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Photos



An adult least tern gives its chick a tasty minnow.



Photos taken during the multi-year Cape Hatteras Lighthouse restoration project can be found on [Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Flickr page](#).



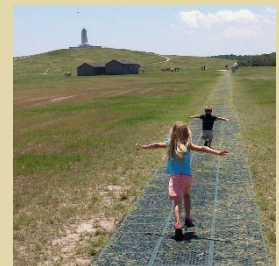
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Outer Banks Forever

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

News

- Cape Hatteras National Seashore wishes its visitors a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.
 - Organizers of two fireworks shows have been issued permits to celebrate Independence Day at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
 - Fireworks schedule: 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 at the south end of Ocracoke Island and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 4 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Avon Fishing Pier.
 - Learn more about the history of Independence Day at www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm.
 - Cape Hatteras National Seashore visitors and adjacent homeowners are reminded that it is illegal to detonate fireworks, or have fireworks in your possession, on all land managed by the National Park Service, including all beaches from the southern Nags Head border through Hatteras and Ocracoke islands. The fireworks shows held at the south end of Ocracoke Island and the Avon Fishing Pier have gone through a formal review process and received special use permits from the National Park Service.
- On June 25, Cape Hatteras National Seashore [temporarily closed a small section of beach](#) adjacent to G.A. Kohler Court in Rodanthe, due to exposed hazards. To learn more about threatened oceanfront structures located adjacent to Seashore beaches, visit go.nps.gov/cahatos.
- Travel delays will continue along Lighthouse Road in Buxton over the next several weeks as concrete work is completed within the multi-use pathway project area. Cape Hatteras National Seashore expects the project to be completed in the coming months.
- Additional ranger-led educational programs recently started at [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#), [Fort Raleigh National Historic Site](#) and [Wright Brothers National Memorial](#) are listed below.

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. (through Columbus Day)
- **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 through 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.

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Ocean Safety

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

Bodie Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climbing

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

Bodie Island Educational Programs

Lighting the Way for Over 150 Years – Bodie Island Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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.

Little Kinnakeet: 150th Anniversary of the Life-Saving Station

- **Dates:** Every Friday from 3:30-4:15 p.m. (from June 28-August 30)
- **Location:** 3.5 miles north of Avon, on the sound-side of N.C. Highway 12
- **Details:** Meet a ranger for a guided tour of the historic Little Kinnakeet Life-Saving Station. Take a look inside the 1874 Boat House and 1892 Kitchen.
NOTE: There are no restrooms; sturdy footwear is recommended.

Ocracoke Island Educational Programs

Celebrating 200 Years of Service – Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (through 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. (through 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. (through 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 & Ocracoke Island Discovery Center

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse and the Ocracoke Island Discovery Center are both open daily 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. (through 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.

Freedmen's Colony

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (through 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 Labor Day)
- **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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