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Photos of the Week



A male bufflehead swims along the Pamlico Sound in a January 2024 photo.



Brown pelicans participate in a feeding frenzy within the surf zone.



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Outer Banks Forever
Outer Banks Forever is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras, Fort Raleigh, and Wright Brothers.



Who is ready to enjoy even more climbing opportunities at the Bodie Island Lighthouse? Evening and full moon climbs begin near the end of May. NPS/Kurt Moses

News

- Cape Hatteras National Seashore will offer additional Bodie Island Lighthouse climbing opportunities, including full moon climbs, starting later this month. Every Tuesday from May 28 through August 27, evening climbs will occur at 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Additionally, full moon climbs will be offered on May 23, June 21, July 21, August 19 and September 17. Climbing tickets, available at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143, are expected to sell out quickly. More details are available in the events and programs section of this newsletter.
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore will seek input on the development of a horse management plan at a May 21 public meeting on Ocracoke Island. The purpose of the 1 p.m. meeting is to receive preliminary input in advance of the plan's development. [[News Release](#)]
- North Carolina Department of Transportation's [passenger ferry](#) will begin operating between Hatteras and Ocracoke islands on Thursday, May 23. Purchase tickets for the Ocracoke Express passenger ferry [online](#) or call 1-800-BY-FERRY.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Learn more about beach and ocean safety at www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.

Events & Programs

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Bodie Island Lighthouse Daily Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily. 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 available to purchase daily, starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

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Ocean Safety

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Bodie Island Lighthouse Evening Climbing

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday evening between May 28 and August 27.
- **Times:** 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Like daily climbing tickets, the evening climbing tickets are available to purchase starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climbing

- **Dates and Times:**
 - Thursday, May 23 at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 - Friday, June 21 at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 - Sunday, July 21 at 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
 - Monday, August 19 at 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Like daily and evening climbing tickets, the full moon climbing tickets are available to purchase starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for Over 150 Years – Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (through May 24)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Life on a Barrier Island

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m. (through May 24)
- **Location:** Meet 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 the forces of change and the captivating world of life on an island.

Hatteras Island Educational Programs

Reflect on the Past, Preserve for the Future – Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (through May 24)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about current restoration efforts.

Totally Turtles

- **Dates:** Tuesday-Friday from 12-12:30 p.m. (through-May 24)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Learn about sea turtles through interactive games and activities for all ages.

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Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

Celebrating 200 Years of Service – Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (through May 23)
- **Location:** Meet on the boardwalk of the Ocracoke Lighthouse
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and the keepers that kept the light burning.

Ocracoke Lighthouse

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open daily from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Educational Programs

Lost Colony Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (through May 18). From May 19-May 24, this program will be offered at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- **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.

Freedman's Colony

- **Dates:** Daily from 1-1:30 p.m. (through May 18). From May 19-24, this program will be offered daily at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Details:** Discover the successes and failures of the Freedmen's Colony and the Civil War battle that shaped it.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Educational Programs

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (through May 24)
- **Location:** Meet outside the visitor center
- **Details:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the first powered flights. Discover why the Wrights' chose Kitty Hawk for their flight experiments and what life was like on the Outer Banks; learn about the events that led to the first powered flight on that cold December day and the lasting impact of their achievement.

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