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## Photos of the Week



*Fireworks above Ocracoke Island.*

Cape Hatteras National Seashore wishes its visitors a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend. Organizers of two fireworks shows have received special use permits to celebrate Independence Day.

### Permitted Fireworks Shows

- 9:15 p.m. Saturday, July 2 at the south end of Ocracoke Island
- 9:15 p.m. Monday, July 4 at the Avon Fishing Pier

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 Nags Head border through Hatteras and Ocracoke islands. Visitors are encouraged to travel to the only authorized fireworks shows listed above.

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In addition to fireworks being illegal and a fire risk to local communities, the personal use of fireworks can be a significant nuisance to humans, pets and wildlife.

To learn more about the history of Independence Day, visit: [www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm).



*On a daily sea turtle patrol, Seashore staff captured this photo of a beautiful sunrise and sea turtle tracks on the beach.*



*A new educational panel about the Ocracoke ponies was recently installed at the pony pens.*

## News

- An expanded schedule of educational programs begins Tuesday, July 5 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial. See the updated schedule in the events section of this newsletter.
- For the first time since 2012, a [leatherback sea turtle](#) laid a nest at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Visit [go.nps.gov/fieldsummary](http://go.nps.gov/fieldsummary) to view a summary of this year's sea turtle and shorebird nesting seasons.
- Visitors planning to use the public boat ramps, kayak launch and marina at Oregon Inlet can expect parking and traffic issues this holiday weekend. The good news is that an additional 100 parking spaces are being built by [Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, LLC](#) as part of its [Oregon Inlet Marina improvements](#).
- Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at [Coquina Beach](#), [Old Lighthouse Beach](#), [Frisco Beach](#) and [Ocracoke Beach](#).
- 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](http://www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com).

## Events

### Cape Hatteras National Seashore

#### **Bodie Island Lighthouse Climbing**

- **Dates:** Wednesday-Saturday through early fall 2022. 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 on sale Wednesday-Saturday starting at 7 a.m. Purchase tickets at [www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143](http://www.recreation.gov/ticket/252034/ticket/10087143).

#### **Bodie Island Educational Programs**

##### **Lighting the Way for 150 years - Bodie Island Lighthouse**

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. (June 1-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

##### **Shaping These Barrier Islands**

- **Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-3p.m. (June 1-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet on the back porch of the keeper's quarters.
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

##### **Crabbing with a Ranger**

- **Dates:** Thursday at 9 a.m. (June 2-Sept. 1)
- **Description:** Ever wanted to try your hand at catching blue crabs? We bring the gear, you bring the bait. Call 252-564-4068, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

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#### **Hatteras Island Educational Programs**

##### **Lighting the Way for Over 150 years - Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m. (May 28-Sept. 5)

- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel and learn about current restoration efforts.

#### **Shaping These Barrier Islands**

- **Dates:** Daily at 2:30 p.m. (May 28-Sept. 5)
- **Location:** Meet at Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

#### **Totally turtles**

- **Dates:** Monday-Friday at 12 p.m. (May 30-Sept. 2)
- **Location:** Meet at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- **Description:** Learn about sea turtles through interactive games and activities for all ages.

#### **Surf Fish with a Ranger**

- **Dates:** Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. (June 1-Aug. 31)
- **Description:** Ever wanted to try your hand at surf fishing? We bring the poles, you bring the bait. Call 252-475-9622 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

#### **Soundside Explorers (Kids Program)**

- **Dates:** Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (July 7-Sept. 1)
- **Description:** Join a ranger for this activity-based exploration of the Pamlico Sound. Registration is required. Call 252-475-9622 to pre-register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

#### **Ocracoke Passenger Ferry Program**

- **Dates:** Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. (July 5-Sept. 30)
- **Description:** Receive an overview of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Ocracoke Island during your passenger ferry ride from Hatteras to Ocracoke islands.

#### **History at the Weather Station**

- **Dates:** Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (June 2-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras
- **Description:** Come explore the historic U.S. Weather Bureau Station and hear amazing stories that intertwine with our own lives and major historic events.

#### **Dark Skies Over Hatteras**

- **Dates:** Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. (May 31-Aug. 30)
- **Location:** Meet at off-road vehicle ramp 43 parking lot
- **Description:** Bring blankets and chairs for an evening of stars and stories on the beach.

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#### **Ocracoke Lighthouse**

- The base of the Ocracoke Lighthouse is open for viewing daily from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (May 28-Sept. 5)
- The Ocracoke Island Discovery Center is open daily from 10:30 a.m.-12:30

p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (May 28-Sept. 5)

### **Ocracoke Island Educational Programs**

#### **Lighting the Way for Nearly 200 years - Ocracoke Lighthouse**

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday at 11 a.m. (May 30-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet on the grounds of the Ocracoke Lighthouse
- **Description:** Discuss the details and history of this beautiful sentinel.

#### **Shaping These Barrier Islands**

- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (May 30-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet outside the Ocracoke Island Discovery Center
- **Description:** Wars, 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 these islands.

#### **Banker Ponies**

- **Dates:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:30 a.m. (June 6-Sept. 2)
- **Location:** Meet outside of the pony pen
- **Description:** Come meet the ponies who once roamed as a wild herd and learn about their living history on Ocracoke Island.

#### **Bird Walk**

- **Dates:** July 5, July 19, Aug. 12, Aug. 16 and Aug. 30 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Meet outside beach access parking lot adjacent to Ocracoke Campground
- **Description:** An introduction to the birds of Ocracoke. Meet winged residents and those traveling the Atlantic Flyway. Binoculars are available.

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## **Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**

### **Educational Program**

#### **Lost Colony Walking Tour**

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (June 26-Aug. 20)
- **Location:** Meet in front of the visitor center
- **Description:** Delve into the history and mystery surrounding England's first attempt to establish a colony in the new world.

#### **Forgotten Colony - The Civil War on Roanoke Island**

- **Dates:** Daily at 12 and 2 p.m. (June 26-Aug. 20)
- **Location:** Meet in front of the visitor center
- **Description:** During the American Civil War, Roanoke Island became a haven for formerly enslaved people. Discover the successes and failures of the Freedmen's Colony and the Civil War battle that shaped it.

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## **Wright Brothers National Memorial**

### **Educational Programs**

#### **Wind and Sand**

- **Dates:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (June 26-July 16) and Daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (July 17-Sept. 5)

- **Location:** Meet outside the back doors of the visitor center
- **Description:** Step back in history during this short walk to the actual site of the Wright's first powered flights. Discover why the Wrights chose this location 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.

### Wright Legacy

- **Dates:** Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. (May 28-July 16) and Daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (July 17-Sept. 5)
- **Location:** Meet at the tent
- **Description:** Twelve seconds was all the Wright brothers needed on Dec. 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 Tour

- **Dates:** Thursday at 10 a.m. (July 21-Sept. 1)
- **Location:** Meet at the bicycle rack next to visitor center
- **Description:** Let's go for a ride like the Wright brothers! 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. It is a first come, first served (15 person maximum) program.

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