

Preserve Beach Access Newsletter



Our Mission

to Keep America's Beaches
Open and Accessible to All

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As another summer season under the consent decree ends, there is more to be done to preserve beach access in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

Don't let health care be the only topic of discussion in Washington, D.C. Write Congress now and let them know you depend on open and accessible beaches and ask their support of S.1557 and H.R.718. Following are easy links for contacting Congress.

This newsletter edition contains several features and special reports including an analysis of birds and turtles under the consent decree.

Plus, learn the shocking truth about a controversial predator control program, and find out why there are so few parking spaces available for beach access.

Please share this information with others. We need you to once again make sure that everyone in your address book knows about PreserveBeachAccess.org

Your help is needed to spread the word.

National Award for Dare County Preserve Beach Access Website

The website for the Dare County campaign to Preserve Access to America's Beaches has received an Award of Excellence from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA).

The **Award of Excellence** for PreserveBeachAccess.org was announced September 24, 2009 at the 3CMA national conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. The website is part of a marketing campaign jointly sponsored by Dare County and the Outer

Banks Visitors Bureau.

Preserve Access to America's Beaches

Our mission is to keep America's beaches open and accessible to all.

Act Now

LATEST NEWS: Preserve Beach Access at "Bike the Light" in Buxton, Oct 3rd NPS ramp improvement project Learn more about S 1567 & H R 718

Freedom at Risk

Freedom To Enjoy America's Beaches Is At Risk

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area on North Carolina's Outer Banks was designated the first "National Seashore" in 1937 with the promise that people would always have the right of access for recreation. Freedom to enjoy the beach, in a responsible way, is now at risk because of efforts by misguided environmental groups determined to restrict access for people.

The right of access to Federal parks is an important issue for everyone. If beach access is eliminated at Cape Hatteras, the right of people to use our National Parks will be at risk everywhere. Your help is urgently needed as part of this grassroots effort to preserve access for people.

My Story Hear How People Have Been Impacted

Larry Hardham - Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and Turtle Volunteer

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Each year 3CMA recognizes the best in marketing and communications. The nationwide competition, judged by a panel of marketing, consulting and academic professionals, includes entries from advertising agencies and government entities from cities and counties of all sizes. Other cities who received awards for issue specific websites include a Silver Circle award for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia and a Savvy award for Pasadena, California.

During its 21 year history, 3CMA has had over 10,000 entries, many of which have become benchmarks for strategic communication and marketing efforts. This year **the judges remarked that they "loved the look" of PreserveBeachAccess.org** and commented on the website's video page. My Story, a key part of the website, features first-hand accounts about the importance of beach access and its impact on people.

"We are honored to receive the award and appreciate what it represents," said Bobby Outten, Dare County Manager. He added, "It echoes what we hear from people throughout the nation, that the County's beach access website is a quality place for information about preserving beach access in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. We hope everyone will visit www.PreserveBeachAccess.org and sign-up at [Act Now](#)."



SPECIAL REPORT

Analysis of shorebirds, turtles, and economic costs of the consent decree



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Limited Parking Available for Beach Access

There are only 749 beach access parking spaces in the Dare County portion of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

With over 2 million annual visitors, **why is beach access parking so limited?**



There is a good reason why and it directly relates to the unique way the first National Seashore was intentionally designed for recreational access.

Learn more on this link to a [special report](#) on the Dare County website

www.PreserveBeachAccess.org

Preserve Beach Access helped by Recyclers



People who support open and accessible beaches are often those who share a passion and commitment for other important things such as helping the environment through recycling.

A local company, Hatteras Recycle, has put the Preserve Beach Access logo and website prominently on their trucks. "We are always talking to folks," said staff member James Vincent, driver for Hatteras Recycle. He added, "Not only do we know what people are eating and drinking, but we know what they are thinking, and beach access seems to be on everyone's mind. Besides asking us recycling questions, people want to know more about beach access."

Company owner, Todd Phillips, explained the importance of beach access to Hatteras Island. He said, "**Widespread beach closures affect every single**

resident of Hatteras Island directly or indirectly. Whether it's the wait staff at the restaurant serving fewer meals, or the pool cleaners working less frequently, or the shop owners making fewer sales, when a major part of the recreational area is rendered "off limits" it hurts everyone in a big way.



Phillips added, "We decided to display banner sized logos for Preserve Beach Access because we believe this is one very important issue we face today and this organization is representing island residents properly."

Hatteras Recycle, a curbside recycling service that began three years ago in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo, now covers practically every road on Hatteras Island.

Important News For Everyone Who Loves Animals

People who love animals are shocked when they discover that the federal government has an on-going program to trap and kill hundreds of mammals in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Why? In an attempt to protect a few species of shorebirds and sea turtles, the federal government has decided to trap and kill their natural predators.



This controversial program, euphemistically called



"Predator Removal," involves hundreds of raccoons, fox, otter, mink, nutria and other species.

Even those not directly involved with beach access, are expressing outrage at this practice and are joining us because of this.

As one person said, "Now I see who really cares about

wildlife and I am supporting you. What they are doing to animals, in order to protect a few birds, is hypocritical and morally wrong. Thank you for bringing this to my attention."

Discover the facts on the following link to the Dare County beach access website and then share this information with others who love animals. [Click Here](#)

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Join the Facebook Group "Preserve Beach Access" and share it with all your Facebook Friends

[Click Here](#)

Voices of the People

People everywhere are talking about open and accessible beaches. Following are a few of the recent comments from people signing up at "Act Now" on the Dare County Preserve Beach Access website -

Norma - Palmyra, Pennsylvania

Very comprehensive website and information. Will gladly do what I can to help. We first started visiting the Outer Banks about 25 years ago and haven't missed a yearly visit since then. What started out as a small family vacation has now turned into a yearly family reunion spanning four generations.

Karen - Park Ridge, New Jersey

We have vacationed for two decades in the Outer Banks, it is one of the most beautiful places in our country. Beach access for families is a wonderful part of that beauty. My children have wonderful memories and hopefully my grandchildren will have their own. Most families are very considerate of wildlife and nature, that is why we love Hatteras. The new laws have not significantly aided any nesting animals, and from what I understand they have harmed others. Mother nature has her own agenda, we shouldn't really mess with it.

Sherman - Bumpass, Virginia

For years, we have spent October/November at the Outer Banks. But seeing what these new regulations have done is enough to break your heart. I often thought we would like to relocate there some day....not so much now. Just remember, taking away your beach access today is one more small step toward taking away every freedom you have. Your tax dollars paid for it, your tax dollars maintain it, you have the RIGHT to access.



Wally - Brick, New Jersey

In our 16 years of coming to Cape Hatteras we have created wonderful memories and have shared this great treasure with dozens more families and friends. We have always found ORV people to be courteous and respectful of other beachgoers as well as any marked or unmarked wildlife areas. I fully support the protection of wildlife, but this entire issue has been blown out of proportion by certain special interest groups.

Kathleen - Newbury, Ohio

I've been in love with The Outer Banks since the early sixties and make sure I get there at least once a year. My children & grandchildren hold Hatteras very closely in their hearts. My late husband Jim could not have had his last beach visit if we didn't have open beach access. I can't explain what that trip meant to this family. We chose one last beach ride over one last chemotherapy regime, with no regrets. I pray that the legacy be allowed to continue.



Editor's Note

The beach access website has helpful links to

[Cape Hatteras Anglers Club](#),
[North Carolina Beach Buggy Assoc](#),
[Outer Banks Preservation Assoc OBPA](#)

(Click for a direct link to their website)

You Can Help

The residents and visitors of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area need your support. Here's how you can help -



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Send an E-Card to your friends & family [Click Here](#)

Write Congress

Ask your elected officials to support S.1557 and H.R. 718. [Sample Letter](#)

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