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Photos of the Week



An American oystercatcher pair in the upper shell beds south of off-road vehicle ramp 44.



Eastern box turtles are on the move. This turtle was moved out of harm's way by a Cape Hatteras National Seashore employee on Ocracoke Island.

News

- Wright Brothers National Memorial, and all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee, will offer free admission on Saturday, April 22. The fee-free day marks the start of [National Park Week](#).
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore seasonal off-road vehicle (ORV) routes in front of the villages and the Ocracoke Campground become pedestrian-only starting this Saturday, April 15. These seasonal ORV routes are open every year between Oct. 15 and April 14. For current beach access information, go to go.nps.gov/beachaccess.
- The Bonner Bridge Pier will be closed from this evening through possibly Wednesday, April 12, so a contractor for the [North Carolina Department of Transportation](#) can place permanent pavement markings on the pier's parking lot. The pier and parking lot will reopen as soon as the weather-dependent work is completed.
- Fort Raleigh National Historic Site seeks assistance from anyone who may have information associated with recent cases of vandalism and theft. [\[News Release\]](#)
- National Park Service staff at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#) and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#), are finalizing early season educational programming schedules. Once finalized, the schedules will be listed in future issues of the Cape Chronicle newsletter and on park websites.
- 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

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Park Day Volunteer Beach Cleanup

- **Date:** Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Etheridge Point Beach Access (Pear Pad Road)
- **Details:** [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#), in partnership with [American Battlefield Trust](#) and [Outer Banks Forever](#), will host a beach cleanup at Etheridge Point, the park's soundside beach access. Meet at 10 a.m. to participate in a short presentation about the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island and the nearby location of a former Civil War camp. All volunteers are encouraged to wear thick-soled footwear, gloves and comfortable work clothing. For more information, contact Tom Avery at thomas_avery@nps.gov.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Ocracoke Light Station 200th Anniversary Event

- **Date:** Thursday, May 18 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Ocracoke Light Station
- **Details:** The public is invited to the Ocracoke Light Station for a special [200th anniversary event](#). The event will feature several speeches, activities, a birthday cake and more. [Outer Banks Forever](#), the Seashore's official philanthropic partner, plans to livestream the event for those who cannot attend. Text Ocracoke to 333111 to receive text alerts about the anniversary and educational programming events.

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