

Myrtle Beach 2026 Visitor Checklist

Your Complete Prep Guide for Parking, Golf Carts & Beach Rules

PARKING ESSENTIALS

Municipal Parking Season

- **Paid Season:** March 1 – September 30 (9 AM – Midnight daily)
- **Free Season:** October 1 – February 28 (Downtown zones only)

2026 Parking Rates

Zone	Rate	All-Day Max
Beach Accesses	\$3.00/hr	\$15.00
Core Business District	\$2.00/hr	No max
Secondary Areas	\$2.00/hr	\$10.00

Payment Methods

- ✓ Text-to-Park: Send zone # to **25023**
- ✓ ParkMobile App (zone # on meter)
- ✗ Avoid: QR codes (fake sticker scams active)

Private Lot Warnings

- Booting cap: \$125 maximum
 - Fake tickets circulating — verify with Pivot Parking: **843-480-3711**
 - Always get parking pass from HOA/front desk, never secondary sellers
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GOLF CART RULES BY TOWN

Where You Can Drive

- **Speed Limit:** 35 mph roads ONLY (cannot drive on Kings Highway)
- **4-Mile Rule:** Stay within 4 miles of registration address
- **Driver Age:** 16+ with valid license

Night Driving Rules

Town	Hours
Surfside Beach	24/7 (with lights)
Myrtle Beach	Sunrise to Sunset
North Myrtle Beach	Sunrise to Sunset

Required Documentation

- ✓ Valid driver’s license
 - ✓ Cart registration certificate
 - ✓ Proof of insurance
 - ✗ NO sidewalks or multipurpose paths
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BEACH EQUIPMENT RULES

City of Myrtle Beach (May 30 – Sept 2)

- **Allowed:** Umbrellas only (max 7’6” diameter)
- **Banned:** Tents, canopies, tarps, wind sails, Shibumis
- **Exception:** Infant tents (max 4’ x 3’ x 3”)
- **Off-Season:** Shading devices up to 12’ x 12” allowed

North Myrtle Beach (May 15 – Labor Day)

- **Allowed:** Umbrellas only (center pole 7'6", diameter 9')
- **Banned:** Nothing in emergency vehicle lane

Surfside Beach

- **Year-Round:** Tents allowed (most lenient)

Unincorporated Horry County

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INSIDER TIPS FOR 2026

Beat the Crowds

- Arrive by 7:00 AM for empty shoreline
- Parking meters activate at 9:00 AM
- Tourist hotspots peak 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Save Money

- Visit October – February for FREE downtown parking
- Skip Ocean Boulevard restaurants — explore Kings Highway
- Book accommodations with included parking

Verify Before You Pay

- Real parking tickets: City, Pivot Parking, or lot operator
 - Fake tickets: Demand scan codes or payment apps
 - When in doubt, call Pivot Parking: **843-480-3711**
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QUICK REFERENCE

Emergency Numbers

- Pivot Parking (verify citations): **843-480-3711**
- Non-emergency Police: **843-918-1382**

Parking Payment

- Text-to-Park: **25023** (include zone #)
- ParkMobile App: Download and enter zone

Beach Access

- Check tide times before arriving
- Bring sunscreen (UV index often 10+)
- Lifeguards on duty May 30 – September 2

Golf Cart Rentals

- Verify rental company's registration radius
- Ask about night driving policies
- Confirm insurance coverage

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Check parking season dates
- ☐ Download ParkMobile app or save text-to-park number
- ☐ Confirm golf cart night driving rules for your town
- ☐ Pack umbrella (not tent) for summer beach days
- ☐ Take screenshot of Pivot Parking number
- ☐ Plan arrival time (early = better parking + fewer crowds)

For the complete 75-page Myrtle Beach Unlocked eBook with 250+ insider secrets, visit myrtlebeachunlocked.com/guide

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