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Photos of the Week



View from the Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferry (NPS photo). Superintendent Hallac traveled to Ocracoke Island yesterday to review 2018 visitation patterns and park activities at Cape Hatteras NS, Fort Raleigh NHS, and Wright Brothers NMEM. The island and weather were beautiful!



On Friday, April 19, you can enjoy this view again from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in Buxton. Climbing at Cape Hatteras and Bodie Island Lighthouses is free on opening day! (NPS/Mike Barber)



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

Seashore Updates

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kite Point parking area once work is completed. More details to be announced soon.
- Seashore maintenance staff are adding more utility hookups to campsites at Oregon Inlet Campground. Once finished, the campground will have water and electric at 47 sites. To make reservations at any of the four campgrounds, go to: www.recreation.gov.
- On the morning of April 9, an off-road vehicle (ORV) corridor was installed to the west of the tip of Cape Point in order to provide a buffer for a pair of nesting American oystercatchers. The tip of Cape Point and the eastern facing beach south of ORV ramps 43 and 44 are open. The ORV corridor (0.14 miles long) provides additional access to an area of south facing beach to the west of the tip of Cape Point.
- The spring nesting season for shorebirds is underway. For current beach access information, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.
- Seasonal ORV routes in front of the villages and the Ocracoke Campground will become pedestrian only routes starting April 15. The seasonal routes will reopen for ORV traffic on October 15.

Upcoming Events

- **Opening Day of Camping Season**
 - Date: Apr 12 (Tomorrow!)
 - Location: Cape Point, Frisco, Ocracoke, and Oregon Inlet campgrounds
 - Description: The Seashore's four campgrounds open for the 2019 camping season.
- **Beach Cleanups on Bodie, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Islands**
 - Date: Apr 13, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - View [press release](#) for additional details.
- **Opening Day of Lighthouse Climbing Season (FREE CLIMBING)**
 - Date: Apr 19, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 - Description: Climb the Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses for free on opening day of the 2019 lighthouse climbing season. Free tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and can only be obtained in person, that day, on site.
- **Special Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move Interpretive Programs**
 - Date: May 3, 10:30 am to 11:00 am (daily through October 14)
 - Location: Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavillion
 - Description: To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse move, park rangers will present daily interpretive lighthouse move programs beginning May 3 and continuing through October 14. Additional interpretive programming and a special anniversary event will be held between June 17 and July 9 (the same dates as the lighthouse move in 1999). More details to be announced next week.
- **1st Annual Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration**
 - Date: November 2
 - Location: Fessenden Center, Buxton
 - Description: Cape Hatteras National Seashore, along with partner organizations, will celebrate the area's strong surf fishing history at the 1st annual Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. More details about this event will be posted on a [special event web page](#) and [Facebook event page](#).

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

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Outer Banks Forever (www.obxforever.org) is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

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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