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Photos of the Week



View of a rainbow over Ocracoke Island.



This merlin was recently spotted near South Point on Ocracoke Island. It is a species of bird closely related to peregrine falcons.

Seashore Updates

- Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) hosted 259,618 visits last month, up 37.58% from October 2019. Only three times in its history has the Seashore hosted more than 200,000 visits in October. [Read more about the Seashore's second-busiest October on record.](#)
- [A project to install 15 new utility pedestals and utility lines](#) at the Silver Lake boat docks was completed ahead of schedule. The National Park Service docks reopened yesterday morning.
- Save the Date - The Seashore and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#) will commemorate three important anniversaries next month. Learn more in the upcoming events section below and in yesterday's [News Release](#).

"This is a weather
breeding area." -
Lucy Stowe

[Learn more about Lucy Stowe](#), a descendant of the first Europeans to settle on Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands, and pioneer for women in the National Weather Service.

Upcoming Events

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse 150th Anniversary Special Event

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 16 from approximately 4:50 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Virtual event shown on [Facebook](#) and Dare County's [CURRENTtv](#)
- **Description:** The Seashore, in partnership with the [Outer Banks Lighthouse](#)

[Society](#) and [Outer Banks Forever](#), will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse's first lighting. The world-famous lighthouse was first lit on December 16, 1870. Following a livestream view of the lighthouse, a 20-30-minute video broadcast of speeches will be shown on social media and Dare County's CURRENTtv. This year also marks the 150th anniversary of Dare County, and the December 16th celebration will highlight the unique connection between the lighthouse and the county.



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