



# North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

## Chapter 1: The Land Where We Live

### Section 1: The Tidewater Region

#### Focused Reading

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. This narrow strip of land extends along the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. In the southern part of the state's coast, the Tidewater is no more than \_\_\_\_\_ miles wide, but in the north, where inland \_\_\_\_\_ of water are large, it goes back more than fifty miles in places.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are inland bodies of mixed water found throughout much of the Tidewater.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ off the North Carolina coast form much of the beach for much of the Tidewater.
4. Most are part of a long chain of sand spits called \_\_\_\_\_, the most famous of which are called the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large portion of land extending into an ocean or other large body of water.
6. The barrier islands are really just a very long ridge of \_\_\_\_\_, spread along the ocean floor, always shifting in the tides and storms that come off the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.
7. Where the sand has low places, \_\_\_\_\_ allow the seawater to come in and out with the tides.
8. The only true break in the barrier island along the state's shoreline is \_\_\_\_\_, where the Cape Fear River flows directly into the ocean.

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9. North Carolina has \_\_\_\_\_ major sounds. Almost half of the Tidewater area is made up of these mixed bodies of water that are just behind the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Some of the oldest towns in North Carolina are located near the mouths of these \_\_\_\_\_. These towns were \_\_\_\_\_ centers where goods could be transferred from river flatboats onto the schooners that would take goods by sea to other parts of the world.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (the depositing of clay or silt or gravel) through time has kept the sounds from being deep enough for large oceangoing vessels.
12. A large portion of the Tidewater is \_\_\_\_\_ most of the year, meaning that the soil is soaked or flooded with water.
13. These mucky \_\_\_\_\_ (places where fresh water and salt water meet) serve as incubators for a variety of sea life, such as shrimp.
14. The most common type of wetland away from the estuaries is the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Another Tidewater habitat is the \_\_\_\_\_, where tall grass mixes with scattered longleaf and other types of pine. Parts of the \_\_\_\_\_, the most extensive wetland at the southern end of the Tidewater, become savannas in the drier times of the year.
16. Most of the natural \_\_\_\_\_ in North Carolina are in the Tidewater.
17. Through time, the \_\_\_\_\_ has been one of the least populated portions of the state. Many of the early families either \_\_\_\_\_ or supplied goods to the fishing trade.