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National Park Service Beach Access Report for June 23, 2011

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and sea turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

As of May 1, 2011, all Seashore beaches are closed to off-road vehicles between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in accordance with the court-ordered consent decree. The 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. prohibition on beach driving will remain in effect until November 15, 2011.

In addition, the annual seasonal closure of village beaches to off-road vehicle (ORV) use within the National Seashore went into effect at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2011. The beach driving speed limit is reduced from 25 mph to 15 mph in all locations open to ORV use, unless otherwise posted, from May 15 – September 15. The ORV closures are established in village beach areas that receive heavy pedestrian use, including areas adjacent to Coquina Beach and the villages of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** *All distances are approximate. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data and is divided geographically by island this year. The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>. For more information, check the National Seashore's website at: <http://www.nps.gov>.

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with "symbolic fencing" consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are strictly prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length. For more information, please contact: cyndy_holda@nps.gov or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

Bodie Island (Ramp 1 to Oregon Inlet; 6.0 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: 2.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 1.3 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.7 of a mile of limited access; 1.3 of a mile closed to public access due to resource closures. Note: Green Island, southwest of Oregon Inlet bridge, is closed to public entry.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)

Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)

Status: Ramp 2 is closed for ORV access. North of Ramp 4, the beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for approximately 2.4 miles.

Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.0 miles)

Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile south Ramp 4. A resource closure on the ocean shoreline precludes ORV and pedestrian access to Oregon Inlet. South of the closure there are two “limited access” areas (south of the resource closure to the inlet and along the western shoreline near the bridge) for a total of approximately 0.7 of a mile for pedestrian only, accessible by boat.

Hatteras Island (Ramp 23 South to Hatteras Inlet; 42.8 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: 14.9 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 17.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 2.2 miles of “limited access”; 8.3 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo - Ramp 23: (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 – 3.0 miles)

Status: The beach in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo is closed to ORV access. The annual seasonal village closure is in effect from May 15 through September 15, 2011. The beach in front of the villages is open for pedestrian access for 3.0 miles. A resource closure located 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 23 precludes ORV access to the north.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27: (4.3 miles)

Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 23.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30: (2.1 miles)

Status: Ramp 27 is closed to ORV access and pedestrian access. There is ORV and pedestrian access for 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34: (4.3 miles)

Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38: (3.9 miles)

Status: The beach in front of Avon Village is closed to ORV access. The annual seasonal village closure is in effect from May 15 through September 15, 2011. The beach in front of Avon Village is open for pedestrian access for 3.9 miles.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43: (6.0 miles)

Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 43. There is pedestrian access 1.0 mile north of Buxton Village and from Buxton Village beaches south for approximately 2.8 miles to Ramp 43.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44: (0.4 of a mile)

Status: The beach is open for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 45: (Ramp 44 to tip of Cape Point: 3.4 miles)

Status: Ramp 44 is closed. Cape Point is closed to ORV and pedestrian access. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

Ramp 45 - Ramp 49: (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV and pedestrian access 0.2 of a mile west of Ramp 45. There is no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55: (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian use for 1.7 miles northeast and 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet: (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.2 miles)

Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west for 2.0 miles. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians with a slight re-route leading to the beach due to an expanded closure. The Spur Road is closed to pedestrian and ORV access. Cable Crossing is open with limited parking for ORVs and soundside access for pedestrians.

Ocracoke Island (20.5 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: 5.1 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 8.0 miles open to pedestrians only; 7.4 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59: (1.4 miles)

Status: Ramp 59 is closed to ORV access and open to pedestrian only access for 2.7 miles south of the ramp. The beach is closed to ORV and pedestrian access north of Ramp 59.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67: (7.8 miles)

Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access for 2.7 miles south of Ramp 59 and 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67 where two full beach closures preclude through ORV and through pedestrian access. A total of approximately 6.0 miles of pedestrian access (via NC 12) is located between the two closures.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68): (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles between Ramp 67 and Ramp 68. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 68 and ORV access for .04 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is pedestrian access for 1.6 miles north of Ramp 70 where a resource protection closure precludes through access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72: (1.8 miles)

Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 72 to South Point: (2.6 miles)

Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 72 where a resource protection closure precludes access to the inlet.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Resource Management Field Summary for June 16 – June 22, 2011
(Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke Districts)**

Piping Plover (PIPL) Observations:

Observations	Thurs 6/16	Fri 6/17	Sat 6/18	Sun 6/19	Mon 6/20	Tues 6/21	Weds 6/22
Oregon Inlet	0	3	0	1	0	1	2
Cape Point*	4	9	3	2	6	6	2
South Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Overwash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Ocracoke	2	2	2	2	0	0	1
S. Ocracoke*	1	2	2	3	4	2	3

*Totals do not include unfledged chicks

PIPL Summary: One nest on Bodie Island Spit is being incubated. On Cape Point we have one brood and at least two pair have been actively scraping. On North Ocracoke PIPL brood OI04 hatched three chicks and the last time a chick was observed was on 6/20. On South Point we have one brood and one active nest. Scraping continues to be documented on South Point.

Nest #	Location	Date Found	Hatch Date (lost)	Total Eggs Hatched	Unfledged Chicks	Chicks Lost	Fledged Chicks
BI01	Bodie Island	6/12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI01	Cape Point	4/15	5/15	1	0	0	1
HI02	Cape Point	4/18	5/18	4	0	1	3
HI04	Cape Point	4/27	5/23	3	0	2	1
HI05	Cape Point	5/5	6/6	3	2	1	NA
HI06	Cape Point	5/8	6/9	4	0	4	0
HI07	South Beach	5/10	6/12	3*	0	3	0
OI02	South Point	5/6	6/3	4	1	3	NA
OI04	North Ocracoke	5/16	6/16 (6/20)	3	0	3	0
OI05	South Point	5/29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

*Correction to previous Weekly Report; maximum number of chicks seen was three.

Wilson's Plover (WIPL) Summary: One chick last observed on 6/5-presumed lost.

American Oystercatcher (AMOY) Summary: We currently have eighteen AMOY broods, two active AMOY nests and one fledged AMOY chick. Bodie-Hatteras District has six AMOY broods and two active nests. Two UNB pairs are actively scraping. Hatteras District has eight

AMOY broods, two pairs actively scraping and one fledged chick. Ocracoke has four AMOY broods and one pair on a scrape territory.

Nest #	Pair #	Location	Date Found	Hatch Date (lost)	Total Eggs Hatched	Unfledged Chicks	Chicks Lost	Fledged Chicks
GI01A	GIAM01	Bodie-Hatteras	4/22	5/17	2	1	1	NA
GI02	GIAM02	Bodie-Hatteras	4/29	UNK	2	2	0	NA
GI03	GIAM03	Bodie-Hatteras	6/6	UNK	2	2	0	NA
BH02	BHAM02	Bodie-Hatteras	4/22	5/20	3	3	0	NA
BH04	BHAM04	Bodie-Hatteras	5/5	6/2	3	3	0	NA
BH05	BHAM01	Bodie-Hatteras	6/9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BH06	BHAM03	Bodie-Hatteras	6/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BI01	BIAM01	Bodie-Hatteras	5/26	6/20	1	1	0	NA
HI01	HIAM01	Hatteras	4/15	5/15	1	1	0	NA
HI02	HIAM02	Hatteras	4/18	5/14	2	1	0	1
HI03	HIAM03	Hatteras	4/19	5/18	3	2	1	NA
HI04	HIAM04	Hatteras	4/21	5/22	3	1	2	NA
HI05	HIAM05	Hatteras	4/24	5/23	2	1	1	NA
HI07	HIAM07	Hatteras	5/2	6/6	2	1	1	NA
HI08	HIAM08	Hatteras	5/7	6/3	2	2	0	NA
HI11	HIAM06	Hatteras	5/20	6/16	2	2	0	NA
OI01	OIAM01	Ocracoke	4/18	5/18	3	2	1	NA
OI02	OIAM02	Ocracoke	4/23	5/22	3	2	1	NA
OI04	OIAM04	Ocracoke	4/30	5/27	3	1	2	NA
OI03A	OIAM03	Ocracoke	5/2	5/28 (6/16)	2	0	2	0
OI05	OIAM05	Ocracoke	5/8	6/4	3	2	1	NA

Colonial Waterbirds (CWBs):

District	Colony ID	Location	Species	Active	Comments
Bodie	BICO01	Bodie Spit	LETE, COTE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and LETE chicks
	GICO01	Green Island	COTE, BLSK, GBTE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and COTE and BLSK chicks
Bodie-Hatteras	BHCO01A	0.1 mi S of R27	LETE	No	Colony no longer active-thought to have shifted south
	BHCO01B	0.7 mi S of R27	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks
	BHCO02	0.2 mi N of R23	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks

	BHCO03	1.5 mi S of R23	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks
	BHCO04	0.1 mi N of R27	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks
Hatteras	IIICO01	Cape Point	LETE, BLSK	Yes	LETE: Scrapes, nests, and chicks BLSK: scrapes
	HICO02	1.9 mi S of R38	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks
	IIICO03	0.4 mi W of R45	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks. Raccoon tracks seen throughout colony during survey (6/2).
	HICO04	1.0 mi S of R38	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests, and chicks
	HICO05	2.5 mi S of R38	LETE	Yes	Scrapes and nests
	IIICO06	1.5 mi W of R45	LETE	Yes	Scrapes and nests. Late colony. Possible establishment by CWBs from HICO03 due to depredation. Survey of colony not yet conducted.
Ocracoke	OICO01	North Ocracoke	LETE, COTE, BLSK, GBTE	Yes	Scrapes, nests and LETE and BLSK chicks
	OICO02	South Point	LETE, COTE, BLSK	Yes	Scrapes, nests and LETE, COTE, and BLSK chicks
	OICO03	Ocracoke Spit	LETE	Yes	Scrapes, nests and LETE chicks

Sea Turtle Nests & False Crawls (this week):

District	Date	Species	Activity Type (Nest or False Crawl)	Location
Bodie	6/18	Loggerhead	False Crawl	1.2 mi S of R4
Bodie-Hatteras			None	
Hatteras	6/16	Loggerhead	False Crawl	0.5 mi E of R49
	6/16	Loggerhead	Nest	0.1 mi N of R44
	6/20	Loggerhead	False Crawl	80 m N of R43
	6/20	Loggerhead	Nest	0.2 mi S of R44
	6/20	Loggerhead	Nest	0.3 mi E of R49
	6/21	Loggerhead	False Crawl	0.2 mi S of R44
	6/21	Loggerhead	False Crawl	1.1 mi S of R44
	6/21	Green	False Crawl	0.7 mi S of R44
	6/21	Loggerhead	Nest	1.5 mi S of R34
	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	0.9 mi S of R44
	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	0.9 mi S of R44
	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	1.2 mi S of R44
	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	1.2 mi S of R44

	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	0.7 mi N of R43
	6/22	Loggerhead	False Crawl	1.8 mi N of R43
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	0.6 mi N of R43
	6/22	Green	Nest	0.5 mi S of R44
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	2.4 mi N of R43
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	0.1 mi E of R45
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	1.1 mi S of R34
Ocracoke	6/17	Loggerhead	Nest	1.0 mi N of R67
	6/17	Loggerhead	Nest	2.8 mi N of R67
	6/17	Loggerhead	Nest	3.9 mi S of R59
	6/21	Loggerhead	Nest	0.2 mi N of R68
	6/21	Green	False Crawl	0.1 mi N of R68
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	0.1 mi N of R70
	6/22	Loggerhead	Nest	1.3 mi N of R67
	6/22	Green	False Crawl	1.0 mi N of R70

Sea Turtle Nest & False Crawl Summary:

Total Nests to Date	Active Nests	Total Nests Hatched	Total False Crawls
53*	53	0	44

*Includes two Green turtle nests and 51 Loggerhead nests

Sea Turtle Strandings:

District	Date	Species	Stranding Location
Bodie	6/16	Loggerhead	0.4 mi S of R4
Bodie-Hatteras	6/17	Loggerhead	2.5 mi N of R23
Hatteras	6/17	Kemp's ridley	1.1 mi W R45
Ocracoke		None	

Marine Mammal Strandings:

District	Date	Species	Stranding Location
Bodie		None	
Bodie-Hatteras		None	
Hatteras		None	
Ocracoke	6/15	Bottlenose Dolphin	1.0 mi S of R59, Pamlico Sound

Closures – additions/modifications/removals:

District/ Closure #	Location	Species	Date Installed (or Removed)
Bodie			
	None		
Bodie-Hatteras			
	None		
Hatteras			
HI-11-010-A	0.9 mi S R38	LETE	6/19
Ocracoke			
OI-11-001-F	Ramp 59	PIPL	6/16
OI-11-001-G	Ramp 59	PIPL	6/18

Closure Intrusions:

District	Date	Type of Intrusion	Comments
Bodie		None	
Bodie-Hatteras	6/18	Pedestrian	Two sets of bare footprints throughout closure 0.3 mi N of R23
	6/19	Pedestrian/Dog	Two sets of bare footprints and dog tracks enter closure at Ramp 27 via the ramp and extend to the shoreline. They exited along the same route
	6/19	Pedestrian	Two sets of bare footprints throughout closure 1.5 mi S of R23
	6/22	Pedestrian	Multiple sets of bare footprints throughout closure 0.3 mi N of R23
Hatteras	6/18	Pedestrian	Five sets of footprints into and out of closure between large overwash of Overwash Fans and N end of closure 0.5 to 0.8 mi S of R55.
	6/18	Pedestrian	One set of footprints through corner of closure for turtle nest NH23, 0.4 mi E of R49.
	6/19	Pedestrian	Jogger inside closure 2.5 mi S of R38.
Ocracoke	6/16	Pedestrian	Three set of footprints observed along the shoreline 2.8 mi S of R59.
	6/19	Pedestrian	One pedestrian observed walking along the shoreline 0.6 mi S of R68.
	6/20	Pedestrian	One set of footprints along the shoreline 0.6 mi S of R68.

Deliberate Violations: None