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## National Park Service News Release

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### **NPS Night Driving Beach Permits Available and Seasonally Closed Beaches Reopen to ORV Use on September 16**

Superintendent Mike Murray announced today that night beach driving permits, required for off-road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., September 16 to November 15, 2010, are now available.

The implementation of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) night driving permits is required under the terms of the court approved Consent Decree to help increase the nesting success of sea turtles, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Beginning September 16 to November 15, 2010, a night driving permit that has been read, signed and dated by the driver of the vehicle, must be visibly displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A pdf version of the night beach driving permit is available on-line and may be downloaded from the national seashore's website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>. The downloaded version of the permit should be printed in color if possible. By September 10, hard copies of the permit will be available at any Cape Hatteras National Seashore Visitor Center, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Station, as well as local tackle shops.

The following beaches that are seasonally closed to ORV use will reopen to ORVs on Wednesday, September 16:

- Tri-villages (Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo) beachfront, approximately 3 miles in length, extending from the southernmost boundary of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge to Ramp 23
- Avon village beachfront , approximately 4.0 miles in length
- Ocracoke campground and day use area beaches, approximately 2.5 miles in length

**\*\* Parkwide: Visitors will encounter sea turtle nest protection areas in effect. Posted areas are closed to all ORV, pedestrian and pets.**

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