

# Cape Chronicle

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## Photos of the Week



The restroom facility at the Ocracoke Beach Access is starting to take shape. The new facility is currently scheduled to open at the end of June. Portable restrooms are available on site.



More lifeguards are coming to Hatteras Island. Read more in the Seashore Updates.



### History



[Bodie Island Lighthouse history](#)



[Cape Hatteras Lighthouse history](#)



[Ocracoke Lighthouse History](#)

## Seashore Updates

- Lifeguard services will be added at the Frisco Beach Access starting this Memorial Day weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm through Labor Day. [[Press Release](#)]
- On the morning of Monday, May 6, a protection buffer was put in place in the Cape Point area to protect nesting colonial waterbirds (least terns). There are also three piping plover nests and two American oystercatcher nests near Cape Point.
  - ORVs and pedestrians can currently travel 0.64 miles south of ORV Ramp 44.
  - There are over 26 out of 29 miles open for ORV use across the Seashore.
  - Staff will continue to monitor the Cape Point area and will remove the protection buffer as soon as possible.
- The Seashore's weekly field summary is now located at: <http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary>.
- For current beach access information and the weekly mileage summary, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>.

## Upcoming Events

### Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- Dates: May 10-Oct 14, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Climbing

- Dates: May 10-Oct 14, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move - Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 10-17, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about the monumental move event that happened in 1999 when the entire light station was moved 2,900 feet away from the threat of a changing shoreline.

### Hatteras Island: Shaping the Barrier Islands - Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 10-17, 3:30-4:00 pm
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, wind, 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 the island.

### Visit the Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** May 10-13 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Description:** The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse will be open for viewing.

### Ocracoke Pirates Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 13 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am & May 17 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Learn about Blackbeard and other with a park ranger.

### Ocracoke Island: Barrier Island Nature Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 13 from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm & May 16 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Join a park ranger for a talk about the wild side of the park.

### Ocracoke History Interpretive Program

- **Dates:** May 14 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm & May 16 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Join a park ranger to learn about the island's rich past.

## Quick Links

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### Emergency Alerts

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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](http://www.obxforever.org)) is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site,

and Wright Brothers  
National Memorial.

### Ocracoke Island: All About Turtles!

- **Date:** May 17 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Ocracoke Visitor Center
- **Description:** Activities especially for seashore kids and families.

### Beach Cleanup Volunteer Events

- **Dates:** June 22 and September 21 (details to follow)

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Move Celebration Event

- **Date:** July 1, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- **Location:** Event tent near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- **Description:** The public is invited to a free event to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse move. The event will include speeches, a question and answer session, expanded interpretive programming, activities for children, and free lighthouse climbing! See [press release](#) for more details.

### 1st Annual Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration

- **Date:** November 2
- **Location:** Fessenden Center, Buxton
- **Description:** 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. More details about this event will be posted on a [special event web page](#) and [Facebook event page](#).

Inclement weather may impact lighthouse climbs and other interpretive programming.

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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