

# Avon Fireworks 2017



Cape Hatteras National Seashore wants to inform park patrons that Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) may remain on the beach at Ramp 38, which is immediately South of Avon village and the Avon Fireworks site. Ramp 38 will remain open until 10:30 PM. All other ramps will be closed to ORVs at the regular time of 9:00 PM. Ramp 34 is accessible by pedestrians only, via its boardwalk.

Park staff requests that all ORVs at Ramp 38 remain in place after the fireworks until 10:00 PM to allow pedestrians to safely exit the beach first, and then allow ORVs to exit after pedestrians. All ORVs are to exit the Ramp by 10:30 PM. Cape Hatteras National Seashore will have multiple employees on hand to monitor and assist nesting sea turtles during the fireworks.

A few reminders for the holiday weekend:

- It is illegal to possess/discharge fireworks within Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
- Beach fires are allowed with a permit between the hours of 6 am and 10 pm on the ocean beaches in front of Coquina Beach Parking Lot, Ocracoke Day Use Area, and villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras. Permits are available at all Park ORV Permit Offices and Visitor Centers.
- Pets must be restrained on a leash at all times.
- Items may not be left unattended on beaches (canopies, tents, chairs). Unattended items can be hazardous to nesting turtles and park users traversing beaches at night.
- Digging holes in the sand is dangerous and has killed park patrons due to collapse of holes/tunnels. If you choose to dig holes, never get inside and please fill them in, as they are hazardous to people, vehicles and wildlife.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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