

# Cape Chronicle

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## Photos of the Week



View from the Ocracoke Lighthouse on June 20, 1936.



One of the least tern nests at Cape Point.



## History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

## Seashore Updates

- A new beach access and parking area in Buxton will open on Friday, May 24. The Buxton Beach Access, located at the end of Old Lighthouse Road, provides improved public access to oceanside recreational activities. [[Press Release](#)]
- On Monday morning, the Seashore provided trip planning tips in a press release for staying safe in the Atlantic Ocean while visiting the Outer Banks. [[Press Release](#)]
- Seashore staff found the first sea turtle nest (loggerhead) of the 2019 season on May 11 south of ORV Ramp 38. The second nest of the season, another loggerhead, was found on the beach at the north end of Avon Village yesterday.
- A protection buffer remains at Cape Point to protect nesting colonial waterbirds (least terns and black skimmers). There are four piping plover nests (16 eggs), seven least tern nests (12 eggs), and two American oystercatcher nests (6 eggs) in the Cape Point area.
  - ORVs and pedestrians can currently travel 0.61 miles south of ORV Ramp 44.
  - There are over 25 miles of oceanside beach routes open for ORV access across the Seashore.
  - Staff continue to monitor the Cape Point area and will modify or remove the protection buffer as soon as it is possible.
- For current beach access information and the weekly mileage summary, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>. The Seashore's weekly field summary is now located at: <http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary>.

## Upcoming Events

### Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily until Oct 14, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily until Oct 14, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Visit the Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** May 17-18 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. May 21-23 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.
- **Description:** The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse will be open for viewing.

### Endangered Species Day – Special Program

- **Dates:** May 17 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- **Location:** near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- **Description:** Our threatened and endangered species at the Seashore will be highlighted at a special program. Photos and examples of resources that are protected will be on display.

### Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move - Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 18-24, 10:30 am to 11:00 am (daily program)
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about the monumental move event that happened in 1999 when the entire light station was moved 2,900 feet away from the threat of a changing shoreline.

### Hatteras Island: Shaping the Barrier Islands - Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 18-24, 3:30-4:00 pm (daily program)
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, wind, hurricanes, 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 the island.

### Ocracoke Pirates - Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 20 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am & May 22 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center

## Quick Links

### Recreational Activities

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### Safety

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### Emergency Alerts

- [Dare County](#)
- [Hyde County](#)

### Ocean Safety

Visitors can sign up for ocean safety text messages by texting "Join OBXBeachConditions" to 30890.

### Outer Banks Forever

Outer Banks Forever ([www.obxforever.org](http://www.obxforever.org)) is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site,

- **Description:** Learn about Blackbeard and other with a park ranger.

and Wright Brothers  
National Memorial.

#### **Ocracoke Island: Barrier Island Nature - Interpretive Program**

- **Dates:** May 20 from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, May 22 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, & May 23 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Join a park ranger for a talk about the wild side of the park.

#### **Ocracoke History - Interpretive Program**

- **Dates:** May 21 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm & May 22-23 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Join a park ranger to learn about the island's rich past.

#### **Ocracoke Island: All About Turtles! - Interpretive Program**

- **Date:** May 24 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Activities especially for seashore kids and families.

#### **Beach Cleanup Volunteer Events**

- **Dates:** June 22 and September 21 (details to follow)

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move - Special Event**

- **Date:** July 1, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- **Location:** Event tent near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- **Description:** The public is invited to a free event to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse move. The event will include speeches, a question and answer session, expanded interpretive programming, activities for children, and free lighthouse climbing! See [press release](#) for more details.

#### **1st Annual Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration - Special Event**

- **Date:** November 2
- **Location:** Fessenden Center, Buxton
- **Description:** Cape Hatteras National Seashore, along with partner organizations, will celebrate the area's strong surf fishing history at the 1st annual Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. More details about this event will be posted on a [special event web page](#) and [Facebook event page](#).

Inclement weather may impact lighthouse climbs and other interpretive programming.

The sound of ocean waves, the starry night sky, or the calm of the salt marshes, you can experience it all. Whether you are enjoying the beach, kayaking the sound, or climbing the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, there is something for everyone to explore at the Seashore!

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