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Photo of the Week



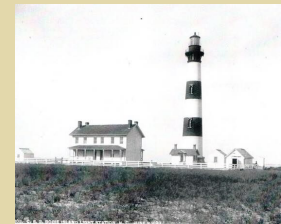
A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who participated in the beach cleanups throughout the seashore last Saturday morning. More than 400 pounds of trash and wooden debris were removed from the beaches!

Seashore Updates

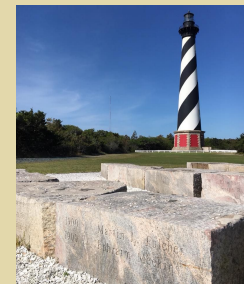
- The Hatteras/Ocracoke ferry is running again using the fall ferry schedule. Visit the [NCDOT Ferry Division website](#) for the full schedule. All Cape Hatteras National Seashore facilities are open on Ocracoke Island.
- The shorebird nesting season was very productive this year compared to last year. Lack of tropical storms/hurricanes for the majority of the season could have played a part in the successful season. An estimated 347 birds made their first successful flights off our beaches this season.
 - 324 Colonial Waterbirds (estimated), 20 American Oystercatchers, and 3 Piping Plovers
- All beach access ramps that should be open at this time of year are currently open for day and night driving. Go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess> for beach and ocean info updates.
- Columbus Day (October 8) is the last day this season to climb the Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses.



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

Upcoming Events*

- **Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing**
 - Jul 28-Oct 8, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily
- **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Climbing**
 - Jul 28-Oct 8, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily
- **Hurricane Alley**
 - Sep 29-Oct 5 from 11:00 am to 11:30 am
 - Location: Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
 - Description: Hurricanes and nor'easters are a fact of life on the Outer Banks. Learn how these powerful storms shaped this area!
- **Cape Hatteras Light Station Talk**
 - Sep 29-Oct 5 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Location: Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
 - Description: Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.
- **All About Sea Turtles**
 - Sep 29 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Location: Ocracoke Visitor Center Amphitheater
 - Description: Activities especially for kids.
- **Banker Ponies**
 - Dates:
 - Sep 29 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Oct 3 from 10:00 am to 10:30 am
 - Location: Ocracoke Pony Pens
 - Description: The Banker Ponies are definitely a must-see.
- **Ocracoke Island History**
 - Dates:
 - Sep 30 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am
 - Oct 3 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Location: Ocracoke Visitor Center Amphitheater
 - Description: Learn about the island's rich past.
- **Peek Inside the Ocracoke Lighthouse**
 - Dates:
 - Sep 30 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Oct 1 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Description: Learn about the history of the Ocracoke Lighthouse and peek inside with a park ranger.

*Inclement weather may impact lighthouse climbs and other interpretive programming.

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Ocean Safety

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

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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