

**Bodie Island Activities Summer 2010 (May 28 – September 6)**

(See program descriptions below)

Visitor Center Hours

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. May 28 to Labor Day

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. the rest of the year

<b>Program Name</b> (location code number – see below)	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Crabbing with a Ranger <small>Pre-register</small>			8:30		8:30		
Especially For Kids (1)		10:00		10:00		10:00	
Marsh Discovery Walk (4)	11:00		11:00		11:00		11:00
Barrier Island Nature* (4)		11:00		11:00		11:00	
Civil War on the Outer Banks* (4)	2:00		2:00			2:00	
Graveyard of the Atlantic* (4)		2:00			2:00		2:00
Sentinel of the Shore* (4)	3:00	3:00	3:00	12:00	3:00	3:00	3:00
Soundside Seining (5)				2:00			
Pirates!* (4)	4:00		4:00		4:00		4:00
Coast Guard Station Oregon Inlet Tour <small>Pre-register – see below</small>				4:00			
Evening Campfire (3)					8:00		
Night Lights (2)			8:45				

\* indicates accessible programs

**Program Locations**

- (1) Sandcastle Environmental Education Center located at the north end of the Coquina Beach parking lot past the bathhouse
- (2) Coquina Beach bathhouse
- (3) First beach access at Coquina Beach parking lot before the bathhouse
- (4) Bodie Island Visitor Center
- (5) Far end of the Oregon Inlet Marina charter boat parking area (Park near the propeller)

**Hatteras Island Activities Summer 2010 (May 28 – September 6)**

(See program descriptions below)

Visitor Center Hours

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. May 28 to Labor Day

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. the rest of the year

<b>Program Name</b> (location code number – see below)	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Morning Bird Walk (10)			8:00				
Fish with a Ranger Pre-register – see below		8:00			8:00		
Cast Netting Pre-register – see below				9:30			
Soundside Seining (11)						8:30	
Sentinel of the Shore* (9)	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00	12:00 & 5:00
Graveyard of the Atlantic* (9)	10:00		10:00		10:00		10:00
Civil War on the Outer Banks* (9)		10:00		10:00		10:00	
Especially For Kids* (9)	11:00	11:00	11:00		11:00	11:00	11:00
Seashore Arts* Pre-register – see below				11:00			
Barrier Island Nature* (9)	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00
Coast Guard Station Hatteras Tour Pre-register – see below					3:30		
Old Days at the Weather Station (12)			3:30				
Soundside Snorkel Pre-register – See below		2:30		2:30		2:30	
Pirates!* (9)	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
Evening Campfire (8)			8:00 p.m.				
Night Climb Pre-register - see below					8 p.m. & 9 p.m.		
Night Lights (7)				8:45 p.m.			

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**Program Locations**

- (7) Old Lighthouse Site parking lot
- (8) Buxton Swim Beach
- (9) Hatteras Island Visitor Center Pavilion
- (10) Fish cleaning tables near Ramp 44
- (11) Sandy Bay soundside parking lot
- (12) Hatteras U.S. Weather Bureau Station

**Ocracoke Island** Activities Summer 2010 (May 28 – September 6)

(See program descriptions below)

Visitor Center Hours

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. May 28 to September 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. the rest of the year

<b>Program Name</b> (location code number – see below)	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Morning Bird Walk (13)						8:00	
Crabbing with a Ranger Pre-register – see below			9:30		9:30		
Outer Banks History* (18)		9:30		9:30			
Cast Netting Pre-register – see below						10:30	
Civil War on the Outer Banks* (18)	11:00		11:00			11:00	
Barrier Island Nature* (18)		11:00			11:00		11:00
Pirates!* (18)				2:00	2:00		
Soundside Seining (14)				2:30			
Especially for Kids* (18)		3:00		11:00		3:00	
Banker Ponies (15)	3:00		3:00		3:00		3:00
Village Walking Tour (18)			5:00				
Evening Campfire (16)					8:00 pm		
Night Lights (17)				8:45 pm			

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**Program Locations**

(13) Hatteras Ferry parking lot on north end of Ocracoke Island

(14) Parking lot 0.7 miles north of pony pens

(15) Pony pens

(16) Ocracoke Campground Beach

(17) Ocracoke Day Use Area Parking Lot

(18) Ocracoke Visitor Center

## **Program Descriptions**

### **Banker Ponies** (Ocracoke Island) **(30 minutes)**

The Banker Ponies are an Ocracoke must-see! Learn more about their mysterious origin, unique physical attributes, survival skills and the circumstances that led the National Park Service to care for them.

### **Barrier Island Nature** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands) **(30 minutes)**

Join a ranger for a talk about the wild side of the Outer Banks. Learn how to protect unique seashore resources such as nesting shorebirds and sea turtles and their precious habitats. Check at the visitor center to learn the topic of the day.

### **Cast Netting** (Hatteras and Ocracoke islands) **(1 hour)**

Casting a net from shore is one of the oldest methods of fishing still practiced around the world today. Give it a try or just come to observe the action. You're welcome to bring your own cast net. Wear wading shoes. Limited to 25 participants. Pre-register, based on program location, at the Hatteras Island Museum or Ocracoke Visitor Center beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

### **Civil War on the Outer Banks** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands) **(30 minutes)**

Join a ranger for a view of the Outer Banks' role in the Civil War. Topics may include, the Chicamacomico races, Fort Clark, Fort Hatteras, blockade runners, the role of the lighthouses during the war and much more. Check at the visitor center to learn the topic of the day.

### **Coast Guard Station Hatteras Inlet Tour** (Hatteras Island) **(1 hour)**

The U.S. Coast Guard, and its predecessor, the U.S. Life-Saving Service, have a long and heroic history on the Outer Banks. Join us to tour an active U.S. Coast Guard Station. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-register at the Hatteras Island Visitor Center beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

### **Coast Guard Station Oregon Inlet Tour** (Bodie Island) **(1 hour)**

The U.S. Coast Guard, and its predecessor, the U.S. Life-Saving Service, have a long and heroic history on the Outer Banks. Join us to tour an active U.S. Coast Guard Station. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-register at the Bodie Island Visitor Center beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

### **Crabbing with a Ranger** (Bodie and Ocracoke islands) **(1½ Hours)**

Learn all about blue crabs and try your hand at catching them! Limited to 25 participants. Pre-register, based on program location, at the Bodie Island or Ocracoke Island Visitor Center. Bring bait (raw fish or chicken parts) and wading shoes.

### **Especially for Kids** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands) **(30-45 minutes)**

Hands-on activities allow kids to have fun while learning about the seashore. Check at the visitor center to learn the topic of the day's program.

### **Evening Campfire** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands) **(1 hour)**

Spend an evening under the stars hearing stories of the Outer Banks. Topics may include shipwrecks, pirates, sea life, and legends. Bring a beach chair, a warm blanket, flashlight and bug spray.

### **Fish with a Ranger** (Hatteras Island) **(2 hours)**

Learn the sport of surf casting and fishing. We have poles but you MUST bring the bait! Limited to 15 participants. Pre-register in person at the Hatteras Island Museum beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

**Graveyard of the Atlantic** (Bodie and Hatteras islands)

**(30 minutes)**

Countless ships have met their end off the Outer Banks. Learn how storms, shoals, war, and commerce have contributed to the wreckage and hear stories of those who risked their lives to save the victims.

**Marsh Discovery Walk** (Bodie Island)

**(1 hour)**

Experience the sights and sounds of the island's fresh water marshes. Birds, dragonflies and butterflies are among those that hunt and gather in this rich habitat. Binoculars are provided, or bring your own if you have them.

**Morning Bird Walk** (Hatteras and Ocracoke islands)

**(1½ to 2 hours)**

The Outer Banks is well known for its abundant bird life. Come explore their beach and salt marsh habitats. Beginner and experienced birders are welcomed. Binoculars are available.

**Night Climb** (Hatteras Island)

**(1 hour)**

Join us for a guided tour of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse...at NIGHT! You will need to pre-purchase Night Climb tickets in person between 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the lighthouse ticket booth Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the week you intend to climb. Each program is limited to 30 participants, and tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are nonrefundable and children must be at least 42" tall. Bring a flashlight.

**Night Lights** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands)

**(1 hour)**

Leave your flashlights at home and welcome back the night. Join a ranger for a short walk to search the tide line for glowing marine plankton and the sky for planets and star constellations. Find out why protecting the dark of night is valuable to both people and wildlife.

**Old Days at the Weather Station** (Hatteras Island)

**(45 minutes)**

Join a ranger for a tour of the restored Hatteras Weather Bureau Station and hear about the villagers who worked there during both tranquil and stormy times.

**Outer Banks History** (Ocracoke Island)

**(30 minutes)**

Hear of life along the Outer Banks. Topics can include shipwrecks, German U-boat, Ocracoke Village history, or hurricanes. Check at the visitor center to learn the topic of the day's program.

**Pirates!** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands)

**(30 minutes)**

In the 1700's pirates frequently visited the Outer Banks. Find out why the area was so attractive to pirates and how the golden age of piracy dramatically ended.

**Seashore Arts** (Hatteras Island)

**(1 hour)**

Get in touch with your artistic side and create a lasting memory of the seashore. Bring a cotton t-shirt or pillow case to create a seashore-inspired masterpiece. Limited to 16 participants. Pre-register at the Hatteras Island Museum beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

**Sentinel of the Shore** (Bodie and Hatteras islands)

**(30 minutes)**

Learn about the rich history of, and future plans for, the park's majestic lighthouses.

**Soundside Seining** (Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke islands)

**(1 to 1½ Hours)**

Interested in learning about the Pamlico Sound and the creatures living there? Join a ranger and discover the wonders of the sound. We use seining nets to 'seine' or scoop creature from the water. Wear wading shoes.

**Soundside Snorkel** (Hatteras Island)

**(1½ hours)**

It's not the Caribbean, but the shallow waters of the Pamlico Sound are home to an array of small fish, shrimp, and crabs. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-register at the Hatteras Island Museum beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

**Village Walking Tour** (Ocracoke Island)

**(1-1 ½ hours)**

Stroll through the streets of Ocracoke and discover the history of the village. This ranger-led walk will cover approximately one mile and many of Ocracoke's historic sites. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.