



### Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Locations: The Seashore includes roughly 75 miles of beaches along the Bodie Island, Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Island Districts. The Seashore is accessible from NC 12, south of the Town of Nags Head. Ocracoke Island is accessible from the Hatteras, Cedar Island, and Swanquarter ferries.

Park Grounds: Open 24 hours

### Wright Brothers National Memorial



4th Flight Marker 59 seconds 852 feet  
3rd Flight Marker 15 seconds 200 feet  
2nd Flight Marker 12 seconds 175 feet  
1st Flight Marker 12 seconds 120 feet  
First Flight Boulder Lift-off point for each flight

Reconstructed 1903 Hangar  
Reconstructed 1903 Quarters/Workshop  
Visitor Center  
Entrance Station  
Pilot's booth  
Airstrip parking  
KILL DEVIL HILL  
Wright Brothers Monument  
December 17, 1903 sculpture

Site of the first successful piloted, powered, controlled, heavier-than-air flight in human history.

Location: 1000 N. Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
Park Grounds: 9 am -5 pm, 7 days a week  
Time to Visit: 2-4 hours

### Fort Raleigh National Historic Site



The Elizabethan Gardens  
Thomas Harriot Trail  
Entrance  
Administration Building  
Freedmen's Colony Monument  
1896 Monument  
Fort Raleigh National Historic Site Visitor Center  
Reconstructed Earthen Fort  
Theatre Box Office  
Picnic area  
Restrooms  
Picnic area

Location of the first English colony in the US and the site of a Freedmen's Colony during and after the Civil War.

Location: 1500 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954  
Visitor Center: 9 am -5 pm, 7 days a week  
Park Grounds: Open 24 hours  
Time to Visit: 2-4 hours



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Off-road vehicle permits, camping, and lighthouse climbing:  
purchase in advance from *recreation.gov* or 877-444-6777

# Park Information at a Glance

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Park Grounds: Open 24 hours.

Off-road vehicle access: Up to 43 miles of beachfront off-road vehicle access routes can be driven after purchasing an ORV permit from *recreation.gov*. Routes are subject to seasonal and wildlife closures. Text CAHAORV to 333111 to sign up for beach access text alerts.

### Bodie Island

Location: Stretches from Whalebone Junction in Nags Head to Oregon Inlet. Visitor Information: Whalebone Junction Welcome Center (daily 8:30am-5pm) and Bodie Island Visitor Center (9am-5pm).

Things to do during your visit:

- The Bodie Island Lighthouse is open for climbing mid-April through early October (reservations required at *recreation.gov*).
- Launch your boat or kayak at the Oregon Inlet and visit the fishing center.
- Hiking: Hike the Bodie Island Dike Trail, 2 miles, start at Bodie Island Lighthouse. Hike the Baseline Trail, 1 mile, start at Whalebone Junction.
- Swimming: Swim at Coquina Beach - open 24 hours - lifeguards present 9am-5pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### Hatteras Island

Location: The Hatteras Island District begins south of Oregon Inlet and includes the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. The island continues for 50 miles until its terminus at Hatteras Inlet and includes the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras Village. Visitor Information: Museum of the Sea in Buxton (daily 9am-6pm) and U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras (daily 9am-4pm seasonally).

Things to do during your visit:

- Lighthouse: The Hatteras Lighthouse is closed for restoration, outdoor areas near the lighthouse are open.
- Pier Fishing: Fish at the Bonner Pier (24 hrs) or Avon Pier (6am-10pm).
- Hiking: Hike the Buxton Woods Trail, 0.8 miles, start near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Hike the Open Ponds Trail, 4.5 miles one-way, connecting Frisco Campground and the British Cemetery.
- Swimming and Surfing: Swim at the Rodanthe, Old Lighthouse and Frisco life-guarded beaches - open 24 hours - lifeguards present 9am-5pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### Ocracoke Island

Location: Ocracoke Island is roughly 16 miles long starting at the west end of Hatteras Inlet and ending on the north end of Ocracoke Inlet. It is only accessible by private boat, airplane, or the Hatteras-Ocracoke, Cedar Island-Ocracoke, and Swanquarter-Ocracoke ferries. Visit *ncdot.gov* and search for “ferry tickets” to find ferry information and reservations. Visitor Information: Ocracoke Discovery Center (open with limited hours).

Things to do during your visit:

- Lighthouse: Ocracoke Lighthouse closed for climbing, but base is open for viewing periodically April-fall. Check Discovery Center for times.
- Pony Pasture: Visit the Ocracoke Ponies, 7 miles from village.
- Boating: Launch your boat or kayak from the boat ramps near the Ocracoke Discovery Center.
- Hiking: Hike the Hammock Hills Trail, 1 mile, begin across from Ocracoke Campground.
- Swimming and Surfing: Swim at the Ocracoke life-guarded beach - open 24 hours - lifeguards present 9am-5pm, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Location of the first English Colony in the U.S. and the site of a Freedmen’s Colony during and after the Civil War.

Park Grounds: Open 24 hours  
Visitor Center: 9am -5pm, 7 days a week  
Closed Christmas Day

Things to do during your visit:

- Learn about the park and Native American history at the Lindsay Warren Visitor Center.
- Walk the grounds to see the Earthen Fort, Waterside Theater, Virginia Dare Monument, and First Light of Freedom monument .
- Hike the Thomas Hariot Nature Trail (0.4 mile) or Freedom Trail (2.5 miles).
- Enjoy the Etheridge Point sound side beach and views of Roanoke Sound.
- Watch *The Lost Colony* six nights a week from 8-10 pm June-August (tickets required and available at *www.thelostcolony.org*).

## Wright Brothers National Memorial

Site of the first successful piloted, powered, controlled, heavier-than-air, flight in human history.

Park Grounds: 9am -5 pm, 7 days a week  
Visitor Center: 9am -5 pm, 7 days a week  
Closed Christmas Day

Things to do during your visit:

- Learn about the the Wright brothers and their flights at the Visitor Center.
- See a replica of the 1903 Flyer in the Flight Room.
- Walk the flight line of the first four powered flights.
- Stroll to the top of Big Kill Devil Hill, visit the monument and enjoy some of the best views on the Outer Banks.



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Fort Raleigh National Historic Site  
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**Park Information**  
252-473-2111  
Text NPSOBX to 333111 for park text alerts.  
Text CAHAORV to 333111 for beach access text alerts.

## Ranger Programs and Activities

Download the free NPS Mobile App for Ranger Program schedules, virtual tours, and information for all three parks. Junior and BARK Ranger programs available at all three parks.



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To learn more about Outer Banks Forever and how you can help protect and enhance our Outer Banks national parks, visit *OBXForever.org*.



## Lighthouse Climbs

Only the Bodie Island Lighthouse is currently open for climbing from mid April- mid October. Tickets are available only on *recreation.gov* and cannot be purchased in person. Tickets are available daily at 7am. You must be at the base of the lighthouse at least 5 minutes prior to your ticket time. Each climber must be at least 42” (107cm) tall and capable of climbing steps on their own. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Shoes are required.



## Off-Road Vehicles

Off-road vehicles (ORVs) is one way visitors can enjoy the beaches. Ramps all along the seashore provide access to the ocean and the sound. The National Park Service is managing ORV use with protection of important wildlife habtat and recreational interests. Use of ORVs within Cape Hatteras National Seashore require a permit. Access changes frequently during the nesting seasons of protected birds and sea turtles. If you have questions about the current access, stop by a visitor center.



## Camping

Cape Hatteras National Seashore has four campground. All campgrounds have tent, trailer, and RV (recreational vehicle) sites. Reservations and payments for camp sites can only be made online at *recreation.gov* or by calling 877-444-6777. To learn more about camping, visit: *nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm* or scan the Camping Reservations code:

### Campgrounds

| CAMPGROUND   | LOCATION                                                     | SITES | HOOK-UPS?                                | OPENS           | CLOSES          | COST                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Oregon Inlet | Oregon Inlet Campground<br>Highway 12<br>Nags Head, NC 27954 | 117   | Water and electric available at 47 sites | Open year-round | Open year-round | \$28 for no utilities<br>\$35 for utility hookups |
| Cape Point   | 46700 Lighthouse Road<br>Buxton, NC 27920                    | 201   | No                                       | April 3         | Nov. 29         | \$20                                              |
| Frisco       | 53415 Billy Mitchell Road<br>Frisco, NC 27936                | 125   | No                                       | April 3         | Nov. 29         | \$28                                              |
| Ocracoke     | 4352 Irvin Garrish Highway<br>Ocracoke, NC 27960             | 129   | No                                       | Open year-round | Open year-round | \$28                                              |



Lighthouse Tickets



Permit



Beach Access Conditions



Camping Reservations