

## **Fun Stuff to Do**

North Myrtle Beach has many attractions. Perhaps the best one is free and you can walk to it. “**Cherry Grove Point**” is really something to see. Just walk out to the beach, go left and keep walking. It’s always peaceful and at sunrise it is just incredible. Across the inlet you will see Waites Island (that’s the island pictured in the photo over the guest bed). You may be tempted to walk over to it at low tide. Don’t do it! If you’re not careful you’ll get stuck over there...or worse. Every year people get swept out to sea as the tide goes out and then they have to be rescued by the lifeguards.

[Heritage Shores Nature Preserve](#) is a cute little park just a short walk from Xanadu II.

[Shark Wake Park](#) is a water park that is fun for all ages.

You’ll probably see the [Big M Casino](#) boat cruising out on the horizon.

[Barefoot Landing](#) is a planned community that has some fun restaurants and a winery. The House of Blues there has some great bands.

[Music on Main Concert Series](#) is a fun outdoor music event on Thursday evenings (seasonal). Parking can be an issue so plan accordingly.

### **Shagging**

It’s a thing down here...some would say it’s THE thing. I had never heard of it. We told some neighbors in Charlotte that we bought a condo in NMB and their eyes lit up and they asked if Julie and I are shaggers. After an excruciatingly long and awkward pause they explained what it is.

### **Kayak rentals**

Kayaking is by far our favorite thing to do here and we highly recommend it. It is super convenient as the kayaks launch from the 53rd street boat ramp...just a few blocks south of Xanadu II. You do not need experience. They will teach you what you need to know. On the guided tour they will have you paddle up the inlet over to Waites Island. You’ll get to explore the island or just hang out on the beach. The sunrise tour is amazing. If you have some paddling experience just rent some kayaks and go on your own. We like to pack a picnic lunch and bottle of wine to enjoy on the island. Most days you will be the only ones on the beach there. It’s wonderful. Note that the launch times vary day to day. They launch as the tide is going out and you return with the tide. We really like [Great Escapes Kayak Expeditions](#) but the other tour providers are good as well.

### **Other stuff to do**

Miniature golf  
Pontoon boat rentals  
Fishing excursions  
Jet ski rentals

## **Golf**

This is truly paradise for golfers. There are soooo many courses and most are quite nice. Trust the google reviews but be sure to sort reviews by most recent so you are reading reviews that reflect current conations. Here are a few I can recommend.

Close by...

**Tidewater:** This course is the closest to Xanadu. It is well known... kind of a bucket list course. It's really expensive, really hard, and really slow. But it is pretty cool. There are several holes along the inlet. You can see them across the water from Lake Drive.

**Eagles Nest:** This is also very close by, 10-15 minute drive. It's not always in perfect condition but I love the course. It's different from most other area courses. It has a Pinehurst feel to it. It's one of the few courses that allows walking and it's an easy walk. From the tips it is nearly 8,200 yards making it the third longest course in the US. Staff there is always super helpful.

**Glen Dornoch:** This is a very cool course. There are several beautiful holes on the Intracoastal. The last three holes are the toughest challenge you'll find in the area.

A bit farther (20-40 min)...

**Thistle:** This place is a gem. 27 holes and usually in excellent condition. Playable for all levels. Absolutely worth the drive. Can be pricey.

**River's Edge:** You'll either love it or hate it. Very scenic and very difficult. Plays slow because it's so hard.

**Long Bay:** This is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course. Great layout and very challenging. Be sure to play from the correct tees for your skill level. They have an island green and holes 9 and 18 play around a beautiful lake.

**Aberdeen:** I like this course because it is typically less crowded. Some good holes. They let you walk, but there are some long traverses from green to tee.

Have not played but come highly recommended...

- o Brunswick
- o Crow Creek
- o Tigers Eye