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First Piping Plover Nest of the Season Hatches near Cape Point

Outer Banks Group Superintendent Mike Murray announces that the first piping plover nest of the season has hatched on the east side of Cape Point, resulting in the temporary closure of the area from Ramp 44 to Cape Point. Effective Sunday, May 15, 2011, Ramp 44 is closed and ORV and pedestrian access is prohibited beyond that point.

National Park Service staff first observed the piping plover chick on the afternoon of May 15, resulting in the closure in accordance with the 2008 court approved consent decree.

For information on areas within the Seashore that remain open for recreational uses, see: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm> or call 252-473-2111 ext. 148.

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