

Assateague Island National Seashore

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Assateague Island National Seashore to Close in Advance of Hurricane Earl

Berlin, Maryland – Superintendent Trish Kicklighter today announced that the Maryland District of Assateague Island National Seashore will be closed to all public use as of 6:00 PM this evening, September 2, 2010. The Seashore will remain closed through at least early Saturday morning to ensure the safety of both the public and park staff.

“Although we’re hoping for a minimal event, any deviation to the west in Hurricane Earl’s projected track could result in a much more dangerous storm.”, said Kicklighter. With any luck, though, we’ll be able to re-open in time for visitors to enjoy most of the Labor Day weekend.

The National Seashore is expected to re-open Saturday morning although the exact timing and extent of open areas will depend upon what damage the island sustains.

For more information on Assateague Island National Seashore, visit www.nps.gov/asis

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