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## Assateague Island National Seashore News Release

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### Assateague Island National Seashore Re-Opens Update #2

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

- The North Ocean Beach parking area is open from 7 am - 5 pm starting Sunday, November 4, 2012.
- The Verrazano Bridge has been checked out by the Maryland Department of Transportation and deemed safe for vehicular traffic.
- 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 Old Ferry Landing Road, Bayside Drive, and South Ocean Beach Parking lots are all closed until further notice due to continued high water, unsafe conditions and damaged infrastructure.

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- All developed area camping is closed until further notice.
- All back country camping is closed until further notice.
- The Over Sand Vehicle (OSV) zone is closed until further notice.
- All hunting in the National Seashore is closed until further notice.
- The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia is open from 9 am - 4 pm with limited access. Beach parking areas are severely damaged. There is no access to the beach in the Virginia district at this time.

Priority cleanup efforts are currently focused on Oceanside Drive-In Campground Loops 1 and 2 and the Maryland OSV zone to just south of the bullpen.

At this time the park has no phone or internet service. Please check our website at [www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis) for updates.

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