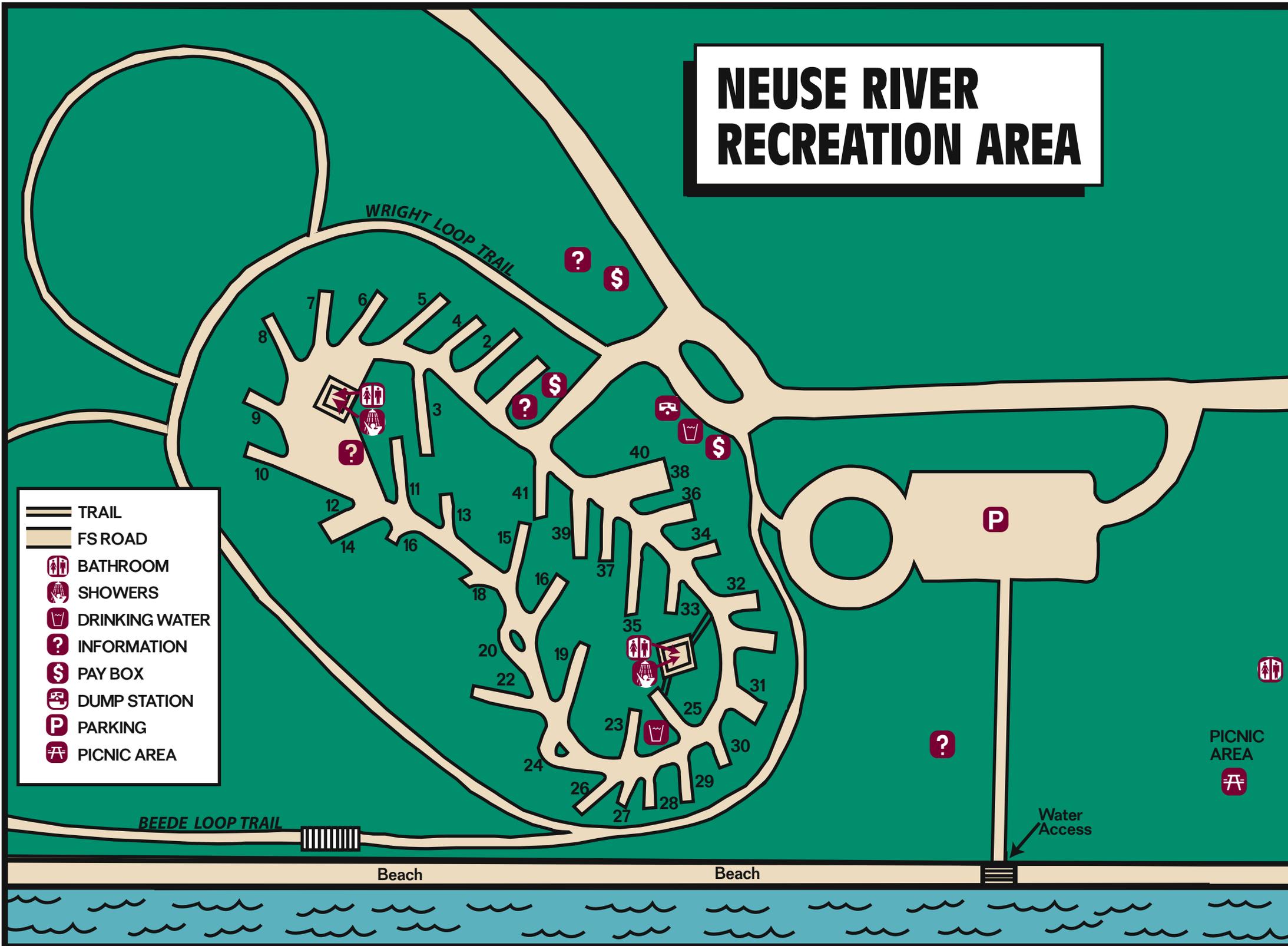


# NEUSE RIVER RECREATION AREA



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## NEUSE RIVER: a camping getaway

The Neuse River Recreation Area offers a range of recreation, from camping and picnicking to hiking, biking and fishing. The area's sandy beach is perfect for sunbathing, swimming and playing in the water.

### Enjoy secluded campsites

Secluded campsites surrounded by trees provide a private camping experience. The campground furnishes paved roads, camp spurs, fully accessible campsites and restrooms and a sewage dump station. The restrooms have hot showers and flush toilets.

Each of the 42 campsites has a picnic table, waist-high grill, tent pad and lantern poles, and fourteen sites provide electric hook-ups. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The camping fee is \$12, or \$17 for sites with electricity.

### Swim, sunbathe in Neuse River

A stairway leads to a sand beach on the Neuse River. At the top of the stairs is a changing room with cold showers and flush toilets.

A forest of sweet gums, bald cypress and wax myrtle casts shade on the upper beach. To protect the beauty of the beach, dogs must be on a leash and no glass, fires or alcoholic beverages are allowed.

### Picnic under shade trees

Scattered under huge shade trees are more than 30 picnic tables. Some tables are double-sized and many have high grills. Water hydrants and flush toilets are provided.

### Hike or bike around campground

Stretch your legs on the mile-long paved trail that circles the campground. You can also enjoy the two-mile dirt trail that crosses a lovely tupelo swamp by boardwalk and winds through the mixed pine-hardwood forest. Both trails are open to bikers and hikers, but no motorized vehicles are allowed.



Visitors enjoy a shady campsite and picnic table at Neuse River Campground.

### Good neighbor camping

- Keep your pet on a leash no longer than six feet.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- You may stay up to 14 days.
- Pick up after yourself; go a step further and clean up litter left by campers.

### For more information

Croatan National Forest, 141 E. Fisher Ave., New Bern, N.C. 28650; 252-638-5628.

The ranger station is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Forest web site

[www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc](http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc)

### Pfiesteria grows in river

At times, the Neuse River suffers from Pfiesteria (fist-EER-ee-uh), a microscopic aquatic organism that produces toxins that can injure or kill fish. People may be at risk if the toxins are inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

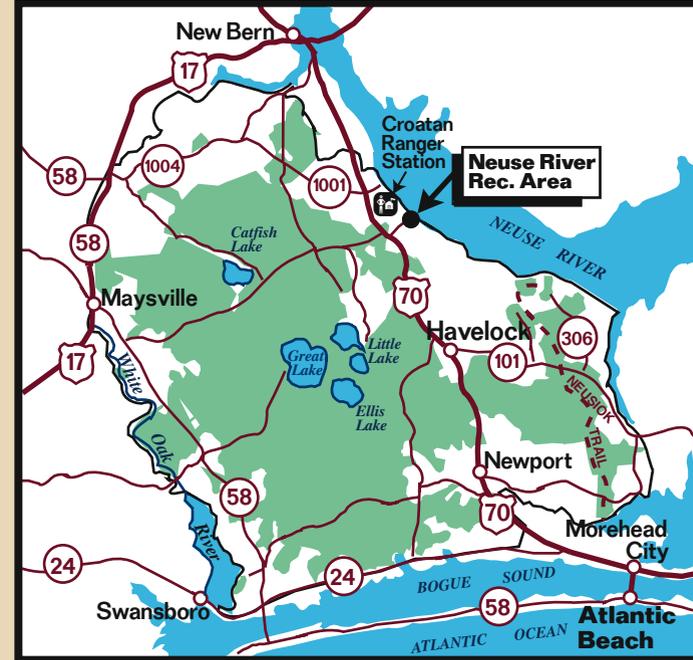
Blamed for fish kills between April and October, Pfiesteria grows where salt water and fresh water mix, like in the Neuse River. To find out if a health warning has been issued for the area, call the state hotline at 888-823-6915.



The beachfront along Neuse River draws all ages who bathe in the sun, swim in the river and play in the sand.

### Things that bite, sting, poke

- Poison ivy is common around the campground. Remember “leaves of three, let it be.”
- Ticks, deerflies and other biting insects are common, especially in the summer. Check yourself and your children for ticks daily.
- Snakes are anxious to keep out of your way. Poisonous snakes, like copperheads, live here. Look before placing your hands or feet in brush.



**Directions:** From New Bern, go south on U.S. 70E about 12 miles. Turn left on SR 1107 and go 1.5 miles to the end of the road.

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# Neuse River Recreation Area

## Flanners Beach



**S**ituated on a bank of the Neuse River and under tall pines and hardwoods, the Neuse River Recreation Area offers secluded campsites, a large picnic area and a sandy beach.

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