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Photos of the Week



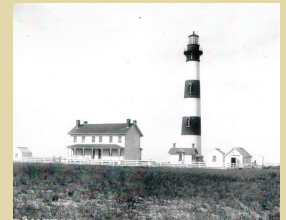
On August 25, Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings emerged from a nest south of Ramp 55 on Hatteras Island. When many hatchlings emerge at once from a nest, it is called a "boil."



Kemp's Ridley sea turtle on its way to the Gulf Stream where it will drift and float for about two years before returning to the shallower waters above the continental shelf to live out the rest of its life.



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

Seashore Updates

- Join [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#) and [Outer Banks Forever](#) on Facebook tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for a streaming sea turtle nest excavation video. During the excavation, Seashore biological technicians will dig up a recently hatched nest, count the empty shells, and collect unhatched eggs for research. During the virtual event, staff will share information about sea turtles that nest on our beaches and will explain what is going on during the excavation. [Sign up for the Facebook event](#) to get notified the morning of the broadcast.



Raise your hand/flipper if you plan on attending tomorrow's event!

- So far, 222 sea turtles have nested on seashore beaches this season. Be on the lookout for nesting female sea turtles and report any sightings to our hotline at 252-216-6892.
- All sea turtle and shorebird nesting numbers are listed at <http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary>.
- As a result of increased late summer tourism to the Outer Banks, Cape Hatteras National Seashore will offer lifeguard services through the end of September at Coquina Beach Access, Frisco Beach Access, and Ocracoke Beach Access. Lifeguards are on duty seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [\[News Release\]](#)
 - 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. 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.

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Ocean Safety

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- Looking for the status of Cape Hatteras National Seashore facilities and services? Visit 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.

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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