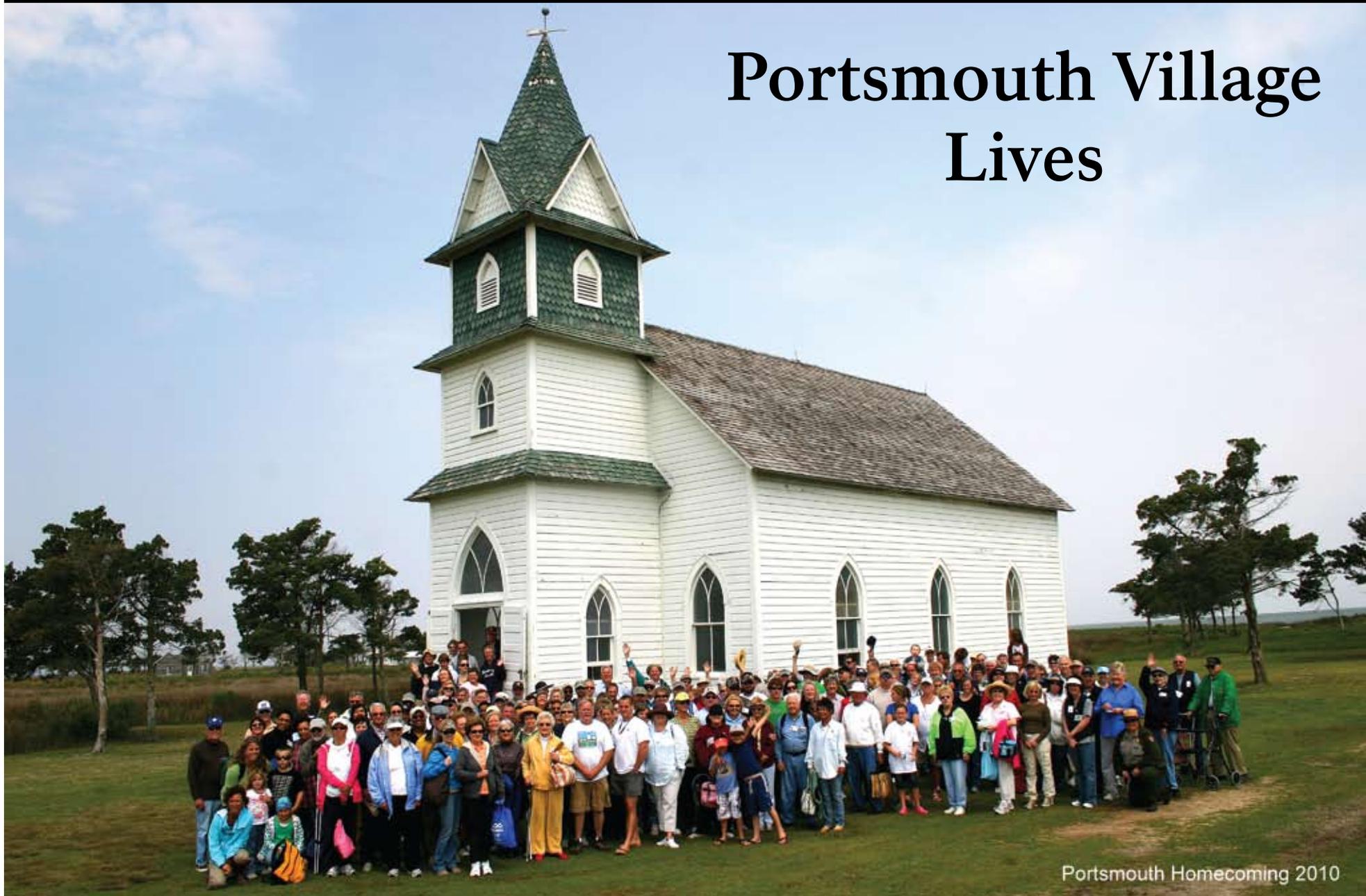




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## Portsmouth Village Lives

Portsmouth Homecoming 2010

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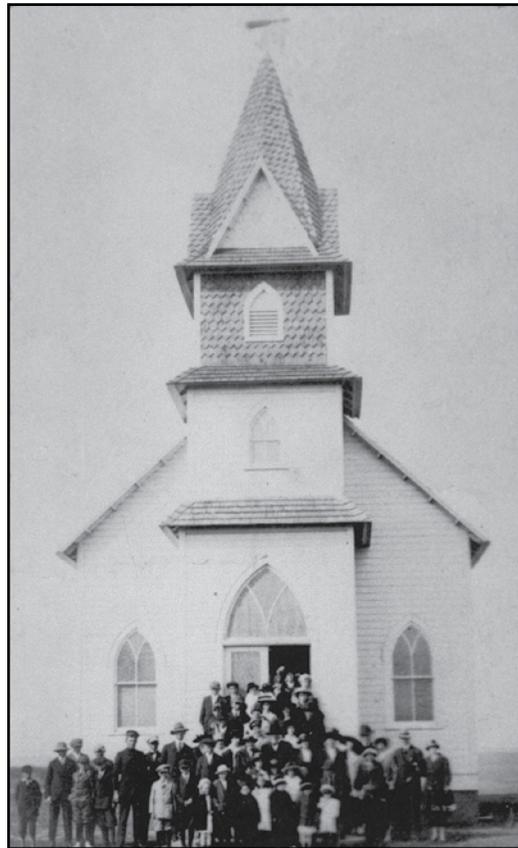
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## Exhibits & People Bring Life to the Village

Welcome to Cape Lookout National Seashore. For years, the silent buildings in Portsmouth Village could only hint at what life was like on these islands before the last residents left the village in 1971. Now, exhibits completed in 2010, tell the story of the people of Portsmouth.

At the Theodore and Annie Salter House (Visitor Center) exhibits tell the story of Portsmouth's rise in prominence as a colonial port town from 1753 until the opening of the Civil War, and its later years as a small fishing village.

Inside the Post Office/General Store Carl Dixon's wheelbarrow once again stands filled with packages and mail order groceries, ready for delivery to Miss Annie, the Postmaster.



Portsmouth Village c. 1915

A blackboard and desks await Miss Mary and her students inside the Portsmouth School.

At the far end of town, the U.S. Life-Saving Station tells the story of courageous rescues and the daily routine of the Surfmen stationed there.

**Summer Cabin Rental Special**  
25% Off Cabin Rates  
June 1 to August 31, 2011  
See Page 12

### FERRY AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To	Leaves From	Operator(s)	Type	Pets	Phone
North Core Banks, Portsmouth Village	Ocracoke	Rudy Austin	Passenger	Maybe, 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	On leash or 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	Maybe, call first	(252) 728-2759
	Beaufort	Outer Banks Ferry Service	Passenger	On leash	(252) 728-4129
Shackleford Banks Only	Morehead City	Waterfront Ferry Service	Passenger	Maybe, call first	(252) 726-7678
Shackleford Banks Only	Beaufort	Island Ferry Adventures	Passenger	Call first	(252) 728-7555



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## Visiting an Undeveloped Seashore

Come explore the beaches of Cape Lookout National Seashore! Whether you spend an hour, a day or camp overnight you are in for a truly unique experience. A boat ride, either on your own boat or one of the toll ferries, is required to reach these undeveloped islands. (See ferry list on page 2.)

With a little advance planning, you can count on a good visit; answers to some of the most commonly asked questions are provided within these pages. (See Good Questions on page 5.) For more assistance, stop at the visitor center on Harkers Island – here you will find information, exhibits and help in planning your visit. The visitor center on Harkers Island is fully accessible and can be reached by car.



Harkers Island Visitor Center



**Harkers Island Visitor Center**  
Open Daily 9 AM - 5 PM  
Except Christmas Day and New Years Day  
131 Charles St.  
Harkers Island NC 28531

**Light Station Visitor Center and Keepers' Quarters Museum**  
Open March 31<sup>st</sup> to Nov 25<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM - 5 PM

**Theodore & Annie Salter House and Visitor Center**  
Open April 9<sup>th</sup> to mid-November  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

BEACH / LAND TRANSPORTATION	
From the Cape Lookout Light Station Area Transportation Shelter to the Cape Village and point of Cape Lookout	
Cape Lookout Conch Tours: 252-732-4578	
From the Great Island Cabin Area	
Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service: 252-729-9751	



# Safety and Emergencies

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## 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

## Hurricanes

Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Before coming to the Seashore for an extended stay:

- Listen to the latest weather forecasts.
- Carry a battery-operated radio with you and check the weather forecast regularly for updated information since storms can change quickly.
- Be prepared to cut your trip short. The Seashore will be evacuated 48-72 hours prior to a storm's arrival. Due to the remoteness and relative inaccessibility of the Seashore, evacuation may begin before the actual declaration of a Hurricane Watch at the discretion of the Park's superintendent in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard. It takes several hours for an organized evacuation, so follow instructions as soon as possible.
- If you arrived by ferry, be aware that the ferry captains have authority to load vehicles to maximize capacity when necessary.

## Docks

For your safety do not jump or dive from the docks at any tide height. The water may be more shallow than you think, and barnacles attached to the dock pilings can cut your hands and feet.

## Where to Get Help

The following locations have park or cabin camp staff available to provide emergency help (in season - generally April to November):

- Portsmouth Village, milepost 1—go to the Life Saving Station or to the Visitor Center
- Long Point cabin area, milepost 17
- Great Island cabin area, milepost 29
- Light Station Visitor Center, milepost 41

## Dangers of Heat & Humidity

Exposure to a high temperature and high humidity creates a higher and possibly dangerous apparent temperature. With an air temperature of 90°F and a humidity of 80%, the apparent temperature is 113°F. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke are possible if you play and work in the heat.

### Heat Exhaustion and Cramps

Heat exhaustion and cramps are a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Warning signs include: **heavy sweating, paleness, cool moist skin**, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting. First aid - quickly cool the victim.

### Heat Stroke

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

**Park Watch** – You can be an extra set of eyes and ears in the park to help the park rangers keep everyone safe and having a good time. To report a problem or a violation that you have seen, call 252-728-2250 and dial ext. 4444.

For after hours emergencies dial 911.

## Swimming Safety

The ocean is a wonderful place to swim — if you are careful. Strong wave energy, rough surf and rip currents can turn a quick dip into a nightmare. There are no lifeguarded beaches within Cape Lookout National Seashore, so all swimming is at your own risk.

### Safety TIPS

- ✦ Please watch your children in and near the water at all times. Be alert for strong currents or other natural conditions that may pose a problem for you or your family in the water. Before going in the water, spend a few moments watching the waves. Wave patterns are good indicators of the presence of currents, sand bars and deep-water troughs. Know what to expect before you go in.
- ✦ Don't swim near surfers. The fin under the surfboard can cut you.
- ✦ Don't swim in rough seas. The force of big waves crashing at the shore's edge can pick you up and throw you on the sand. This may result in a dislocated shoulder or knee. Broken necks and paralysis have resulted from swimmers being thrown on to the ocean bottom headfirst.
- ✦ Please watch your footing when wading. Sudden changes in depth can occur even in the sound.
- ✦ Ocean conditions differ from day to day, sometimes changing hourly. Nonswimmers should use Coast Guard approved flotation vests, even while wading.
- ✦ Watch for the change of the tide; near shore currents can be stronger at different tide heights. Areas that were easy to reach at low tide may be unsafe at high tide.
- ✦ Watch for jellyfish floating in the water. If stung, contact a Ranger for first aid. Don't rub sand on the stings. Meat tenderizer often reduces the pain.
- ✦ Be alert for boats coming in to anchor or tie up at the dock on the sound side of the island. The boat operator may not see you in the water.
- ✦ Watch for sharks, avoid entering the water with bright jewelry or if bleeding.

## 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 pull you out into deeper water. 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.*

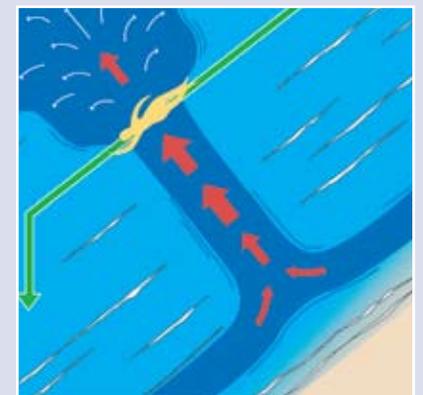


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# Good Questions

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

## What Is A “Trash Free Park”?

There are no trash cans or trash pickup service anywhere in the seashore. Please help us keep the beaches clean by taking your trash (and more) back to the mainland with you. Small bags are available at dispensers to help you carry your trash away.

## What If The Pet Comes On The Vacation Too?

Pets are allowed but must remain on a six-foot leash **at all times**. Unleashed pets can impact wildlife and other visitors too. The fine for having it off leash (\$150 or more), which is **strictly enforced**, will ruin your day. Please check ferries to confirm that they will carry pets to the seashore and remember to plan for your pet’s comfort and needs, especially with fresh drinking water and a bowl.

## 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 bathrooms for day use.

## Are There Toilet Facilities?

On North Core Banks – flush toilets are located at Portsmouth Village Visitor Center and in Long Point Camp. Composting toilets are located on the trail into Portsmouth. On South Core Banks – flush toilets are found at Great Island Camp, the Light Station Visitor Center and near the point of the cape. On Shackleford Banks – flush toilets are located at the ferry dock and composting toilets are located at Wades Shore. If there is no toilet, find a remote area and bury human waste at least 6 inches in the sand.

## Are There Stores Or Restaurants?

There are no restaurants or food stores on the islands. Bottled water and light snacks are sold at the Light Station Visitor Center. Drinking water is available (seasonally) at Long Point Camp, Great 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. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age. Ask about the regulations or see our website [www.nps.gov/cal/](http://www.nps.gov/cal/), as driving rules are strictly enforced.

## May We Hunt Or Fish?

Yes to both. The new NC Coastal Recreational Fishing License is required at the seashore. Fishing regulations are set by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (see their web site: [www.ncdmf.net/recreational/recguide.htm](http://www.ncdmf.net/recreational/recguide.htm).) Hunting regulations are governed

by the National Seashore and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NC hunting rules are at [www.ncwildlife.org/](http://www.ncwildlife.org/)). Please ask a ranger about the location of park service safety closures and about weapons regulations.

## 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. Since there are no developed campsites, campers need to bring everything they need with them. Take a good tent and long stakes. Camping vehicles must stay on the ocean beach or at marked designated spots on the backroad.

## Is There An Option To Camping?

Overnight rustic cabin accommodations are available on North and South Core Banks. See page 12 for details on Cabin Camps.

## 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). Only dead and down wood (driftwood) may be collected for firewood and it’s hard to find. **Please do not burn trash as it does not burn completely and could cause harm to the environment.** Do not use shipwreck timbers or standing dead trees, as they are protected. Put out fires with water, not sand. Sand allows air to reach the fire, and the smoldering coals could burn someone’s foot.



## What About My Personal Watercraft (PWC)?

PWCs, sometimes known as jet skis, may land at 10 designated soundside locations within the Seashore. (For maps see our website <http://www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/maps.htm>.) The remainder of the Seashore is closed to PWC operation within 150 feet of the soundside shore.

## May We Shoot Fireworks?

No. Fireworks are not allowed in any National Park Service area.

## May I Hunt For Hidden Treasure With My Metal Detector?

No. The only items that you may collect from the seashore are limited amounts of seashells. In National Parks, metal detectors are prohibited to protect historic artifacts. Please do not disturb any shipwrecks that may wash up or be uncovered by the ocean.

## Is It Okay To Have Beer On The Beach?

Some alcoholic beverages are permitted in the seashore, but consider the following: The laws of North Carolina do not permit spirituous liquors-distilled liquors (whiskey, vodka, etc.) or fortified wines to be consumed in public. Ask where you buy your wine if you are unsure what’s fortified and what’s not. 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.

**If you do not find it here, don’t hesitate to ask a ranger, call the park at 252-728-2250, or check out our web site at [www.nps.gov/cal/](http://www.nps.gov/cal/).**



# Park Activities

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The programs listed below will be offered from May 25<sup>th</sup> until September 24<sup>th</sup>. Additional programs may be offered. Check at the Visitor Center for a complete schedule. Programs will run on schedule unless there is inclement weather. For more information on these and other program offerings call (252) 728-2250.

## DAILY PROGRAMS

### Cape Lookout Light Station

#### Lighting the Way (15 minutes)

Program times are: 11:00 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Offered daily, March 31<sup>st</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>. Meet on the porch of the Assistant Keepers' Quarters next to the lighthouse. Come learn the history of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse and the life of a lighthouse keeper.

#### Discovery Cart (30 minutes)

Program starts at: 12:30 pm. Offered Wednesday through Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>. Offered daily June 27<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Light Station Pavilion near the ferry dock.

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!

#### Seashore Treasure ID (15 minutes)

Program starts at: 2:00 pm. Offered daily, May 25<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Light Station Pavilion near the ferry dock.

What is it? Is it still alive? How did it get here? Bring your beach treasures and discover the answers to these questions and more! Our knowledgeable staff will be available during this time with field guides, magnifying glasses, and other materials to help you.



#### Life of a Keeper (30 minutes)

Program starts at: 3:00 pm. Offered Wednesday through Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>. Offered daily June 27<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Light Station Pavilion near the ferry dock.

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.

### Harkers Island Visitor Center

#### Ribbon of Sand (Film) (26 minutes)

Daily, upon request. Available all year. For your convenience this film is: Ask at desk for individual listening units.

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. This film is shown in a large screen format in the Harkers Island Visitor Center theater.

A shorter (16 minute) version of this film is shown daily in the mini-theater in the Keepers' Quarters Museum near the lighthouse. For your convenience this film is:

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Cape Lookout Light Station

#### Island Explorations (30 minutes)

Program time is: 10:30 am. Offered Sunday, Thursday, and Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>; offered Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Light Station Pavilion near the ferry dock.

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

#### Coastal Heroes (30 minutes)

Program starts at: 10:30 am. Offered Wednesday and Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>; offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Light Station Pavilion near the ferry dock.

Heroes come from all walks of life. Lighthouse Keepers, U.S. Life –Saving Service surfmen, U.S. Coast Guard, and local residents have shown strength and courage throughout history. Come and hear the adventurous stories of their heroic actions.

### Portsmouth Village

#### Portsmouth Village Guided Tour (1 hour)

Tours begin at: 10:30 AM on Friday and Saturday, from June 3<sup>rd</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at Haulover Dock in Portsmouth Village.

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.

## SELECT DATES

The following programs are presented on selected days.

### Harkers Island Visitor Center

#### Junior Ranger Day

Event takes place on: Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

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

#### Take Your Parent Outside Day

Event takes place on: Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Are you looking for something your family can do together? Come and learn some fun outdoor activities that the whole family can enjoy. The entire family is welcome, but there are age restrictions on the kayaking portion.

#### Your National Park Day

Event takes place on: Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

National parks belong to all the people of the United States. They are here for the enjoyment of the present and the future generations. This responsibility is given to all the different types of park employees, as well as, you the park visitor. Come find out what park rangers do and what you can do to help protect the national park through fun and games.



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Cape Lookout Light Station</b>							
<b>Lighting the Way</b>	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30	11:00 1:30, 3:30
<b>Island Explorations</b>	10:30		10:30 (June 28-Aug. 9)		10:30		10:30
<b>Coastal Heroes</b>		10:30 (June 27-Aug. 8)		10:30		10:30	
<b>Discovery Cart</b>	12:30	12:30 (June 27 - Aug. 8)	12:30 (June 28 - Aug. 9)	12:30	12:30	12:30	12:30
<b>Seashore Treasures ID</b>	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
<b>Life of a Keeper</b>	3:00	3:00 (June 27-Aug. 8)	3:00 (June 28-Aug. 9)	3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00
<b>Harkers Island Visitor Center</b>							
<b>Ribbon of Sand (film)</b>	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request
<b>Portsmouth Village</b>							
<b>Guided Tour</b>						10:30 (June 3 - Sept. 2)	10:30 (June 3 - Sept. 2)
<b>Shackleford</b>							
<b>Horse Sense &amp; Survival</b>	Program dates: June 15, July 6, October 22, November 5						

## Critters of the Night

Event takes place on: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

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 in the dark of the night.

## Shackleford Banks

### Horse Sense & Survival (4 hours)

**By Reservation Only.** Program dates: June 15, July 6, October 22 and November 5

The wild horses of Shackleford Banks are fascinating to observe but may be difficult to find. Join a Ranger for a half day walking trip to find horses and watch their behavior. The park will arrange transportation by local ferries; there will be a charge for this ride. If you have your own boat, call the park for reservations and meeting locations. There is no charge for the walking program. Call (252) 728-2250 for reservations, more information on the program, ferry costs and other information.



## Be a WebRanger!

What is a WebRanger?

A WebRanger is:  
...a Caretaker  
...an Adventurer  
...a Learner  
...a Seeker  
...a Discoverer

A WebRanger could be... YOU!



Now you can be a Junior Ranger even if you are not able to visit a national park. You become a member of a growing group of young people who are interested in the world around them and involved with their nation's heritage.... The WebRangers! [www.nps.gov/webangers](http://www.nps.gov/webangers)

Just print your membership card and start your journey. You're ready to explore your National Parks! Complete activities to earn rewards.

Help a baby sea turtle reach the sea.... Be a spy during the Revolutionary War.... Drive your sled dog team on a wilderness patrol.... Experience the life and death struggle of a puma...and MORE!

Choose your adventure and collect secret words each time you complete a puzzle, finish a game, solve a mystery.

## Junior Ranger Program



Hey kids! 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 on Harkers Island or at the Light Station 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. Didn't have time before leaving to show your work to the ranger or volunteer? The booklet can be mailed back to the park and we will return it along with your certificate and badge.

## Junior Ranger Adventures



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

There are 5 different adventures that you can 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.



# Preserve & Protect

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## Tales of a Wild Horse Watcher

By Natalie Rappaport, Volunteer in Parks (VIP)

I was sitting in my cold dreary apartment in the middle of an Indiana winter, looking for a way to get out...more specifically, a way to get outside! Wishfully thinking about the beach, I came upon a website posting for an intern position with the Wildlife Biologist who manages the Shackleford horses at Cape Lookout National Seashore. With that bit of providence, I am now thousands of miles away from the frigid Midwest and learning all about a whole new wild world!

The first thing I learned about the wild horses is how to find them. There are 110-130 horses in the herd on Shackleford Banks. The herd is further divided into smaller groups of 2 to 13 horses called harems or bands, and each smaller group has its own home range somewhere along the length of the



Noah, a bachelor stallion, rests alone in the sun near the edge of the maritime forest.

island. The horses are distributed throughout the island; however, some groups are easier to find than others! A good way to find the horses is to think like a horse. If there is a strong cold wind coming from the north, you might find horses south of the shrubs which can act as barriers. If it is a hot, sunny and buggy day, the horses may be hanging around in a breezy moist marsh. The horses will drink every day, so finding the well-worn trails to the watering holes may lead you to horses.

More important than how to find them, I've learned how to watch the horses. I carry with me a pair of binoculars and a camera with a zoom. I try to get close enough to the horses that I can see what is going on, but I stay far enough away that I don't interrupt or change what is happening. Staying quiet and calm, being patient, and sitting on a dune or at a good vantage point lets me watch the horses while keeping

me safe and being respectful of the horses' wildness at the same time.

And, wow, the way these horses behave is truly fascinating! The horses interact in a way that parallels human social behavior: there are rules and there are consequences for not following them. There is a way that males (stallions) and females (mares) interact, as well as a way that the mares interact with other mares and the stallions with other stallions. Relationships are built then dissolve. There are loyalties, alliances, conflicts, dysfunctional families, and nurturing moments. Watching these horses is better than, but just as juicy as, watching any soap opera!

For instance, I found the mare Dotu recently in the harem belonging to the stallion Phinius, although she had previously been the longtime mate of Bilbo. While Phinius and his mares were grazing on the east end, Bilbo stealthily came from the north and stood poised in the tall marsh grass on the edge of the clearing. Dotu was at the fringe of the group, and Bilbo positioned himself in a way to cut her out from the rest of the horses.

Phinius looked up and watched Bilbo come towards his mare, but he made no move to engage him in a fight. Bilbo came around the front of Dotu, putting himself between the mare and Phinius, then swung her around and, putting his head low to the ground in a 'snaking' position, herded her north back into the grass and away from the harem.

Phinius resumed his grazing, and I saw Bilbo and Dotu together just a few minutes later drinking from a nearby watering hole. There could be any number of reasons that Bilbo was able to get Dotu back without a fight--we can only surmise as to why Phinius let her get away.

Some stallions are more sensitive to the presence and perceived threat of others. Homer and Dale are two stallions that share a large harem of mares and together they are quite dominant on the island. On one occasion, I was watching two bachelor stallions grazing when I herd a whinny from the west. Apparently, the bachelors were too close for comfort--I looked up and saw that Homer, although several dunes away, was running the mares in the opposite direction towards the shrubs and Dale was briskly approaching the closest bachelor. This bachelor, Katsu, did not pay any mind until Dale was directly next to him. Stallions have a series of increasingly aggressive, highly ritualized behaviors that they perform in sequence during a conflict. In this case, Dale and Katsu made their initial visual (body language), olfactory (smelling), and auditory (sounds) assessments of each other: arching their necks, sniffing nose-to-nose and nose-to-tail, and squealing. Katsu then turned and walked away from Dale, which is an act of submission, and so I recorded in my notes that Katsu "lost" this confrontation. Dale then trotted



The "close up" picture of this mare, Tahiti, was taken with a zoom lens in order to keep a safe distance from the horses.

towards the other bachelor stallion, Toro, to engage him. After the same initial visual, olfactory and auditory displays, the conflict between Dale and Toro became more physical. The fight ended, however, in a loss for Toro, as he soon turned away. Toro and Katsu resumed their grazing, while Dale cantered away to find where his harem was hiding, confident with his wins over both bachelors.

I could easily fill this whole newspaper with the things that I've seen! The key to catching the drama is to watch and wait for the horses to act the way they instinctively do. Be



Ariel, Bridget, and Tiger head towards the watering hole for their morning drink.

prepared to walk to where the horses might be, and maintain enough distance from them to allow their normal behavioral expression. And trust me; these horses are worth the effort! I encourage everyone to begin a Shackleford island adventure and find your own wild horse tales to share!



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## Adopt a Piece of History

Selected young horses are available for adoption at all times, and await your loving home. First come, first served, so don't delay. The adoption fee of \$600 reimburses the Foundation for a portion of the veterinary, feed and care costs. Facility requirements apply. Contact the park's horse management partner, the Foundation for Shackleford Horses, Inc., at (252) 241-5222 or (252) 728-6308 for more information, an adoption application, and to schedule a visit to the mainland adoptive facility. See [www.shacklefordhorses.org](http://www.shacklefordhorses.org).



## 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 – they must find their own food and water and protect themselves from danger. Wild horses see humans and dogs as something dangerous. If you get too close to the horses they may defend themselves by charging, kicking or biting. For you and your pet's safety:

- 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.
- 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.

## Please Remember to:

- Respect wildlife closures
- Keep pets on leash

## Beach Nesting Birds At Cape Lookout National Seashore

Many birds nest on the sandy beaches of Cape Lookout in the spring and summer. Instead of building a nest, these species lay their eggs directly on the sand. They rely on camouflage to protect their eggs and chicks from predators like raccoons and gulls.

Three species of shorebirds nest on beaches in the park: American Oystercatchers, Wilson's Plovers and Piping Plovers. These shorebirds usually nest in open sandy areas away from other birds. They leave their nest when faced with danger, sometimes trying to lead predators away from the nest. Unattended eggs can literally cook in the heat of the sun.

Least Terns, Common Terns, Gull-billed Terns and Black Skimmers nest in large colonies, usually near inlets. Terns aggressively defend their nests and chicks, often diving at predators to frighten them away. All these species are sensitive to disturbance by people.

Well-camouflaged nests are so hard to see that they may be accidentally stepped on and crushed. Chicks often hide in vehicle tracks and can be run over by passing vehicles. Dogs are viewed as predators by ground nesting birds and may so frighten them that eggs are crushed or chicks abandoned.



American Oystercatcher chick

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.

## To Help Protect the Nesting Birds:

- Respect all areas closed for the protection of nesting birds.
- Don't leave garbage or food scraps on the beach. Trash attracts predators which may prey on shorebird eggs or chicks.
- Keep dogs on a leash and out of closed areas.

## Sharing the beach

No one enjoys a trash covered beach. This is true for human visitors and nesting birds and sea turtles alike. Trash is not only unsightly, but it draws scavengers, such as raccoons, which also prey on bird and sea turtle eggs and young.

Being fed by humans, as well as having access to easy food sources such as garbage cans, also encourages bad habits in 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:

- Taking all of your trash back with you to the mainland for recycling and disposal. Use the free small trash bags available from dispensers if you forget to bring a bag.
- Not contributing to the delinquency of the wildlife. Do not feed the sea gulls!
- Keeping your picnic area or camping spot neat and securing all your food out of reach of the sea gulls and raccoons.
- Disposing of all unused bait and fish remains in the surf or sound waters.

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



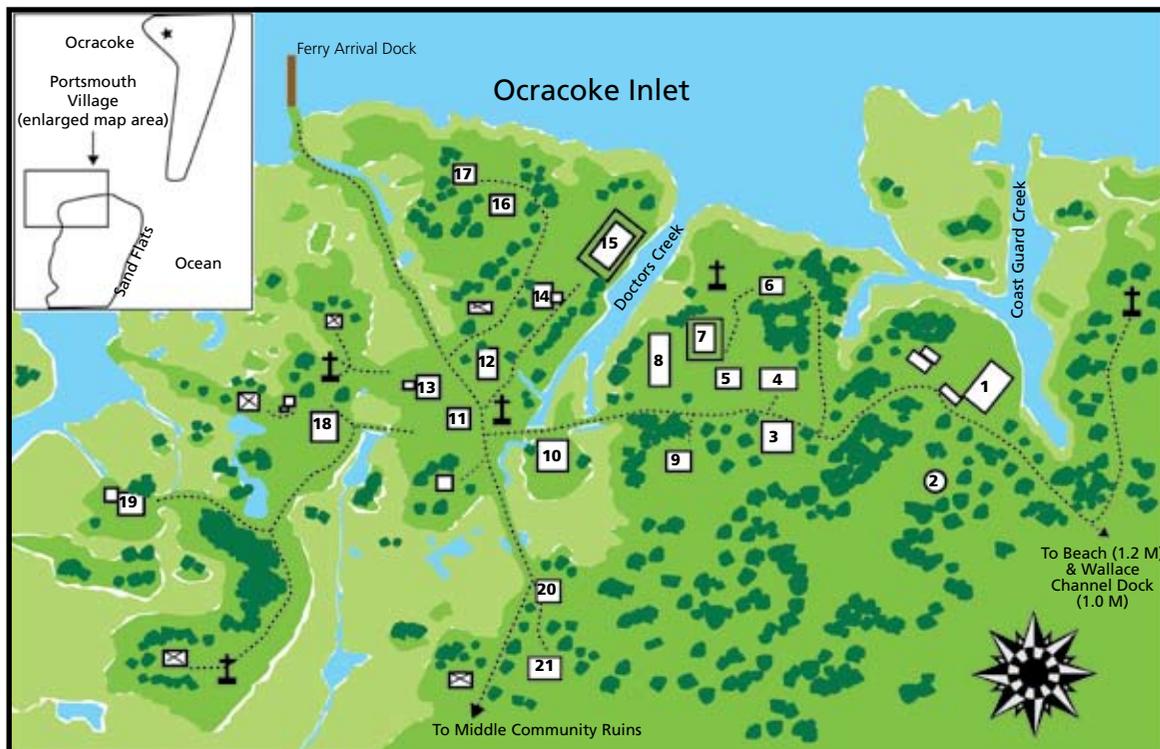


# Portsmouth Village

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## Welcome to our village

The people pictured below all lived in Portsmouth. As you tour the village, imagine them working, playing, and living together here.



## Portsmouth Homecoming: a celebration of place

Homecomings are Southern celebrations of places and people with ties to those places. They are most often associated with a church or single family, but Portsmouth Homecomings welcome everybody. People from all over the country come to this special event. Typically, about half of those present are making their first visit to the village, having chosen this occasion as their introduction to Portsmouth. On North Carolina's Outer Banks, Portsmouth is the only place that is preserved as it was, a place where visitors can step back in time to revisit a part of our American heritage.



Portsmouth Homecomings are sponsored jointly by Cape Lookout National Seashore and the Friends of Portsmouth

Homecoming: a day of fellowship, adventure, history, and memories.

Island in the spring every other year in the even-numbered years. In 2012, Homecoming will be on April 28th.

During Homecoming, several special events occur in the village ranging from a special postmark available in the post office to special music and open houses around the village. The highlight of the day is the program following the ringing of the church bell. After the program everyone enjoys another Southern tradition, an old fashioned "dinner on the grounds." This is a picnic-style potluck dinner (lunch) where those who can, bring food to share with everyone else.

## Henry's House Project

The Friends of Portsmouth Island have sponsored several projects in cooperation with Cape Lookout National Seashore. The post office interior was renovated and painted; all church windows were repaired or restored. Homecoming is a joint project every other year.

The newest project is the renovation, furnishing and opening to the public of the Henry Pigott House. Henry was one of the last residents of Portsmouth; at his death in 1971, Portsmouth lost her last residents. The house has been under lease for many years, removed from public view. When restoration is completed, visitors will have a window into another part of Portsmouth's past, an invitation to visit the home of one of her distinguished citizens.

### 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



**Theodore and Annie Salter House:** Serves as a visitor center; inside are exhibits and public restrooms.



**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.



**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.



**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.



# Cape Lookout Lighthouse

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The gallery outside the Cape Lookout lantern room.

## Cape Lookout Lighthouse and the Civil War

One hundred and fifty years ago our country was in political unrest. Both the Union and the Confederacy were attempting to gain the advantage during one of the world's first industrial wars. In 1861, the Confederacy seized the Cape Lookout Lighthouse in an effort to gain control of coastal shipping lanes. The light was extinguished to prevent Union forces from using it to navigate local waters. The 1st order Fresnel lens was removed and stored in Beaufort for safe keeping.

The turmoil of the Civil War brought about more changes in 1862 as the Union regained control of the Outer Banks. The Union installed a smaller, 3rd order Fresnel lens in the Cape Lookout lighthouse and, much to the Confederacy's dismay, relit the lighthouse in 1863.

It remained lit until a Confederate raid damaged the interior of the lighthouse on April 3, 1864. Later that year temporary repairs were made and the lighthouse was again relit. At war's end, Union troops found most of the Fresnel lenses from the Outer Banks lights in Raleigh, including the Cape Lookout lens. Eventually, the lighthouse's original 1st order Fresnel lens was repaired and reinstalled.

The Cape Lookout lighthouse has remained a vital navigational aid to mariners from all over the world through war, hurricanes and the passage of time. Today it still warns ships of the dangerous shoals off the tip of Cape Lookout.



Excited visitors walk in the footsteps of the lighthouse keepers as they climb to the gallery at the top.

## Visit the Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Open May 26 – September 24, 2011  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday only

Hours: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Get your ticket!

Tickets sold at: Light Station Visitor Center

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday.

\$8 for adults

\$4 for seniors age 62 and older, adults with 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.

Advance Ticket Reservations: (252) 728-0708

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday

Reservations must be made at least one day in advance and only for a day within the same week. Only 5 tickets per call may be reserved.

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 forfeit.

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

## 1859 Lighthouse Fast Facts:



The light at the top of the lighthouse still warns ships and sailors of the nearby shoals.

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

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.

## Frequently asked questions:

*If I carry him/her, can my toddler or infant come in the lighthouse?*

**Everyone who climbs the lighthouse must make the climb on their own: no one can be carried.** It is dangerous—for the climber and for the child—to carry someone up the lighthouse. Hands need to be kept free for handrails. A fall over the edge is too dangerous and risky for someone to be lifted or carried on the gallery.

*There is a child in our group less than 44 inches tall, how can our group climb the lighthouse?*

We suggest you split your group and purchase tickets for two different climbs at least 30 minutes apart. This allows enough time for the first group to return to the base to watch the child while the second group climbs.

*Why can't we buy more than 5 tickets?*

Only 10 people may enter the lighthouse gallery at one time. In order to allow as many different groups in the lighthouse as possible, we have limited the number of tickets sold to one person.

*Is my ticket good at anytime during the day?*

Tickets are time-stamped for a specific climbing time. Climbers should arrive at the lighthouse with their tickets at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time. Late climbers may not be admitted and tickets will not be refunded.

*Can I purchase tickets over the phone or online?*

Tickets may be reserved over the phone (see inset). All tickets, including reserved tickets, must be purchased at the Light Station Visitor Center. Tickets can not be purchased or reserved online.



# Park Lodging

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## Park Lodging

If you're looking for a peaceful relaxing vacation, where time's pace can best be described as slow, and you can make memories your family will be talking about for years to come, then take a look at cabin lodging within 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, but as the minutes pass, so too the years and, once you make it to your destination, you'll have turned back the clock to a different era.

Ferry service at Atlantic, NC, to Long Point Cabins on North Core Banks, and from Davis, NC, to Great Island Cabins on South Core Banks generally begins in Mid-March and runs until the end of November.

Each cabin camp has a shade shelter, public restrooms, and public showers with hot water for day-users and beach campers. However, your private cabin comes with a bathroom and shower with hot/cold running water, a combined living room, dining room, kitchen with gas stove, sleeping area and porch. Furnishings include bunk beds, a kitchen table and chairs. You must bring your own cooking utensils, pots or pans, bed linens, dishes and ice chests. You can request help in getting your items to your cabin via the camp caretaker.

The cabin camps caretakers provide information, emergency medical assistance and mainland contact. They can help you with ordering bait, ice, limited groceries, other supplies and obtaining gasoline.

Whether you spend a day or a week, this will be a vacation you'll never forget and who knows, we may just see you next year!



Great Island Cabin



Long Point Duplex Cabin

For up-to-date lodging rates and reservations, call:

**Great Island Cabins:** 252-728-0942

**Long Point Cabins:** 252-728-0958

Reservation line open Monday through Friday,  
9 AM – 2 PM

Operated by the National Park Service



Great Island Cabin Interior



Great Island Cabin Interior

### 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.

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

Pets are permitted in the cabins if crated or kenneled.

**Summer Cabin Rental Special**  
25% Off Cabin Rates  
June 1 to August 31

### Lodging and Ferry Locations





# Vehicle Ferries

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## Getting Around on the Beach

Having a 4-wheel drive vehicle with you on the beaches of Core Banks can make your camping or fishing trip a little more convenient. (see page 14 for tips on beach driving.) However, getting a vehicle to the island has always been a bit of a challenge since no bridges reach across Core Sound from the mainland to the islands. Locally owned and operated ferries have allowed

vehicles to be a part of the Core Banks recreation scene since the 1930s. The shallow waters (averaging five feet deep or less) of Core Sound and the small harbor areas require that ferries be relatively small and only able to carry a few vehicles at a time. Reservations are a must if you plan to take a 4-wheel drive vehicle to the beach.



Going from Core Banks back to Atlantic by barge in 1931

### Please Remember to:

- Respect wildlife closures
- Keep pets on leash

### Don't have a 4-wheel drive?

See "Beach Transportation" on page 3

## Vehicle Ferries to the Beach



Morris Marina Ferry (from Atlantic)



Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service (from Davis)



Davis Shore Ferry (from Davis)

### For up-to-date ferry schedules and reservations, call:

#### From Atlantic to Long Point, North Core Banks:

Morris Marina Ferry Service, Inc. 1-252-225-4261 or on the web at:  
<http://www.portsmouthislandfishing/ferryandkabin.php>

#### From Davis to Great Island, South Core Banks:

Davis Shore Ferry Service 1-252-729-3474 or on the web at: <http://davisferry.com/>

Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service 1-252-729-9751

Or on the web at: [www.calocabins-campsinc.net](http://www.calocabins-campsinc.net)

### Vehicle Ferry Schedule

#### Morris Marina Ferry Service

##### Departures from Atlantic:

7:00 am  
11:00 am  
3:00 pm

##### Returns from Long Point:

8:00 am  
12:00 noon  
4:00 pm

#### Davis Shore Ferry Service

##### Departures from Davis:

7:00 am 9:00 am  
11:00 am 1:00 pm  
4:00 pm

##### Returns from Great Island:

8:00 am 10:00 am  
12:00 noon 2:00 pm  
5:00 pm

#### Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service

##### Departures from Davis:

8:00 am 10:00 am  
12:00 noon 2:00 pm  
4:30 pm

##### Returns from Great Island:

9:00 am 11:00 am  
1:00 pm 3:00 pm  
5:30 pm



# Beach Driving

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## When taking an ORV on park beaches remember:

-  A ferry is required to bring your vehicle to the seashore; see page 13 for vehicle ferry information.
-  Any law applicable to vehicle use on a paved road in the State of North Carolina also applies to ORV use.
-  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.
-  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.

**SPEED LIMIT 25**

- Beach & backroad
- Except as otherwise posted

**SPEED LIMIT 15**

- Cabin camps
- Cape lookout Village Historic district
- Within 100 feet of any person or campsite

-  Drive only four-wheel-drive vehicles on the beach. Two-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive vehicles do not have adequate traction and are likely to get stuck. Towing services are limited and very costly.



Don't let this happen to you!

-  Before entering the beach, lower tire pressure to 20 psi or less. Lowering the tire pressure and driving at a slow, steady rate of speed are the best ways to get around.
-  Equipment that can come in handy in case of being stuck: Shovel, Tow Strap, Air Pressure Gauge, Boards, and Carpet which can be placed under the wheels to prevent them from spinning in the sand.
-  If stuck, lower tire pressure more. If your wheels start to spin, slowly back up in your tire tracks for several car lengths and then slowly accelerate forward.
-  Be aware of tide changes and don't get trapped -- some sections of beach can be cut off by high tides. If this happens to you return to the last ramp and use the back road where it is available.
-  Avoid driving in the wrack line. The wrack line is a line of stranded natural debris on the beach left by the previous high tide that can be an important food source for protected birds
-  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 a comprehensive listing of ORV tips and regulations, ask for an ORV site bulletin at any park visitor center or on the park website at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/orv.htm>.

## Off-Road Vehicle Plan Update

The seashore is in the fourth year of developing a court-ordered off-road vehicle (ORV) management plan, which is expected to be complete in 2013. The next step is to release the ORV Plan and environmental impact statement (EIS) for public comment in early 2012.

Public input is very important to this process. You can stay abreast of what is happening by checking the park web site at [www.nps.gov/cal/parkmgmt/newplans.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cal/parkmgmt/newplans.htm) or <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cal>.

## Types of Beach Closures

Much of the ocean beach on Core Banks is open to off-road vehicle (ORV) 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:



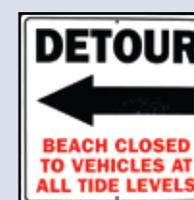
Sign: Chicks on Beach



Sign: Beach Closed to All Entry



Sign: Beach Closed to Vehicles



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

Other beach areas may be temporarily closed to ORVs or all recreation when they are being used by nesting shorebirds and sea turtles. Closure areas might be expanded or reduced depending on the behavior and needs of protected wildlife. If the beach is temporarily closed, alternate ORV routes or bypasses will be established whenever possible.

Current beach access information is available through the park's Twitter account: [www.twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS](http://www.twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS) and is posted on the park's website at: [www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/wildlife-closures.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cal/planyourvisit/wildlife-closures.htm).



# Park Friends & Partners

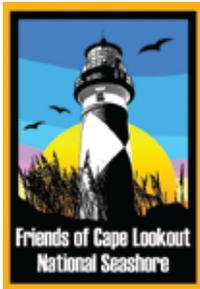
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## Friends of Cape Lookout National Seashore

The Friends of Cape Lookout National Seashore is a non-profit 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 of Cape Lookout

**ON THE WEB** — It's easy to join on the web at:  
[www.FriendsOfCapeLookout.com](http://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.



North Carolina  
Coastal Federation

For more information: [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org)

## 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 Individual Lifetime
- All contributions are tax deductible.

## To Join the Friends of Portsmouth

Complete the membership form available on the friends website at: [www.friendsofportsmouthisland.org](http://www.friendsofportsmouthisland.org).

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

## 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](http://www.coresound.com) and  
[www.downeasttour.com](http://www.downeasttour.com).



## 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.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.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.decoguild.com](http://www.decoguild.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](http://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)



## Volunteering at Cape Lookout National Seashore

Each year millions of people visit the more than 370 National Park Service sites. Many individuals assist our parks by volunteering their time and talents. Those who work in partnership with park employees are called Volunteers In Parks, or VIPs.

At Cape Lookout National Seashore, volunteers work side by side with National Park Service employees. VIPs may work on weekdays, weekends, holidays, mornings, and afternoons. During the 2010 fiscal year, 91 Volunteers contributed 21,279 hours of time to care for the park.

Do you have a desire to live and work in this beautiful, varied seashore? Then, contact the VIP Coordinator for more information about signing up for our VIP program.



Portsmouth Village VIPs ready to meet ferry passengers

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Harkers Island Visitor Center** – VIPs stationed in this visitor center welcome visitors to the park, answer questions about the area, answer the telephone and transfer calls, operate an Eastern National book store, and help maintain the appearance of the visitor center.

Specialized jobs may include conducting or assisting with educational programs, clerical tasks, library work, research, or other jobs to assist park divisions.

**Caretakers** – These positions require living on an undeveloped barrier island for five days with two days off on the mainland. Duties vary based on the location, but may include welcoming and orienting visitors, operating an Eastern National book store, conducting scheduled programs or walking tours, keeping public facilities and buildings clean, and performing light to moderate maintenance. Positions are available at the Keepers' Quarters Museum, Light Station Visitor Center, Portsmouth Village, and the Great Island and Long Point cabin areas.

**Other Opportunities** – You are invited to discuss your interests, skills, and talents with the VIP Coordinator. We might be able to use your expertise.

## Contact Information

For more information or to request an application, contact the VIP Coordinator:

VIP Coordinator  
Cape Lookout National Seashore  
131 Charles Street  
Harkers Island, NC 28531

(252) 728-2250 ext. 3008  
Richard\_Meissner@partner.nps.gov

Applications can also be found on the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/calof/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>.

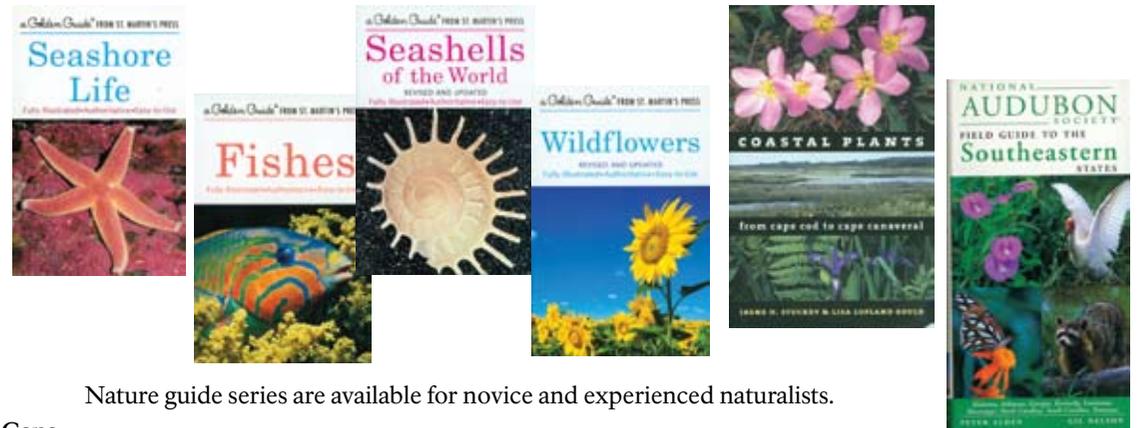


VIPs preparing for a program on sea turtles



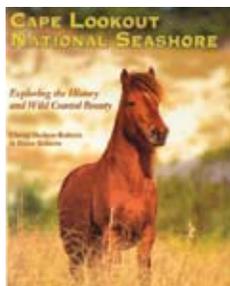
The bookstores located at the Harkers Island and Light Station Visitor Centers are operated by Eastern National, a non-profit partner to the National Park Service providing educational materials for sale at many

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.



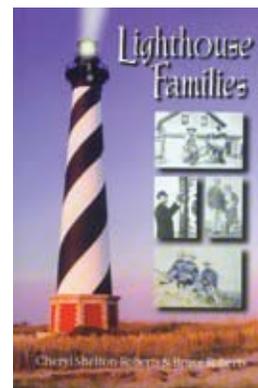
Nature guide series are available for novice and experienced naturalists.

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

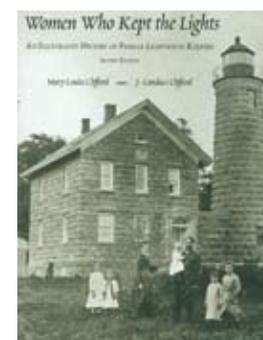


**Cape Lookout T-shirts**  
(variety of-colors)  
Short Sleeves (Small-XL, \$18.95)  
(XXL \$21.95)  
Long Sleeves (Small-XL, \$20.95)  
(XXL, \$25.95)

**Cape Lookout Caps**  
(several colors)  
\$ 14.95

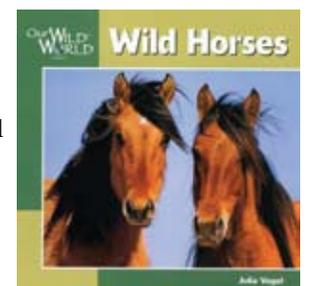


**Lighthouse Families**  
by Cheryl Shelton-Roberts and Bruce Roberts \$ 14.95  
Read some of the first-hand accounts of those families who lived and worked at various U. S. light stations.



**Women Who Kept the Lights**  
by Mary Louise Clifford and J. Candace Clifford  
\$22.95  
Men weren't the only ones who kept the lights burning.

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



**Life Saving Mug**  
\$8.95  
Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee in this U.S. Life Saving Service mug.

