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Photos of the Week



New off-road vehicle (ORV) signs are being installed at ramps throughout the Seashore. The signs were designed to help visitors understand several important messages before entering ORV ramps, including where to purchase a permit, hours of operation, speed limits and recommended tire pressure.



An osprey with a freshly caught meal near Bodie Island Spit.

Seashore Updates

- Reminder that there are two upcoming public meetings to discuss preservation ideas for the Ocracoke Light Station. Additional details are listed in the special events section below.
- For current beach access information, go to <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.
- Before you visit the beach, go to www.weather.gov/beach/mhx to view the daily rip current risk level and beach conditions forecast. Visitors can sign up to receive Outer Banks beach safety text messages by texting "OBXBeachConditions" to 77295.

Special Seashore Events

Public Meetings to Discuss Ocracoke Light Station Preservation Ideas

Read more about the public meetings in the Seashore's recent [news release](#).

In-person meeting

- **Date:** Thursday, May 6 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Berkley Barn at Berkley Manor, 58 Water Plant Rd, Ocracoke, N.C.

Virtual meeting

- **Date:** Monday, May 10 from 6-7 p.m.
- **Location:** [Online meeting link](#). If you have issues with internet connectivity, use the audio only option: 202-640-1187, 38403551#
 - Attendees are encouraged to use a computer or smartphone to connect via online meeting link

Upcoming Seashore Events

Bodie Island Interpretive Programs/Activities

Shaping these Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet on back patio of the Double Keepers' Quarters
- **Description:** 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 this islands.

The Bodie Island Lighthouse - Lighting the way for almost 150 years

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 2-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet on the back patio of the Double Keepers' Quarters
- **Description:** A park ranger will discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Hatteras Island Interpretive Programs/Activities

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse - Lighting the way for over 150 years

- **Dates:** Monday-Sunday (Daily) from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** A park ranger will discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and provide information about current restoration efforts.

Shaping these Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** 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.

Ocracoke Island Interpretive Programs/Activities

Ocracoke Island

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside visitor center
- **Description:** Learn about the location and legacy of Ocracoke Island. From serving as an early port village and primary point of entry to North Carolina to Blackbeard's final battle, Ocracoke Island possesses a unique heritage resulting from its continued remote setting.

Shaping these Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 2-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside visitor center
- **Description:** 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.

Upcoming Events at Fort Raleigh NHS & Wright Brothers NMEM

Fort Raleigh NHS Interpretive Programs/Activities

The Lost Colony - Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet in the plaza outside the visitor center
- **Description:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

Wright Brothers NMEM Interpretive Programs/Activities

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet on the back patio of the visitor center
- **Description:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the Wright brothers' first powered flights.

Additional programs and activities will be added throughout the summer. Check out the park calendar on the [NPS mobile app](#) for updates.

Inclement weather may impact interpretive programming.

Upcoming Virtual Events Hosted by Monitor

National Marine Sanctuary

On January 30, 1975, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) designated the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad *USS Monitor* as the nation's first national marine sanctuary. The sanctuary is located 16 miles off the coast of Cape Hatteras.

World War II's Battle of the Atlantic - When the War Came to America

- **Date:** May 6 from 4-5 p.m.
- **Location:** Free online webinar [[registration link](#)]
- **Description:** Join Shannon Ricles, Education and Outreach Coordinator with NOAA's [Monitor National Marine Sanctuary](#), to learn more about this American Theater of World War II and why the area off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, became the strategic hotspot for the Battle of the Atlantic. This battlefield resulted in a concentration of shipwrecks unparalleled in the nation. Today, 78 merchant tankers and freighters, eight Allied warships, and four German U-boats rest on the seabed as a memorial to this history and to the sacrifices of Allied servicemen and the U.S. Merchant Marine in World War II.

The Submarine Blitzkrieg against North America and the U.S. Response

- **Date:** May 11 from 1-2 p.m.
- **Location:** Free online webinar [[registration link](#)]
- **Description:** Join Dr. Sal Mercogliano, Assistant Professor of History at Campbell University, to learn how and why the American East Coast became a strategic battlefield in the first five months after the U.S. entered World War II.

Conservation of *USS Monitor* - Past, Present and Future

- **Date:** May 18 from 1-2 p.m.
- **Location:** Free online webinar [[registration link](#)]
- **Description:** Will Hoffman, Director of Conservation and Chief Conservator at The Mariners' Museum and Park, will present an overview of the *USS Monitor* conservation effort to date, including the establishment of the USS Monitor Center and Batten Conservation Complex. Commissioned as the first ironclad by the U.S. Navy in 1862, the *USS Monitor* fought in the Battle of Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862, and just nine months later, sank off Cape Hatteras.

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