

# **SOCIAL GUIDE**

## **A Trip to Roanoke Island Festival Park**

An introduction for first-time visitors,  
families, or visitors with developmental  
disabilities

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# Introduction

Follow this guide to get ready for your trip at Roanoke Island Festival Park. You'll learn how to enter the park, where to purchase tickets, how to find each park attraction and activities you can try at each location.



# Entrance

Roanoke Island Festival Park is located across from the Manteo waterfront (#17). Travel over the bridge and park your vehicle in our parking lots located on the left (#15).



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| 1. Administrative Offices               | 10. Indoor Theatre                       |
| 2. Event Room                           | 11. Grand Mall / Adventure Museum        |
| 3. Outer Banks History Center           | 12. Maintenance Building / Actors Lounge |
| 4. Ticket Sales Office, Store & Gallery | 13. T-Dock                               |
| 5. American Indian Town                 | 14. Outdoor Pavilion                     |
| 6. Settlement Site                      | 15. Parking Lot                          |
| 7. Elizabeth II Ship                    | 16. Boardwalk - Surrounding Public Area  |
| 8. Auditorium / Legend of Two Path Film | 17. Bridge to Downtown Manteo            |
| 9. Museum Store                         |  |

# Ticketing

The Ticket Sales Office is located in the middle building across from the parking lot (#4). If lines trigger anxiety for someone in your group, they can wait on the surrounding porches or visit the boardwalk while another member from their party purchases their ticket.



# Restrooms

Public restrooms are located down the porch, across from the Fossil Pit. They offer multiple stalls and are handicap friendly.



# Adventure Museum Restrooms

Public restrooms are also located at the back of the Grand Mall / Museum lobby. When you enter the lobby, the men's restroom is on the left and the women's restroom is on the right. There are no restrooms on the *Elizabeth II*, in the Settlement Site or American Indian Town.



# Park Attractions

## American Indian Town

After purchasing your ticket, place your sticker on your shirt. You will need this sticker to access the park venues. We suggest visiting American Indian Town first. Once you exit the Ticket Sales venue, enter the venue by walking through the gate. When you walk down the ramp, the garden area will be on your left. The garden area includes a crop area and watch towers with interactive push to play buttons.



After exploring the garden, take a right down the path closest to the entrance ramp to access the Leader's House. This area includes a fishing and harvesting station and a Leader's House, representing the style of homes leader's of Algonquin tribes lived in. The Leader's House features multiple hands-on exhibits inside including language exhibits and props.



# American Indian Town continued

After exploring the Leader's House, walk back to the main path. Pass the garden area benches and turn left to access the Dance Circle and Longhouse exhibits. These exhibits include pottery, building, basket weaving and story telling exhibits. These exhibits are hands-on and interactive. Guests are welcome to handle all props located throughout these stations.



# The *Elizabeth II*

After visiting the longhouse, you will connect back to the main path. The next stop is the *Elizabeth II*. Walk down the pier to the ship and board the ship by the loading dock steps. Once you are on the ship, you can explore above and below deck. All props are available for guests to touch and play with. If tight spaces trigger someone in your group, we suggest waiting to tour the ship after large groups. The ship's gun is fired during our school group tours and once daily during the summer season. Ask our staff when these demonstrations are scheduled if you or someone in your group is sensitive to loud noises.





# Fishing & Canoe Exhibit & The Settlement Site

Travel back down the pier and take a right. Pass the anchors and then enter the fishing and canoe exhibit on your left. This is the last exhibit stop in American Indian Town. This pathway will also take you back to the Settlement Site. At this venue, guests can watch the blacksmith at work, explore the campsite, try on military gear and practice 16th century woodworking. During the summer months, a small arms demonstration takes place daily. Please ask our staff when this demo is scheduled if you or someone in your group needs to avoid loud noises.



# Museum Store

Travel back down the path, until you reach the entrance to the *Elizabeth II* pier, then follow the path on the right. You will pass the American Indian Town garden and travel up the ramp on the right. This will take you to the porch. You can stop and get a drink or snack at the vending machines, take a break and sit in the rocking chairs or play a game at the game tables in front of the Museum Store. Stop in and shop for souvenirs, books, gifts and more in the store.



# Adventure Museum

The Adventure Museum is located beside the Museum Store and is filled with interactive exhibits. Guests are encouraged to touch and play with props in the exhibit spaces. Those on the autism spectrum will enjoy engaging with these hands-on exhibits. If anyone in your group experiences sensory overload, they can relax in the lobby or on the observation deck behind the Museum lobby.



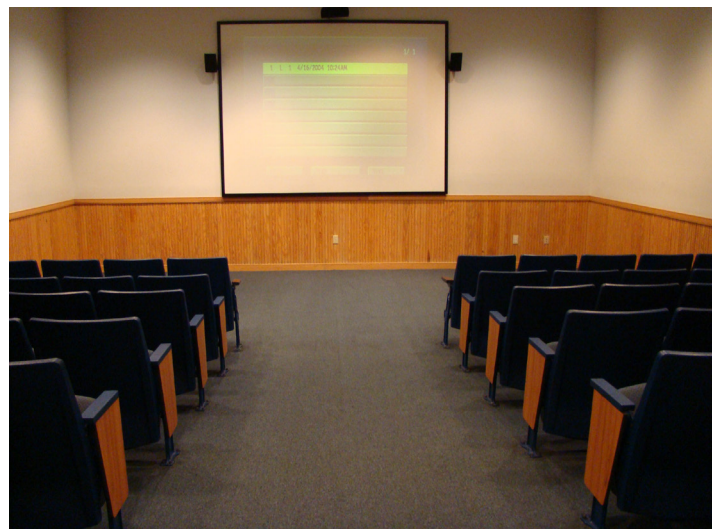
# Fossil Pit

The fossil pit is open to the public and includes various coastal fossils. Guests can search for shells, teeth and bones from sea creatures. A sign is located inside the pit to help you identify the fossils you find. Seating areas are located along this area. This is a good space to sit and relax if the crowds become too overwhelming. The restrooms are also located across from the pit on the porch.



# Legend of Two Path Film

The entrance to the small auditorium is located across from the Fossil Pitt along the porch. The film plays every hour on the hour from 10 am - 4 pm. This 45 minute docu-drama portrays the American Indian perspective of the Roanoke Voyages and the first English settlers. Lighting is turned down during the film.



# Pavilion Grounds

Behind the Adventure Museum is the Pavilion. Guests are welcome to walk along the circular pathway. The T-Dock is accessible on the right and the boardwalk entrance is open to the left. These areas are relaxing waterfront places to visit if someone in your group needs a break or feels over stimulated.



# Picnic Area & Boardwalk

A picnic area is located near the back parking lot, closest to the Pavilion. Trash cans and tables are open to the public. The boardwalk is also accessible from the parking lot.



# Leaving the Park

Guests can enter and exit the park at their convenience during opening hours. Tickets are good for 2 consecutive days. Show your receipt at the Ticket Sales venue the next day to re-enter the park. Once you've toured the venues, return to the parking lot and travel back over the bridge to downtown Manteo.



# Here to Help

If you need assistance during your visit, please reach out to our staff members. They are dressed in blue company polos and khaki pants. You can also ask our costumed interpreters for assistance. They are available to help answer any questions and accommodate those with special needs.

