



Protect Our Local Wild Horses

at Cape Lookout National Seashore and Rachel Carson Reserve

Did You Know?

- Cape Lookout National Seashore and the Rachel Carson Reserve are both home to wild horses. The horses are distantly related but now they do not intermingle.
- If you see horses from Beaufort, you are seeing the Rachel Carson Reserve horses.
- The wild horses are protected by law.

Enjoy the Horses by Being Safe and Respectful

Use a telephoto lens and binoculars to get an up-close and safe view of the horses without interrupting their natural behavior.

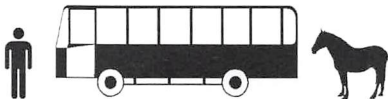
Horses have personal space bubbles like we do - but much larger.



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How to Watch Safely

Watch from at least 50 feet away (about the length of a large bus) away. If horses come toward you, move away or, if you can't, stay very still while they pass. Give horses the right-of-way.



You could get hurt if you get too close to a wild horse. You could be charged, kicked or bitten. Horses seem very docile and tolerant but can be dangerous.

If a horse stops what it's doing to stare at you, stop or back up. If a horse

moves away as you approach, you are already too close.

Interfering with the horses' grazing, drinking or resting can endanger their social welfare and health.

Pets are welcome if they are restrained on a leash. Unleashed pets can impact wildlife and other visitors, and can be hurt or killed by horses.

Horses don't recognize our food as edible. Food scraps can harm wildlife, so please don't allow them access to your food or bait.



Feeding, touching, teasing, or intentionally disturbing wildlife including horses is dangerous and can result in a fine.

Thanks for Helping to Protect These Majestic Animals While Staying Safe

IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM

At Cape Lookout, call 252-728-2250, x 4444
(after hours, you can leave an anonymous recording).

At the Rachel Carson Reserve, call 252-838-0886
or after hours call 252-726-1911.

