

# Cape Chronicle

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## Photos of the Week



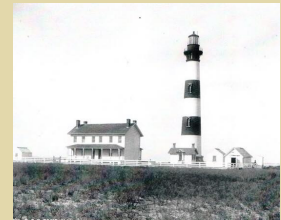
Access to South Point on Ocracoke Island was fully restored on Tuesday afternoon.



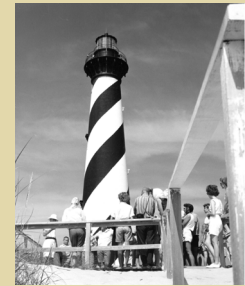
White-tailed deer frolics behind primary dune north of Ramp 30 on Hatteras Island.



### History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



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[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

# Seashore Updates

- With 451,849 recreational visits last month, Cape Hatteras National Seashore experienced the highest level of July visitation since 2003, and the fourth-highest level of July visitation since the establishment of the Seashore in 1953. Last month's visitation is an increase of almost 3% over last July.
- It is very 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.
- 220 sea turtles have nested on seashore beaches this season, so far. Be on 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 sea turtle and shorebird nesting numbers are listed at <http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary>.
- 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.
- 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.

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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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