



Planning a beach trip this holiday weekend? Here is important safety information on rip currents.

- Rip currents can form on any beach with breaking waves (most common in large open water areas or near jetties and piers). They occur when water is pushed onto the beach by surf or wind and then flows back out to sea in narrow channels.
- If caught in a rip current, stay calm and don't fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until out of the current. Once free, turn and swim toward shore.
- If swimming to shore is impossible, float or tread water until free of the rip current.
- Only swim at beaches where lifeguards are present. Check if warning flags are up or ask a lifeguard about water conditions, beach conditions or any potential hazards.

Additional water safety tips can be found at [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

# Don't miss out on the Fireworks this Fourth of July!

## Schedule of Events

### **COROLLA - HISTORIC COROLLA PARK**

**Corolla Festival of Fireworks - July 4th, 12pm - 9pm**  
**25th Annual Independence Day Celebration**  
**Sponsored by Currituck Travel and Tourism**

What better way to celebrate America's independence than with free live music by the Tidewater Drive Band and a spectacular fireworks show on the northern Outer Banks! The 24th Annual Independence Day Celebration in Corolla offers an afternoon of fun family activities. The event features food vendors, a cornhole tournament, watermelon eating contest, and children's games. Admission and parking are free; event starts at 5:00 p.m. with a fireworks display at dusk. Sponsored by Currituck Outer Banks Travel & Tourism. Call [252-435-2947](tel:252-435-2947) or visit [www.VisitCurrituck.com/Events](http://www.VisitCurrituck.com/Events) for details. Event location: Historic Corolla Park, 1100 Club Road, Corolla.

Note: No alcohol or on-street parking permitted. Historic Corolla Park boat ramp is closed; no docking on July 4th.

More Information: <http://www.whaleheadclub.org/>  
**Phone:** [252.453.9040](tel:252.453.9040) **Email:** [info@visitwhalehead.com](mailto:info@visitwhalehead.com)

### **KILL DEVIL HILLS - AVALON PIER**

**Town of Kill Devil Hills Fireworks - July 7th, At Dusk**  
Avalon Fishing Pier located at Mile Post 6 on the beach road

The Town of Kill Devil Hills has a new fireworks contractor this year! We happily welcome Pyrotechnico, an award-winning fireworks company from New Castle, PA, to Kill Devil Hills! This year, the fireworks event will be conducted not on July 4th but on July 7th off of Avalon Pier, with a rain date of July 8th. Throughout the search process, we were told time and again that North Carolina-certified fireworks technicians are becoming scarce and that became a reality when we could not find a vendor for the traditional July 4th celebration. The date change, though, just gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy fireworks displays at other Dare County locations on the 4th and then come to Kill Devil Hills beaches the evening of July 7th, at dark. Representing Pyrotechnico, Justin Pruett has visited the Avalon Pier and found the location to be satisfactory for this year's event. On behalf of Pyrotechnico, he has voiced excitement over his company's new relationship with Kill Devil Hills and the pier location. Avalon Pier associates are equally enthusiastic about hosting this year's fireworks celebration.

So, pack a snack, bring a chair, unroll a blanket, get some sand between your toes, and have a dazzling good time at Kill Devil Hills' Independence Week fireworks celebration on Friday, July 7th, with a rain date on July 8th, at dark on the beach!

### **NAGS HEAD - NAGS HEAD FISHING PIER**

**Nags Head Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular - July 4th 9:25pm**  
In conjunction w/ Nags Head Fishing Pier & the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau  
On the ocean pier at Mile Post 11.5 on NC Route 12, S. Virginia Dare Trl  
The fireworks display will last approximately 20 minutes.

Parking at and near the fireworks display site will be directed by the Nags Head Police Department. Those attending the show are encouraged to park east of U.S. Highway 158/S. Croatan Highway. Those choosing to park west of U.S. Highway 158/S. Croatan Highway should use extreme caution while attempting to cross this heavily traveled roadway.

All persons attending this event are reminded not to use or block private driveways. Vehicles blocking driveways or presenting a traffic hazard before, during, or immediately following this event will be towed. The Town of Nags Head requests that persons use the public beach accesses as pathways to the oceanfront. Please stay off the environmentally sensitive dune and do not use the private property of others, such as private gazebos or decks, to view the fireworks without the property owner's permission. No vehicles, with the exception of authorized Town and emergency vehicles, will be allowed on the ocean front beaches.

The following public beach accesses are recommended for access to the beach for fireworks viewing:

South of Nags Head Pier

Curlew Street  
Hollowell Street  
Conch Street

North of Nags Head Pier

Bladen Street  
Bittern Street  
Bonnett Street  
Barnes Street  
Blackman Street

Jockey's Ridge State Park is another ideal spot for viewing the fireworks. Other local fireworks may be seen but distantly. The park will be open late July 4th to accommodate visitors. Please call the park at [252-441-7132](tel:252-441-7132) for more information.

## **MANTEO - MANTEO WATERFRONT**

**Town of Manteo - July 4th, At Dusk**  
**Budleigh Street, Manteo**

Phone: [252-473-2133](tel:252-473-2133) Celebrate Independence Day with small town flair at the Town of Manteo 4th of July celebration. Participate in wacky hat contest, decorated bike contest, apple pie contest and so much more. Then after the sun goes down take in one of the best firework shows on the Outer Banks. For more information call the Town of Manteo at [252-473-2133](tel:252-473-2133) or visit [townofmanteo.com](http://townofmanteo.com)

## **DUCK - DUCK TOWN PARK**

**12th Annual Town of Duck 4th of July Parade - July 4th, 9am**

Immediately followed by Community Celebration

Duck Town Park, 1200 Duck Road

Immediately following the parade, join us at the Duck Town Park, 1200 Duck Road, for live music, cold refreshments and the awarding of the parade trophies! The one-mile parade route is the same annually and begins at the crest of the hill on Scarborough Lane. The route follows Scarborough Lane towards the ocean, turns left onto Ocean Way, and then heads down Christopher Drive ending at Duck Road (NC 12). No part of the parade takes place on Duck Road (NC 12). For more information or to register to participate, visit [townofduck.com/duck4thofjuly](http://townofduck.com/duck4thofjuly) or call [252.255.1286](tel:252.255.1286) for more information.

More Information: <http://www.townofduck.com/duck4th/>

### **Rules & Regulations**

North Carolina prohibits the possession of any pyrotechnics which launch or propel into the air, or which explode making a sound or "report." Sparklers, fountains and ground displays are allowed only with adult supervision and when exercising extreme caution and fire prevention. Fireworks are illegal in Dare County, including all towns and villages.

**Have a wonderful and safe holiday!**