

# Wildlife Festival

## Upcoming Event

Maritime Forest Birding Kayak Tour (Kitty Hawk Woods)

Wed. Oct. 16, 2022      9:00AM – 11:00AM      \$40

[Register](#)

## Family Friendly Trips:

Two children 12 or under may accompany a paying, supervising adult at no charge. To include your child or children you must make reservations by calling 252-216-9464.



## About

In 1997 Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival was begun under the direction of then refuge manager, Mike Bryant, as a way to encourage and offer the public wildlife and wild land interpretation, educational opportunities and experiences on regional national wildlife refuges. This annual national wildlife refuge fundraising event has grown from a few offered activities in 1997, to over 90 birding, paddling, photography, art & natural history programs. The festival takes place in 6 national wildlife refuges over 6 northeast North Carolina counties. It is one of the premier east coast wildlife festivals. Locally, many activities take place on National Park Service property, specifically Cape Hatteras National Seashore, one of the Festival partners. What keeps Wings Over Water going year-after-year with a high registrant return rate? Great, knowledgeable activity leaders along with a small ratio of participants-to-leader (so you don't get lost in the crowd) and of course wonderful wildlife opportunities. Every festival leader is a professional in their own field, volunteering their time, travel and expertise. Wings Over Water leaders come from a wide range of professions & fields such as professors, top birders, well-respected botanists and biologist, authors and award-winning photographers and artists.

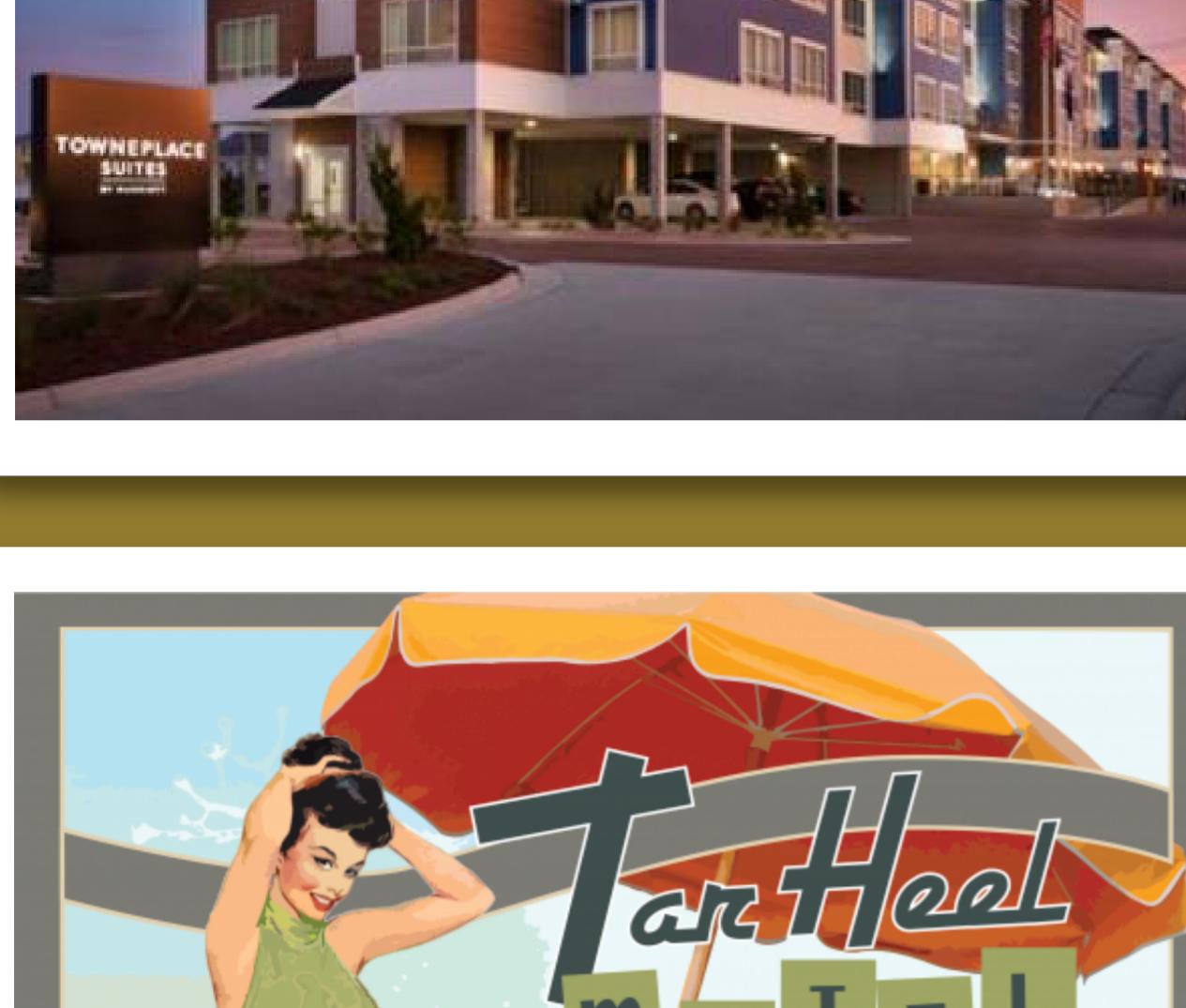
We also have a Wings Over Water session in December just for birding called Wings Over Water (WOW) Encore (dates vary year to year).

Wings Over Water is an annual refuge fundraising event sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society (CWRS). CWRS is a non-profit group which exists to support regional national wildlife refuges. WOW, besides providing funds for educational grants to schools, is a part of many CWRS refuge support projects such as maintaining trails and signs and other refuge structures. Also, WOW helps CWRS provide volunteers and staff who are essential to the maintenance and operation of the regional national wildlife refuges visitor centers and refuges. One of the recent large projects using funds raised by WOW and CWRS went to raising the Pea Island Refuge Visitor Center about 5 feet. This was done in hopes of prolonging the life of this important gathering location for hundreds of thousands of birders and nature lovers until another facility is built. The project was completed in May of 2020.



## Lodging and Camping

### LODGING



#### TownePlace Suites Outer Banks Kill Devil Hills

2028 S Virginia Dare Trail Kill Devil Hills NC 27948  
252-457-2190 (O) | 252-457-2191 (F)  
[www.marriott.com/ffats](http://www.marriott.com/ffats)



#### Tar Heel Motel

7010 South Virginia Dare Trail  
Milepost 16 Between the Highways  
Nags Head, NC 27959  
866-802-7347  
[tarheelobx.com](http://tarheelobx.com)



#### See Sea Motel

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Milepost 9 1/4 Between the Highways  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
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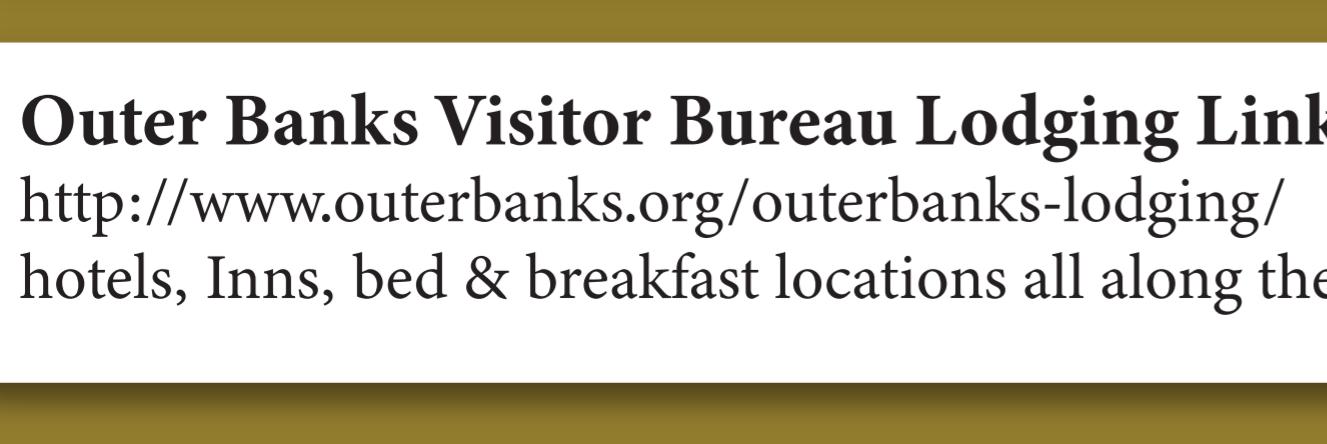
#### Comfort Inn South Oceanfront

8031 Old Oregon Inlet Road  
Nags Head, NC 27959  
252-441-6315 (p)  
252-441-2868 (f)  
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### CAMPING



#### Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park Campgrounds ([click here for web link](#))



#### Pettigrew State Park

The distance between Roanoke Island (Manteo) and Pettigrew State Park is app. 42 miles.

#### Outer Banks Visitor Bureau Lodging Link

<http://www.outerbanks.org/outerbanks-lodging/> Use this link to locate a variety of motels, hotels, Inns, bed & breakfast locations all along the Outer Banks.