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Photos of the Week

Fireworks Shows
at
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

July 2nd, 9:15 PM
Ocracoke Island

July 4th, 9:15 PM
Avon Fishing Pier

The graphic features a dark blue background with white and red fireworks icons. A central blue-bordered box contains the event details. The text is in a mix of bold white sans-serif and white italicized serif fonts.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore wishes its visitors a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend. Organizers of two fireworks shows have received permits to celebrate Independence Day.



An osprey takes flight near off-road vehicle ramp 23.

News

- Organizers of two fireworks shows have been issued permits to celebrate Independence Day at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
 - Fireworks schedule: 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 2 at the south end of Ocracoke Island and 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 4 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Avon Fishing Pier.
 - Learn more about the history of Independence Day at: www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm.
 - Cape Hatteras National Seashore visitors and adjacent homeowners are reminded that it is illegal to detonate fireworks, or have fireworks in your possession, on all land managed by the National Park Service, including all beaches from the southern Nags Head border through Hatteras and Ocracoke islands. The fireworks shows held at the south end of Ocracoke Island and the Avon Fishing Pier have gone through a formal review process and received special use permits from the National Park Service.
- Bodie Island Lighthouse full moon climbs are back! Climbs are scheduled for July 3, Aug. 1, Aug. 30 and Sept. 29. Tickets go on sale at 7 a.m. the day of climb at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10253582. There are only eight people allowed per climb, so tickets sell out very quickly.
- The Ocracoke boardwalk across the highway from the Pony Pasture will be closed from June 27-29, for concrete walkway repair work. Restrooms, parking and lifeguard services are available at the Ocracoke Beach Access, located several miles south of the Pony Pasture.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Visitors can also view the daily rip current forecast at www.weather.gov/beach/mhx.

Events & Programs

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Bodie Island

Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for 150 Years - Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meeting on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Crabbing with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10:30 a.m.
- **Details:** Ever wanted to try your hand at catching blue crabs? Rangers bring the gear, you bring the bait. Call 252-966-1761 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program. There is a six-minute walk to get from meeting location to the program location.

Bodie Island Visitor Center

- The Bodie Island Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily with first climb at 9 a.m. and final climb at 5:40 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets are available only on the day of intended climb. Buy tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143 (tickets are available to purchase online beginning at 7 a.m. daily; tickets cannot be purchased in person).

Bodie Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climbs

- **Dates:** Full moons climbs are scheduled for July 3, Aug. 1, Aug. 30 and Sept. 29.
 - **July 3:** Climbs at 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 1:** Climbs at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 - **Aug. 30:** Climbs at 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - **Sept. 29:** Climbs at 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- **Details:** Full moon climb tickets go on sale at 7 a.m. the day of climb, only at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10253582. There are only eight people allowed per climb, so tickets sell out very quickly.

Hatteras Island

Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for Over 150 years

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about restoration efforts.

Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Totally Turtles

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 12-12:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion.
- **Details:** Learn about sea turtles through interactive games and activities for all ages.

Kayak with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- **Details:** Join a ranger to explore salt marshes and surrounding waters of the Pamlico Sound on this easy kayak program. Minimum age is 7. All equipment is provided. To register, you must call 252-513-2457 beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Hatteras Light at Night

- **Dates:** Tuesdays from 9-9:45 p.m.
- **Location:** Park in the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse parking lot.
- **Details:** Bring blankets and chairs for the evening of stars and stories on

the grounds of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

Surf Fish with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Wednesdays from 8:30-10 a.m.
- **Details:** Ever wanted to try your hand at surf fishing? Rangers bring the rods, you bring the bait. Call 252-513-2457 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Old Days at the Weather Station

- **Dates:** Every other Wednesday from 2:30-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras Village.
- **Details:** Come explore the historic U.S. Weather Bureau Station and hear amazing stories that intertwine with our own lives and major historic events.

Soundside Explorers

- **Dates:** Fridays from 9:30-11 a.m.
- **Details:** Join a ranger for this activity-based exploration of the Pamlico Sound. Registration is required. Call 252-513-2457 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Museum of the Sea

- The Museum of the Sea, located across from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

- The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is not open; however, the grounds outside the lighthouse are open 24/7.

Ocracoke Island

Educational Programs

Bird Walk

- **Dates:** Tuesdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the beach access parking lot adjacent to the Ocracoke Campground.
- **Details:** An introduction to the birds of Ocracoke. Meet winged residents and those traveling the Atlantic Flyway. Binoculars are available.

Banker Ponies

- **Dates:** Wednesdays (start date and time to be determined-check [website for updates](#))
- **Location:** Meet outside the Pony Pasture.
- **Details:** Come meet the ponies who once roamed as a wild herd and learn about their living history on Ocracoke Island.

Ocracoke Lighthouse

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open for viewing daily from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ocracoke Island Discovery Center

- The Ocracoke Island Discovery Center is open daily from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Educational Programs

Lost Colony Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Details:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

Forgotten Colony

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet in front of the Visitor Center.
- **Details:** During the American Civil War, Roanoke Island became a haven for formerly enslaved people. Discover the successes and failures of the Freedmen's Colony and the Civil War battle that shaped it.

Visitor Center

- Fort Raleigh National Historic Site's Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Educational Programs

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside the back doors of the visitor center
- **Details:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the first powered flights. Discover why the Wright brothers chose Kitty Hawk for their flight experiments and what life was like on the Outer Banks.

Wright Legacy

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the tent across the parking lot from the Visitor Center.
- **Details:** Twelve seconds was all the Wright brothers needed on Dec. 17, 1903, to show the world humans can fly. Those twelve seconds were just the start of aviation history and the Wright legacy. Explore the rest of the Wright story as you discover the impact that Wilbur and Orville had on history, the legacy they left behind and how they are remembered in the world today.

Visitor Center

- The Wright Brothers National Memorial Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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