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Photo of the Week



A pod of harbor seals rest at low tide on Green Island shoal, located west of the Basnight Bridge.

News

- A project to rehabilitate the restroom facilities at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site's Waterside Theatre is scheduled to begin the coming days. The upgrades are expected to be completed before the beginning of [The Lost Colony](#) season.
- The Civil War [Battle of Roanoke Island](#) was fought by Union and Confederate forces on Feb. 7-8, 1862. This Saturday, Feb. 11, a selection of reproduction Civil War clothing and historic artifacts will be on display inside the visitor center at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. Additional details are listed below in the events section.
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore's [beach access information webpage](#) recently received improvements to its appearance and user experience.
- Sign up to receive general information about all three parks by texting NPSOBX to 333111. Text CAHAORV to 333111 for Cape Hatteras National Seashore beach access alerts.

Events

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Battle of Roanoke Island Anniversary Presentation & Artifact Display

- **Date:** Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (special presentation at 2 p.m.)
- **Location:** Visitor Center Auditorium
- **Details:** In the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island, the Union army achieved its first successful assault on Confederate defenses. The short battle was also featured the first amphibious landing under fire in U.S. Army history.
 - Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., reproduction clothing and a selection of historic artifacts will be on display in the park's visitor center.
 - At 2 p.m., National Park Service Ranger Mike Zatarga will provide a special presentation about the battle.

Park Day Volunteer Beach Cleanup

- **Date:** Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Etheridge Point Beach Access (Pear Pad Rd.)
- **Details:** [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#), in partnership with [American Battlefield Trust](#) and [Outer Banks Forever](#), will host a beach cleanup at Etheridge Point, the park's soundside beach access. Meet at 10 a.m. to participate in a short presentation about the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island and the nearby location of a former Civil War camp. All volunteers are encouraged to wear thick-soled footwear, gloves and comfortable work clothing. For more information, contact Tom Avery at thomas_avery@nps.gov.

Dare County Library Adult Speaker Series

Roanoke's Forgotten Colony: The Freedmen's Colony of 1863-1867

- **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Kill Devil Hills Library Meeting Room or Online [[Registration](#)]
- **Park Ranger:** Josh Nelson, educational ranger
- **Details:** Centuries after the lost colony, Roanoke Island became home to a new colony, a Freedmen's Colony, which was established by the army to prepare the formerly enslaved people for life after the war. In February of 1862, the Battle of Roanoke Island left the Outer Banks under Union control, which made Roanoke Island a safe haven, a place of refuge for those who sought the protection of the Union Army. Although some freedom seekers continued their journey northward, many of the refugees remained on the island in the Freeman's Colony that lasted until 1867.

Bird Identification Workshop

- **Date:** Friday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Online-only [[Registration](#)]
- **Park Ranger:** Amy Thompson, biological technician
- **Details:** This interactive bird identification program will focus on key characteristics, such as overall profiles, foraging behaviors, and habitat, which can aid birders on all levels to identify a species quickly and confidently. There will be a focus on families of birds commonly found on the Outer Banks, such as shorebirds, seabirds, wading birds, songbirds, and many others. Whether you are backyard birding or strolling the beach, this workshop is geared towards helping you refine your identification skills.

Modernist Tides: NPS and Mission 66 development on the Outer Banks

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Kill Devil Hills Library Meeting Room or Online [[Registration](#)]
- **Park Ranger:** George Jaramillo, historical architect
- **Details:** The National Park Service's Mission 66 program attempted to modernize the service by introducing new visitor facilities, recreational structures, trails and fixtures that we come to expect from the NPS today. This talk will explore the history and impact of this program across the Outer Banks including the visitor centers at the Wright Brothers Memorial and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

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