



BALD HEAD ISLAND TRANSPORTATION, INC.

How to Pack for Your Bald Head Island Trip

Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. ferries carry hundreds of thousands of passengers to and from the island annually, many of them with baggage. Baggage may be loaded onto a conveyor belt and onto ferry dollies for processing.

While you'll need to pack some necessary essentials for your visit, you'll find many of the businesses on the island offer perishable items, items for rent or purchase, as well as various services that can allow you to pack lighter and more efficiently. For your convenience, and in an effort to keep the ferry operations running smoothly and on time, we offer the following baggage and packing requirements:

Checked baggage:

- All items must be in a covered container, suitcase or zipped bag to be accepted by dock personnel. Open-topped and unsecured items will not be accepted as checked baggage.
- Loose items such as toys, clothing, bedding, food, cell phones, cameras, laptops, etc. must be contained in a closed bag or container or hand-carried. Glass containers or other delicate items must be suitably packed inside baggage or must be hand-carried. Beach chairs must be suitably packed or wrapped. They are available for rent or purchase on-island.
- Checked items must not require more than one person to safely handle.
- All checked baggage must be tagged by the owner prior to acceptance by dock personnel. Baggage tags are available at the terminal and must include a name, local phone number, date, and time of ferry departure.

Carry-on items:

You may wish to carry smaller items on board. Carry-on items should be consistent in size and volume as airline carry-on items.

To assist passengers with complying with checked baggage requirements, plastic container tubs are for sale for a nominal fee at the Deep Point Ferry Terminal ticket window.

Although Bald Head Island is a natural playground for outdoor activity, we encourage you to rent certain overweight or oversized items, such as bikes, kayaks, surfboards, standup paddleboards, etc. from an island business (see list of island businesses attached).

If you find you must bring overweight or oversized items, they may be accepted with an Excess Baggage Ticket for \$23. Space on the ferries is limited; therefore, it is possible that during peak periods certain larger items will not be transported on the same ferry as passengers. Every effort will be made to transport these items within six hours of the guest's ferry time. Bikes, kayaks and the like will not be transported in trams due to size, sharp edges and/or grease. These items may be claimed at the island ferry terminal and transported by the owner using a golf cart provided with the accommodations. When departing the island, bikes should be brought to the island ferry terminal no later than the evening prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in delays receiving your item upon your departure.

Items not allowed on ferries:

- Furniture must be transported via Bald Head Island Limited's barge and special arrangements must be made. Barge reservations may be made by calling (910) 457-5205.
- Car top carriers (hard or soft) will not be transported aboard the ferry.

The above information is not all-inclusive. Items may be denied passage in the interest of safety and reliable performance at the discretion of the Shift Supervisor or Ferry Master. Please read the baggage loss and damage policy printed on the back of your ferry ticket.

And please remember: pack as if you were taking a flight to your vacation.

[**Ferry information: www.ferrytobhi.com. Ferry reservations: 910-457-5003.]**

On-Island Businesses Offering Items and Services for Rent or Sale



Beach & Baby Equipment Rental

2B Merchant's Row

910-363-2036 / www.baldheadbabies.com

Beach & Baby offers full-size cribs, high chairs, baby monitors, swings and more for rent by the day or the week. In addition, bocce ball sets, beach carts, chairs and tents are also available for rent.



Coastal Urge Bike Shop

12C Maritime Way

1-800-383-4443 / www.coastalurge.com

The Coastal Urge Bike Shop offers a wide array of bikes for sale or rent including beach cruisers, fitness bikes, tandem bikes, kids' bikes, trailers and baby joggers. Daily and weekly rentals and home delivery are available.



Coastal Urge Board Room

86 Keelson Row

1-800-383-4443 / www.coastalurge.com

The Coastal Urge Board Room offers standup paddleboard (SUP) and kiteboard rentals.



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Dockmaster Convenience Store

6 Marina Wynd

910-457-7380

The Dockmaster carries a selection of marine and fishing supplies, ice, snacks and a small assortment of grocery items.



Island Hardware

16 Maritime Way

910-454-0810

This fully-stocked hardware store sells home improvement items including tools, housewares, grills, garden supplies, beach items and more. In addition, grills, beach chairs and beach umbrellas are available for rent.



Island Parcel Service

6A Merchant's Row

910-454-4864

A full-service shipping and receiving center. IPS is an authorized UPS shipper and can receive FedEx packages delivered to the island.



Maritime Market

8 Maritime Way

910-457-7450 / www.maritimemarketbhi.com

This full-service supermarket offers an extensive selection of groceries, including USDA prime beef, fresh seafood, fresh produce, artisan cheese, grocery staples, wine and beer, take-home meals, delivery meals, and full-service catering. In addition, they can deliver groceries to your home prior to arrival.



Riverside Adventure Company

1 Marina Wynd

910-457-4944 / www.riversideadventure.com

Riverside Adventure offers golf cart, bicycle, beach chair and beach game rentals.



The Sail Shop

96 Keelson Row

910-457-6844 / www.riversideadventure.com

This outdoor activity center offers rentals of kayaks, canoes, surfboards and boogie boards.

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