

**Get Ready for a “Slow Down-Adventure”...Discover Eastern, NC – Bath, Washington & Belhaven**

We chose Belhaven first because of family. My wife, Marjie, had been coming to Belhaven since the 70's with Tom and Karen Wahab. Karen is Marjie's cousin from Pittsburgh. When we retired they had just decided to move back to Belhaven, Tom's boyhood home. We visited their new house and decided that this would work for us too. Beyond the family connection there were so many other appealing features of this little town: Proximity to the water, Carolina Blue Skies, Fantastic Sunsets, friendly people, quiet streets. As a lifelong boater the appeal of all that water so close at hand was a powerful draw. There is so much open water but the creeks are well protected in most conditions. There is great fishing here as well. We have had wonderful experiences on the water here. So many other boaters have come here for the same reasons as we did so there is a strong community of experienced boaters.

The cost of our house was so reasonable that we didn't have to give the purchase a second thought. We were in. The Pittsburgh area where we are from has strong neighborhood and reasonably priced homes, but the prices are even less here in Belhaven.

At first glance it may seem like there isn't much to do in Belhaven. Don't let appearances fool you. No, we don't have a movie theater. What we have is even better...we have neighbors that we trust and enjoy. In this area so many people share experiences, time, good books etc. There is a strong music community here. Many people play musical instruments. There is a group that gets together on Tuesday nights and another that gets together on Wednesday. The churches are strong here as well. There are over 18 churches in this town of 1800! There are four churches within a block of our house. These groups are very active, not just on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week. We have the most novel community theater in Belhaven. You just have to see one of the comedic performances of the "Way Off Broadway Players"! It will give you a sense of what this community is like and how these people love being here. I enjoy walking to the hardware store, or to the library, or to a restaurant. We have two favorite restaurants, Spoon River and Fish Hooks Café.

When I go anywhere in Belhaven I see people that I know. It is much like that line from the sitcom "Cheers" ...it is a place where everybody knows your name.

*D. Stark-Belhaven, NC Resident*

Are you looking for a “slow down-adventure” in a beautiful, yet affordable, waterfront community? Look no further; come explore eastern North



Carolina...Washington, Bath & Belhaven...and make it “home”! Many people from all over the U.S. are doing just that! With waterfront homes starting just under \$200,000!

Our family spends the summers on the 5 mile wide waters of the Pamlico River in Bath, NC. We have a cottage in a small riverfront community called Bayview with easy access to the ICW. It's about 36 miles east of Greenville, NC – home to East



Carolina

University's Brody School of Medicine & its teaching hospital, Vidant Medical Center. Our year round home is on Main Street in Historic Washington, NC. When school is out, we load up the kids, the dog, the bird & the hamster and head east about 30 minutes to our cottage in Bayview. This is when our slow down –adventure begins! The “rule at the river” is:

no TV,  
internet or  
electronics  
after 8am and  
before dark!  
At first our  
kids felt  
punished, but



then they realized that swimming, crabbing, tubing, boating, skiing, fishing, kayaking, whiffle ball, or just sitting together on the pier at the end of the day to watch the sunset were much more fun activities!



A visit to Bayview quickly introduces you to the mix of “year round” residents and those who come on weekends or for the summer. Undoubtedly, the people in Bayview create a sense of old-time community. Many memories at Bayview have been created, but they all seem to feature the unique personalities of a neighbor or family member.



July 4<sup>th</sup> is a huge event at Bayview and one of my favorite experiences! Everyone spills out of their houses and off the river to decorate golf carts, bicycles, horse, motorcycles...kids, adults, grandchildren...everyone is welcome to be a part of the parade! Neighbors bring chairs to the streets and visit with each other as they await the arrival of the “floats”. Decorations flap in the wind as the parade floats pass. Music blares and fire trucks toot their horns to honor our country!

Another annual event at Bayview is “Corn Day”! Our neighbor brings in crates of “just picked” corn from an area farmer in Belhaven. We all stop what we’re doing, whether it’s swimming, skiing, hitting golf balls at the neighborhood 9-hole course or whatever, and go next door to shuck corn. Then when all the corn is shucked & bagged, we all jump in the river to cool off. I am a proud Mom to know my children have experienced the lessons learned from being a good neighbor!



The year-round residents at Bayview say that the fall and spring are the best seasons of the year! I just know the summer is amazing!



One of my favorite river front houses in Bayview just came on the market! Great times on the river are waiting in this 2600 square foot home filled with charm & character...a new home that feels like a historic home! Hardwood floors throughout the house came from a 150 yr old





historic home. The sunroom overlooks the river and provides space for dining & lounging along with a wet bar for the sunset cocktail hour. The downstairs master bedroom features French doors that open



up to the sunroom. An additional bedroom is downstairs and two large bedrooms and bath are upstairs. These rooms boast great walk-in closets and each room is large enough for two double beds. A wonderful deck overlooks the river and the lawn rolls down gently to the pier and boat-lift. Plus, an additional lot across the street with a storage shed & golf cart is included. One recent guest at this house said, "You can feel the love in this house; it's just cozy and inviting!" This incredible home is priced at \$449,000.

Today, many of the places touted as the "best" vacation spots bring you "bumper to bumper" traffic & crowded restaurants! Yuck...that's not relaxing to me! By contrast, eastern NC brings a slower pace & no traffic, yet still not too far away. For example, be on your boat from Raleigh, NC in 90 minutes! Richmond, VA to Bath, NC is less than three hours. Whether you are seeking a second home away from the "mad rush" of day to day obligations or a new place to call home, you just can't beat the view and the prices in Washington, Bath & Belhaven!



*1263 Bayview Road, Bath, NC mls #29328 To view more photos & information about this cottage, go to [www.trulia.com](http://www.trulia.com) or for more area information call Lydie Jennings at 252/943-8184.*

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