



At the turn of the century visitors flocked to the area. They drank mineral water from local springs to cure their ills and they took riverboat excursions to the cliffs. Things have changed since then, however, the cliffs remain virtually unaltered, standing as a journal of the geological and biological history of the land. Look down this spectacular formation to the river far below, now protected within the boundaries of Cliffs of the Neuse State Park.

Exhibits in the visitor center explore the natural history and the unique geologic events that resulted in the landscape of the state park, including the bluffs that loom over the Neuse River. Key exhibit elements include a fiber-optic dimensional map showing how erosion shapes the landscape; a whimsical children's-oriented area highlighting animals found in the park through a series of hands-on interactives; audio-visual components; and artifact cases and layered graphics illustrating the rich cultural history of the region.

Studio Displays was responsible for project management, detailing and engineering, interactive development, exhibit fabrication, scenic production, audio-visual integration, graphic production and installation.

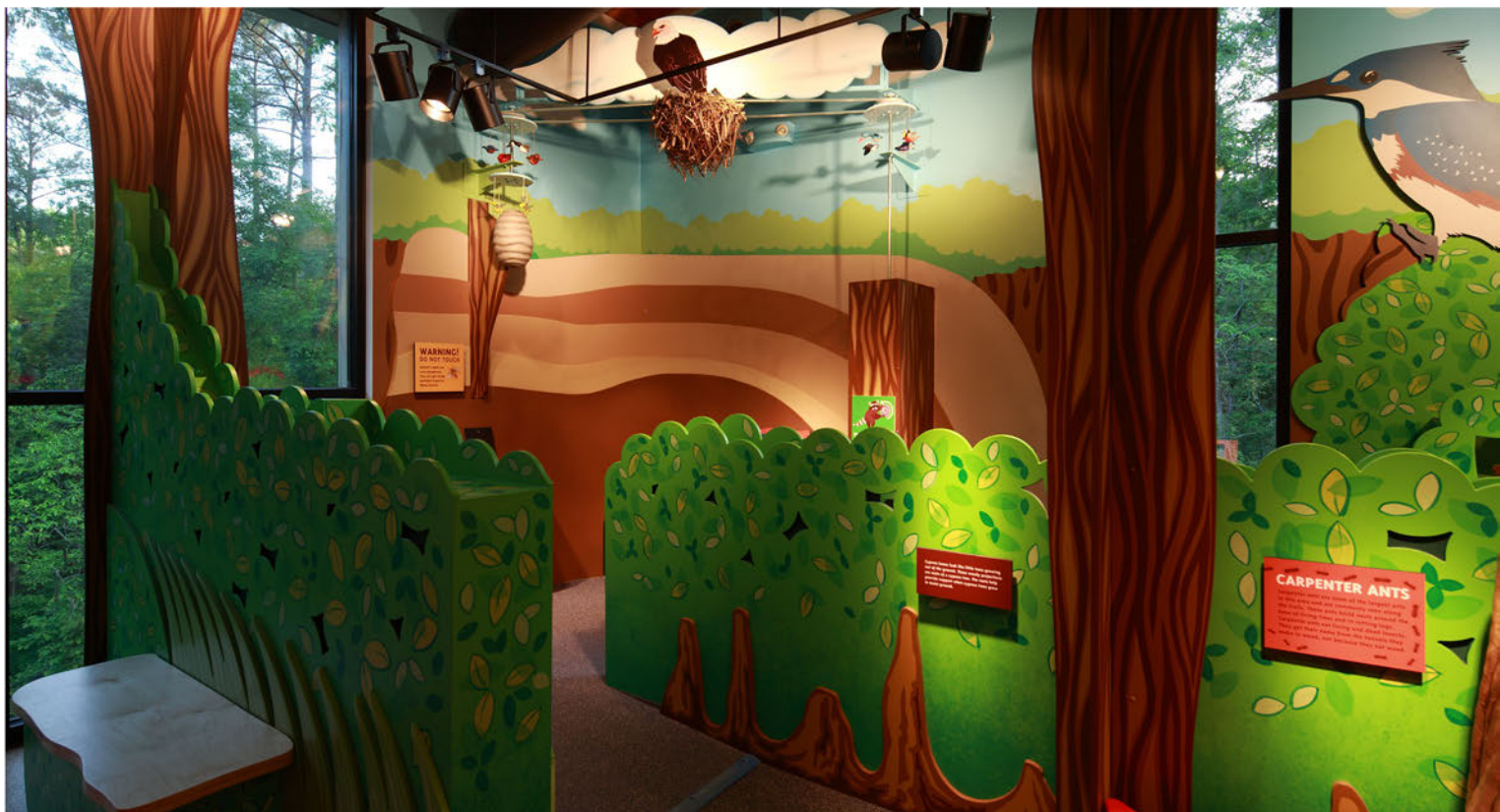




Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
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Fort Macon State Park

Atlantic Beach, NC



Fort Macon State Park is located at the eastern end of Bogue Banks, one of a series of barrier islands along the North Carolina coast. The park is surrounded on three sides by water and is an area of undisturbed natural beauty including salt marshes and estuaries vital to the coastal ecosystem. The park is also home to a Civil War fort with a history as intricate and unique as the waterways of the sound.

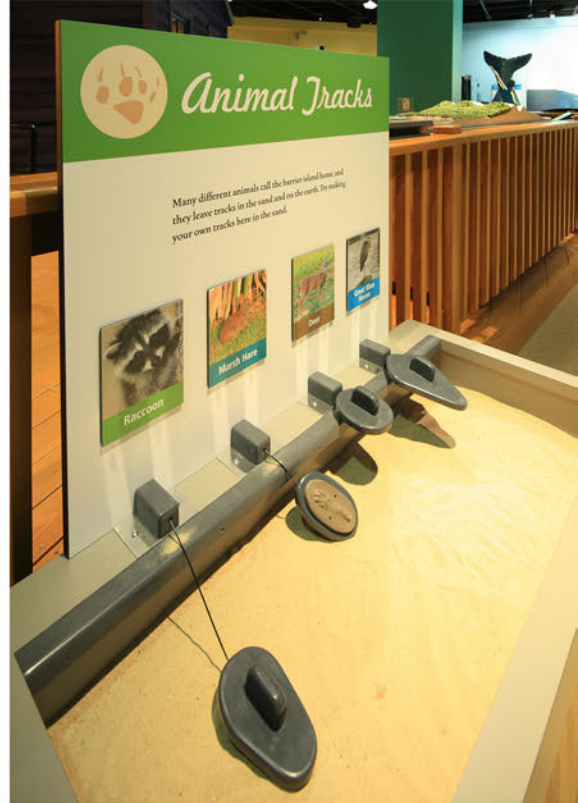
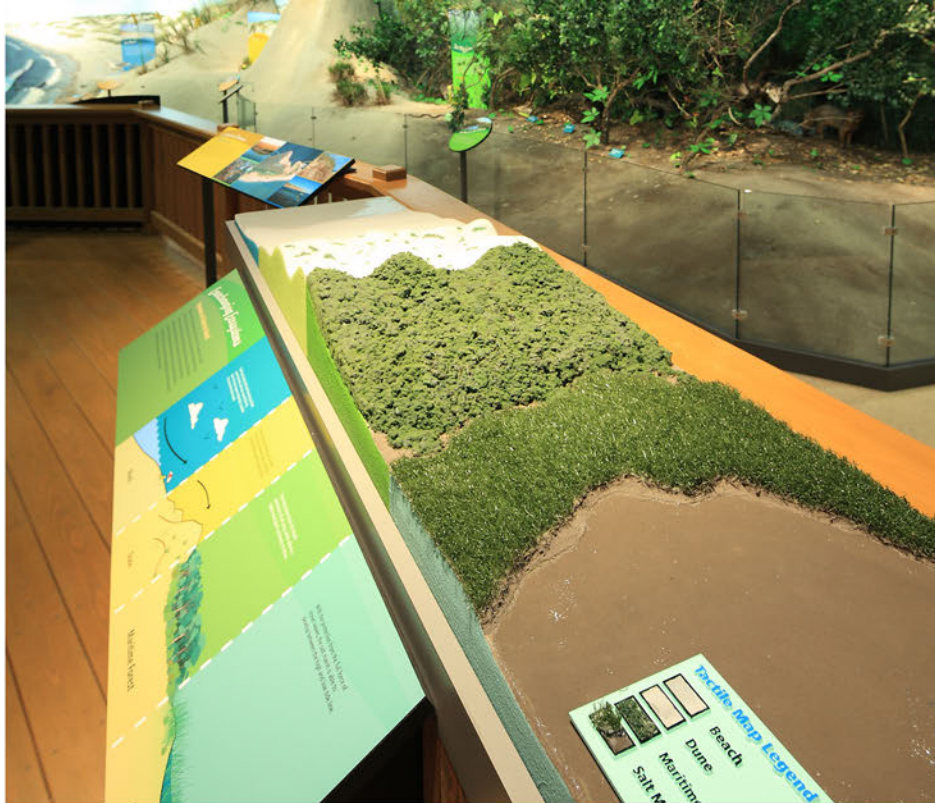
The central exhibit component within the Visitor Center is an 85' wide diorama highlighting the diverse habitats found at the Park. The diorama includes groundforms, flora and fauna, audio programs, and a painted mural depicting four zones: Marsh, Maritime Forest, Dune and Beach. Other key exhibit elements include a series of vignettes conveying the story of the fort during the Civil War; a mechanical interactive illustrating the rhythm of the tides; and a sculptural whale model.

Studio Displays was responsible for project management; exhibit detailing and engineering; audio-visual production; scenic and sculptural production; graphic production; interactive development; diorama production; exhibit fabrication; and installation.



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Hammock's Beach Visitor Center Swansboro, NC



The Hammock's Beach Visitor Center highlights the diverse ecosystem of coastal North Carolina through a wide range of presentation techniques.

Featured in this 2500 square foot exhibit is a walk-around diorama that transects the ecosystem of the area in a 3-D environment featuring preserved plants, plant models, taxidermy, bird models and replicated habitats.

Another exhibit highlight is a walk-through sand dune that includes a sea turtle nest with the hatchlings beginning their migration for the ocean. Visitors can also watch a video presentation on the life cycle of the sea turtle inside a recreated cave.

Studio Displays' scope of work included project management, engineering and detailing, graphic production, interactive engineering, fabric-ation and installation of all exhibit elements in the lobby, corridor and exhibit hall.



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Through The Ages

Morrow Mountain State Park
Albemarle, NC



Morrow Mountain State Park is located in the ancient Uwharrie Mountains. Now worn down to rounded ridges that average less than 1,000 feet in elevation, these pinnacles are the remains of one of the oldest mountain ranges in the eastern United States. The 1,000 square-foot exhibit gallery highlights the area's unique geological, cultural and natural resources.

Key exhibit elements include: a central diorama depicting a rotting log with representative flora and fauna in the marshy environment; several artifact cases and discovery drawers housing unique Native American and geological objects; and a gold-panning interactive allowing visitors to sift through sediment.

Studio Displays was responsible for project management; detailing and engineering; fabrication; graphic production; diorama production; interactive development; artifact mounting; and exhibit installation.





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