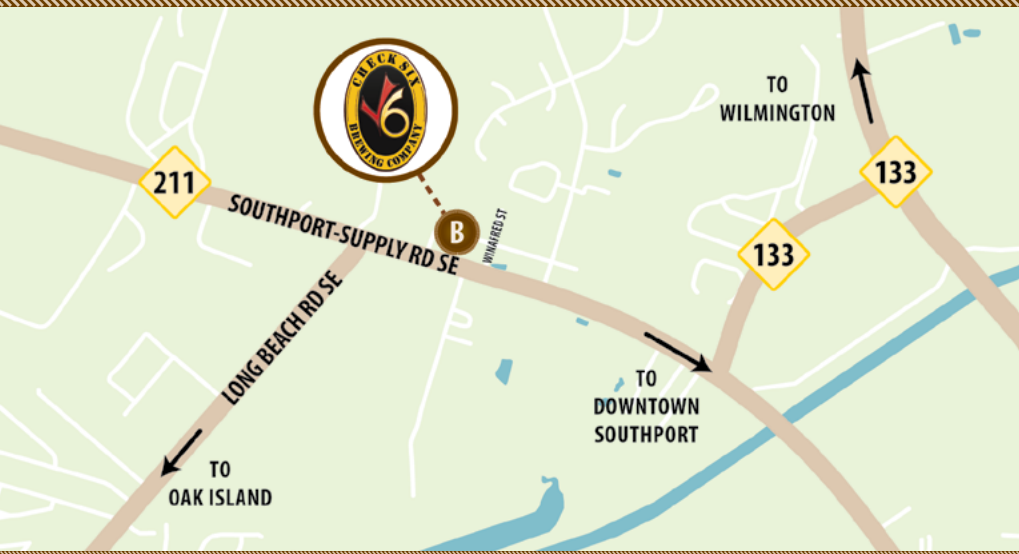


CAROLINA BEACH

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 local breweries and bottle shops!



TOPSAIL



SOUTHPORT

# 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 and all will be more than happy to supply samples from their draft lines—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-Wed 10 am-10 pm  
Thur-Sat 10 am-12 am  
Sun 12 pm-6 pm



“Bomber” is the popular term used in the craft beer industry describing beer packaged in a 22 fluid ounce bottle. They loved those big beautiful bottles so much they decided to take the term on as their name. Bombers offers an extensive selection of over 500 different products such as to-go beer, 12 rotating drafts, wine, cider, and crowler or growler fills.

They are a specialty craft beer retail store and tasting room that provides customers with unique craft beer. Bombers has an outside seating area, the Beer Alley, where you can sip on a beverage in the sun. 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 or fill a growler from one of the eight 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 available for purchase as well for the craft beer fanatic in your life.

**4405A Wrightsville Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403**

910.547.6707

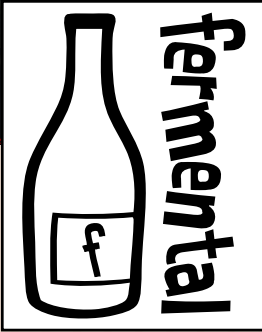
HeyBeerNC.com

### SHOP HOURS

Mon-Sat 10 am-10 pm

Sun 12 pm-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, and an expansive selection of quality libations and accompanying accoutrements including imported cheeses, pickles, 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 draught equipment and supplies as well as home brew and wine-making essentials.



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.**



Whether you are headed to your vacation getaway in Topsail Island or just looking to unwind with friends, Hopsail Island is a bottle shop with something for everyone. Expand your knowledge with a new beer or relax with a pint of your favorite; you will be sure to find what you like at Surf City's premier tap room and market. Mix your own six packs to go from their extensive single beer selection or fill up a growler from one of their 24 rotating taps. Be sure to download the Digital Pour app to get their real time draft list and keg levels.

Welcome to your Hoppy Place!

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

910.803.2325

Hopsailsland.com

**SHOP HOURS**

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



Island Beverage is located on Pleasure Island in Carolina Beach, just across Snow's Cut Bridge. They feature both on and off premise permits, 10 rotating drafts, and an extensive wine list. Island Beverage also has their off premise fortified wine permit and can special order mead, sake, and ports. Their beer selection is more about quality rather than quantity and offer everything from rare sours to clean and crisp German lagers.

Join them for various events. From six piece reggae bands to a single sax player, beer events to wine tastings with producers and wine makers, you are sure to have fun!



**1206 N Lake Park Blvd, Unit C**  
**Carolina Beach, NC 28428**

910.707.1423

**SHOP HOURS**

Sun-Thur 12 pm-8 pm  
Fri-Sat 12 pm-9 pm





Lighthouse Beer and Wine is a favorite in Southeastern NC. They have been around for 19+ years offering 800+ craft beers and 600+ wines! Grab a pint from the ever rotating eclectic draft list to enjoy in the dog-friendly Beer Garden or fill a growler to go. They keep over 100 kegs in stock.

Lighthouse also hosts the annual Carousel Center Beer & Wine Festival (Oct. 28) that features 100+ craft breweries, 40+ wineries, food trucks, and live music. The event is the culmination to Wilmington Beer Week (Oct. 21-28), a week long series of events that highlights the local exploding beer scene with 40+ events around town.



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**220 Causeway Drive**  
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LighthouseBeerandWine.com

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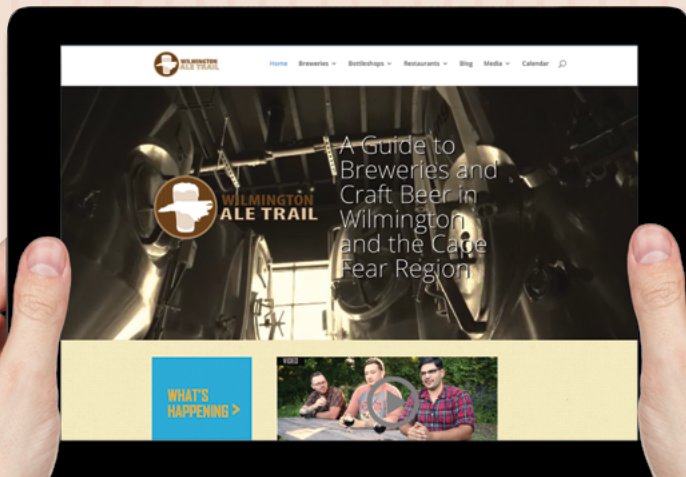
Mon-Thur

10 am-10 pm

Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm

Sun 12 pm-9 pm

Visit **WilmingtonAleTrail.com** to learn more about local breweries, bottle shops, restaurants, and bars. Also check out the brewery tour info, event info, and area maps.





# Discover the Restaurants and Bars

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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.





**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

- 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
- 30 beers on tap
- Cask ale every day
- Drink it here or take it to-go
- Cicerone certified staff
- Great selection of sours
- Outdoor seating
- Visit their website for up-to-date draft and bottle lists
- Open late every night
- Follow them on Untappd



**710 N Fourth Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401**

910.772.1400

GoatandCompass.com

## HOURS

Mon-Thur 5 pm-1 am  
Fri 4 pm-2 am  
Sat-Sun 12 pm-2 am

Established in 2007, the Goat & Compass is located on what was once a road less traveled by mainstream Wilmington, but word has spread making the Brooklyn Arts District and North Fourth Street a hot spot for beer connoisseurs. With 15 beers on draft (most of which were brewed right here in North Carolina), 20+ bottled and canned beers, and more than 70 spirits, they have something to please everyone. They have five TV's with full sports packages and a beer garden with picnic tables and lounge chairs. Hourglass Studios Open Mic Night is the featured entertainment on Tuesday with live music Thursday through Saturday and local food trucks on Tuesday and Thursday nights.



## Moe's Original BAR B QUE

5818 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

910.769.0617

[MoesOriginalBBQ.com](http://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.







*Opening Spring of 2017*

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

[PourTaproom.com](http://PourTaproom.com)

**HOURS**

Mon-Thur 11 am-11 pm    Sun 12 pm-10 pm  
Fri-Sat 11 am-2 am

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 will have 20 taps dedicated to Wilmington-based breweries, as well as breweries from around North Carolina. The 2-story taproom will offer 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? Their 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 will also be serving a light food menu with locally sourced fare and you can also order from nearby fine food establishments and have food delivered straight to your table. 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 craft beers and wines.



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