

The North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island is a place where people can go to see animals.

Some of these animals live on land in the wetlands around us. Some of them live in the ocean.

Sometimes the animals are awake.



Other times they are asleep and don't move very much.



There are important rules at the Aquarium. These rules keep the animals and the people safe.



No Pets.

Service animals allowed.



No Touching the Animals.

Except at the Touch Pools.



No Running



Stay with an Adult

There are many people who work at the Aquarium.
Most of the staff who work at the Aquarium wear blue shirts.
Some people take care of the animals. We call them Aquarist.



Our Educators do programs. They teach people about the animals.
They may hold animals or things that I can touch.



Volunteers help throughout the building. They talk to people teaching them about the animals.

They wear blue vests.



Our security guards wear black shirts so that they stand out.



If I get lost or hurt, I can ask any of these people for help.

Extra Information for Parents and Guardians/Caretakers

- 1) The quietest time of year at the Aquarium is between November and February, excluding holidays.
- 2) The Aquarium is less crowded before 10 am and after 3:30 pm. Most of our school groups come between 9:30 am- 3pm
- 3) Rainy or cloudy days tend to be busier.
- 4) If you need to rent a wheelchair you can let the staff working the ticket window know or you can get one from the Visitor Services staff.
- 5) Shipwreck Café, is usually open every day in the summer. However, in the off-seasons their hours vary, and, on the weekends, they are not open.
- 6) If you need a quiet space, Neptune's Theater is a good place to sit and relax between programs. The Soundside pier and the wildflower meadow outside are also good areas to relax.
- 7) The bathrooms will have loud hand dryers and no paper towels. Paper towels are available at the Touch Pools.
- 8) You can find more information such as daily program schedule, fee based programs, and other events at: <https://www.ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island-plan-your-visit>