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## Photos of the Week



Juvenile bald eagle resting on Ocracoke Island's South Point mudflats.



This 1893 photo of Cape Hatteras Light Station was likely taken after a storm event. The rubble of the original 1802 lighthouse (destroyed in 1871) can be seen to the right of the double keepers' quarters.

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## Seashore Updates

- The Seashore experienced a 42% increase in recreational visitation last month compared to September 2019. [\[News Release\]](#)
- Recently, a shipwreck believed to be the *George W. Wells* was unearthed on Ocracoke Island. Seashore Interpretive Ranger, Dave Kent, traveled to Ocracoke to film a [short video about the rediscovered wreck from 1913](#).
- The remainder of seasonal off-road vehicle routes reopened this morning. The routes can be accessed via ramps 23, 34, 38, 49, 55, and 68. Go to <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess> for updated beach access information.
- The [Bodie Island Lighthouse](#) was first lit on October 1, 1872. Over the years the lighthouse was home to 41 lightkeepers and their families who would share the work of maintaining the station.

Legend has it that the "Banker" horses of Ocracoke Island were left behind by shipwrecked explorers in the 16th or 17th century.

The Seashore's philanthropic partner, Outer Banks Forever, manages a popular [adopt-a-pony program](#) for the remaining herd.



Feeding time at the Ocracoke pony pen.



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