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## **National Park Service News Release**

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### **Final 2011 Beach Access Status Update for Cape Hatteras National Seashore**

This is the final weekly beach access report for the 2011 season at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We anticipate there will be very few additional significant changes in access since Hurricane Irene reduced the number of sea turtle nests remaining on Seashore beaches. Any significant changes in access that occur this fall or winter will be reported in a press release, as needed. Minor adjustments in access will simply be reflected in periodic updates of the Google Earth map. We appreciate your interest, your comments, and your input over the past six months. Enjoy the great fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities found on the park's fall and winter beaches!

#### **Beach and soundside access throughout the Seashore:**

- Ramps that are open to pedestrian and ORV access: Ramps 2, 4, 27, 30, 34, 38, 43, 44, 45, 49, 55, 67, 70, and 72
- Ramps 1, **59 and 68** are open to pedestrian access but closed to ORV access
- Seasonally closed beaches in the Tri-Villages (Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo) area will remain closed to ORVs and Ramp 23 is closed to entry at the request of Dare County until normal visitor access is allowed back into those villages
- From September 16 to November 15, night driving from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for ORVs on any open and accessible beaches is allowed with a valid, signed permit. The permit must be in plain view on the dashboard of the vehicle. The free permits are available at NPS visitor centers and ranger stations, local tackle shops, and on-line at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>
- Most of the established soundside access areas in the National Seashore are open to pedestrian or ORV access

On-site signage provides the most accurate and current indication of public use restrictions or closures. Knowledge of tidal changes and rough surf conditions is important, as some beach areas may be inaccessible at high tide. Caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park after any significant weather event. For more information, check Google Earth maps at

<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

For additional general park information, visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/caha](http://www.nps.gov/caha) or call 252-473-2111.