

Outer Banks Accessibility Guide



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Beach Accessibility

The OBX is home to outdoor spaces and recreational opportunities including our expansive coastline, parks, rivers, and trails, many of which are partially or fully accessible. We believe that travel should be accessible to all, regardless of disability, race, gender, sexual orientation, class, or religion. At our welcome centers, you will find accessible parking, a ramp into the building, and accessible restrooms.



BEACH WHEELCHAIR LOCATIONS

- Southern Shores: Call Fire Department (252) 261-2272
- Duck: Call Duck Surf Rescue (252) 982-6747
- Kitty Hawk: Call Fire Department (252) 261-2666
- Kill Devil Hills: Call Ocean Rescue Headquarters at (252) 480-0080
- Jockey's Ridge: State Park (252) 441-7132 or visit the park office
- Nags Head: Call Fire Department (252) 441-5909 or Ocean Rescue (252) 480-2555. Mobi-Mats are available at the Eighth Street Beach Access and Jennette's Pier.
- Coquina Beach: Call Cape Hatteras National Seashore at (252) 473-2111. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, available at the beach.
- Hatteras: Call Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Visitor Information at (252) 995-4474
- Ocracoke: National Seashore/Ocracoke Visitor Center (252) 928-4531
- Call OBX Beach Mobility for additional wheelchair rental needs at (252) 573-339

PROJECT LIFESAVER & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

Dare County participates in the "Project Lifesaver" which assists caregivers of Alzheimer and dementia patients. If you need this service, please contact the local law enforcement agency or call the Dementia Friendly Coalition at (252) 489-9508. Purple seahorse stickers denote local dementia friendly businesses.

DARE COUNTY GIS ACCESSIBLE MAPS

Dare County has created a full list of accessible parks, fishing spots, and trails. Use the filter feature to toggle which features you would like to search at play.darecountync.gov.

Beach Accesses

HA - Handicap Access L - Lifeguard H - Handicap Parking S - Shower W - Walkway to Beach PP - Paved Parking M - Mobi Mats MP - Mile Post

Southern Shores (10am-6pm)*	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
142 Ocean Blvd		•					
Chicahauk Tr		•	•		•	•	
E. Dogwood Tr		•					
Hillcrest Dr		•	•		•	•	
Ocean View Loop							
Kitty Hawk (10am-7pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Balchen St - MP 3.5							
Bennett St - MP 2							
Bleriot St - MP 3							
Byrd St - MP 1.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Eckner St - MP 2.5			•				
Fonck St - MP 2							
Hawks St - MP 3							
KH Bath House - MP 4.25		•	•	•	•		•
Lillian St - MP 4		•	•	•	•	•	
Luke St - MP 2.5							
Maynard St - MP 2							
Wilkins St - MP 3							
Kill Devil Hills (10am-5:30pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
First St - MP 7.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Second St - MP 7		•	•	•	•	•	
Third St - MP 7		•	•	•	•		
Fourth St - MP 6.5					•		
Fifth St - MP 6.5		•				•	
Eighth St - MP 10		•	•	•	•	•	•
Arch St - MP 5.5							
Asheville Dr - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•	
Atlantic St - MP 9.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Avalon Pier - MP 6.5		•					
Baum St - MP 8.75		•					
Carlow Ave - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•	
Carlton Ave - MP 8.5							
Chowan St - MP 6							
Clark St - MP 9		•	•	•	•	•	

Kill Devil Hills (10am-5:30pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Coral Dr - MP 7		•					
Eden St - MP 6		•					
Ferris Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•	
Glenmere Ave - MP 8						•	
Hayman Blvd - MP 6		•	•	•	•	•	
Helga St - MP 5.5		•					
Lake Dr - MP 9.5		•					
Martin St - MP 9		•	•	•	•	•	
Neptune Dr - MP 9.5		•					
Ocean Bay Blvd - MP 8.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Oregon Ave - MP 8.5		•	•				
Pinehurst Ave - MP 8							
Prospect Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•	
Raleigh Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•	
Sutton Ave - MP 8			•	•	•	•	
Walker St - MP 6							
Woodmere Ave - MP 8		•	•	•	•	•	
Nags Head (10am-6pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Abalone St - MP 10.5		•			•	•	
Admiral St - MP 10.5						•	
Albatross St - MP 10		•			•	•	
Bainbridge St - MP 11.5					•	•	
Baltic St - MP 11		•				•	
Barnes St - MP 11					•	•	
Bittern St - MP 11.5					•	•	
Blackman St - MP 11					•	•	
Bladen St - MP 11.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Bonnet St - MP 11.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Conch St - MP 12.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Coquina Beach - MP 26		•	•	•	•	•	
Curlew St - MP 12							
Eighth St - MP 10		•		•	•	•	•
Enterprise St - MP 14		•	•				
Epstein St - MP 14		•	•	•	•	•	

Nags Head (10am-6pm)	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Forrest St - MP 15.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Gallery Row St - MP 10.5							
Glidden St - MP 16		•	•		•	•	
Governor St - MP 16.5		•			•	•	
Gray Eagle St - MP 16.5		•	•		•	•	
Grouse St - MP 16							
Gulfstream St - MP 16.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Gull St - MP 16.5				•	•	•	
Hargrove St - MP 17.5		•	•	•	•	•	
Holden St - MP 17		•	•		•	•	
Hollowell St - MP 12		•	•	•	•	•	
Huron St - MP 17					•	•	
Ida St - MP 18.5		•			•	•	
Indigo St - MP 18.5		•	•		•	•	
Isabella St - MP 18.5							
Islington St - MP 18.5					•		
Jacob St - MP 19							
James St - MP 19							
Jay St - MP 19							
Jennette's Pier - MP 16.5		•	•	•	•	•	•
Juncos St - MP 19		•	•	•	•	•	
June St - MP 19			•				
Limulus Dr - MP 20		•			•		
Loggerhead St - MP 14.5							
Small St - MP 13							
Surfside Dr - MP 19.75					•		
Town Hall St - MP 14.5		•				•	
Hatteras & Ocracoke Islands	HA	L	H	S	W	PP	M
Cape Hatteras Lighthouse - Buxton		•	•			•	
Frisco Day Use Area		•			•		
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum		•					
Old Lighthouse Rd - Buxton Beach						•	
Rodanthe - NC Hwy 12		•	•	•	•	•	
South of Frisco - NC Hwy 12		•					
Ocracoke Beach - NC Hwy 12		•	•	•	•	•	

*BEACH ACCESS RESTRICTIONS APPLY IN SOUTHERN SHORES.
PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR LODGING PROVIDER TO DETERMINE HOW, OR IF, THESE ACCESSES MAY BE USED.

Sound Accesses

H - Handicap Parking S - Shower W - Walkway to Beach PP - Paved Parking KL - Kayak Launch

Duck	H	S	W	PP	KL
Duck Town Park	•	•	•	•	•
Kitty Hawk	H	S	W	PP	KL
Windgrass Cir - MP 5	•		•	•	
Bob Perry Rd/Kitty Hawk Bay MP 4			•	•	Public boat ramp
Kill Devil Hills	H	S	W	PP	KL
Hayman Street Estuarine - MP 6			•	•	Pier, gazebo, picnic area
West 3rd Street (no parking) - MP 7					
Arch Street (no parking) - MP 5.5					
Dock Street - MP 6.5			•	•	Public boat ramp
Parking Area at Second Bridge on Colington Island					•
Nags Head	H	S	W	PP	KL
Jockey's Ridge State Park/Soundside Rd. - MP 13	•		•	•	Bathrooms
West Danube Street - MP 13.5					
Forrest Street - MP 15					No parking
Harvey Estuarine/US 158 Bypass - MP 16	•			•	•
Nags Head Estuarine Site/On the Causeway - MP 16.5	•		•	•	
Melvin R. Daniels Bridge (little bridge) on the Causeway - MP 16.5	•		•	•	Bathrooms

Roanoke Island/Manteo	H	S	W	PP	KL
Old Swimming Hole at Dare County Regional Airport	•			•	Lifeguard on duty
Washington Baum Bridge across from Pirates Cove Marina			•	•	Public boat ramp
Western end of Bowserstown Rd.				•	Public boat ramp
At the foot of the bridge leading to Roanoke Island Festival Park				•	Public boat ramp
Hatteras Island	H	S	W	PP	KL
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center				•	Public boat ramp
New Inlet - NC Hwy 12 - Pea Island				•	Public boat ramp
Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge					•
Salvo Day Use Area - NC Hwy 12 - South of Salvo - Ramp 23	•	•	•	•	
Haulover/Canadian Hole - NC Hwy 12 - South of Avon	•			•	
Sandy Bay - NC Hwy 12 - South of Frisco				•	
Dare Mainland	H	S	W	PP	KL
Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge - Milltail Creek & Sawyer Lake				•	Marked kayak trails

SEASONS AND HOURS FOR LIFEGUARDS VARY. PLEASE CONSULT TOWN WEBSITES, OR LIFEGUARD STANDS, FOR HOURS/SEASONS. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

DARE COUNTY BEACHES - UTILIZE ANY PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS FOR OCEAN KAYAKING.

Beach & Sound
Access Online



ACCESSIBILITY Spotlight

Jockey's Ridge State Park



Along the tree-lined accessible boardwalk are information panels describing the various plants and animals found around the dunes. A bench on the overlook for visitors provides a lookout over the dunes. Rides to the top of the dune are available for visitors with mobility restrictions. Rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance and are available between 9 -11 a.m. or 1-4 p.m., based on availability and are weather dependent. The ride takes 30-45 minutes. Call (252) 441-7132 for more details.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore



Several beach access ramps and bathhouses along the Seashore have boardwalks to assist in reaching the beach and other facilities. Pictured above is the the first maintained, mobility-friendly kayak launch at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The pond trail at Bodie Island Lighthouse is a boardwalk trail that leads to a viewing platform looking out over the marsh and ponds near the lighthouse. The Bodie Island Marsh blind wildlife-viewing platform serves as an accessible hunt blind for hunters with limited mobility and is open December-March.



Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Accessible parking spaces are available near the visitor center. The paved path from the visitor center to the reconstructed earthen fort and Waterside Theater is accessible. The Freedom Trail is a 1.25-mile, pine-needle covered dirt trail through maritime forest that ends with views of the Croatan Sound on the western edge of the park. There are other natural paths with different degrees of accessibility exist throughout the site including the Thomas Hariot Nature Trail. A closed-captioned version of the film, "Roanoke: The Lost Colony," is available on a portable tablet at the visitor center desk.



Wright Brothers National Memorial

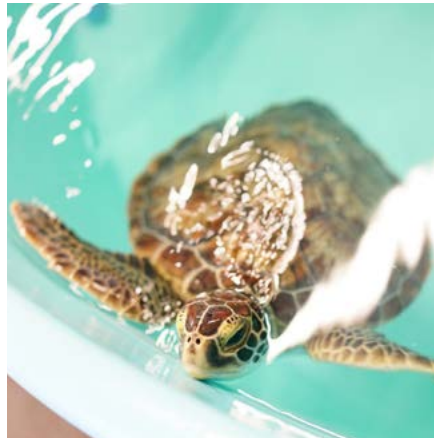
The National Park Service mobile app, gives the public up-to-date information about all 423 national parks in one easy-to-use app and includes an audio tour of the Memorial. Additional assisted listening and audio description devices are available in the visitor center. You'll find a tactile map of the park with locations written in Braille. A limited supply of Braille brochures is available at the visitor center desk. A flat, tactile map of the building's layout is placed on the wall to the left of the main entrance door. Inside the Flight Room of the visitor center are raised drawings of the Wright brothers' early gliders and a tactile model, built to scale, of the 1903 Wright Flyer.

Fully or Partially Accessible



ROANOKE MARSHES LIGHTHOUSE

The lighthouse in downtown Manteo reminds you more of a small coastal cottage.



NC AQUARIUM

Jennette's Pier and the Aquarium on Roanoke Island offer a variety of services for guests with special needs.



THE LOST COLONY

Become immersed in the theatrical discovery of a new world & try to solve America's oldest mystery.



ISLAND FARM

A living history site interpreting daily life on Roanoke Island in the mid-1800s.



WHEELS ON DECK

Wheels on Deck, Inc.© provides fishing and cruising experiences for wheelchair users on their boat *Bazinga*.



GRAVEYARD OF THE ATLANTIC

The museum is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the state's coastal and shipwreck history.



SURFING FOR AUTISM EVENT

Held each summer at Jennette's Pier, it provides participants with an amazing experience and opportunity to surf



ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

Located within Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, the Gardens feature botanical & sculptural delights.



TRAILS

There are trails scattered alongside the water and within our maritime forests. Read more at outerbanks.org/trails.



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Make a promise...

The OBX is an amazing natural wonder that has been the source of historic achievements and supported a special way of life for generations. Let's keep it that way and do our part. Look out for one another, be aware and prepared for any situation and work together to protect this place that we love.

Let's promise to:

1. Discover this land of history and inspiration with a spirit of kindness and appreciation.
2. Turn "what ifs" into "let's prepare."
3. Pack it in, pack it out. Leave no trace.
4. Wander with wonder, sticking to roads & paths.
5. Love the beach, respect the ocean.
6. Be a wildlife star, observing animals safely from afar.
7. Support local. Small acts have big impacts.

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