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Photos of the Week



Today is the last day of the lifeguard season. Cape Hatteras National Seashore thanks all lifeguards that helped protect visitors between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. The Seashore also thanks the [Hatteras Island Rescue Squad](#) and [Chicamacomico Banks Water Rescue](#) for providing roving assistance on portions of Hatteras Island throughout the year.



The shorebird nesting season is winding down, but there are still a few more unfledged black skimmer chicks at the tip of South Point on Ocracoke Island. In this photo, a black skimmer chick takes refuge under its parent's wing. NPS Photo/J. Murphy

Seashore Updates

- Ranger-led educational programs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial transition from summer to fall programming tomorrow. Updated programming dates and times are listed in the programs and activities section below.
- Before you visit the beach, go to www.weather.gov/beach/mhx to view the daily rip current risk level and beach conditions forecast. Visitors can sign up to receive Outer Banks beach safety text messages by texting "OBXBeachConditions" to 77295.
 - Dangerous rip currents and rough surf from distant Hurricane Larry are forecast to impact Outer Banks beaches starting tomorrow, peaking Thursday and Friday.

Seashore Programs & Activities

Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing

- **Dates:** Monday-Sunday (Daily) through Oct. 11. First climb at 9 a.m. and final climb at 5:30 p.m.
- **Details:** Climbing tickets can only be purchased the day of intended climb and

are only available for purchase online at www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143. Tickets go on sale daily at 7 a.m.

Bodie Island Educational Programs/Activities (Sept. 7-Oct. 11, 2021)

The Bodie Island Lighthouse - Lighting the way for almost 150 years

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet on the back patio of the Double Keepers' Quarters
- **Description:** A park ranger will discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

Shaping these Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet on back patio of the Double Keepers' Quarters
- **Description:** Wars, hurricanes, winds 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 this islands.

Hatteras Island Educational Programs/Activities (Sept. 7-Oct. 11, 2021)

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse - Lighting the way for over 150 years

- **Dates:** Daily from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** A park ranger will discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and provide information about current restoration efforts.

Shaping these Barrier Islands

- **Dates:** Daily from 2:30-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
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Especially for Kids

- **Dates:** Every Monday-Friday from 12-12:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about seashore animals through hands-on games and activities for kids and families.

Surf Fish with a Ranger

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday from 8:30-10 a.m.
- **Description:** Ever wanted to try your hand at surf fishing? We bring the poles, you bring the bait. Registration is required. Visit the Hatteras Island Visitor Center to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Dark Skies Over Hatteras

- **Dates:** Every Thursday from 9-10 p.m.
- **Location:** Meet at off-road vehicle ramp 43
- **Description:** Bring blankets and chairs for this evening of stars and stories on the beach.

Ocracoke Island Educational Programs/Activities (Sept. 7-Oct. 11, 2021)

Ocracoke Island Discovery Center

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

View Inside Base of Ocracoke Lighthouse

- **Dates:** Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday-Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stories of Ocracoke Island

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside visitor center
- **Description:** Learn about the location and legacy of Ocracoke Island. From serving as an early port village and primary point of entry to North Carolina to Blackbeard's final battle, Ocracoke Island possesses a unique heritage resulting

from its continued remote setting.

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Fort Raleigh NHS & Wright Brothers NMEM Programs & Activities

Fort Raleigh NHS Educational Programs/Activities (Sept. 7-Oct. 8, 2021)

The Lost Colony - Walking Tour

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (30 minute program)
- **Location:** Meet outside Lindsay Warren Visitor Center
- **Description:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

Wright Brothers NMEM Educational Programs/Activities (Sept. 7-Oct. 11, 2021)

Wind and Sand

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (30 minute program)
- **Location:** Meet on the back patio of the visitor center
- **Description:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the Wright brothers' first powered flights.

The Wright Legacy

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 p.m. (30 minute program)
- **Location:** Meet at the white tent south of the pavilion restrooms
- **Description:** Twelve seconds was all the Wright brothers needed on December 17, 1903 to show the world humans can fly. Those twelve seconds were just the start of aviation history and the Wright legacy. Explore the rest of the Wright story as you discover the impact that Wilbur and Orville had on history, the legacy they left behind and how they are remembered in the world today.

Bicycle Program

- **Dates:** Every Monday at 9:30 a.m. (45 minute program)
- **Location:** Meet at the bicycle rack next to the visitor center
- **Description:** Let's go for a ride like the Wright brothers! Wilbur and Orville's bicycle business provided knowledge and funding for their aviation experiments. Bring your bike and helmet and take a trip back in time on this special program to discover what this place looked like when Wilbur and Orville were experimenting with the idea of flight. This easy, ranger-led bike ride will take you along park roads and explore the reasons why the Wright brothers chose this location, their experiments in flight and the building of the monument and visitor center. Maximum group size: 15 people, first come, first served.

Check out the park calendar on the [NPS mobile app](#) for updates.

Inclement weather may impact educational programming.

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