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Photo of the Week



View from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse on March 1, 1999. (NPS Photo)

Seashore Updates

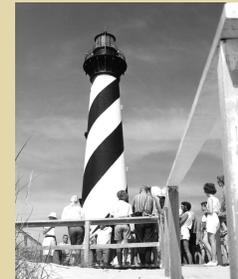
- The Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses will open for climbing from April 19 through October 14. Opening day is a fee free day. [\[Press Release\]](#)
- Cape Hatteras Lighthouse made its epic “move of the century” journey in June and July 1999. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the move, park rangers will present daily interpretive lighthouse move programs beginning May 3 and continuing through October 14. Additional interpretive programming and a special anniversary event will be held between June 17 and July 9 (the same dates as the lighthouse move in 1999). More details to be announced soon.
- Full Moon Tours of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse will be offered on June 17, July 16, August 15, and September 14. Tickets for the full moon climbs can be purchased at www.recreation.gov starting at 10:00 am three days prior to each tour date. Full moon climb tickets normally sell out within minutes.
- We are currently recruiting local and RV volunteers to assist at the lighthouses on Bodie and Hatteras Islands this spring! For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.volunteer.gov/results.cfm?ID=3617>.
- A plan to construct a new accessible hunt blind and wildlife-viewing platform within an authorized waterfowl hunting area on Bodie Island was approved by the Director of the Southeast Region. [\[Press Release\]](#)



History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



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Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration

On November 2, 2019, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, along with partner organizations, will celebrate the area's strong surf fishing history at the 1st annual Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. The free event will be held at the Fessenden Center in Buxton, North Carolina. We are currently planning the event with help from the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, North Carolina Beach Buggy Association, Outer Banks Forever, Outer Banks History Center, and Outer Banks Preservation Association.

More details about the 1st annual Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration will be posted on a [special event web page](#) and [Facebook event page](#).



Upcoming Events

- **2018 Year in Review Presentations**
 - Mar 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Location: Ocracoke Community Center, Ocracoke
 - Mar 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - Location: Fessenden Center Annex Building, Buxton
 - Description: At two public meetings (Ocracoke & Buxton), Superintendent Hallac will review 2018 visitation patterns and park activities at Cape Hatteras NS, Fort Raleigh NHS, and Wright Brothers NMEM. View [news release](#) for more details.
- **Special Program - The Enemy in Home Waters: How World War I Came Home to America's Shores**
 - Mar 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Ocracoke Community Center, Ocracoke)
 - Description: NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Research Coordinator, Tane Renata Casserley, will present information on World War I, the story of brave Americans who went up against Germany's newest weapon, the U-boat, and NOAA's work to honor nationally significant shipwrecks off North Carolina's coast. The special program is free.
- **Beach Cleanups on Bodie, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Islands**
 - Apr 13, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - View [press release](#) for additional details.

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Recreational Activities

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Ocean Safety

Visitors can sign up for ocean safety text messages by texting "Join OBXBeachConditions" to 30890.

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.

- **Opening Day of Lighthouse Climbing Season**

- Apr 19, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Climb the Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses for free on opening day of the 2019 lighthouse climbing season. Free tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and can only be obtained in person, that day, on site.

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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