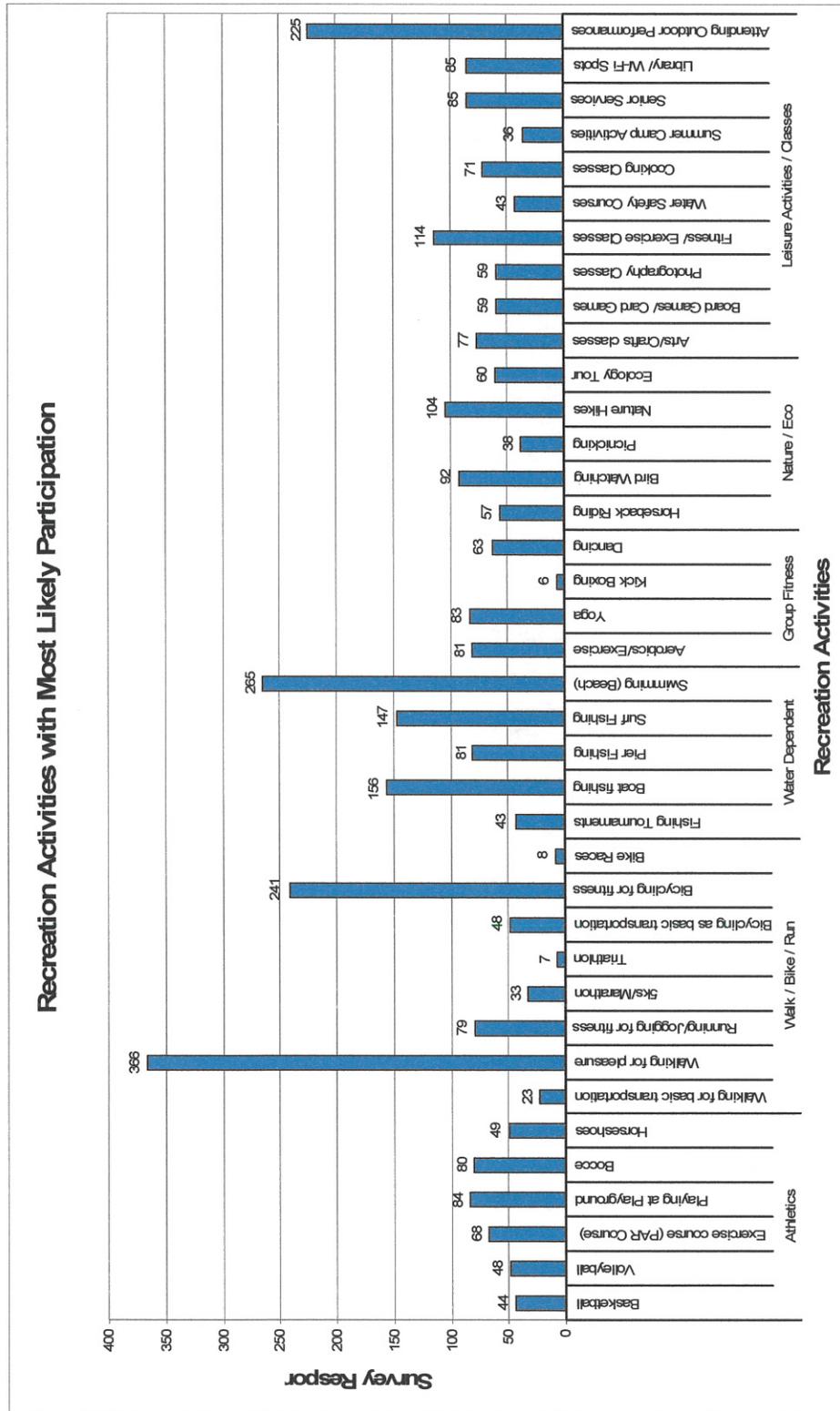


- *Need pedestrian crosswalks at each beach access. Need to enforce giving pedestrians right of way at crosswalks.*
- *Park on Sailfish needs to be mowed more often especially around busy Holidays. Signs to keep cars off the park area: with handicap parking close to end. The spillway on Sailfish needs to be mowed more often. Even though not on bike route, it is used for walking and biking. It is a great nature walk (don't have to mark it unless you put it on the bike route). You do a good job-keep up the good work but hope some of the suggestions can be incorporated.*
- *It would be nice if we could wash our feet at the end of the beach access*
- *Tennis*
- *I live in Raleigh and every member of my family plays tennis recreationally, as do most of our friends. We would love to bring friends to Holden Beach in the off season for a tennis weekend at the beach. Instead we go with them to other beaches that have courts. I hear people mention frequently that they too wish HB had some courts. Even if they were just over the bridge.*
- *Walkway trails through marsh- beach to waterway. Continued up keep of dunes, vis-à-vis walkways.*
- *Ban the golf carts parking at every beach access on Ocean Boulevard. It obstructs the drivers vision of pedestrians coming off the beach and owners of property cannot always see through the parked vehicles when pulling out of their driveways. They also feel they have special ability to park, drive, and use their vehicles without being held accountable. Why not just drive the suburban from the house on the canal and park in any oceanfront driveway?*
- *Public water fountains needed. Public paths with shade- perhaps on main land. A list of ordinances in plain English would be helpful.*
- *A Town tennis court would be nice.*
- *We would love to have an oceanfront restaurant where you could walk up for breakfast or lunch.*
- *Do we address the SR. population or youth first. It would be difficult to do both at the same time. I would like to see benefits for Sr. residents done first.*
- *Would love to see a playground/ outdoor theatre, picnic area with tennis facilities similar to what Ocean Isle just created. Would be wonderful to capture some of our incredible views at the facility. Tennis is a wonderful social sport that people of all ages can enjoy.*
- *Town could see if they could rent one of the private courts for public use.*
- *We understand the need to clean up the beach from stuff overnight but for over 16 years we have been putting up a 12'x12' shade tent on the beach away from the dunes and not in the general walking area. We have senior citizens in our care during the summer months and putting this tent up and down everyday is a hardship. Would the Town ever consider granting a permit that we would pay for to permit certain types of beach cabanas to be put up and left overnight. This would provide revenue for the town and we certainly would abide to rules and regulations regarding size and type. Please consider this!*
- *The sidewalk and road should be one with a bike path- very few bikers ride on the uneven sidewalk.*
- *More trash cans on the beach, easier access from the second/third row*
- *Ocean Boulevard needs to be repaved for cars and bikes.*
- *I am an oceanfront owner. I see no reason for this questionnaire. It appears to me as though a "pom" "pom" type of job is to be created. If people who visit this beach are looking for the activities listed, they should go to a cruise line or some other structured location like the catskills in New York- this is a place to zone out.*
- *Re walking- we have wonderful sidewalks and side streets on which to walk& bike plus the beach, which even accommodates bikers at low tide. Lets spend our money on activities and improvements we don't already have.*
- *Boating activities if you don't own a boat/daytime rental with or without boat operator.*
- *Fun to have pick-up sand volleyball tournaments, bocce tournaments, etc. Maybe with prizes? (They could be small) Ladderball tournaments- all beach games, cornhole etc.*
- *More beach access at west end of island*
- *I have consulted with three generations of my family ranging from 18-78 years. We have owned the house on Holden Beach for 28 years and know where to find what we want and have our own facilities, so we may have overlooked some of the needs of strangers. We would prefer it not become too commercial. The charm and beauty of Holden Beach is in its simplicity.*
- *All CAMA Public Beach Accesses need a shower, main public beach access needs better bathrooms*

- Continue summer concerts, picnic tables and trash cans, team volleyball events, bocce ball court and learning sessions and events, horseshoe pits, dance classes- i.e shag, zumba
- I'm all for expanding recreational opportunities on HB as long as its done using volunteers/space that aren't tax supported (yes-federal grants are also tax derived). Thanks for the opportunity to respond
- Put sidewalks on beach side of Ocean Boulevard- no bicycles should be allowed on the street. Also- mandatory "poop" law- must pick up after pets and dispose of properly. Most places have stands with bags and trash cans.
- Summer food drop off location/local food pantry. Drop-off site for unopened, non-refrigerated food items to support local food pantry
- The tourists and their families come here to enjoy the ocean. Children love playing in the sand. No need to provide activities for them. Our \$\$\$ would be better spent in support of our locals (such as an outdoor exercise area). Keep in mind the ages of those who pay taxes here!
- \$35,000 was enough spending on Bike Trail! No more spending!
- My family loves the Holden Beach atmosphere and current environment. We come here to relax and enjoy the beach, ocean and all the island it has to offer. The more activities that are provided to vacationers defeats the purpose for coming to your beautiful beach with the laid back style. Don't fix what's not broken!
- Observation- this questionnaire focuses on "household", our two houses are used some by us but are rented a good bit of the times. You should ask what we might want for ourselves, our renters, which generate more tax revenues per house than property taxes. The sunday night concerts have been enjoyed by many of our summer renters. They have also enjoyed the Turtle Talk programs. Thanks!
- As a property owner since '85 and oceanfront until "Floyd" forced move of my house, HB is a great family-vacation beach- and it is difficult to plan much organized activity on a regular basis with so many short term visitors. I have 9 grandchildren, ages 7-25, plus their parents with that many different interests and their visits are limited. You are to be commended for your interest and effort-Good Luck!
- This is an island community- surrounded by water. There is a whole ocean here- why do we need a bunch of junk? Please don't send out items from Town Hall with typos- it is a huge reflection on you!
- Fewer services, lower taxes
- We need better enforcement of no parking areas to improve general appearance of community. Empty lots turn into makeshift public parking very quickly and with no enforcement the practice continues and we start looking like Myrtle Beach
- I would like to see our community and parks and recreation make preserving our beaches and undeveloped marsh wetland areas a priority. I would also like to maintain greenspace areas with nothing but grass and natural landscape that will allow families for the next 40 years to enjoy Holden Beach as it has been for the past 40 years. A place to picnic, fish, clam, swim, sunbathe, collect shells, bike, walk, watch birds and enjoy the peace and quiet of this special, beautiful place. Undisturbed natural beauty. We can go to Myrtle Beach for all the traffic, entertainment but there are very few places to get away from the hustle and bustle. I believe we actually have that here, if we can maintain it is the question.
- Provide 2 trash cans at the boat ramp and empty twice a week.
- Fix lights on causeway, Free trolley cart during rental season (or nominal fee), and Consider having a sidewalk on the side of the bridge (for walking and bike crossing use)

Graph of responses to question 8 showing recreational activities that respondents are most likely to participate.



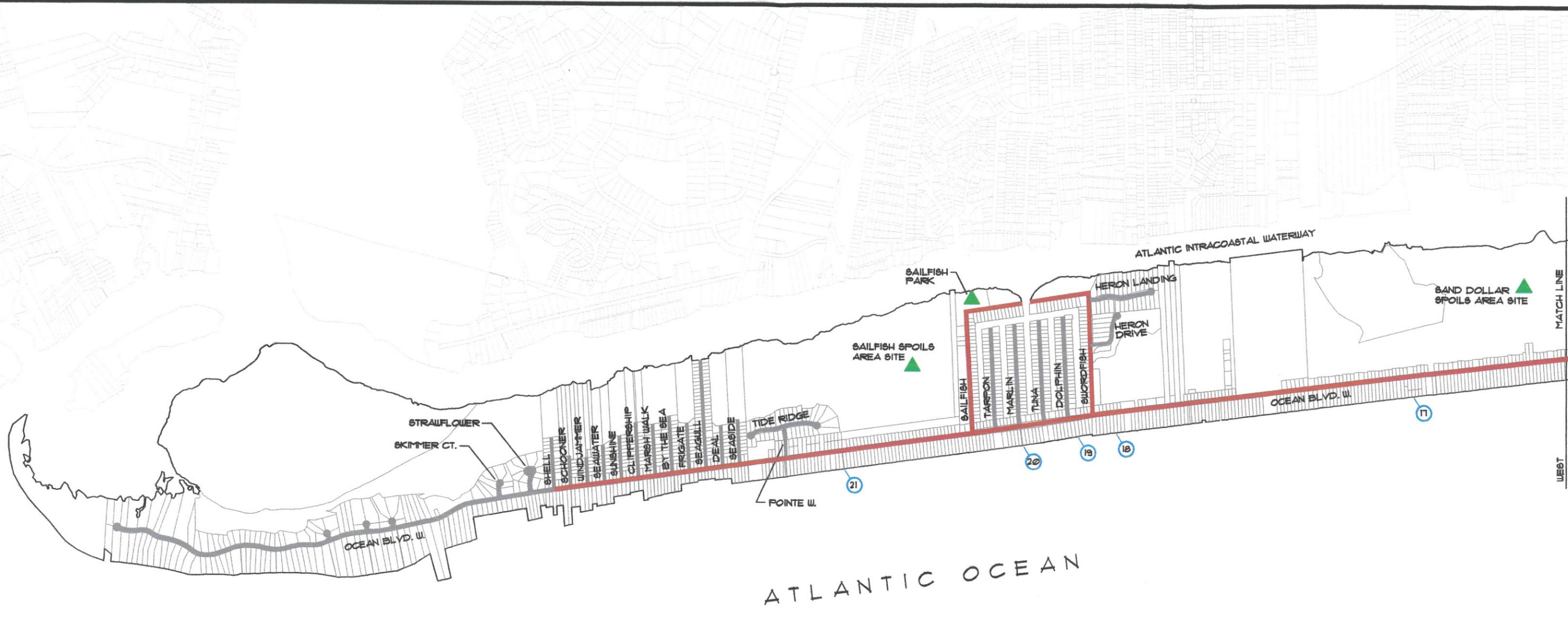
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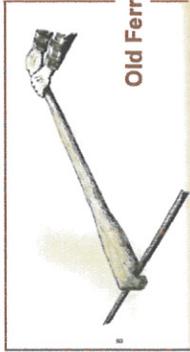
TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
 GENERAL VICINITY MAP



- LEGEND**
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 EXISTING FACILITIES - WEST



Old Ferry "Jack Stick"

ABOUT THE BIKE ROUTES

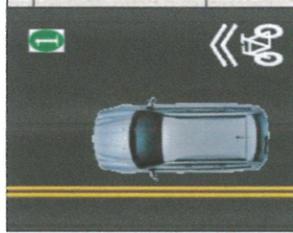
Explore the beauty and history of Holden Beach as you tour the island by bike. There are three different bike routes, totaling approximately 20 miles, each with its own special beauty and history. They are marked on the map in pink, blue and orange.

The pink route, on the east end of the island, is a 3 1/2-mile loop and includes most of the historic points of interest and bicycle access to the beach.

The blue route, in the middle of the island, is a 5-mile scenic loop with views of the waterway and marshlands. Here you can enjoy glimpses of water birds, deer and the occasional dolphin.

The orange route, on the west end of the island, is a 10-mile loop dotted with parks, butterfly garden, fishing areas, and bicycle access to the beach.

Numbered signs correspond to special points of interest on the map.



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BICYCLE LAWS OF N.C.

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights & responsibilities on the road and are subject to the laws & regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle.

North Carolina traffic laws require bicyclists to:

- Ride on the right, in the same direction as other Traffic;
- Obey all traffic signs and signals;
- Use hand signals to communicate intended Movements;
- Equip their bicycles with a front lamp visible from 300 feet and a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 feet when riding at night.

In addition, the Child Bicycle Safety Act of 2001 requires that:

- All bicycle operators under 16 years of age wear a bicycle helmet on public roads, public paths and public rights-of-way;
- All child passengers under 40 pounds or 40 inches must be seated and secured in a child seat or a bicycle trailer.



Welcome to the Town of Holden Beach, recognized as one of the premier "Family Beaches" in the United States. Holden Beach is proud of what we do not have: high-rise hotels, neon, commercial overload. We are primarily a residential community, an island of beach homes and cottages, with a small commercial area.

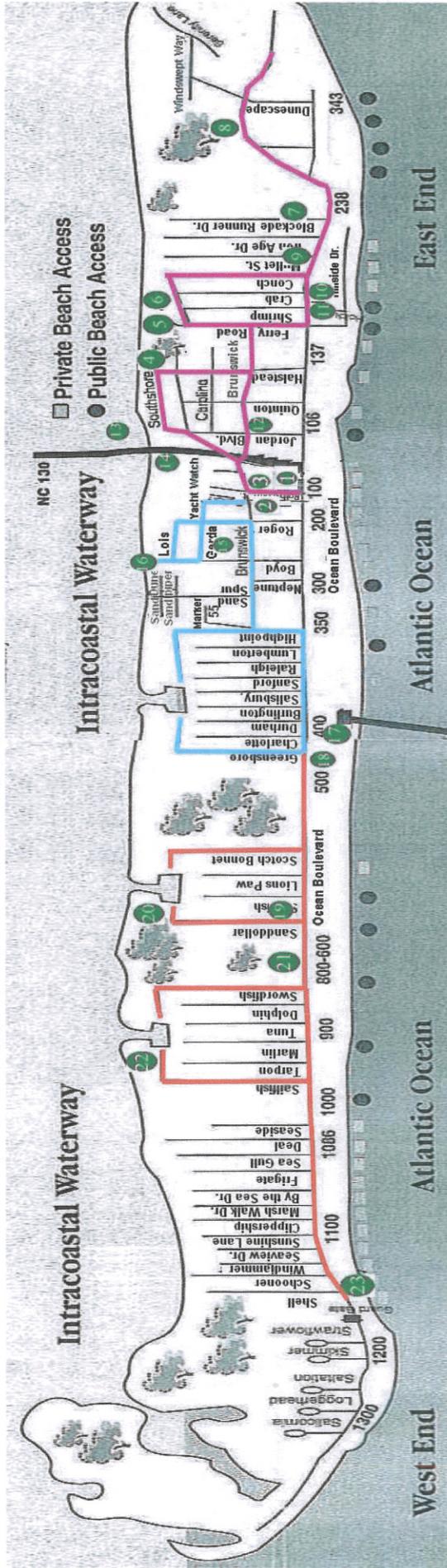
Holden Beach is a great place to relax and enjoy the beach and natural wildlife that surrounds us. Come to the Town of Holden Beach and enjoy paradise.



Holden Beach is quickly becoming a "Bike Friendly" town. We have put together a pleasant historical tour for you to enjoy by bike. We are affectionately calling this the "Olden" Holden Bike Tour. We hope you enjoy the history and wonderful views of Holden Beach, as you pedal to the East End, the West End, and all that lies between. Bike on!

"Olden" Holden Bike Tour

There are three different bike routes, each with its own special beauty and history. As you follow the map, you will find numbered signs, which signify special points of interest. These are described below.



- OCEAN VIEW TAVERN:** was built in 1949 by Dr. Rothschild Holden on his property. There were 8 rooms for rent upstairs and a restaurant on the first floor. It survived Hurricane Hazel 1954 on the original lot.
- HOLDEN BEACH CHAPEL:** First worship service was held June 11 1961. Prior to building the Chapel, Mr. Luther Holden arranged for services to be held in the old Pavilion. Ministers from various denominations receive a week's stay at the Parsonage in exchange for leading Sunday worship services. Current Sanctuary was dedicated in November 2003. 11:00am service is every Sunday, with an additional 8:30am service from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- NEW TOWN HALL:** Built 2008-9, and replaced the old town hall originally built by John Holden, Mayor, and volunteers in 1973.
- HALSTEAD STREET PARK:** Project of Holden Beach Beautification.
- OLD FERRY:** In the 1930s it was only large enough to carry one car and was pulled across the waterway by hand on a cable. The operator caught the cable with a notched wooden pole called a "jack stick" and pulled the ferry across. In 1946, the second ferry held two cars and was powered by an old car engine. The steel cable that held it on course had to be lowered for each boat that came. Long lines of cars backed up in the early 1950s' weekends. The cable had to be raised by hand and was extremely heavy.
- 1st PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM:** Deep fresh water well located in cinder block building, which served about 30 homes and businesses on the island. → **COAST GUARD STATION AND HORSE BARN** were near by.
- AIRFIELD:** Luther Holden smoothed and planted this with Bermuda grass for his son Kemp in the mid 1940s. Piper Cubs, Aronicas, and Comanche's were the planes of that time. A breakfast club of fliers would come to eat at the old hotel. The airfield was open to the public.
- EAGLE LAKE:** was a small fresh water pond on the ocean side of some high dunes near the waterway.
- ELIZABETH, BENDIGO, AND RANGER SHIPWRECKS:** Three Civil War Blockade runners sank off the coast. Detailed information is printed on three separate stone tablets along Ocean Boulevard East.
- THE OLD HOTEL:** was the first building on the beach besides the fishery. Built in 1926 by Mr. John Holden, Jr. for visitors, it had a dining room where his wife did the cooking.
- J & K:** was the first store pavilion and was built by John and Kemp Holden after their return from World War II. Locals thought it meant "Jump & Kick." It provided a nice place for families to gather. John located a juke box and called square dances in the round for all ages. Songs were a nickel. Some groceries were sold there and later a restaurant was added. The larger → **SURFSIDE PAVILION** was built on the ocean side of the J & K in 1952. After Hazel devastation, a smaller second Pavilion was built in 1958. The J & K was moved away and converted into a duplex on Hillside St. In 1980s it was moved again and one part was converted into a house at Gerda Street.
- POST OFFICE:** Johnnie Holden (Mrs. John) ran a postal service in her home and later in the J & K.
- FIRST REAL ESTATE OFFICE:** Luther S. Holden
- BILL GRADY'S GROCERY STORE:** built where the first swing bridge came down. The first public telephone was outside. Many nights there would be a line for using it. Mosquitoes enjoyed those waiting.
- MENHADEN PROCESSING PLANT:** was just across the waterway from the island. (Holden Beach Marina) It took menhaden fish and converted them to fertilizer. It smelled awful, especially with a land breeze. Thankfully it lasted only a short time!
- NEW HOLDEN BEACH PAVILION:** was built in 2007 and provides a stage for weekly summer concerts and other events.
- GERDA STREET:** a portion of the original J & K and was moved to its present location in the mid -1980s.
- SCENIC ICW:** Beautiful view & rest stop on the Intracoastal Waterway.
- HOLDEN BEACH PIER:** Originally run by Hugh and Mabel Dutton for the stock holders. Great fishing!
- MARY'S INLET** (near Greensboro St.) came and went several times in the 1900s. The last time the ocean broke through was October 16, 1954, when Hurricane Hazel reopened it to the Inland Waterway. Years before when it was open, sailboats that brought supplies to Shallotte and Supply would use it for shelter from storms.
- BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** At Starfish and OBW (behind Fire Station) and is a project of Holden Beach Beautification.
- SANDDOLLAR PARK:** Enjoyable park, fishing, and beach along the Intracoastal Waterway.
- POCKET PARK:** Located at 630 OBW, a project of Holden Beach Beautification. This is a good rest stop near the marsh.
- SAILFISH ST. PARK:** Enjoyable park, fishing, and beach along the Intracoastal Waterway.
- COAST GUARD LOOK-OUT POINT:** During WW II, 20-25 men patrolled beach by horseback on the look-out for German Submarines. Several US Merchant Marine ships were observed being torpedoed and set afire. A German submarine was caught near Wilmington. There was even a story that a German U-Boat came into Shallotte Point and bought gas!