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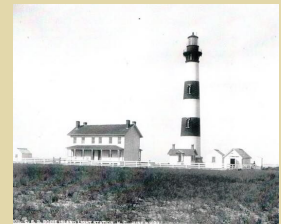
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Photos of the Week

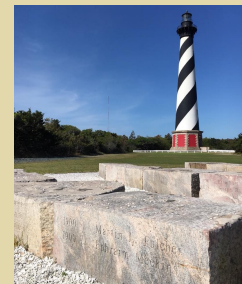
On the afternoon of December 26, 1989, a fossilized walrus skull was found on the beach between Salvo and Avon. The skull was analyzed at the Smithsonian Institution and is thought to be over 36,000 years old! Shortly after analyzing the skull, the Smithsonian Institution reported that the skull was one of the best preserved and complete specimens for the age that their staff had ever examined.



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

Seashore Updates

- Columbus Day (October 8) is the last day this season to climb the Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses.
- If you enjoyed the Photos of the Week, you may be interested to know that [National Fossil Day](#) (October 17) is an annual celebration held to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations.
- For beach and ocean condition updates, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.
- Cape Point Campground loops C, D, E, F, G, and H reopened on October 1. This year's camping season ends the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- On the morning of October 20, we hope you take a short drive north of the Seashore to attend the grand reopening ceremony for the [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#) visitor center in Kill Devil Hills. The ceremony and ribbon-cutting event will begin at 9:30 am.

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**
 - Oct 6-Oct 8 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**
 - Oct 6-Oct 8 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**
 - Oct 6 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Location: Ocracoke Visitor Center Amphitheater
 - Description: Activities especially for kids.
- **Banker Ponies**
 - Dates:
 - Oct 6 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Location: Ocracoke Pony Pens
 - Description: The Banker Ponies are definitely a must-see.
- **Ocracoke Island History**
 - Dates:
 - Oct 7 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am
 - Location: Ocracoke Visitor Center Amphitheater
 - Description: Learn about the island's rich past.
- **Peek Inside the Ocracoke Lighthouse**
 - Dates:
 - Oct 7 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
 - Description: Learn about the history of the Ocracoke Lighthouse and peek inside with a park ranger.

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

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

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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