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Photo of the Week



The Bodie Island Lighthouse opens for climbing tomorrow, April 26. NPS/Kurt Moses

News

- The Bodie Island Lighthouse opens for climbing tomorrow, April 26. Climbing tickets, available only on the day of intended climb, can be purchased at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.
- A government contract to [stabilize and repair Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Bodie Island maintenance building](#) is open for businesses to bid on through May 8. An informational site visit for potential bidders is scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, at 506 Park Service Road, Nags Head.
- Night driving restrictions on Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean-side beaches begin Monday, May 1 at 9 p.m. From May 1 through July 31, priority off-road vehicle (ORV) ramps close at 9 p.m. and reopen the following more morning at 6 a.m. All other designated ocean-side ORV ramps close at 9 p.m. and reopen at 7 a.m.
 - Night driving restrictions help protect nesting sea turtles.
 - Priority ORV ramps are ramps 2, 4, 25, 27, 43, 44, 48, 49, 70 and 72.
 - While night driving restrictions are in place, visitors may still park their vehicles in parking areas and walk on the beach at night.
 - Sound-side ramps, Inside Road and Pole Road do not have night driving restrictions.
 - For current beach access information, visit go.nps.gov/beachaccess.
- National Park Service staff at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#) and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#), recently finalized early season educational programming schedules. The schedules are listed in the events section of this newsletter and on park websites. Additional programs will begin Memorial Day weekend.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Learn about beach and ocean safety at www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.

Events & Programs

Special Events

Ocracoke Light Station 200th Anniversary Event

- **Date:** Thursday, May 18 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Ocracoke Light Station
- **Details:** The public is invited to the Ocracoke Light Station for a special [200th anniversary event](#). The event will feature several speeches, activities, a birthday cake and more. [Outer Banks Forever](#), the Seashore's official philanthropic partner, plans to livestream the event for those who cannot attend. Text Ocracoke to 333111 to receive text alerts about the anniversary and educational programming events.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Saturday (starting April 26). First climb at 9 a.m. and final climb at 5:40 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Tickets are on sale Wednesday-Saturday starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for 150 Years - Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m. (May 3-May 26)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Friday from 2:30-3 p.m. (May 3-May 26)
- **Location:** Meeting on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Hatteras Island Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for Over 150 years

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (May 1-May 26)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about restoration efforts.

Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m. (May 1-May 26)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

Celebrating 200 Years of Service - Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (May 1-May 25)
- **Location:** Meet on the grounds of the Ocracoke Light Station
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and the keepers that kept the light burning.

Shaping These Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3 p.m. (May 2-May 25)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Ocracoke Island Discovery Center
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Ocracoke Lighthouse

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open for viewing Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ocracoke Island Discovery Center

- The Ocracoke Island Discovery Center is open Monday-Friday from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Educational Programs

Lost Colony Walking Tour

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- **Date:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (May 1-May 26)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Details:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Educational Programs

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (May 1-May 26)
- **Location:** Meet outside the back doors of the visitor center
- **Details:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the first powered flights. Discover why the Wright brothers chose Kitty Hawk for their flight experiments and what life was like on the Outer Banks.

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