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Assateague Island National Seashore Re-Opens Update #5

Berlin, Maryland – The following provides updated information regarding the limited re-opening of Assateague Island National Seashore in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy:

- This weekend, Veteran's Day Weekend, November 10, 11 and 12 is an entrance fee free weekend.

- Oceanside Drive-in campground loop 1 & 2 and Bayside Drive-in campground will open Friday, November 9 at noon. Oceanside Walk-in campground, Group camping and all backcountry campsites remain closed.

- The park will be open 24 hours beginning Friday, November 9. Life of the Marsh trail, Life of the Forest trail, Bayside picnic area, Old Ferry Landing and South Ocean Beach parking area are closed to the public. Please obey all closures, hazardous conditions exist in these areas.

- Horseback riding will be closed until further notice.

- The Over Sand Vehicle (OSV) zone will be assessed daily and will be open when conditions are safe for public access. Please check our website daily or call 410-641-1441 ext. 3 for updated conditions.

- Limited hunting is expected be open Saturday. Please check our website daily or call 410-641-1441 ext. 3 for updated information.

- The Maryland cycling and pedestrian bridge is severely damaged and will be closed until further notice. Currently, visitors may not walk or ride bicycles across the Verrazano Bridge. Portions of bikes lanes on the island were also damaged and are unsafe.

- The Assateague Island Visitor Center is open daily, 9 am – 5 pm.

- The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia will open Saturday, November 10 with extended hours and access. Refuge hours will be 7 am - 5 pm. Pedestrians and bicyclists may park in designated areas and walk or bike to the beach. For more information call 757-336-6122.

Please check our website at www.nps.gov/asis for updates.

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