

# Cape Hatteras National Seashore



# The Taking of Hatteras Inlet

## First Step to Take the North Carolina Coast

Capturing Hatteras Inlet was an early priority for Union forces. On August 27 - 28, 1861, after heavy fighting, Union forces captured Forts Clark and Hatteras—taking control of the inlet and much of North Carolina's coast. Informed of this first victory in the middle of the night, Lincoln danced a jig in his nightshirt.

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