

Cape Chronicle

Newsletter

Cape Hatteras NS Fort Raleigh NHS Wright Brothers NMEM

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Photos of the Week

BRING EVERYONE HOME FROM A FUN DAY IN THE WATER

RECREATE NEAR A LIFEGUARD:



- Find a swimming area with lifeguards
- Check days and times lifeguards are on duty
- Obey lifeguard signals, safety signs, and flags

nps.gov/healthandsafety

Five lifeguard beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore open this Saturday, May 25.



A National Park Service ranger provides an educational program outside the Wright Brothers National Memorial visitor center.



Parks



[Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#)



[Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#)



[Wright Brothers National Memorial](#)

Outer Banks Forever

Outer Banks Forever is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras, Fort Raleigh, and Wright Brothers.

News

- From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Cape Hatteras National Seashore lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at [five lifeguard beaches](#).
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore provides the following tips to help visitors stay safe this year:
 - Swim at lifeguard beaches between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - Text OBXBeachConditions to 77295 to sign up for beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts.
 - Avoid digging [deep holes in the beach](#) due to the danger they present to beachgoers, emergency response staff and wildlife.
 - Stay indoors during a thunder or lightning storm. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.
 - Learn more about beach and ocean safety at: www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com.
- An expanded schedule of ranger-led educational programs begins this weekend at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), and [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#). Programming schedules are listed below.
- Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and the Dare County Trails Commission will celebrate National Trails Day, June 1, 2024, by unveiling newly installed educational exhibits along Fort Raleigh's Freedom Trail. [[News Release](#)]
- Travel delays are likely along Lighthouse Road in Buxton over the next couple of weeks as concrete work continues within the multi-use pathway project area. Cape Hatteras National Seashore expects the project to be completed in the coming months.

Events & Programs

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Bodie Island Lighthouse Daily Climbing

- **Dates:** Daily. 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 available to purchase daily, starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Lighthouse Evening Climbing

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday evening between May 28 and August 27.
- **Times:** 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Like daily climbing tickets, the evening climbing tickets are available to purchase starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143.

Bodie Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climbing

- **Dates and Times:**
 - Thursday, May 23 at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 - Friday, June 21 at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
 - Sunday, July 21 at 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
 - Monday, August 19 at 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased on the day of intended climb. Like daily and evening climbing tickets, the full moon climbing tickets are

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Fort Raleigh

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Wright Brothers

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Emergency Alerts

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Ocean Safety

Sign up for ocean safety texts by texting OBXBeachConditions to 77295. Visit www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com for more info.

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Bodie Island Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for Over 150 Years – Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (from May 25-September 2)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Life on a Barrier Island

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m. (from May 25-September 2)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the Keeper's Quarters
- **Details:** Wars, hurricanes, winds and ocean currents have all had impacts on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Join us to learn about the forces of change and the captivating world of life on an island.

Crabbing with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10:30 a.m. (from May 27-August 30)
- **Details:** Ever wanted to try your hand at catching blue crabs? We bring the gear, you bring the bait. Call 252-475-9501 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program. Note: there is a three-tenths of a mile walk to get from the meeting location to the program location.

Dark Skies Over Bodie Island

- **Dates:** Every Sunday from 9-9:45 p.m. (from May 26-September 1)
- **Location:** Park in the Bodie Island Lighthouse parking lot
- **Details:** Join park rangers under the night sky on the grounds of the Bodie Island Lighthouse and discover what makes Cape Hatteras National Seashore such a special place.

Hatteras Island Educational Programs

Reflect on the Past, Preserve for the Future – Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (from May 25-September 2)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about current restoration efforts.

Totally Turtles

- **Dates:** Daily from 12-12:30 p.m. (From May 25-September 2)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Details:** Learn about sea turtles through interactive games and activities for all ages.

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Kayak with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. (from May 27-August 29)
- **Details:** Join a ranger to explore salt marshes and surrounding waters of the

Pamlico Sound on this easy kayak paddle. Minimum age is 7. All equipment is provided. Registration is required. Call 252-475-9603 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Soundside Explorers

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday from 9:30-11 a.m. (from May 28-August 27)
- **Details:** Join a ranger for this activity-based exploration of the Pamlico Sound. Registration is required. Call 252-475-9603 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Surf Fishing with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Every Wednesday from 8:30-10 a.m. (from May 29-August 28)
- **Details:** Ever wanted to try your hand at surf fishing? We bring the poles, you bring the bait. Call 252-475-9603 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Beach Bird Walk

- **Dates:** Every Thursday from 8-9 a.m. (from June 20-August 29)
- **Location:** Meet at the lifeguard beach parking lot adjacent to Old Lighthouse Beach
- **Details:** An introduction to the shorebirds of Hatteras Island. Meet winged residents and those traveling the Atlantic Flyway. Binoculars are available.

Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

Celebrating 200 Years of Service – Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (from May 27-August 29)
- **Location:** Meet on the boardwalk of the Ocracoke Lighthouse
- **Details:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and the keepers that kept the light burning.

Bird Walk

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. (from May 28-August 27)
- **Location:** Meet at the beach access parking lot adjacent to the Ocracoke Campground.
- **Details:** An introduction to the birds of Ocracoke Island. Meet winged residents and those traveling the Atlantic Flyway. Binoculars are available.

Banker Ponies

- **Dates:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 9:30-10 a.m. (from May 27-August 28)
- **Location:** Meet outside of the Pony Pasture
- **Details:** Come meet the ponies who once roamed as a wild herd and learn about their living history on Ocracoke Island.

Ocracoke Lighthouse

- Monday-Thursday, the base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Educational Programs

Lost Colony Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (From May 25-Labor Day)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Details:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt

to establish a colony in the new world.

Freedman's Colony

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (from May 25-Labor Day)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Details:** Discover the successes and failures of the Freedmen's Colony and the Civil War battle that shaped it.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Educational Programs

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (through June 8)
- **Location:** Meet outside the visitor center
- **Details:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the first powered flights. Discover why the Wrights' chose Kitty Hawk 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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