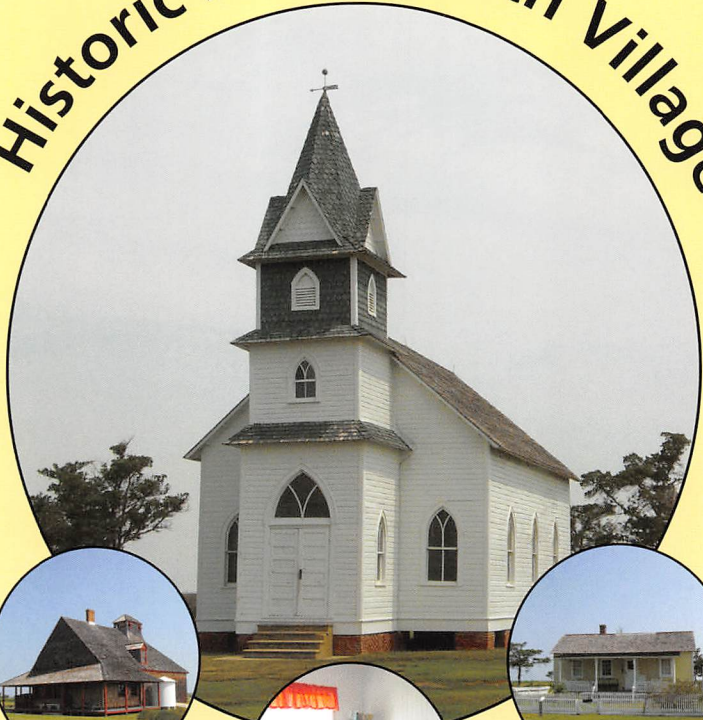




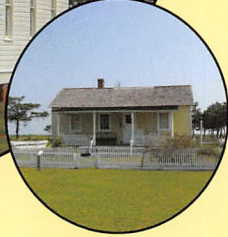
Historic Portsmouth Village



U.S. Lifesaving Station
1894



Theodore & Annie Salter House
circa 1905



Ed, Nora, and
Elma Dixon House
circa 1910

Take a step back in time. This historic fishing village was chartered in 1753 with the dream of becoming a major seaport. As the shipping industry increased, Portsmouth grew to be one of the largest ports in North Carolina. For nearly a century, Portsmouth prospered as a lightering port. After a hurricane opened a deeper inlet near Hatteras in 1846 and railroad transportation increased, Portsmouth dwindled to a quiet fishing village. The last resident left in 1971.



Portsmouth Village



Portsmouth is located on a remote island at the north end of Cape Lookout National Seashore. The journey to the village can be as much fun as the visit itself. Make plans for a fun filled day by being prepared. Take plenty of food, water, sun screen, and bug spray.

The village can be reached from Ocracoke. Take a NC State Highway vehicle ferry from Hatteras Island, Swan Quarter, or Cedar Island. (Be sure to make reservations during the busy season by calling 1-800-BYFERRY.) Then, the knowledgeable Rudy Austin of Portsmouth Island Boat Tours (Reservations: 252-928-4361) will transport you to historic Portsmouth Village.



Post Office and General Store

circa 1900



School house

circa 1927

Portsmouth exhibits and self guided audio tours are open April to October. Guided tours are available during the summer season. Call Cape Lookout National Seashore for dates and times.

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