



LOCAL TOURISM-RELATED EXPERTS

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Having one of the country's most esteemed shorelines, the Myrtle Beach area has long been renowned for its enjoyable and laid-back beach environment. However, Myrtle Beach knows more than just beaches! The following Myrtle Beach locals are experts on the community's many offerings, ranging from golf to plantations, NASCAR to low country cuisine, and nature to family fun.

Myrtle Beach Area Golf Expert

Mickey McCamish, *Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday*

Myrtle Beach has long been known as the "Golf Capital of the World," and Mickey McCamish is the expert when it comes to the myriad of courses in the Grand Strand. As the president of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday, a not-for-profit organization promoting Myrtle Beach's golf vacations and events, McCamish represents nearly 100 world-class courses and resorts.

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Myrtle Beach Area Amusement Recreation Expert

Donald Sipes, *Family Kingdom Amusement Park*

As the Grand Strand's only oceanfront water and amusement park, Family Kingdom is *the* place to visit for families looking for the classic Myrtle Beach amusement park experience. As the general manager of Family Kingdom for the past 15 years, Donnie Sipes understands the beach, family and amusements that continually attract visitors to the area.

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Myrtle Beach Area Nature Expert

Ann Malys Wilson, *Myrtle Beach State Park*

An avid lover of everything outdoors, Ann Malys Wilson has worked as the interpretive ranger at Myrtle Beach State Park for the past 13 years. In this position, she is able to educate and introduce visitors to the Myrtle Beach Area's costal environment and carefully watch the activity of South Carolina's state reptile—the threatened loggerhead sea turtle. Her experience and passion earned her the title of 2007's South Carolina Marine Educator of the Year.

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Myrtle Beach Area Arts & Culture Expert

Sandi Kendrick, *Horry County Arts & Cultural Enhancement Organization*

A fresh, new face to the Horry County Arts & Cultural Enhancement (ACE) organization, Sandi Kendrick has served as the organization's director of resource development since 2007. The Horry County ACE was established as an organization to support the artists and art organizations in the Horry County community in which the Myrtle Beach Area is located.

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Myrtle Beach Area Low Country Cuisine Expert

Becky Billingsley, *Myrtle Beach Restaurant News and The Food Syndicate*

One of the Myrtle Beach Area's most memorable features is its Low Country cuisine, a staple of the southern cooking. One of Low Country cuisine's biggest proponents, Becky Billingsley, recently founded MyrtleBeachRestaurantNews.com, where she discusses the area's restaurants, chefs and cuisine. A former culinary journalist for such local outlets as the The Sun News and Coastal Carolina Dining, Billingsley brings an impressive knowledge of Low Country cuisine.

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Myrtle Beach Area Family Fun Expert

Rebecca Feagin, *Broadway at the Beach*

For the past 12 years, Rebecca Feagin has worked at Broadway at the Beach, the Myrtle Beach area's hub for themed restaurants, boutique shopping, nightclubs, hotels and family entertainment such as Ripley's Aquarium. Currently working as the marketing director for Broadway at the Beach, Feagin has also worked for local entertainment venues such as Dolly's Dixie Stampede and the Alabama Theatre.

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Myrtle Beach Area Beach Activities Expert

Holly McMillan, *Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce*

As the director of festivals and special events for the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Holly McMillan is responsible for planning events that will provide locals and vacationers with lasting memories of their time in Myrtle Beach. Last year, McMillan helped the Myrtle Beach Area shatter a world record by building The World's Tallest Sandcastle. This year, McMillan will be overseeing another series of exciting beach activities!

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Myrtle Beach Area Plantation History Expert

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