

Fun Dining

The Shack

Funky place for good old southern home cooking. Breakfast, lunch or dinner it's always packed but be aware they close from 2-4pm every day. Full bar so go ahead and order that Bloody Mary or Mimosa with your Shack Attack breakfast!

Blue Drum Waterfront

Been open a few years now and keeps getting better. Huge outdoor dining with a variety of seating. It's right on the Intracoastal so great views and lots of fun watching the boaters.

Hickory Tavern

Regional chain sports bar. Great place to watch a game. Love the cheesesteak hoagie followed by their baked to order chocolate chip cookies! Best of all they are open until 11pm so it's one of the few choices for late night food.

Filet's Waterfront

The inside portion of the restaurant is dark and loud so go for the enormous outside bar that overlooks the Intracoastal. Great happy hour. Fun place to sit out and watch that swing bridge swing.

Casual Dining

Clark's Seafood and Chop House

Close by, popular place with consistently good food. The patio is lovely with a nice view of the marina. The outdoor bar is small but the higher seating offers the best views.

Villa Tuscanna

No shortage of Italian restaurants in NMB but this is our favorite. Has a great vibe, servers are knowledgeable and the food is delicious. Never been disappointed.

The Parson's Table

Exceptionally good food locally sourced. Pricier than most but worth it for a special meal. The space is very cool...it's in an old church. Quaint little bar as you walk in is a nice place to dine if you're into something less formal.

The Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro

French cuisine in a historic Victorian mansion. Pricey, but portions are large so sharing can make sense. We've heard their Sunday brunch is very good. Lobster & Jazz outside Tuesdays and Thursdays in season. Every few weeks they offer a unique Ghost Tour Dinner.

Bonefish Grill

Consistently good chain restaurant with a varied menu. Service is normally very good. Open until 10pm which is later than most restaurants. A low risk, high value choice for a nice dinner.

J Peters Grill & Bar

Regional chain, maybe a step down from Bonefish but still good and far better than Applebee's and the like. Happy hour food specials are popular. Drinks are generously poured. One of the closest options for a nice sit down dinner.

Fine Dining

SeaBlue Restaurant & Wine Bar

By far the best fine dining on the entire Grand Strand. Doesn't look like much from the outside (it's in a strip mall) but the food is fabulous. All very fresh, hand selected meats, poultry and seafood. Incredible wine list. It's expensive. Count on the tab being twice what you would pay at a typical nice sit down restaurant...but so worth it. The Asiago Potato Gratin is a must have. Not many tables so reservations are highly recommended. Unlike most places you can actually reserve seats at the bar which is a nice experience if there are only two of you.

Bin 2004

Opened in 2024 it's our new go-to place for fun and food. The only true tapas bar we know of in NMB. The food is delish and service is excellent. Tapas usually evokes images of tiny morsels of food but not here...the portions are generous. Décor is swanky with a variety of seating. The gorgeous bar is our pick when it's just the two of us. There are traditional tables in both the dining room and the bar area. But for a group the best bets are the couches or the club chairs.

Bar 19 Twelve

This is almost two restaurants in one. The main dining room has a Vegas feel and is somewhat fancy. Huge menu with an emphasis on small plates. Not cheap but a good value. We rarely order entrees because the tapas is so good. Out back the patio is basically an entirely separate restaurant. Very casual outdoor seating, huge bar, all outdoors. They often have a one man band for background music.

Crave Italian Oven & Bar

Mixed reviews on this place. Go for the décor and the vibe, not the food. Two bars, one inside, one outside and both can be fun. Place is usually packed, maybe because portions are large. But for us the taste was far from authentic (too much salt) and the pizza was not good (soggy crust). Maybe they'll get their legs when things slow down for them.

White Heron

Lots of buzz about this place set to open in summer 2026 on Hwy 17 at 12th Ave S.

Take-Out Food

Thai Season

We like this for carry-out but the dining room has a nice ambiance and excellent service. We have heard that Thai in Town is also good. Both are worth a try!

Daniello's Pizzeria & Pub

Pizza is such a personal choice. But this one is our favorite (maybe because it's a Bengals bar).

For a Drink

Captain Archie's

Awesome waterfront bar and a very short drive away (and perhaps a short Uber ride back lol!). You have to be in the mood for this place. Wall-to-wall people. Live entertainment practically every night with a great variety of bands and the dance floor is always bumpin' (note: music stops at 10pm). This place is absolutely amazing during Bike Week!

Star Tavern

Kind of a hole in the wall bar but sometimes the bands they have are really good.

Clubhouse Food & Spirits

It's 1am, you need good food and a stiff drink. Clubhouse it is. No website...it's not that kind of place.

Never Been There But We Hear it's Good

Benny Rappa the Italian Fisherman

We have some friends who love this place. Will be trying it soon!

Duck Dive Bar and Grill

This place looks dangerous (structurally, not criminally) but we are told the burgers are great!

Tailgate Oyster Bar

I've heard of gas station Mexican but never gas station oysters. Everyone raves about this place. Only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-8:30pm. We're going to try it someday!