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# Photos of the Week



Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff spotted a federally endangered North Atlantic right whale and her calf off South Beach last week. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there are fewer than 350 remaining and there have only been 42 documented calves since 2017. NPS photo



The last time all the seats in Fort Raleigh National Historic Site's Waterside Theatre were replaced occurred in the late-1990s as part of a major rehabilitation project that included replacing bench seating with stadium seating. A project to once again replace all the seats began this morning. NPS photo taken in 1997.



An Army Black Hawk helicopter flies over Wright Brothers National Memorial in a photo taken last May. NPS photo

### News

- Hatteras Island travelers should be aware that the North Carolina
   Department of Transportation will soon open the <u>N.C. 12 Rodanthe Bridge</u>
   to vehicular traffic.
- Irwin Seating (Grand Rapids, Mich.) arrived this morning at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site to install new seats in the Waterside Theatre.
   Approximately 1,600 outdoor seats with cupholders are scheduled to be installed by May 1. Read more about the project in the <u>Jan. 18, 2022 news</u> release.
- Seasonal off-road vehicle (ORV) routes in front of the villages and
  Ocracoke Campground become pedestrian-only starting this Friday, April
  15. These seasonal ORV routes are open annually between Oct. 15 and
  April 14. For current beach access information, go to:
  go.nps.gov/beachaccess.
- Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts. Learn about beach and ocean safety at <a href="https://www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com"><u>www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com</u></a>.
- Entrance fees are waived at Wright Brothers National Memorial on Saturday, April 16 to kick off National Park Week. April 16 is also special because Wilbur Wright was born on April 16, 1867.
- Interested in working for the National Park Service? All employment opportunities are posted at <a href="www.usajobs.gov">www.usajobs.gov</a>. Once a free profile is created on the website, email notifications can be set up for job openings at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

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