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Photo of the Week



Four brown pelicans flying by the Bodie Island Lighthouse.

Seashore Updates

- Columbus Day is the last day of the 2019 climbing season at the Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses. Next year's climbing season is scheduled to begin April 17, 2020.
- Seasonal off-road vehicle routes in front of the villages will reopen at 7 a.m. on October 15.
- Ocracoke Island has not reopened to visitors. The Seashore looks forward to welcoming back visitors when Hyde County reopens the island to non-residents.
- Visitors can sign up for beach safety text messages by texting "Join OBXBeachConditions" to 30890.
- For current beach access information, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

Conditions

According to the [North Carolina Department of Transportation](#), motorists should expect mild ocean overwash on NC-12 today, especially during high tide conditions. A few photos from the last couple days are shown below.



Dune breach north of Rodanthe, NC around high tide this morning.

[Photo by Michael Flynn](#)



Another photo north of Rodanthe around high tide this morning.

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Ocean Safety

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Outer Banks Forever

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.



Standing ocean water at Cape Point around high tide this morning. NPS photo



Sections of Pole Road at the south end of Hatteras Island contain up to two feet of standing water. NPS photo

Upcoming Events

Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily through Oct 14, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily through Oct 14, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hatteras Island Interpretive Programs

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move

- **Dates:** Oct 12-Oct 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (daily program)
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about the monumental move event that happened in 1999 when the entire light station was moved 2,900 feet away from the threat of a changing shoreline.

Shaping the Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Oct 12-Oct 14 from 3:30 to 4 p.m., and Oct 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, wind, hurricanes, 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 the island.

Inclement weather may impact lighthouse climbs and other interpretive programming.

Special Events

1st Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration - Special Event

- **Date:** Nov 2 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **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 Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. More details about this event will be posted on a [special event web page](#) and [Facebook event page](#).

Learn to Fish Clinic

- **Date:** Nov 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Ramp 55 – next to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum
- **Description:** The International Game Fish Association will host a free learn-to-fish clinic through its Passports to Fishing Program. Participants will learn basic fishing techniques and ethical angling practices. All fishing equipment will be provided. Fishing is catch-and-release-only. Families are encouraged to bring beach chairs, water, and sunscreen.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to help teach basic surf fishing techniques and ethical angling practices through the International Game Fish Association's (IGFA) Learn-to-Fish clinic the morning of Saturday November 9. This is an all-day event and volunteers will be asked to assist and teach various stations. All equipment will be provided and IGFA will provide volunteers with training for each station. The clinic will be held near off-road vehicle Ramp 55 in Hatteras Village. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Amiee Ginnever at 252-475-8306.

Winter Lighthouse Climb

- **Date:** December from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- **Description:** Climb the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse for free during the Seashore's annual winter climb.

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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