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Photos of the Week



Sunset view from near off-road vehicle ramp 25.



A nutria munches on some grass near Cape Hatteras housing on Ocracoke Island.



A family watches a plane land at Wright Brothers National Memorial's First Flight Airport. NPS Photo/Kurt Moses

News

- Night driving restrictions on ocean-side beaches begin Sunday, May 1 at 9 p.m. From May 1 through July 31, priority off-road vehicle (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.
 - Priority ORV ramps are ramps 2, 4, 25, 27, 43, 44, 48, 49, 70 and 72.
 - 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, Inside Road and Pole Road do not have night driving restrictions.
 - For current beach access information, go to <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.
- Bodie Island Lighthouse climbing began Wednesday (see details in event section). A break between phases of restoration project work at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse may allow for a limited climbing season this summer. If a climbing season at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse becomes possible, a separate public announcement will be made in the next couple of months.
- Educational programs at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#) and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#) began Sunday, April 24. Early season program schedules are listed in the event section below.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Learn about beach and ocean safety at www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.

Events

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Saturday through early fall 2022. First climb at 9 a.m. and final climb at 5:40 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Tickets are on sale Wednesday-Saturday starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Educational Programs

Lighting the way for 150 years - Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Shaping these barrier islands

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-3p.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Wars, hurricanes and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Hatteras Island Educational Programs

Lighting the way for over 150 years - Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about current restoration efforts.

Shaping these barrier islands

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 2:30-3 p.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, hurricanes and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Ocracoke Lighthouse

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open for viewing Monday-Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (April 24-May 27)

Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

Lighting the way for nearly 200 years - Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Tuesday and Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet on the grounds of the Ocracoke Lighthouse
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Shaping these barrier islands

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday from 2:30-3 p.m. (April 24-May 27)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Ocracoke Island Discovery Center
- **Description:** Wars, hurricanes and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about some of these events and the changes they have made to these islands.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Educational Program

Lost Colony walking tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (30 minute tour)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Description:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Educational Program

Wind and sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (30 minute program)
- **Location:** Meet outside the back doors of the visitor center.
- **Description:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the Wright's first powered flights. Discover why the Wrights chose this location for their flight experiments and what life was like on the Outer Banks; learn about the events that led to the first powered flight on that cold December day and the lasting impact of their achievement.

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