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## **Photos of the Week**



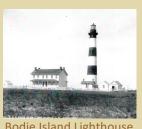
Sunrise view from north of Ramp 43 in Buxton.



Two adult American oystercatchers with two chicks between Ramp 44 and Cape Point. The two chicks hatched the morning of Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



History



Bodie Island Lighthouse history



<u>Lighthouse history</u>



Ocracoke Lighthouse History



Burrowing crayfish found on Hatteras Island after a large rainstorm.

# **Seashore Updates**

- On Memorial Day at 5:30 a.m., staff found a <u>dead loggerhead sea turtle south of Ramp 49 in Frisco</u>. It is likely that the sea turtle died from a vehicle collision during a time of day when vehicles are prohibited from being on the beach. The Seashore is actively investigating this incident. Anyone with information that may help determine the circumstances and events that led to the death of the nesting loggerhead are asked to contact the <u>Dare County Community CrimeLine</u> or the National Park Service's Investigative Services Branch (ISB).
  - ISB Tip Line: call or text 888-653-0009 or visit <u>www.nps.gov/isb</u> and click "Submit a Tip"
  - Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance has notified the Seashore that it is offering a \$2,500 reward on behalf of the Outer Banks Preservation Association, NC Beach Buggy Association, and Cape Hatteras Anglers Club for information leading to the identification of the person responsible for the sea turtle death.
- Lifeguards are available daily at four Seashore beaches from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Text "Join OBXBeachConditions" to 30890 to sign up for text alerts on conditions at Outer Banks beaches. Learn more about ocean safety at www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.
- Camping reservations and payments are only available online at www.recreation.gov.
- In-person off-road vehicle (ORV) permit sales offices are currently closed.
   Permits are available 24/7 at <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>. Permits should be printed and placed in vehicle.
  - As of this morning, there are over 23 miles of oceanside beach routes available for ORV travel. 2.6 miles open on Bodie Island, over 15 miles open on Hatteras Island, and over 5 miles open on Ocracoke Island. For current beach access information, go to: http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess.
  - All shorebird nesting activity is listed at <a href="http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary">http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary</a>.

### **Quick Links**

### **Recreational Activities**

- Beach Driving
- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- <u>Lighthouse</u> Climbing
- Nature Viewing
- Swimming
- Waterfowl Hunting
- <u>Watersports</u>

### **Popular Topics**

- Beach Access
- Field Summary
- Permits
- Ponies
- Reservations
- Shipwrecks

### Safety

### Maps

### **NC Ferry Schedule**

### **Commercial Services**

### **Volunteer**

### Report a Lost Item

### Media

- Photos
- Website
- Facebook
- <u>Instagram</u>
- Twitter
- News Releases
- Press Kit
- <u>Contact</u>

### **Emergency Alerts**

- Dare County
- Hyde County

### **Ocean Safety**

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

# 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.

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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