

75 Years of Myrtle Beach

A look at some of the milestones in Myrtle Beach's impressive, yet short, history.



The "Black Maria" train arrives for the first time in New Town, later called Myrtle Beach



Ocean Forest Country Club (later Pine Lakes Country Club) opens during the Great Depression



The Myrtle Beach Train Depot is built, and still stands today



Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park opens



Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park closes and is demolished



Seaside Inn and the Pavilion open



The glamorous Ocean Forest Hotel opens



The iconic Gay Dolphin gift shop opens



Myrtle Beach graduates from town to city designation



Hurricane Hugo comes calling, kills 27 in South Carolina



Mayor John Rhodes and members of the City Council celebrate Myrtle Beach's 75th birthday on March 12, 2013

The Withers post office opens in what would one day become Myrtle Beach

1888

1900

1901

1914

The first sand road between Conway and Myrtle Beach is opened. It's now known as Highway 15

1927

1930

1936

Intracoastal Waterway completed

1937

Myrtle Beach incorporated

1940

1946

1948

"The Grand Strand!"

Writer Claude Dunnagan coins the phrase "The Grand Strand"

1949

Hurricane Hazel ravages Myrtle Beach

1957

1974

1989

1993

Myrtle Beach Air Force Base closes

1996

Coastal Grand Mall opens

2004

Myrtle Beach Boardwalk & Promenade opens

2006

2010

Myrtle Beach turns 75

2013



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