

## **Area Information**

### **Getting Around**

You will be within walking distance of the Wrightsville Beach business district and within a five-minute drive of several other local restaurants and businesses that are still in Wrightsville Beach. On the mainland, there are three shopping centers, Lumina Commons/Lumina Station on the south side of Eastwood closest to Wrightsville Beach, Lumina Center/The Forum on the east side of Military Cutoff, and Mayfaire on the west side of Military Cutoff. All have restaurants. The drawbridge to and from Wrightsville Beach opens on the hour, which adds about 10 minutes to your travel time.

### **Coffee / Starbucks**

The Blockade Runner will have coffee. But if you want other coffee, read on. The closest Starbucks are at Mayfaire (from Military Cutoff, turn left onto International Drive) and Lumina Center (from Eastwood, turn right into the strip mall at the Kangaroo gas station). There are also Port City Java, a local chain in Lumina Station and Café del Mar in Wrightsville Beach (6 North Lumina Ave).

### **Tuesday Dinner**

We have dinner reservations for the entire group at The Fish House (1410 Airlie Road – [www.thefishhousegrill.com](http://www.thefishhousegrill.com)) on Tuesday night. Time to be announced.

### **Eating on Your Own**

#### Breakfast

If you are staying at The Blockade Runner, breakfast is included. If you are not, it will cost \$12. The Café del Mar, down the road from the Blockade Runner at 6 North Lumina Ave., and King Neptune (see below) serve breakfast. On the mainland Port City Java in Lumina Station has coffee shop breakfast items and Sweet and Savory and David's Deli (see below) have a full breakfast.

#### Wrightsville Beach Business District (a short walk north from Wrightsville Beach)

South Beach Grill – 100 South Lumina Ave. – [www.southbeachgrillwb.com](http://www.southbeachgrillwb.com)  
Seafood and American. Good variety.

Tower 7 – 4 North Lumina Ave. – [www.liveeatsurf.com](http://www.liveeatsurf.com)  
Fresh-Mex. Good selection for vegetarians and has vegan options.

Vito's Pizza – 8 North Lumina Ave. – [www.vitospizzawb.com](http://www.vitospizzawb.com)  
Good New York style pizza. By the pie or the slice.

King Neptune – 11 North Lumina Ave. – [www.kingneptunewb.com](http://www.kingneptunewb.com)  
Seafood and American plus sandwiches for lunch.

22 North – 22 North Lumina Ave. – [www.22north.net](http://www.22north.net)  
"Contemporary Cape Fear cuisine." Not open for lunch.

#### Harbor Island (a 5-minute drive from Wrightsville Beach)

Mellow Mushroom – 224 Causeway Drive – [www.mellowmushroom.com](http://www.mellowmushroom.com)

Excellent pizza. Serves a personal size pie plus calzones and subs.

Lumina Commons/Lumina Station (a 5-10 minute drive from The Blockade Runner)

Sweet and Savory Bake Shop and Cafe– 1611 Pavilion Place – [www.sweetnsavorycafe.com](http://www.sweetnsavorycafe.com)  
Great sandwich selection, plus American dinners and breakfast.

David's Deli – 1984 Eastwood Rd. – [www.eatdavidsdeli.com](http://www.eatdavidsdeli.com)  
Serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Jersey Mike's – 1968 Eastwood Rd. – [www.jerseymikes.com](http://www.jerseymikes.com)  
Sub chain.

Lumina Center/The Forum (a 10-minute drive from Wrightsville Beach)

El Cero Grande – 1051 Military Cutoff Rd. – [www.elcerrogranderestaurant.com](http://www.elcerrogranderestaurant.com)  
Traditional Mexican.

The Bento Box – 1121-L Military Cutoff – [www.bentoboxsushi.com](http://www.bentoboxsushi.com)  
Asian, including sushi.

Terrazzo Trattoria – 1319 Military Cutoff Rd. – [www.terrazzotrattoria.com](http://www.terrazzotrattoria.com)  
Italian. Large menu. Which doesn't list prices online, but it's not outrageous.

Big Thai 2 – 1319 Military Cutoff Rd. – [www.bigthainc.com](http://www.bigthainc.com)  
Thai. Reasonable portions so you aren't stuck with leftovers while staying at a hotel.

Mayfaire Centre (a 10-minute drive from Wrightsville Beach)

Zoe's Kitchen – 1011 International Dr. – [www.zoeskitchen.com](http://www.zoeskitchen.com)  
Mediterranean, including vegetarian and vegan items. Has real limeade. If you're into that.

Tokyo 101 – 880 Town Center Dr – [www.tokyo101sushi.com](http://www.tokyo101sushi.com)  
Large menu, including sushi. A somewhat cheaper option than Bento box.

Plus too many others, mostly chains, to name.

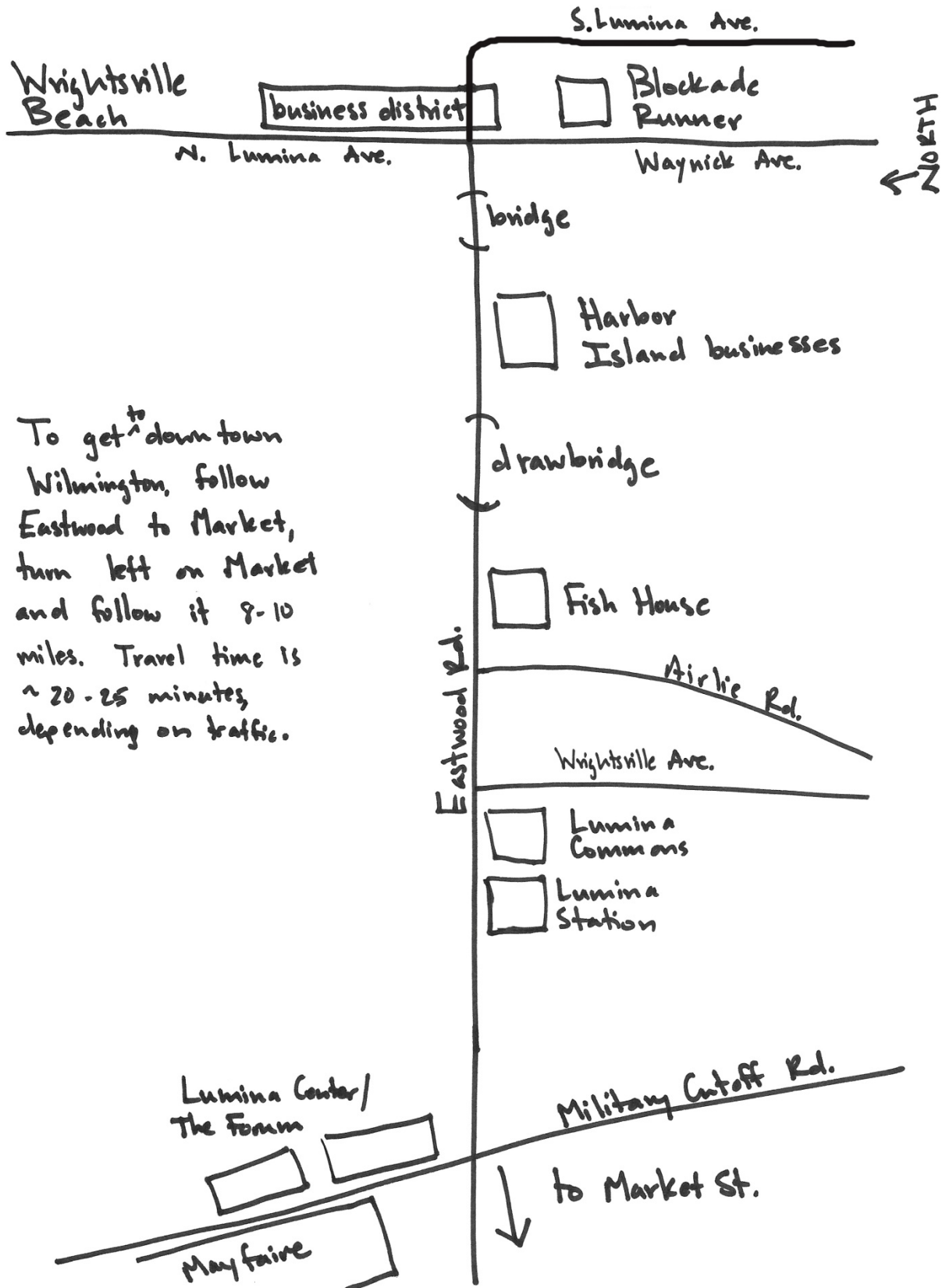
Downtown Wilmington (a 20-25 minute drive from Wrightsville Beach)

Front Street Brewery – 9 North Front Street – [www.frontstreetbrewery.com](http://www.frontstreetbrewery.com)  
A brew pub. Menu includes a few vegetarian items. Very reasonable prices.

Plus too many others to name, but including The Copper Penny ([www.copperpennync.com](http://www.copperpennync.com)) and Eliza's ([www.elijahs.com](http://www.elijahs.com)) which have good food and are reasonable.

**Birding**

Mason Inlet, at the north end of Wrightsville Beach is usually the best birding spot on Wrightsville Beach. Just drive north from the Blockade Runner. Park at Public Access 2 and walk north.



To get<sup>to</sup> down town  
Wilmington, follow  
Eastwood to Market,  
turn left on Market  
and follow it 8-10  
miles. Travel time is  
~ 20-25 minutes,  
depending on traffic.