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## Photos of the Week



*Sun halo above the Ocracoke Lighthouse. NPS photo*



*A brown pelican glides above the water. NPS Photo/H. Prokop*



*Loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings make their way to the ocean. NPS photo*

## News

- Night driving (24 hours a day) will be allowed at many designated off-road vehicle (ORV) ramps beginning the evening of Sept. 15. To find out which ramps no longer have night driving restrictions, and which ramps still have opening and closing times due to sea turtle nests, visit [go.nps.gov/beachaccess](https://www.nps.gov/beachaccess) on Sept. 15. To purchase a Cape Hatteras National Seashore ORV permit, go to [www.recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore, in partnership with [Outer Banks Forever](#) and the [Outer Banks Lighthouse Society](#), will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first lighting of the Bodie Island Lighthouse during a one-hour ceremony at 10 a.m. Oct. 1, 2022. [[News Release](#)]
- The [North Carolina Beach Buggy Association](#) is coordinating a volunteer beach cleanup event from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. Anyone interested in participating in the cleanup can pick up garbage bags at ocean side ORV ramps 2 through 55, and ramp 70. For more information, contact Tom Brueckner at [tom.brueckner@ncbba.org](mailto:tom.brueckner@ncbba.org).
- Updates to educational program schedules at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#) and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#), are listed in the events section below.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Learn about beach and ocean safety at [www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com](https://www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com).

## Events

### Cape Hatteras National Seashore

#### Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Saturday through Oct. 8, 2022. First climb at 9 a.m. and final climb at 5:40 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Tickets are on sale Wednesday-Saturday starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at [www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143](https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143).

#### Bodie Island Educational Programs

##### Lighting the Way for 150 years - Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

##### Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-3p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

##### Crabbing with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Thursday at 9 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Description:** Ever wanted to try your hand at catching blue crabs? We bring the gear, you bring the bait. Call 252-564-4068, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

## Hatteras Island Educational Programs

### **Lighting the Way for Over 150 years - Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 10)
- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about current restoration efforts.

### **Shaping These Barrier Islands**

- **Dates:** Daily at 2:30 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 10)
- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

### **Kayak with a Ranger**

- **Dates:** Monday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 7)
- **Description:** Join a ranger to explore the salt marshes and surrounding waters of the Pamlico Sound on this easy kayak paddle. Minimum age is seven-years-old. All equipment is provided. Call 252-475-9622 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

### **Totally turtles**

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday at 12 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 7)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about sea turtles through interactive games and activities for all ages.

### **Surf Fish with a Ranger**

- **Dates:** Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 5)
- **Description:** Ever wanted to try your hand at surf fishing? We bring the poles, you bring the bait. Call 252-475-9622 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

### **History at the Weather Station**

- **Dates:** Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Sept. 8-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras
- **Description:** Come explore the historic U.S. Weather Bureau Station and hear amazing stories that intertwine with our own lives and major historic events.

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## Ocracoke Lighthouse

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open for viewing daily from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Sept. 6-Sept. 30)
- The Ocracoke Island Discovery Center is open daily from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Sept. 6-Sept. 30)

## Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

### **Lighting the Way for Nearly 200 years - Ocracoke Lighthouse**

- **Dates:** Tuesday-Thursday at 11 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet on the grounds of the Ocracoke Lighthouse
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

### Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Tuesday-Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Ocracoke Island Discovery Center
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

### Banker Ponies

- **Dates:** Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 7)
- **Location:** Meet outside of the pony pen
- **Description:** Come meet the ponies who once roamed as a wild herd and learn about their living history on Ocracoke Island.

### Bird Walk

- **Dates:** Sept. 13 and Sept. 27 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside beach access parking lot adjacent to Ocracoke Campground
- **Description:** An introduction to the birds of Ocracoke. Meet winged residents and those traveling the Atlantic Flyway. Binoculars are available.

### Hammock Hills Nature Walk

- **Dates:** Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hammock Hills Nature Trail located across the street from the Ocracoke Campground.
- **Description:** Join a ranger and explore a diverse maritime forest ecosystem on Ocracoke Island.

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## Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

### Educational Program

#### Lost Colony Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 10)
- **Location:** Meet in front of the visitor center
- **Description:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

#### Forgotten Colony - The Civil War on Roanoke Island

- **Dates:** Tuesday-Thursday at 12 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 6)
- **Location:** Meet in front of the visitor center
- **Description:** 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.

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## Wright Brothers National Memorial

### Educational Programs

#### Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 10)
- **Location:** Meet outside the back doors of the visitor center
- **Description:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of

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### Wright Legacy

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 10)
- **Location:** Meet at the tent
- **Description:** 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.

### Bicycle Tour

- **Dates:** Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. (Sept. 6-Oct. 5)
- **Location:** Meet at the bicycle rack next to visitor center
- **Description:** Let's go for a ride like the Wright brothers! Bring your bike and helmet and take a trip back in time on this special program to discover what this place looked like when Wilbur and Orville were experimenting with the idea of flight. This easy, ranger-led bike ride will take you along park roads and explore the reasons why the Wright brothers chose this location, their experiments in flight and the building of the monument and visitor center. It is a first come, first served (15 person maximum) program.

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