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A closeup of an exhibit showing local storm surges.

 Ocean floor topography.
Landfall timing in relation to tides. High tide surges are usually more devastating than low tide surges. Shown here are storm surges of past storms. Where you are standing is 6.5 feet above sea level. The water would have been this high where these hurricanes made landfall. 02 Carlo 6 Emily 10.5 Feet 1993 Cape Hatteras, North Carolina Fran 9.7 Feet 1996 N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher Sertha 9 Feet 1998 iopsail Beach North Car lin Bonnie 8.25 Feet i 998 N.C. Aquarium at Fort Ess

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