

# Cape Chronicle

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## Photos of the Week

Visitors at the old Cape Hatteras Lighthouse site have recently been able to witness how dynamic the shoreline is at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. At the end of June, the eastern portion of a fence foundation, built in 1870 and left behind when the lighthouse was moved in 1999, became exposed through erosion. Now, a little over a week later, much of the foundation is no longer visible.



Photo of the fence foundation on July 1, 2020.



Photo of the fence foundation on July 8, 2020.



## History



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## Seashore Updates

- Looking for the status of Cape Hatteras National Seashore facilities and services? Visit [www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/operational-status-report.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/operational-status-report.htm). The Operational Status Report provides the most up-to-date information and conditions for Cape Hatteras.
- The National Weather Service is monitoring a disorganized low just off the NC coast that is expected to move over or just offshore of the Outer Banks today. Currently, the system has an 80% chance of development over the next couple of days and is likely to become a tropical or subtropical storm later today or tonight. Regardless of development, the main threats to our area will be periods of locally heavy rainfall and increased rip current threats. Visit

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#### Ocean Safety

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

[www.weather.gov/mhx/tropical](http://www.weather.gov/mhx/tropical) and [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) for more information. Stay safe!

- It is important for all beach visitors to check the rip current forecast **before** heading to the beach. Go to: [www.weather.gov/beach/mhx](http://www.weather.gov/beach/mhx). Visitors can also sign up for ocean safety text messages by texting 'Join OBXBeachConditions' to 30890. Text 'STOP' to 30890 when you no longer want to receive updates.



Seashore interpretive staff recently created ocean safety messages using chalk at Coquina Beach.

- Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at Coquina Beach, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Beach, Frisco Beach, and Ocracoke Beach.
- In-person off-road vehicle (ORV) permit sales offices are currently closed. Permits are available 24/7 at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). For beach access information, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.
  - As of this morning, there are over 24 miles of oceanside beach routes available for ORV travel, and another 32 miles open for non-motorized use.
  - Before driving on designated ORV routes, the Seashore strongly recommends that tire pressure be lowered to at least 20 psi. The softer the sand, the lower the pressure needed. Many local businesses have low cost or free air supply stations.
  - As a reminder, from May 1 through July 31, priority ORV ramps close at 9 p.m. and reopen the following 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. 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, Pole Road, and the Inside Road do not have night driving restrictions.
- Walking access to Cape Point recently reopened. From the current ORV boundary, it is a very short walk to the tip of the Point.
- 138 sea turtles have nested on seashore beaches this season, so far. Be on

### **Outer Banks Forever**

Outer Banks Forever ([www.obxforever.org](http://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 lookout for nesting female sea turtles and report any sightings to our hotline at 252-216-6892. To learn about upcoming sea turtle nest excavations, call 252-475-9629.

- All shorebird and sea turtle nesting activities are listed at <http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary>.
- Visitors should practice the Three W's – **Wear. Wait. Wash.** Wear a cloth face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained. Wait 6 feet apart. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

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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