

OCRACOKE CAMPGROUND 2007 SCHEDULE

The Cape Hatteras National Park Service campground on Ocracoke will open at noon on April 6 through October 8, 2007.

The fee for all sites is \$20 per night, or \$10 for holders of Federal Golden Age or Golden Access Passports.

All campsites are on a first come/first served basis. Reservations may be made by calling 1-877-444-6777 or on the Internet at www.recreation.gov. Visa or MasterCard may be used. Verify that your reservation is for the correct campground, equipment, start date and length of stay. Canadian visitors can use the same telephone number.

The campground is considered primitive camping with no electric, water or sewer hook-ups. Bathhouses throughout the campground have cold water showers and flush toilets. Soil at the campground is sandy, therefore, longer than normal tent stakes are recommended. There are no shade trees and mosquitoes may be a problem. Netting and repellent are recommended.

The campgrounds are within walking distance of the Atlantic Ocean, separated from the beach by barrier dunes.

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Metal Detectors: 36 CFR 2.1(a)(7) *prohibits* use of metal detectors in all national parks.

Fireworks: 36 CFR 2.38(b) *prohibits* the use or possession of fireworks in all national parks.

Vehicles: All vehicles used in the park, including portions of the beach open for driving, must have a current vehicle registration, license tag, and the operators must have a current driver's license. *No ATVs are permitted in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.* Operation of a vehicle off paved roads is permitted only on marked routes or on designated portions of the beach. (Ask a Ranger for information on beach driving.)

Horses: Horses may be ridden only on the ocean beach seaward of the existing dunes, on vehicular beach access routes, along road shoulders or across paved routes where travel is necessary to cross to or from beach or beach access routes.

Bicycling: *Use extreme caution.* There are no established bike paths within the National Seashore. Highway 12 is a relatively narrow paved road with soft shoulders.

Swimming: Dates for lifeguarded beaches at Coquina, Buxton, and Ocracoke are 5/25/07 - 9/3/07. Tides, rip currents and strong waves make ocean swimming extremely hazardous.

Surfing: For safety reasons, surfing is prohibited within designated lifeguarded beach swimming areas, specific areas adjacent to villages, and within 300 feet of fishing piers.

Pet Policy: Dogs, cats, or other pets are prohibited throughout the park unless crated, caged, on a six-foot leash, or otherwise under physical restraint. Pets are prohibited on designated swimming beaches. Pets running at large will be apprehended and returned to their owner, if known and located, or delivered to the local animal shelter for disposal in accordance with local procedures. *Guide dogs for the visually impaired are permitted to remain with their owners at all times.*

Fishing - Boating: Surf, sound, and pier fishing is excellent in the spring and fall. Fishing tackle may be rented at most tackle and bait stores. There are several marinas in the area which offer charter, head-boat services and have boat launching ramps. National Park Service boat launching ramps are located near the Oregon Inlet Marina and near Silver Lake on Ocracoke Island.

Open Fires: In Cape Hatteras National Seashore, open fires are permitted only in grills provided in designated campgrounds and picnic areas. Ground fires are permitted only on the ocean beach below high tide line.

Dump Stations: RV dump stations are located near Oregon Inlet, Cape Point, and Ocracoke Campgrounds.

Weather: For current weather conditions contact the National Weather Service at (252) 223-5737 or on the Internet at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/er/mhx>.

Nature/Hiking Trails: Signed nature trails in the Seashore include: Hammock Hills Nature Trail (Ocracoke Island), Buxton Woods Nature Trail (Hatteras Island), and Bodie Island Dike Trail (Bodie Island).

Personal Watercraft: The trailering, launching or landing of PWCs on any NPS ocean or soundside beaches, public boat ramps at Oregon Inlet and Ocracoke Island, and operation of PWCs within the boundaries of Cape Hatteras National Seashore is *prohibited*.