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Lookout Seashore



War Comes to the Banks 1861 - 1865



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Welcome to Cape Lookout



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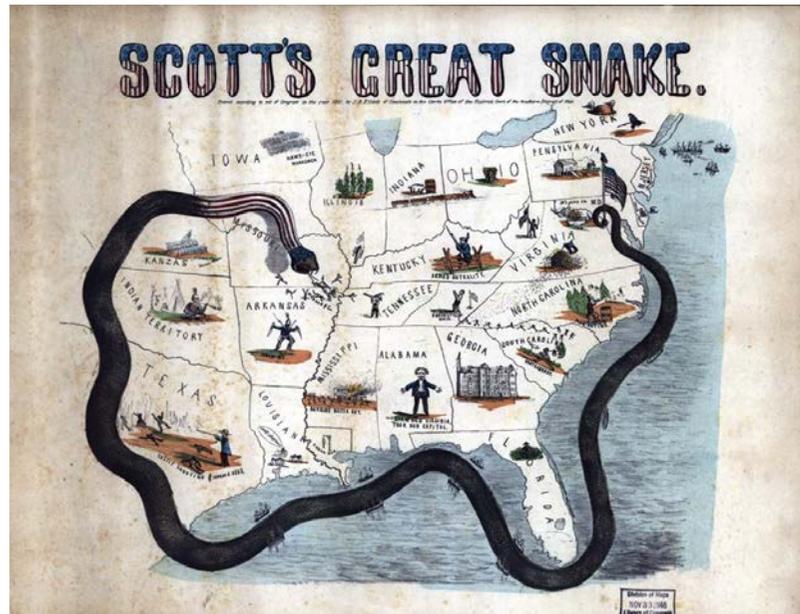


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Welcome to Cape Lookout National Seashore. In the following pages you will find information on places to visit and things to do within the seashore. This year you will also discover some of the little known history of the area from the time of the Civil War.

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War (1861-1865) is an opportunity for the nation to reflect on the causes of the war and how our nation has progressed since those fateful years. While no major battles were fought on the shores of Cape Lookout National Seashore, the Southern Outer Banks' barrier islands and the Cape Lookout Lighthouse played a role in both Union and Confederate strategy for control of the coast.



Both sides understood the importance of controlling the ports, inlets and coastal waters of the secessionist states. Just a week after the bombardment of Fort Sumter in April of 1861, the Union implemented General-in-Chief Winfield Scott's Anaconda Plan. Like a

constricting snake, the Plan sought to blockade all ports in secessionist states to restrict the flow of military supplies.

North Carolina seceded from the Union on May 20, 1861, and by August 29, with the capture of Fort Hatteras and

Fort Clark at Hatteras Inlet, the Union held a major entrance into Pamlico Sound. This not only closed a port to southern use, but also allowed for the eventual establishment of home ports of the Union Navy in Confederate territory to resupply and rearm.

A small, but vital, piece of the Anaconda Plan was the amphibious Burnside Expedition in Eastern North Carolina. Brigadier General Ambrose E. Burnside used the Union Navy to transport his troops from Hatteras Inlet to Roanoke Island and later to a point on the Neuse River from which to march towards Beaufort and New Bern. By June of 1862, the Burnside Expedition had brought under Union control the coast stretching from the northern border of North Carolina to the town of Beaufort and inland to the city of New Bern.

FERRY AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To	Leaves From	Operator(s)	Type	Pets	Phone
North Core Banks, Portsmouth Village	Ocracoke	Rudy Austin Portsmouth Island Boat Tours	Passenger	Call first	(252) 928-4361
North Core Banks, Long Point	Atlantic	Morris Marina Ferry Service	Vehicles / Passenger	On leash or in vehicle	(252) 225-4261
South Core Banks, Great Island	Davis	Davis Shore Ferry Service	Vehicles / Passenger	In vehicle or crate	(252) 729-3474
		Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service	Vehicles / Passenger	In vehicle	(252) 729-9751
South Core Banks, Cape Lookout Lighthouse & Shackleford Banks	Harkers Island	Cape Lookout Ferry, Inc. dba Calico Jacks Ferry	Passenger	On leash	(252) 728-3575
		Harkers Island Fishing Center	Passenger	On leash	(252) 728-3907
		Cape Pointe Ferry	Passenger	Call first	(252) 728-6181
		Local Yokel Ferry and Tours	Passenger	Call first	(252) 728-2759
Shackleford Banks Only (west)	Beaufort	Outer Banks Ferry Service	Passenger	On leash	(252) 728-4129
		Island Ferry Adventures	Passenger	Call first	(252) 728-7555
		Crystal Coast Ferry Service	Passenger	Call first	(252) 503-1955
	Morehead City	Waterfront Ferry Service	Passenger	Call first	(252) 928-4361

Welcome to Cape Lookout



Get ready for ADVENTURE!

Want to get away from it all? Exploring the beaches of Cape Lookout National Seashore will certainly fulfill your wish. A boat ride, either your own boat or one of the toll ferries, is required to reach these undeveloped islands. (See ferry list on page 2)

Whether you spend an hour, a day, or camp overnight, a little advance planning will make your visit enjoyable. Answers to some of the most

commonly asked questions are found in these pages (See Good Questions on page 5). For more assistance, the Park Rangers at the Harkers Island Visitor Center can help you plan your visit. While there you can examine the exhibits, watch the park movie or stroll along the nature trail. The Harkers Island Visitor Center is fully accessible and can be reached by car. The park movie is open captioned for your convenience.



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- For iPhone, try QR Reader.

- For Android, try Bar Code Scanner.
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No smart phone? A web address is printed next to each QR code for use with a computer and internet connection.

<http://go.nps.gov/yplurt>



Harkers Island Visitor Center
Open Daily 9 AM - 5 PM
 Except Christmas Day and New Years Day
 131 Charles St.
 Harkers Island NC 28531
 (gps wayfinding use: 1800 Island Road, Harkers Island)

Light Station Visitor Center and Keepers' Quarters Museum
Open March 28th to Nov 18th
9 AM - 5 PM

Theodore & Annie Salter House and Visitor Center
Open April 2nd to mid-November
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Safety and Emergencies



Hurricanes

Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. If the Seashore is in a storm's path, it will be evacuated 48-72 hours prior to the storm's arrival. Because an evacuation takes several hours, this process may begin before a Hurricane Watch has been officially declared.

Before coming to the Seashore for an extended stay:

- Monitor the latest tropical storm weather forecasts – know what is expected during your stay.
- Bring a portable means of checking the weather forecast – check for updates regularly as storms can change quickly.
- Be prepared to cut your trip short.
- If you brought your vehicle, be aware that ferry captains have the authority to load vehicles to maximize capacity when necessary.



Cell Phones

Cell phones work in most locations on the islands. When making a 911 call, be sure to tell the dispatcher:

- You are calling from a cell phone and your phone number (in case you get disconnected)
- You are calling from Cape Lookout National Seashore, and your exact location (use landmarks and, if known, the milepost number)
- The nature of your emergency

Docks

There is no swimming or diving from the docks within Cape Lookout National Seashore. All docks are for loading and unloading boats only.



Heat & Humidity

The high temperatures and humidity of summer weather can cause some people to experience heat related illnesses after playing or working outside. Play safe! Learn the signs and symptoms of these illnesses and their first aid treatments.

Heat Exhaustion and Cramps

Heat exhaustion and heat cramps are milder forms of heat related illness caused by inadequate or imbalanced replacement of fluid during high temperatures. Warning signs include: heavy sweating,

pale skin, cool moist skin, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting. **First aid – quickly cool the person down.**

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is an abnormally high body temperature. This condition is a **true medical emergency** that can be fatal if not properly and promptly treated. Symptoms include: high body temperature, absence of sweating, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, confusion, disorientation or seizure. **First aid – dial 911.**

Escape from Rip Currents

Rip currents, commonly called rip tides or undertows, are strong, narrow, river-like currents that are moving away from the shore. If you are caught in a rip current, remain calm. The current will not pull you under, but it will make it difficult to reach shore. The best way to escape is to wade or swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current. Then, when free, wade or swim back towards shore at an angle from the current. Do not attempt to swim directly against the current as you will only exhaust yourself.

As shown in this illustration, swimming parallel to the shore is the best way to escape from a rip current.

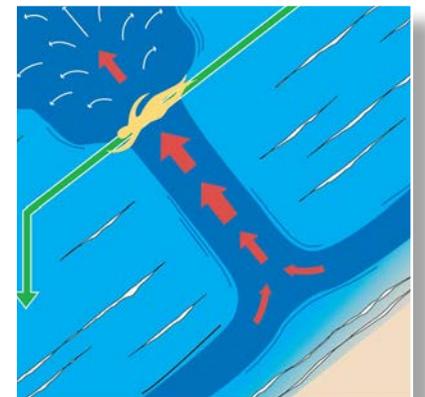


Image Credit: courtesy NC Sea Grant



It's a big park with a lot happening in it. Help the park rangers keep it safe for everyone by being an extra set of eyes. To report a problem or a violation that you have seen, call 252-728-2250; to leave an anonymous recording, dial ext. 4444.

For after hours emergencies dial 911.



When You come to the Park Don't forget your...

- sunscreen
- water
- hat
- bug spray



Good Questions



Where are the trash cans?

There are no trash cans or trash pick-up service anywhere in the seashore. Please help us keep the beaches clean by taking your trash (and more) back to the mainland with you.

May I bring my pet to the beach?

Pets are allowed but must remain on a six-foot leash at all times. This rule is strictly enforced and the fine for an unleashed pet (\$150 or more) will ruin your day. Unleashed pets can impact wildlife and other visitors too.

Are there changing rooms and showers?

The restrooms at the Light Station Visitor Center have changing rooms inside and a cold water rinse off area outside. The cabin camps at Long Point (milepost 17) on North Core Banks and at Great Island (milepost 30) on South Core Banks provide public shower facilities and restrooms for day use.

Are there toilet facilities?

Yes, toilet facilities are located near the lighthouse, near the point of Cape Lookout, at the cabin camps, in Portsmouth Village and on Shackleford Banks near the ferry dock and at Wades shore. If there is no



To help make your trip to the seashore more enjoyable, here are answers to some of the most common questions.



May we hunt or fish?

Yes to both. The seashore does require valid NC licenses for each of these activities. Hunting licenses and regulations are governed by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. (www.ncwildlife.org/)

toilet, find a remote area and bury human waste at least 6 inches in the sand.

Is there a concession stand?

Bottled water and light snacks are sold at the Light Station Visitor Center. Drinking water is available (seasonally) at Long Point Camp, Great

May I use my metal detector?

No. In all National Parks, metal detectors are prohibited to protect historic artifacts.

May we shoot fireworks?

No. Fireworks are not allowed in any National Park.

Is it okay to have beer on the beach?

Yes, beer and wine are permitted in the seashore, but consider the following: The legal drinking age in North Carolina is 21. Open containers of alcohol are not permitted within any motor vehicle, including vehicles on the beach. In addition, the laws of North Carolina prohibit spirituous liquors – distilled liquors (whisky, vodka, etc.) or fortified wines to be consumed in public. Drinking laws are strictly enforced.

May we build a campfire?

Yes, but ONLY on the open beach below the high tide line. (i.e. not on the dunes or in the trees.) Put out fires with water, not sand. Sand allows air to reach the fire, and the smoldering coals could burn someone's foot.

Where may we camp?

Camping is allowed almost anywhere except: within posted closed areas, in the cabin camps, in Portsmouth Village, in Cape Lookout Village, within 100 yards of the lighthouse or within 100 feet of other structures. Camping vehicles must stay on the ocean beach or at marked designated spots on the backroad.



Island Camp and near the lighthouse from a tap located on the backroad near the dune restrooms.

Am I allowed to drive on the beach?

Driving is permitted on North and South Core Banks. All driving is on the ocean beach or designated sand trails only. All drivers must have a valid drivers license and be at least 16 years of age. See page 14 for more information.

May we collect firewood?

Only wood that is dead and already on the ground may be collected for firewood and it's hard to find. Do not use shipwreck timbers or standing dead trees as they are protected.



For more camping info:
<http://go.nps.gov/x2s8yq>

Please ask a ranger about weapons regulations and the location of park service hunting safety closures. Salt water fishing licenses and regulations are set by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreationalfishing>). Be sure to get your NC Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CFRL) before going fishing.

May I collect seashells?

Yes, but only those shells that no longer have a living creature inside.

If you do not find it here, don't hesitate to ask any ranger; call the park at 252-728-2250, or check out our web site at www.nps.gov/cal/

Park  Activities**Lighthouse Area**

Programs are offered May 16 to September 22 unless otherwise noted. Check at a Visitor Center for a complete program list.

Discovery Cart
(30 minutes)

Come and discover what lies beneath the waters of Cape Lookout National Seashore at our Discovery Cart. Learn about horseshoe crabs, loggerhead sea turtles, sea urchins, sharks, whales, shells and the creatures that live within them, and much more!

Time and Date: Offered Wednesday to Sunday at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

Heroes of the Surf
(15 minutes)

Nor'easters, hurricanes, shoals, and wars have claimed thousands of lives on the North Carolina coast. Join a Ranger to hear the stories of these events and some of the people who risked their lives to rescue strangers from the Graveyard of the Atlantic.

Time and Date: Offered Wednesday and Friday at 2:00 pm.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

History on Hooves
(15 minutes)

Hear the story of some of the most famous residents of Shackleford Banks, the wild horses. Find out how they got here and how they survive the

Programs will run on schedule unless there is inclement weather. Additional programs may be offered.

For more information on these and other programs, call (252) 728-2250, check at a Visitor Center or on the web.



harsh conditions of a barrier island. You may even catch a glimpse of them through the spotting scope.

Time and Date: Offered Wednesday to Sunday at 11:00 am.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

Island Explorations
(15 minutes)

Come join a Park Ranger for new adventures at Cape Lookout National Seashore. From ocean to sound, from sea to sky, these programs will take you on a different encounter with nature each day.

Time and Date: Offered Thursday and Sunday at 2:00 pm.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

Lighting the Way
(15 minutes)

Come learn the history of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse and the life of a lighthouse keeper.

Time and Date: Offered daily at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm from March 28th to November 18th.
Location: porch of the Keepers' Quarters Museum, by the lighthouse

Tending the Light
(15 minutes)

Lighthouse Keepers were dedicated men and women who kept the light burning through fair weather and hurricanes. Come discover how they, and their families, managed to keep the light burning.

Time and Date: Offered Wednesday to Sunday at 12:00 pm.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

Civil War Stories
(15 minutes)

The inlets along the North Carolina coast provided much needed supply routes which give the area a diverse Civil War story. Join the ranger to hear about the raid on the lighthouse, confederate spies, blockade runners, and other stories.

Time and Date: Offered Saturday at 2:00 pm.
Location: Light Station Pavilion*

* located by the Light Station Visitor Center near the ferry dock

Portsmouth Village

Programs are offered June 1 to September 1 unless otherwise noted. Check at a Visitor Center for a complete program list.

Guided Tour
(1 hour)

Come and discover what life was like for those who once called Portsmouth and the Outer Banks home. Be sure to bring drinking water, bug repellent, and sunscreen. There are no amenities in the village.

Time and Date: 10:30 am.
Offered: Friday and Saturday.
Location: meet at Haulover Point Dock

**Harkers Island**

Programs are offered May 16 to September 22 unless otherwise noted. Check at a Visitor Center for a complete program list.

Maritime Forest Tour (1 hour)

Join a ranger for an hour-long walk and learn how native plants and animals survive with the constant threat of the forces of nature and enjoy a pleasant hike with great views and a chance to see island wildlife.

Time and Date: 11:30 am and 2:30 pm.
Offered: Saturdays.
Location: Harkers Island Visitor Center

Ribbon of Sand
(film) (26 minutes)

This film offers spectacular imagery, including aerial and underwater photography, to describe the Cape Lookout ecosystem from the soundside marshes and estuaries to the thin protective line of barrier islands of the Outer Banks and the ocean depths beyond.

Time and Date: Shown upon request, all year.
Location: Harkers Island Visitor Center

For your convenience this film is:



Ask at desk for individual listening units.



Park Activities

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cape Lookout Light Station							
Discovery Cart	10:00 AM 3:00 PM			10:00 AM 3:00 PM	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	10:00 AM 3:00 PM
Lighting the Way (3/28 to 11/18)	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM
History on Hooves	11:00 AM			11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
Tending the Light	12:00 PM			12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
Heroes of the Surf				2:00 PM		2:00 PM	
Island Explorations	2:00 PM				2:00 PM		
Civil War Stories							2:00 PM
Portsmouth Village (June 1st to September 1st)							
Guided Tour						10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Harkers Island Visitor Center							
Ribbon of Sand (film)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)	On Request (All Year)
Shackleford Banks							
Horse Sense & Survival	4 Hour Program - June 19, July 13, September 8, October 27, and November 17 Indoor Presentation at the theater inside the Harkers Island Visitor Center - August 14						

Special Events

Junior Ranger Day

Experience the seashore through Ranger led programs and earn patches, badges, and certificates as you learn about the plants, animals, and people who have weathered the storms of Cape Lookout.

Time and Date: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 21st.
Location: Shell Point*

Take Your Parent Outside Day

Are you looking for something your family can do together? Hiking, Camping, and Kite Flying are great activities the whole family can enjoy. Come hike a trail, fly a kite, and learn how to set up camp.

Time and Date: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturday, July 21st.
Location: Shell Point*

Critters of the Night

When the sun sets and many creatures are going to sleep, others are just waking up. Discover some of the mysterious animals which make the park come alive at night.

Time and Date: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday, October 27th.
Location: Shell Point*

* located across the street from the Harkers Island Visitor Center



Horse Sense and Survival Tour (4 hours)

Reservations are required. Join a Ranger for a half-day walking trip to find the wild horses of Shackleford Banks and watch their behavior. The park will arrange transportation by ferry or you can bring your own boat. There is a fee for the ferry service. Comfortable walking shoes that can get wet and muddy are a must. Bring water, lunch/snacks, bug repellent, sunscreen, a sun hat, binoculars, and camera with telephoto lens. Call (252) 728-2250 for reservations and more information.

Tour Dates: June 19, July 13, September 8, October 27, and November 17.
Indoor Presentation at the theater inside the Harkers Island Visitor Center August 14.

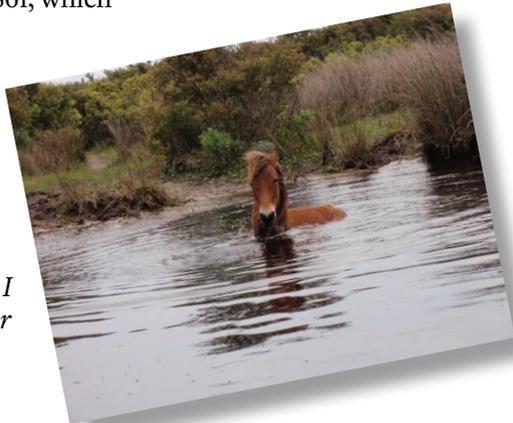
Preserve and Protect

Civil War Sentiments and the Wild Horses of Shackleford Banks

Local militia man Wiley F. Parker wrote a letter to North Carolina Governor John W. Ellis on June 29, 1861, which said in part:

“... A HARDY SET,--INURED TO HARDSHIPS...”

“My endeavors to raise a Company, for the War, in the County of Carteret, have been unsuccessful. I find a large number would enlist for the War provided they could have the assurance that they would be retained in the County. If your Excellency would give me a Commission as Captain of a Company to be raised and stationed on Shackleford Banks... I have no doubt that I should succeed in a few days in obtaining the number of men required by law for a Company.”



The summers are very hot on Shackleford, and the bugs are really bothersome. We try to find a place to graze or rest where the breeze blows the flies and mosquitoes away. Occasionally, we take advantage of a pool of fresh water to take a quick dip and cool off.

“... they [the men who live on or near Shackleford Banks] are a hardy set,--inured to hardships, and besides a very important consideration, they are perfectly acquainted with every hill, skirt of woods, bay & creek ...”

The winters are very cold and wet, but we grow thick coats with a nearly waterproof undercoat. Our hair grows in ways that channels water to run off where it bothers us least.

You see, the wild horses on Shackleford Banks are very similar to the local people whom Mr. Parker described. We* (the horses – this year we get to write our own article!) also are hardy, know the landscape intimately, and would rather stay on Shackleford!



We know how to find fresh water. We drink carefully from the surface so as not to stir up the sand. Often

the water comes from its underground source very slowly. We will wait until the fresh water seeps back into the hole. Water is essential to life – we are sure you understand. Sometimes we will even fight each other violently to get enough. So, we ask that you please stay away from us while we are drinking and let us get the water we need to survive.

“... PERFECTLY AQUAINTED WITH EVERY HILL ...”



We've learned from our dams (moms) and harem-mates how to get around on the island within our home range. We can get to water, move to graze, and know how to get away from people when they get too close.

You see, just like people, horses have personal space bubbles. If you get too close, we will move away – losing valuable grazing or resting time. We don't mind your watching us, but we'd prefer that you stay fifty feet away.

I can eat in the salt water to get the most tender blades of spartina alterniflora – saltmarsh cordgrass. People think I

am drinking the salt water, but if they look closely with binoculars they can see that I am eating beneath the water's surface.



On Shackleford, I don't have any natural predators, but people sometimes seem like predators to me. And dogs – I am really afraid of dogs who run at me.

Being wild, I have to be constantly on the lookout for trouble. I may look placid, but my philosophy is to run away first and ask questions later.

“... RAISED AND STATIONED ON SHACKLEFORD BANKS ...”

I'd rather be a wild horse... I have been here all my life, and it's what I know. You can help me by respecting my space.

*This article is told in first person – not to imply that horses think like people, but as an enjoyable way to consider the horses' perspectives.

Removed horses are available for adoption. See: www.shacklefordhorses.org for more information.

Wild Horse Watching Tips, Shackleford Banks

Shackleford's 110-130 horses live in about 30 groups called “harems” (stallions, mares and foals) and “bachelor bands” (only stallions). They may be seen in all parts of the island but you may need to hunt around a bit to find them.

Remember that the horses are wild – if you get too close to the horses they may defend themselves by charging, kicking or biting.

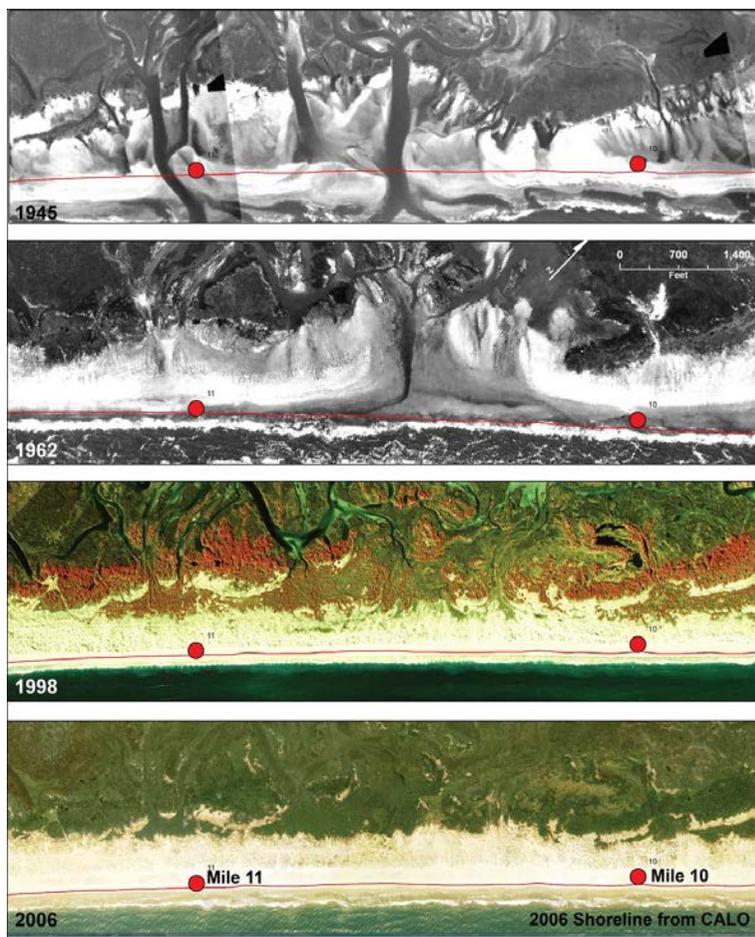
- Watch the horses from a safe distance. If the horse stops what it's doing to stare directly at you, stop there. If it starts to move away, you are already too close.
- Bring binoculars and use a telephoto lens so you won't disturb the horses or endanger yourself.
- Horses (and all wildlife) are protected by law which prohibits intentionally bothering wildlife. Violators can be fined up to \$5,000 and spend up to six months in jail.
- Keep your dog on a leash for its and the horses' safety (and it's the law!).
- Always carry fresh water for yourself and your pet. During the warm months, bug repellent is recommended.

Preserve and Protect

The Islands are...*Moving!*

Barrier islands are migratory. They desperately want to become part of the mainland. Islands move through a geologic process called barrier island migration or island rollover which occurs during strong storms. During a storm, like Hurricane Irene, water washes over the island carrying sand from the ocean side of the island to the sound side where it is deposited in the form of a fan. This overwash or storm surge creates the rollover effect. Hurricane Irene's storm surge effectively overwashed 70% of Core Banks, moving the islands slightly westward. You can still see evidence of the overwash fans from Hurricane Irene on the islands.

Barrier islands do a wonderful job of absorbing storm surge energy by acting as a buffer to the mainland, but if the storm is strong enough, the storm surge may carve an inlet through the island, like Hurricane Ophelia did in 2005. Eventually, as time goes on, the barrier island will roll over itself and move further towards the mainland. Evidence of this movement can be found on island beaches. For example, when peat is found on the beach face it indicates that the area was previously a marsh. But, due to the landward migration of the island, the area has been "rolled over" and is now a part of the ocean beach.



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Changes to North Core Banks between miles 10 and 11 from 1945 -- 2006. The red dots are at the same locations on the island in each of these images. The dot locations didn't move, the island underneath them did.

To Help Protect Nesting Birds:

Don't go into areas closed with Bird Sanctuary signs. Don't leave garbage or food scraps on the beach. Trash attracts predators which may prey on the eggs or chicks. Keep dogs on a leash and out of closed areas.

Who nests on the beach?

Birds who nest on the beach lay their eggs directly on the sand. They don't really build a nest but depend on camouflage to protect their eggs and chicks. Some species, such as American Oystercatchers, Wilson's Plovers and Piping Plovers, nest in open areas away from other birds. Others, such as Terns, and Black Skimmers, like company and nest in large groups near the inlets.



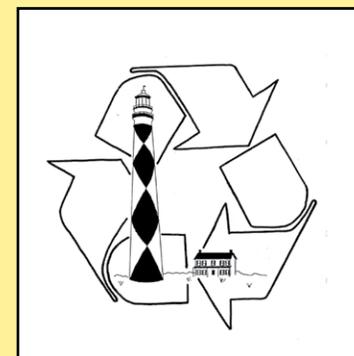
To protect these nesting birds "Bird Sanctuary" signs are posted around the nesting areas prohibiting entry to people, pets and vehicles. The areas are closed until the chicks are old enough to fly and escape danger.

No one enjoys a trash covered beach.

Trash is not only unsightly, but it draws scavengers which will eat bird and sea turtle eggs and young. Trash also teaches bad habits to sea gulls, raccoons and other scavengers. They become bolder and prone to raiding unattended picnic spots and camping areas.

You can help provide a good day at the beach for everyone by:

- ➔ Not contributing to the delinquency of the wildlife. Do not feed the sea gulls!
- ➔ Keeping your picnic or camping area neat and securing all your food out of reach of sea gulls and raccoons.
- ➔ Taking all your trash with you back to the mainland for recycling or disposal.
- ➔ Disposing of all unused bait and fish remains in the surf or sound waters.



It's up to you to help keep the seashore trash free.

Portsmouth Village



The Henry Pigott House at Portsmouth Village

Henry Pigott, a descendent of slaves, was one of the last residents of Portsmouth. His funeral in 1971 was the

setting for Portsmouth's last burial. You may visit the graves of Henry and his sister Lizzie behind the church in the Babb Cemetery.

The Friends of Portsmouth Island (see page 15) have renovated and furnished Henry's House for the education and enjoyment of visitors. The dedication of Henry's House is scheduled for Homecoming 2012.



Henry Pigott
1896 - 1971



Henry Pigott's house

The Civil War in Portsmouth: A Soldier's Letter

The following passages were taken from a letter written on June 23, 1861, by John Wheeler, a Confederate soldier stationed in Portsmouth Village, to his sisters, Kate and Julia. Those words in parenthesis are best guesses of words that are difficult to read in the original document.

"It is now pretty well a settled fact that our port is blockaded. (Last) night in consequence thereof was my first experience as a soldier. On Friday it (was) learned that a ship had sounded the inlet. All that day we had heard cannonading (in the) direction of Hatteras inlet. Yesterday we saw large steamships hovering over our coast and as the sun went (down) through the pale moonlight we discovered (one standing) directly for the inlet. For the first time we were summoned to (discharge a) soldiers duty. But, alas, for human expectation, we were doomed

to disappointment. We had that (evening) received our muskets and were (unskilled) in the manual besides having but one cartridge apiece. But I scarcely ever saw men more enthusiasts [sic]. ... there beneath the (un-clouded) light of a full southern moon we slept on the cold bare earth our right arm grasping a musket while on the left sweetly murmured (grey) old ocean's never ceasing songs."



The first North Carolina state troops, the Washington Greys, arrived in Portsmouth in May of 1861 and began to construct Ft. Ocracoke on Beacon Island. Other state troops soon joined them. After the battle at nearby Hatteras Inlet in August 1861, Ft. Ocracoke was abandoned. Ft. Ocracoke was destroyed by Union troops in September 1861 and the area remained under Union control until the end of the war.

Map Legend

1. U.S. Life-Saving Service Complex
2. Cistern - U.S. Marine Hospital Site
3. Lionel and Emma Gilgo House
4. Harry and Lida Dixon House
5. Jesse and Lillian Babb House
6. Ed and Kate Styron House
7. Ed, Nora, and Elma Dixon House
8. Methodist Church
9. Washington Roberts House
10. George and Patsy Dixon House
11. U.S. Post Office/General Store
12. Walker and Sarah Styron House
13. Theodore and Annie Salter House
14. Tom and Lucy Gilgo House
15. Henry Pigott House
16. Carl Dixon House
17. Frank Gaskill House
18. Jody Styron and Tom Bragg House
19. T. T. Potter House
20. Cecil and Leona Gilgo House
21. Portsmouth School

- Water
- Marsh
- Shrub Thicket/Grassland
- Ruin
- Cemetery
- Trail



The U.S. Life Saving Station: Exhibits inside tell how, from 1894 until 1937, the seven-man crew at this station was responsible for rescuing sailors from shipwrecks in the nearby ocean and sound waters.



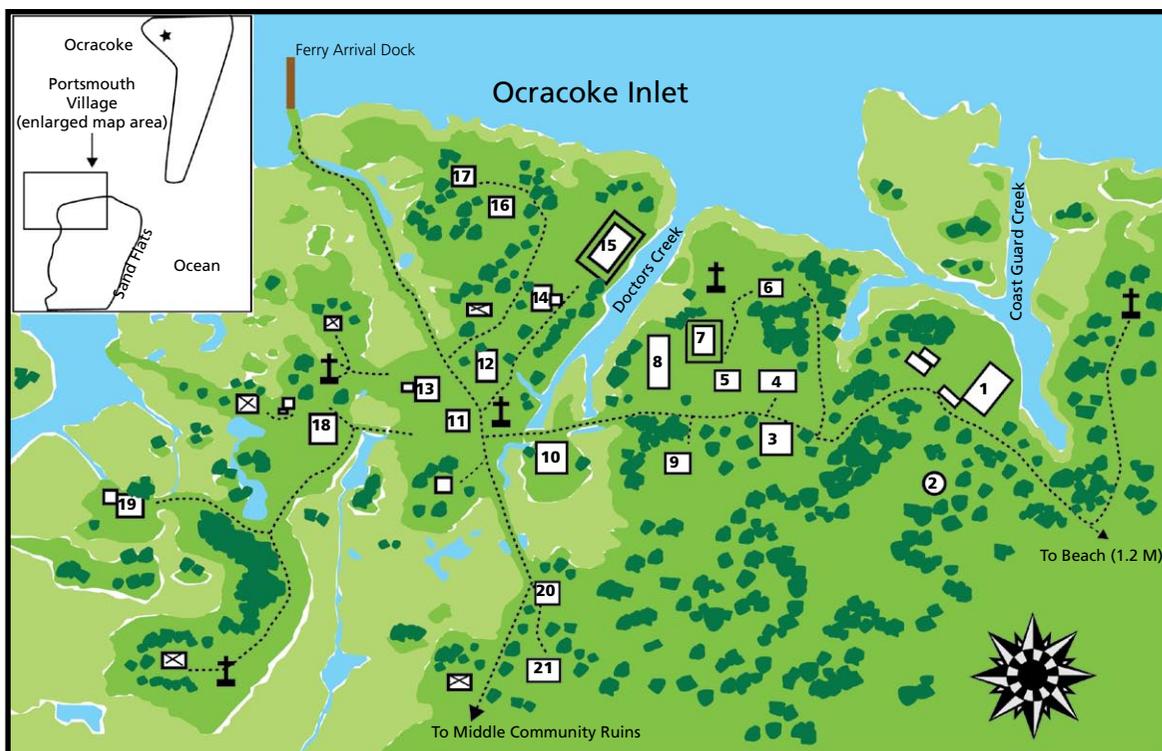
Post Office: Inside are exhibits reflecting how the Post Office, occupying a corner of the general store, was the town's information and social hub.



Theodore and Annie Salter House: The house serves as a visitor center; inside are exhibits and public restrooms.



Portsmouth School: All elementary grades and sometimes high school were taught together in the single room from 1927 until 1943. Exhibits inside introduce you to the teacher and her students.



Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Visit the Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Open May 16 – September 22, 2012
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday only
 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Get your ticket!

Tickets sold at the Light Station Visitor Center
 Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday

\$8 for adults
 \$4 for senior citizens 62 and older, adults with permanent disabilities and children 12 and younger

Children MUST be at least 44" tall to climb

Everyone must make the climb on their own; no one may be carried.

NOTE: Ferry cost not included in ticket price

Reservations!

Advance Ticket Reservations: (252) 728-0708
 Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday to Friday
 Reservations must be made at least one day in advance only for a day within the same week.

A \$1.00 per ticket, non-refundable fee will be charged at the time of the reservation. Tickets will still be paid for at the Light Station Visitor Center.

Reserved tickets must be picked up at the Light Station Visitor Center at least 30 minutes prior to the ticketed time or the reservation will be forfeited.

 Follow us on Twitter!
 We will post daily updates on ticket availability and other lighthouse information here. (www.twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS)



<http://go.nps.gov/lighthouse>

Answers to Crossword Puzzle on page 16: 1-down, ferry; 2- across, confederate; 2-down, cabins; 3-down, civil war; 4-down, fresnel; 5-across, piping plover; 6-down, leash; 7-down, volunteers; 8-down, shackelford; 9-across, turtles; 10-down, sunscreen; 11-down, union; 12-across, rangers; 13-across, rip current

Larry the Lighthouse Says

If you are planning a trip to Cape Lookout National Seashore with the expectations of climbing Cape Lookout Lighthouse, I want to give you some helpful tips.

1 Check the Weather – The lighthouse may close due to high winds, lightning storms, excessive rain, extreme heat or due to medical emergencies. Weather can also affect your ferry ride to the lighthouse.

2 Be flexible and allot more time – Space is limited to only 10 people during each climbing period. You may need to split your group or wait for a while to fit into the available slots. Remember that young children less than 44" are not allowed to climb. Someone will need to stay with them while the rest of the group goes up. Busy summer traffic on area roads and weather conditions can cause delays in your schedule. Please plan accordingly and allow for extra time to arrive at the ferry and at the lighthouse.

3 Be prepared – The barrier islands are undeveloped and have very few conveniences. Be sure to bring plenty of water, snacks, sun screen, bug spray, towels, and anything else you may need.

4 Have a backup plan – If the lighthouse is closed or the ferry cannot run due to weather, it's helpful to have a backup plan. Some suggestions: Attend a ranger program, watch the park movie, hike the Soundside Trail on Harkers Island, or visit the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum (Harkers Island). These are just a few ideas, ask any park staff member for other activities that are available.



A Lighthouse Without a Light

A lighthouse shines its light out to sea to guide all ships past dangerous areas.



During war time, the helpful light aids enemies as well as friends. Southern lighthouses were ordered not to shine their lights during the Civil War to make it difficult for those not familiar with the area to navigate. To keep the lights dark until after the war, the Confederate Lighthouse Bureau ordered that the lenses in each lighthouse should be removed and stored in a safe place. In June of 1861 the large Fresnel lens and oil lamp of Cape Lookout lighthouse were carefully removed, packed up and stored in a warehouse in Beaufort. The lighthouse was without its light.



1859 Lighthouse Fast Facts:

Year current lighthouse completed.....	1859
Year painted with daymark pattern	1873
Year automated	1950
Height above sea level	169 ft.
Height above ground level	163 ft.
Focal plane of the lantern above mean high water	150 ft.
Wall thickness at the base.....	9 ft.
Wall thickness at the top	1 ft. 7 in.
Base diameter	28 ft. 7 in.
Top diameter.....	13 ft. 3 in.
Number of steps to gallery.....	207
Number of stair landings	7
Number of windows	10
Number of doors	2

A ship's hatch provides access to the gallery around the top of the lighthouse.

Light produced by two rotating beacons. Each 1000 watt bulb produces 800,000 candlepower.

Light color:.....white
 Distance light seen out to sea:..... 25 nautical miles
 Light pattern: 1 flash every 15 sec.

Park Lodging

Park Lodging

A rustic beach cabin facing miles of open beach and the day's activities take place according to "island time" – the pace of tidal changes and the ferry schedule. Is this your dream vacation? Then take a look at the cabins available in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Operated by the National Park Service, the Long Point and Great Island Cabins are each a short ferry ride from the mainland. Cabins open for the season and the ferry service generally begins in mid-March and runs until the end of November. (see page 2 for ferry contact information.)

Caretakers at each camp provide information, emergency medical assistance and mainland contact, as well as sell ice and gasoline. They can help you with ordering bait, limited groceries and other supplies to be delivered through the ferry services.

For up-to-date lodging rates, cabin availability and reservations

RECREATION.GOV

What do we mean by a "Rustic" Cabin?

Each is equipped with such basic amenities as bunkbeds, hot and cold running water, indoor plumbing and gas stoves. Four cabins at Long Point have air conditioners.

At Long Point, electricity is provided by generator or solar panels. At Great Island, customers must bring their own generator.

Customers must furnish their own cooking utensils, bed linens, dishes and ice chests. There are no refrigerators.

Before checking out, customers are expected to clean the sink and table, remove trash and sweep the cabin.

Pets are permitted in cabins as long as they are kept in crates



Great Island Cabin



Long Point Duplex Cabin



Great Island Cabin Interior



Great Island Cabin Interior



Cabin Reservations are Now Online!

Reservations may be made through **Recreation.gov**

24 hrs a day/7 days a week. Credit cards accepted.



Ferry reservations are still made with the individual ferry services. See page 2 for ferry list and contact numbers.

No internet connection? Call 1-877-444-6777 to make reservations (TDD 1-877-833-6777).

Lodging and Ferry Locations



Beach Driving

Accessing Park Beaches with Your **ORV**

The Core Banks beaches of Cape Lookout National Seashore are open to off-road vehicle (ORV) use from mid-March to the end of December. Vehicle ferries operate from the towns of Davis and Atlantic (see ferry list on page 2). Some portions of the beach may be temporarily closed to ORV use due to mandated protection of wildlife and plant species. Closure boundaries may shrink or expand given the specific behavior or requirements of the protected wildlife. In the event of ORV closures, alternate routes or bypasses may be established to maintain access.

When taking an ORV on park beaches remember:

- ➔ All operators must have a valid driver's license and be at least 16 years of age.
- ➔ ATV operators are required to wear a DOT approved helmet and eye protection.

➔ ATVs may not be ridden double unless specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry two people.

➔ Any law applicable to vehicle use on a paved road in the State of North Carolina also applies to ORV use.

SPEED LIMIT 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach & backroad • Except as otherwise posted
SPEED LIMIT 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabin camps • Cape Lookout Village Historic District • Within 100 feet of any person or campsite

➔ The park's beaches are not an "off-road area" – vehicles are for transportation only. No extreme riding (jumping, doughnuts, racing, etc.) is allowed.

➔ There are speed limits on the islands and within the developed areas. Obey speed limits.

➔ Driving or parking on dunes and/or vegetation is strictly prohibited. Access the beach only by designated ramps.

➔ Watch for beach closure areas. Where possible, directional signs will guide you around areas closed for safety and/or species protection. Unless directed by signs, vehicles are not permitted to drive the low tide line to avoid these closures.

For more information on beach driving ask any park ranger or check the park's website as driving regulations are strictly enforced.



<http://go.nps.gov/6yahb8>

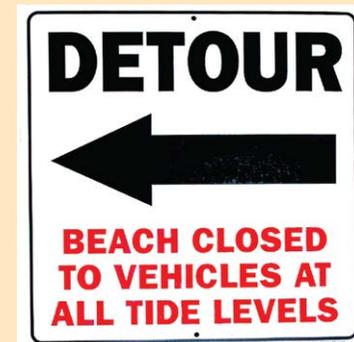
Protect Park Wildlife

Much of the ocean beach on Core Banks is open to off-road vehicle (ORV) and other recreational use during the spring, summer and fall months. To help protect park resources and visitor experiences, please pay careful attention to the different types of closures:

Some of the ocean beach is open only to pedestrians and swimmers for safety reasons.

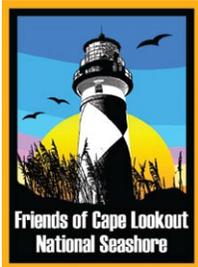
Other beach areas may be temporarily closed to just ORVs or to all recreation when they are being used by nesting shorebirds and sea turtles.

Current beach access information is available through the park's Twitter account: www.twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS and on the park's website at: <http://go.nps.gov/19bn06>



Park Friends and Partners

Friends of Cape Lookout National Seashore



The Friends of Cape Lookout National Seashore is a nonprofit organization that supports the National Park Service's mission of preserving Cape Lookout National Seashore. From Portsmouth Village to Shackleford Banks, the Friends need your help to accomplish the mission of preserving, restoring and enhancing the Park's resources.

Membership Categories:

- o \$25 Mariner (Individual)
 - o \$50 Life Saver (Family)
 - o \$100 Captain
 - o \$250 Commander
 - o \$500 Assistant Light House Keeper
 - o \$1,000 Light House Keeper
- All contributions are tax deductible.

To Join the Friends

ON THE WEB — It's easy to join on the web at:
www.FriendsOfCapeLookout.com

BY MAIL — Mail a note with your name, address and email along with a check for the membership category of your choice.

Mail to:
Friends of Cape Lookout National Seashore
P.O. Box 1313
Morehead City, NC 28557

North Carolina Coastal Federation

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to involving citizens in active stewardship of North Carolina's coastal water quality and natural resources. The NC Coastal Federation works to promote wise management of coastal resources through advocacy work, educational programming, and the preservation and restoration of local habitats and water quality.

For more information:
www.nccoast.org



Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center



Located on Harkers Island within Cape Lookout National Seashore, the museum's main exhibit hall boasts striking exhibits on commercial fishing, hunting and Down East communities. The museum also features demonstration programs on carving, model boat building, storytelling, and music.

Hours are Monday – Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday 2 PM to 5 PM.
For more information please call (252) 728-1500 or check their web sites at: www.coresound.com and www.downeasttour.com.

Friends of Portsmouth Island

This non-profit organization was founded to foster and promote public knowledge of and interest in Portsmouth Island's past, present and future. A cosponsor of the bi-annual Homecoming celebration, the Friends of Portsmouth Island also collaborate with Cape Lookout National Seashore on projects that preserve the village.

Membership Categories:

- o \$15.00 Individual
 - o \$20.00 Family
 - o \$25.00 Organization
 - o \$50.00 - \$500.00 Business
 - o \$200.00 Lifetime
- All contributions are tax deductible

To Join the Friends

Complete the membership form available on the friends website at: www.friendsofportsmouthisland.org.

Mail the completed application and your payment to:
Friends of Portsmouth Island
P.O. Box 2303
Morehead City, NC 28557



TO LEARN MORE...

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA SEA LIFE

Visit the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Located on Bogue Banks near mile marker 7.
Information: (252) 247-4003
Web site: www.naquariums.com



Admission: \$8 adults;
\$7 ages 62 and over;
\$6 children ages 6-17.
Children 5 and under, members of the North Carolina Aquariums and registered North Carolina school groups are admitted free.

From the mountains to beneath the sea: the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores showcases the incredible diversity of aquatic habitats. Special educational programs and field trips are offered throughout the year.

ABOUT DECOY CARVING & HISTORY

Visit the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild located near Harkers Island on Harkers Island Road
Information: (252) 838-8818
Web: www.decoyguild.com



Admission: free

Hours: Tue–Sat: 10 am–2 pm
Museum, decoy carvers, shop, annual events.

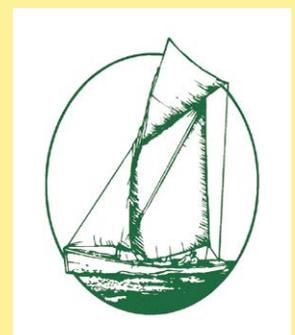
ABOUT N.C. MARITIME HISTORY

Visit the N.C. Maritime Museum
Located in Beaufort at 315 Front Street
Information: (252) 728-7317
Web site: www.ncmaritimemuseum.org

Admission: free

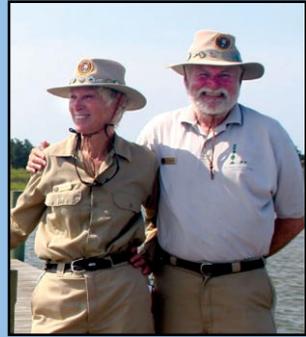
Hours: mon–fri: 9 am–5 pm,
sat: 10 am–5 pm,
Sun 1 pm–5 pm

Museum, boat building, special educational programs and trips (fee)



Park  Book Stores

WANTED
ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE
 TO VOLUNTEER
 AT CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEA-
 SHORE



Must like showing others the wonders of the seashore

Opportunities available at the visitor centers, Portsmouth, Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters, and the cabin camps

Training Provided

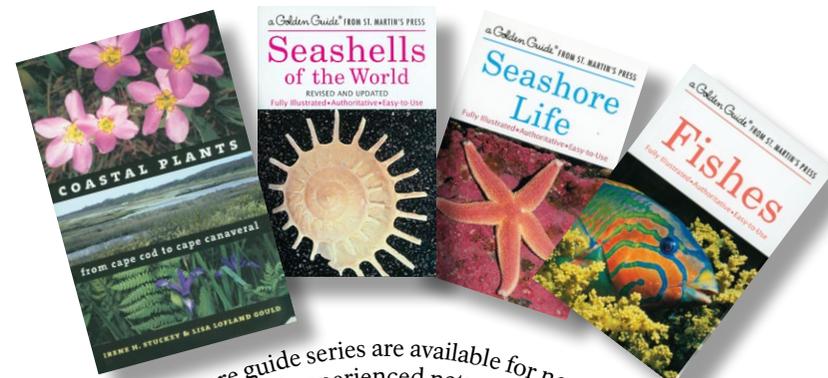
Varied schedules

Download application
 from park's website at:
<http://go.nps.gov/1nme6w>

Contact: VIP Coordinator
 Cape Lookout National Seashore
 131 Charles Street, Harkers Island, NC 28531
 (252) 728-2250 ext 3008
Richard_Meissner@partner.nps.gov

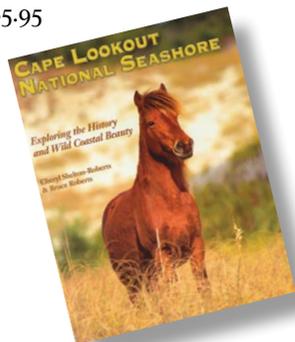


The bookstores located at the Harkers Island and Light Station Visitor Centers are operated by Eastern National, a non-profit partner to the National Park Service providing educational materials for sale at many park sites. Profits from book sales are returned to parks for use in educational programs. The bookstores carry adult and children's books and guides, videos, high quality prints, lighthouse models, and small souvenirs spanning a variety of subjects, including: nature, beaches, environmental topics, outdoor guides and travel, lighthouses and lifesaving, coastal history and life, WWII, and more. Call 252-728-2250, extension "o" for more information.



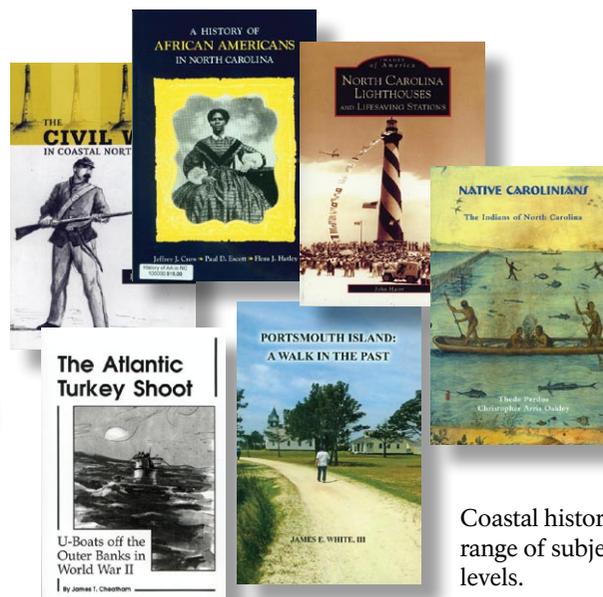
Nature guide series are available for novice and experienced naturalists.

Cape Lookout National Seashore: Exploring the History and Wild Coastal Beauty
 By Cheryl Shelton-Roberts & Bruce Roberts
 \$5.95



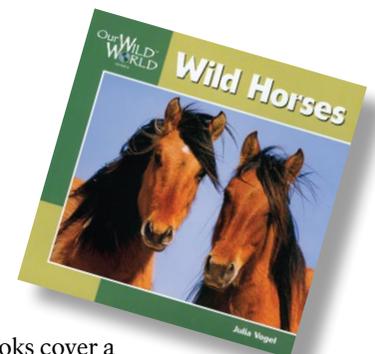
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Preserve Your Vacation Memories with Clothing and Souvenirs.



Coastal history books cover a range of subjects at all interest levels.

Wild Horses
 By Julia Vogel
 \$7.95
 A young reader's guide to understanding wild horses and the world they live in.

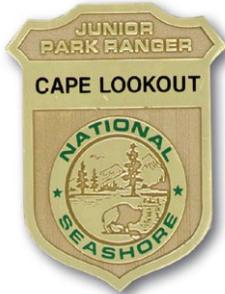


Kids Page



Junior Ranger Badge and Patch

Are you between the ages of 6 and 13? Want to become a Junior Ranger? Then ask for the free Junior Ranger activity booklet at the Visitor Center. Complete the required activities and return it to a ranger or volunteer. You will be awarded a certificate and a Jr. Ranger Badge.



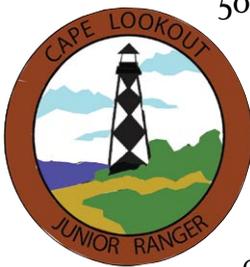
explore in any order but you may want to do "Experience Cape Lookout" first.

Ask for a free booklet and the loan of an adventure pack at the Visitor Center.

The Junior Ranger Adventures program is also great as an activity during group field trips.

Be a WebRanger!

Choose from over 50 adventures and collect secret words each time you complete a puzzle, finish a game, or solve a mystery. If you complete all the required activities, you will earn a free WebRanger patch. www.nps.gov/webrangers



New! Now you can also earn a Jr. Ranger Patch. Just complete the Junior Ranger booklet and attend two free Ranger programs. Ask for a program check sheet when you pick up your Junior Ranger booklet.

Didn't have time before leaving the park to turn in your booklet or program check sheet? Mail your work to the park and we will return it along with your award.



You can also become a Cape Lookout WebRanger. The activity booklet and instructions can be found on this webpage: www.nps.gov/caloforkids/beajuniorranger.htm.

Junior Ranger Adventures

Are you already a Cape Lookout Junior Ranger? You and your family can become Junior Ranger Adventurers!

There are 5 different adventures that you can

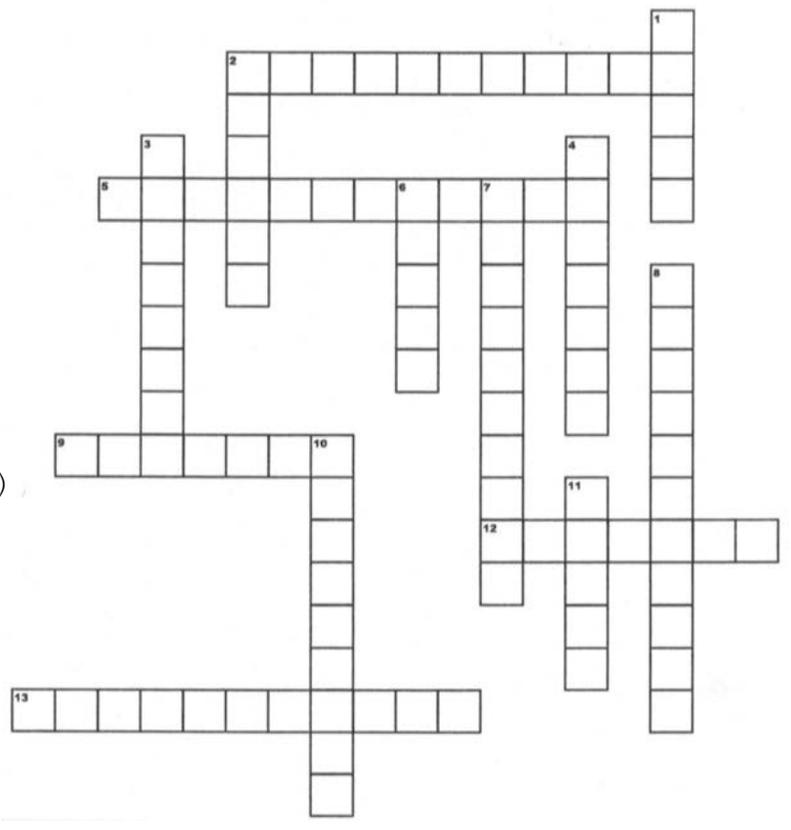
Across

- 2. southern side of the Civil War (page 2)
- 5. a bird that commonly nests on these beaches (page 9)
- 9. sea _____ eggs are often eaten by gulls and raccoons (page 9)
- 12. park employees that present programs to Visitors (page 6)
- 13. if caught in these, swim parallel to the shore (page 4)

Down

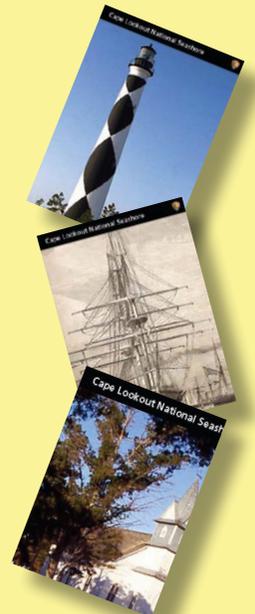
- 1. transportation to and from the islands (page 2)
- 2. type of lodging available on Core Banks (page 12)
- 3. 2011-2015 is the 150th anniversary (page 1)
- 4. a _____ lens was once used in the lighthouse (page 11)
- 6. pets must be on a 6 foot _____ (page 5)
- 7. unpaid staff that helps to keep the park running (page 15)
- 8. wild horses live on this island (page 8)
- 10. _____ is necessary to prevent sunburn at the beach (page 4)
- 11. northern side of the Civil War (page 2)

Answer key on page 11.



Do you like to collect trading cards?

The National Park Service has developed a Civil War Trading Card program in honor of the Sesquicentennial. Each participating site has several different trading cards with informative stories and photos relating the events of the Civil War at their individual locations. Presently, Cape Lookout National Seashore has 3 trading cards that can be easily earned by kids of all ages. Collectors and inquisitive visitors need only to answer a park related question from a Park Ranger to acquire a card. Children seen in an act of park protection (i.e. picking up trash) may also earn a collectable card.



Can you find these shells, animals and historic items on the pages of the newspaper?

Knobbed whelk



Scotch bonnet



American Oystercatcher chick



Fresnel lens



Quahog clam



Oyster



Whelk egg case



Horse



Scallop



Skate egg case

