

Summer Paradise

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Choosing Bedrooms

Larger Beds (King and Queen)

The top floor master bedroom is the largest master bedroom with the best view. The 2nd floor master bedroom directly below it has a slightly smaller bath but includes it's own private porch. The 2nd floor king master bedroom with the white furniture is smaller than the other two but also includes a sliding glass door to the deck. The 2nd floor queen bedroom has a semi private bath and includes a porch with access to the front steps.

Smaller Beds (Twins and Bunks)

The ground floor bedroom with the two twins has a sliding glass door with direct access to the pool. Keep this in mind when choosing the age of children to place in this bedroom. The 2nd floor master bedroom with two twins has its own private bath and an ocean view. The ground floor bedroom with the bunk beds shares a bath with the other ground floor bedroom.

Pillows

There is a variety of different pillows throughout the house. There are several down pillows as well as foam pillows with various levels of firmness. Please feel free to move the pillows around to suit your needs.

Quick Info

Long Distance Calls

In order to make long distance calls using the house phone, you need to set up a credit card to bill the calls. Please follow the directions on the office phone. To make calls on other phones, press speed dial "A" or the M1 stored number to get 2nd dial tone.

Hot Water

Turn the bottom of the faucet handle to the left for hot water.

Beach Cabana Service

For guests staying between Memorial Day to Labor Day, we have paid the Buck Island Beach Cabana Service to set up six beach chairs and an umbrella for you daily on the beach in front of the house. If you need additional chairs or umbrellas, you can order more for a fee on either a daily or weekly basis. The Buck Island Cabana Service is located at the main Buck Island beach access and also sells refreshments.

Locking Doors and Bicycles

You are responsible for the contents of the house and bicycles during your stay. That said, crime is generally not a problem in Buck Island but people can walk up from the beach. Cars and doors should always be locked at night. Most people also do not feel the need to lock bicycles when going to the community pool or quick shopping stops. A combination bicycle lock is provided in the garage. The combination is written next to the lock.

Trash

Trash pickup is on Saturday and Wednesday mornings. The trash containers are located to the right of the front door under the lattice. There is no need to roll the containers to the street and back, we pay someone to do this for you. The yellow topped container is for recycling.

Towels on Deck Railings and Street Parking

Buck Island neighborhood covenants prohibit hanging towels to dry on deck railings and parking cars on the street. Please hang wets towels to dry on chairs or other places not readily visible from other houses to help keep Buck Island looking beautiful. Also please only park in the driveway spaces.

Community Pool, Tennis, Basketball and playground.

The Olympic size community pool, tennis, basketball and a playground are located at the entrance to Buck Island and are available for your use while at Summer Paradise. No passes or arm bands are necessary for access to these facilities. Bike racks are available if you wish to bicycle over.

Outdoor and Garage Plugs

These plugs are protected by GCFI shock protectors and rain storms can sometimes trip them. They are very easy to reset once you know the location of the outlets with the reset buttons. For the garage including the garage refrigerator and plugs in front of the garage, reset the outlet in the garage next to the breaker box. For pool level outlet, reset the outlet in the game room just to the right of the door leading to the pool. For the 2nd level deck outlets, reset the outlet in the 2nd floor twin bedroom behind the right twin bed. For the 3rd floor deck, in the corner of great room near the outlet. For the Grill Rotisserie, in bottom floor twin next to sliding door.

Where is the.....?

Iron and Ironing board

In laundry room cabinets. Unless the previous guest moved them.

Beach Chairs and Boogie Boards

In the Storage Box on pool deck next to gate to the beach. Also in the garage.

Beach Walkway Light Switch

Next to the first walkway light. If it doesn't work, turn the switch near the neighbors' fish cleaning sink on first.

Bicycle Lock and Tire Pump

Hanging next to bikes in garage, combination is written on the wall.

Book and DVD library

In the Cabinet to the left of the fireplace. Also in the Game Room cabinets.

Booster Seat

Kitchen Pantry

Porta-crib and Baby Gate

Top floor master bedroom closet. The baby gate installs at the top of the stairs in the great room.

Cook-top vent

Press little round button at back right of the cook top.

Community Pool, Tennis and Basketball

At entrance to Buck Island.

Home Theater System

Cabinet to the right of fireplace. There is also a smaller home theater system in the game room.

Vacuum

Game room bi-fold closet or wherever the last guest left it.

Spare Light Bulbs and Bulb Changing Pole

Light bulbs are in the laundry cabinets. The bulb changing pole is in the Kitchen Pantry.

Grill Rotisserie

Either in the Kitchen Pantry or the Game Room Kitchenette. Please do not leave outside!

How do I turn on the fireplace?

There is an electrical switch located to the right of the TV next to the window. The Fire Place is only available during the heating season starting the first full week of October. Once the fireplace is hot, use the fan control next to the switch to adjust the fan speed.

TV's and Home Theater Systems

Simple, Standardized Remotes throughout the House

Every TV has a remote control that has been specially programmed to allow you to easily control that TV in a simple, standardized manner. Once you quickly learn how to operate one TV, you know how to operate any TV in the house! Note that while the remotes all look the same, each has to be used with the correct TV. The following general instructions will work with any TV in the house. Most TV's will also play audio CD's.

To turn on and off

Press the **Power** button and keep aiming the remote towards the TV until all components are on. If something doesn't turn on, turn it on manually. Press again to turn everything off.

To Watch Satellite TV

Press **SAT** on top of the remote and keep aiming the remote control for a few seconds. Press **Guide** for a list of channels, use the up and down arrows and channel up and down keys to find a channel. Press **Select** to select it. Make sure the satellite receiver is on.

To Play a DVD or CD Audio

Press the **DVD** button on top of the remote and keep aiming the remote for a few seconds. Insert the DVD or CD and press **Play** on the remote.

To watch a video

Insert the video and press **VCR** on the top of the remote.

Games and camcorders

Some TV's have input jacks in front of them for video games or camcorders. To use these, press **AUX** on the remote.

Great Room Home Theater and Whole House Sound System

The great room has a state of the art wide screen HDTV surround sound home theater system. The receiver also plays FM music and CD's in the great room or through out the house including the pool area. Please follow the instruction on the inside door of the TV cabinet to use the system.

Game Room Home Theater and Stereo System

A smaller surround sound system is located in the game room. Please follow the directions inside the door of the TV cabinet. It also plays FM and CD's.

Whole House Music System

A whole house music amplifier is located in the cabinet under the TV. Speakers and volume controls are located at the pool, game room, and both large master bedrooms. You can either listen to an FM station tuned by the whole house amplifier located in the cabinet under the TV, or to what is playing on the TV and/or on the great room receiver. Please do not turn the whole house amplifier past 35 to avoid blowing the speakers.

Telephones and Intercom

"All the way to the Beach" Cordless Phone

The cordless telephones located in the Kitchen and Game Room work all the way to the beach. In addition to making or receiving phone calls, they can also be used page or speak to people back at the house while at the beach. There is no reception at the bottom of the beach stairs and the first 30 feet from the dune, but as soon you get away from the dune the reception will be fine.

To page someone at the house while at the beach

Press the INT. Use the up or down arrow keys to select the location to page or CALL ALL to page all locations, then press Phone. Phones in the house will beep until someone picks up or speaks into a base station.

To page someone at the beach from the house

Press the INT button on the phone or the Intercom/Page button on the base. Use the up and down arrow keys to select the phone that was carried to the beach, then press Phone or Speaker. The phone at the beach will beep until someone picks up.

Transfer a call

Press INT on the handset or Intercom/Page on the base. Use the arrow keys to select a destination, then press Phone or Speaker. When the other party answers, announce the caller and press Phone or Speaker to complete the transfer.

Whole House Intercom

The intercom system lets you talk to people in another part of the house, or the front door. It can also serve as a baby monitor to listen in on a specific room. The master station is located at the top of the stairs near the kitchen. Sub stations are located in the top floor master bedroom, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor bedroom hall, game room, and front door.

To talk to someone in the kitchen from any other station including the front door

Press Call from any sub station. The station calling will light up at the master. At the master, press that station's button to listen, press talk to talk to the person calling. Release talk to listen to the response. Press Off when you are finished listening.

To call any station from the master

Press the station to call's button. Press Talk and ask a question. Release talk to listen to the response. To call all sub stations, press Call All. When done press Off.

To monitor a location in the house (Baby Monitor)

At the master, press the sub station to monitor and adjust the volume. You can prevent monitoring from any sub station by pressing the Privacy button on that sub station.

Alarm Clock Instructions

There are two kinds of alarm clocks in the house both made by Sony. One is Cube shaped, the other is low and flat shaped.

Flat Shaped Sony Alarm Clock

Setting the Clock

If the power is lost, you will have to reset the alarms clock. While holding down CLOCK/ENTER, press TIME SET/TUNE + or - until the right time appears.

Playing the Radio

Press the SLEEP RADIO ON to turn on the radio. Turn the VOL to the desired level. Choose one of the preset stations by pressing numbers 1 through 5. To tune manually, press TIME SET/TUNE + or -.

Setting the Alarm

Turn off the radio. While holding down ALARM, press either the TIME SET/TUNE + or - until the correct time appears. Release the ALARM button. Press ALARM MODE until the alarm you want (Radio or buzzer) appears on the display.

Cube Shaped Sony Alarm Clock

Setting the Clock

Press Clock for a few seconds. You will here a beep and the year will begin to flash. Press TUNE/TIME SET + or - until the correct year appears in the display. Press Clock Once, continue to press TUNE/TIME SET + or - to set the month, day, hour and minute.

Playing the Radio

Press RADIO ON to turn on the radio. Turn the volume to the desired level. Choose one of the preset stations by pressing numbers 1 through five. To tune manually, press the TUNE/TIME SET + or - to tune to the desired station.

Setting the Alarm

Turn off the radio. *Hold down the A RADIO or B BUZZER until a short beep sounds. Use the TUNE/TIME SET + or - until the desired hour appears. Press the A RADIO or B BUZZER again to set the minute. Press the ALARM MODE until the alarm you want lights up.*

Pool and Hot Tub Info

Pool and Hot Tub Rules

Please read the pool and Hot Tub rules listed at the pool side and always follow them.

Lights

The switch to turn on the underwater lights is located on a deck post on the pool deck. The switch next to it turns on the deck lights. The underwater hot tub light switch is located on the little hot tub console.

Cleaning

The pool and hot tub are cleaned prior to your arrival. Chemical levels are checked again mid week. Additional cleanings are at your expense; please call the rental company to arrange for any additional cleanings.

Sand crabs in the Pool

Sand Crabs have a way of finding their way overnight into pools on the outer banks. Use the long pole and net located near the pool to scoop them out and dump them over the wall.

Bicycle Info

Bicycle Safety

*While the bicycles are maintained in the off season, a bicycle mechanic does not come out prior to each rental to inspect the bicycles. **You are responsible for inspecting the bicycles before each use to make sure they are in safe working order.***

Remember to wear a bicycle helmet.

Bicycle Rules

- 1) Inspect Bicycles before each use.*
- 2) Always wear a bicycle helmet.*
- 3) Do not ride bikes on the beach.*
- 4) Do not ride bikes into the pool or ocean.*
- 5) Do not leave bicycles outside in the rain.*

Shopping Theaters and Restaurants

Two shopping centers full of shops, restaurants and a movie theater are within short walking distance of this home. Finding parking spaces at certain hours during summer may be difficult, so consider walking or biking to save time.

Monteray Plaza Shopping

The Food Lion and movie theaters are located here along with many restaurants and shops. There is a quick short cut for Buck Island residents when biking or walking. As you are walking back to the main road, make a right on Broad street, then a left for a bike path to the Food Lion entrance.

Movie Theater

The Movie Theater is located to the left of the Food Lion at the end of the inner shopping court.

Grocery

The Food Lion

Restaurants

Bacchus Wine and Cheese

Sun Dogs Sports Bar and Grill

Weeping Radish Brew Pub

North Beach Bistro

Tomato Patch Pizza and Restaurant

Whalehead Pizza

Smokey's

Miriam's

TimBuck II Shopping Center

Over 60 shops and restaurants and a gas station are located at TimBuck II which is directly across the street from the entrance to Buck Island. There are also go-cart racing available. You may have to wait for an available parking space during the summer, so consider walking or biking to save time.

Dining

*Big Bucks Homemade Icecream
Giant Slice Pizza
Guava Jelly
North Banks Restaurant and Raw Bar
Steamers Shell Fish to Go
Subway
Try My Nuts*

*Brew Thru
Groupers Grill and Wine Bar
JK's Restaurant
Rt 12 Stakes and Seafood Co.
Starboards Subs and Italian
The Fudgery
Turf's Up*

Recreation

*Bumper Cars
Corolla Raceway (go karts)
Kitty Hawk Water Sports
Corolla Surf Shop*

*Corolla Bait and Tackle
Kitty Hawk Kites
Miss Kitty's old time Photo's
The Golf Links (Miniature golf)*

Shopping

*Atlantic Realty
Casual Creations
Corolla Book, Card and Gifts
The Cotton Gin
Dolphin Watch Gallery
Good Vibes Video
Gray's Department Store
Joans
Karichele Gallery
Murex Gallery
The Perfect Gift
Wild Horses (Jewelry)*

*Carolina Moon
Coldwell Banker Seaside Realty
Corolla Candles
Dog Nutz (pet treats)
The Glass Shop
Gourmet Kitchen Emporium
Island Tobacco Corolla
Just for the Beach
Michaels Gems and Glass
Ocean Treasures Art Gallery
Seaside Farm Market
Tar Heel Trading Co.*

Services

Hair-I-canes Salon

Ocean Threads (Temp Tattoos)

Local Attractions

Currituck Beach Light Station (Lighthouse)

Built in 1875 the lighthouse is open for public tours and you can walk up the 214 steps to the observation deck at the top. It is open from 10am to 6pm daily and admission is \$6 for those 8 and over. Make a right as you exit Buck Island and drive four miles to the lighthouse on your left.

Whalehead Club

This mansion was built in the early 1920's as a hunting get a way for a wealthy family. Over the years it fell went through some hard times and was bought by Currituck County in 1992 for preservation. It has been mostly restored and is open for an hour-long public tours daily. Admission is \$6 for those 8 and over and goes towards the on going restoration project. Small children might be bored with the tour. It is located next to the lighthouse.

Wild Horses

The Corolla area including where this house stands was until very recently home to a herd of wild horses. Because of frequent car accidents along the main road, the herd was moved north to the four wheel drive area. A long fence was built from ocean to sound to keep them from wandering back south to where they could get hit by cars. The herd is currently maintained at 40-60 horses by the Corolla Wild Horse Rescue. While a few occasionally swim around the fence to graze on the tasty grass and gardens down here, if you really want to try to see them you should go on one of the wild horse tours offered in the Corolla area.

Wright Brothers First Flight Memorial and Museum

In December of 1903 man's first successful flight took place here. The museum includes a replica of the original plane, and outside you can see the precise spots where the first flights took off and landed. There is also a memorial high atop a dune that affords a nice view of the surrounding area. The museum includes old photo's of the outer banks. Admission is free. It is about 35 minutes south. At the entrance to Buck Island, make a left and drive 16 miles until you get to Rt 158 towards Nags Head. The memorial is on the right about 5-6 miles down Rt 158.

Places to go Bicycle Riding

If you get tired of riding around Buck Island, you can make a right on Broad St in Buck Island, then a left to get to the Food Lion and Albacore Street. Make a right on Albacore and one of the next lefts and you can bicycle three miles north through the Whalehead subdivision. After Whalehead, there are bike paths along the main road that continue through the Corolla Light subdivision all the way to the Lighthouse. Highway 12 also has a bike path that extends from the Lighthouse all the way down to Nags Head.

Internet and Computer Printer

High Speed Internet Access

Summer Paradise brings you the same type of wireless internet access that is found in homes, hotels, airports, schools, Star Bucks and other internet cafes around the country. You can use your wireless laptops and PDA's to quickly access the web and email from anywhere in the house. There are two ways to connect laptops or computers to the high speed network.

- *Wireless Network (Wi-Fi).* A laptop that works with wireless networks at home, or hotspots at schools, office, hotels, Star Bucks or other internet cafe's using the industry standard 802.11b or 802.11g will connect to the internet anywhere in the house. If your laptop is not wireless capable, all you need is to buy is a 802.11b (or g) wireless PC Cardbus or USB adapter costing around \$50 and available at any computer store.
- *Ethernet Cable.* You can also connect your computer to the internet with an ethernet cable that we provide on the desk in the office/study. Most desktops and newer laptops include this jack which looks like a slightly wider telephone jack. It is the same jack that you typically use to connect to the network at a school or office, or to high speed cable, DSL or Direcway at home.

Connecting Wirelessly

If your laptop is wireless capable, the first time you turn it on in the house, you will get a message at the bottom right of the screen that a wireless connection is available. Click on the icon that looks like this:



The screen to the right will pop up:

Click "Allow me to connect to the network, even though it's not secure" and you will be connected to the internet and ready to go. For the remainder of you stay, your computer will automatically connect to the wireless internet each time you turn it on.

Connecting with the ethernet cable

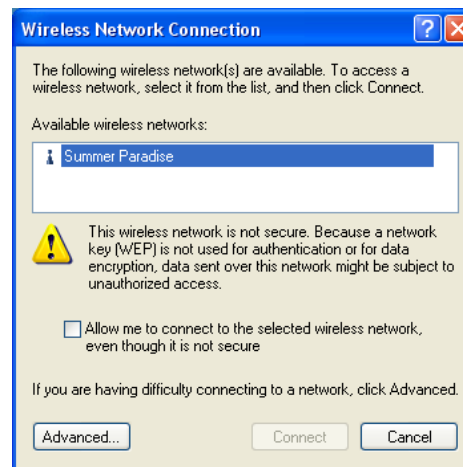
For most computers just plug in the cable and you'll be ready to use the internet. If your computer needs a network name, the name of the network is "Summer Paradise".

Solving Problems

Many laptops with built in wireless capability have very weak antennas. If you are having reception problems, get and use a \$50 wireless PC card to greatly improve wireless reception.

Hold your mouse on top of the icon shown above to determine if you are connected to the network. If you are not, make sure your computer is setup to obtain IP addresses automatically. Also try clicking on the icon, then click on properties, then choose the wireless network tab and see if **Summer Paradise** is listed. If it is, select it. If not reset the router and cable modem as described below.

If when you hold the mouse over the icon it does says you are connected but can't use the internet, choose **My Network Places** from the windows Start menu. Then choose **View Network Connections** from the list on the left. Right click the network you are using and choose **Repair**.



If it still doesn't work, reset the router and cable modem by going to the garage and opening the right most breaker box and turning off the bottom right breaker for a minute then turning it back on. Ignore any fire alarm chirps, they will stop in a few seconds. You can also try typing <http://192.168.100.1/startup.html> in your browser. If you DO get the cable modem screen and it doesn't say Cable Modem Status Operational, the cable company will need to be called to fix their connection. Often the cable company already knows about the outage and it will be fixed in an hour or two. See you computer documentation or support center for more info.

Home Network

As part of the wireless internet access, Summer Paradise includes a wireless network that allows members of your family to network their computers together to share files, photo's or computer games. There is one ethernet connection in the office/study and wireless availability though out the house for up to 32 computers.

Computer Printer

Summer Paradise includes a HP Officejet V40 Printer/Fax/Copier/Scanner. Using it for fax or copies does not require a computer connection. The printer connects to your computer with a supplied USB cable. If you have Windows XP, the drivers for the printer will automatically install the first time you connect the printer to your computer. If you have an older version of Windows you will have to first install the HP print drivers for the OfficeJet V40 which we provide on a CD located in the drawer of the desk in the office/study. To install, place the CD in your computer, connect the printer and follow the directions. Please put the CD back in the drawer so the next guest can find it.

Hurricane and Storm Info

The information below is based on our experience with storms on Outer Banks. Read the Currituck County Emergency info at <http://www.co.currituck.nc.us> and the National Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> to make life and death decisions concerning storms.

Hurricanes and their weaker cousins Tropical Storms (35- 74 mph winds) are the occasional part of life on the outer banks. Fortunately unlike most other Outer Bank Communities Buck Island is on higher ground in what is known as flood zone “C”. In this area flooding will not occur unless a storm greater than the worst storm expected every 500 years were to occur. Buck Island was also built with a well designed drainage plan and a system of ponds. Because of this, streets don’t get flooded for long as they do in many other Outer Bank communities.

How Much Wind Can you Take?

While experiencing 50, 60 and even 70 mph sustained winds might seem pretty scary, they won’t cause much damage to a well built house like Summer Paradise. After 70-80 mph roof shingles may start to occasionally peel off houses and sail to the ground. This might cause minor damage to cars that left outside and parked close to houses. After 90 mph there is increasing chances that those shingles or other debris will fly fast enough to start breaking windows. Once too many windows break, the wind coming into the house can begin to weaken higher floors. Hurricanes of Category 3 or higher (more than 110 mph) are dangerous and you should make every effort to evacuate.

While Hurricanes are big, the maximum winds are usually only found in the eyewall on the right side of the hurricane’s path. The further you are from that right eyewall area the less the winds will be. So for example a 100 mph hurricane that is 50 miles out to sea may only produce 70 mph winds locally. Some hurricanes have bigger eyes than others so keep in mind that the size of the eye affects how far way you need to be. The National Hurricane Center reports always include how far hurricane force winds (greater than 74 mph) extend from the center. If you are further than this amount from the projected path your winds will be under 75 mph. Finally keep in mind that changes in hurricane wind speed is one of the hardest things about hurricanes to accurately predict.

Where will it Hit?

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center are getting better and better at predicting hurricane paths but even small changes in path can have a large difference as to where a hurricane makes landfall on the Outer Banks. When a forecast calls for a potential hit in the Outer Banks more than two days away, you should start to carefully monitor the progress of the storm and make plans, but making decisions should usually wait until the storm is less than two days away. The timing of storms can also be difficult to predict. Storms will slow down and pick up speed at times giving you more or less time than previously predicted. The season should also play a part in your decision. Evacuation lines (and how many days ahead you need to leave) will be a lot longer during peak summer months compared to the off season.

Evacuations

Currituck County can issue a Mandatory evacuation of Corolla. Only listen to Currituck evacuations orders. The Outer Banks are big, so an evacuation of Hatteras may not require an evacuation of

Corolla. Evacuation decisions tend to error strongly on the side of safety and many local residents make their own evacuation decisions. If based on the hurricanes strength, track and eye size there is a chance you could be affected by winds greater than 85 mph, you should evacuate. If a storm of Category 3 or higher has any chance of getting close, you should evacuate since close could at the last moment turn into a direct hit.

There are two ways to evacuate. Going south over the bridge in Kitty Hawk. Follow the blue Hurricane Evacuation Route Signs. Another less crowded route if you have a four wheel drive vehicle is to drive north along the beach to Virginia Beach. This path is only available during Currituck Evacuations. At other times you will not be allowed to cross into Virginia along the beach. Keep in mind that going north along the beach is a really bad idea if there is also an evacuation of Virginia Beach since you will find yourself at the end of the line of a much larger evacuation.

Storm Preparation

For storms with winds greater than 35 mph, plastic deck furniture should be folded and laid flat on the deck to prevent them from blowing into windows. One side of the hammock and porch swing should be unhooked and the rocking wooden chair on the top floor should be brought in. The outside shower doors should also be hooked closed and flags brought in.

For winds greater than 60 mph, outdoor chairs and swings should be brought in as well as the hot tub cover. Also wooden picnic benches and tables on the top deck should be turned completely upside down with their tops to the deck. If you don't have time to bring plastic deck furniture in, you can also place them in the pool for protection.

If you must ride out a larger hurricane the ground floor bunk bedroom probably offers the best protection.

Tsunami's

If one ever comes, the unique 18 foot high dunes and the fact that Summer Paradise sits 9 feet above sea level offers much better protection than most areas of the Outer Banks. Due to the 2-3 hour maximum warning times, an evacuation doesn't sound like a good idea since you would risk being stuck in lines in lower lying much less protected areas in a futile effort to get away from the coast. Best bet is to quickly get to much higher ground in areas of the nearby Currituck Club subdivision or Penny's Hill in the 4-wheel drive area.