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## Beach safety closures listed for Cape Hatteras Seashore

For beach drivers, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore has released a current list of 13 safety closures.

As stated in a Nov. 10 release, "sections of Cape Hatteras National Seashore beach may be temporarily closed when narrowness of the beach might compromise visitor safety and to provide adequate protection for

dunes and sensitive park resources. Rangers monitor local changes in drivable beach width every 1/10 of a mile. If the beach width is less than 100 feet from the toe of the dune to the mean high tide mark, a safety closure is effected. It is in these areas (less than 100') on the ocean beach where beach segments are too narrow for safe passage. These closures provide for safe driving at high tide without danger or damage to personal property, dunes or adjacent private lands. All temporary closures will be clearly marked as No ORV Use Areas. Temporary closures will be reopened when the driving corridor has returned to a safe, user-friendly condition."

Currently, 13 safety closures are in place on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Except where noted, safety closures are due to "narrow beach."

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### CLOSURES

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#### HATTERAS ISLAND:

Ramp 27 — Approximately 1.3 miles south begins safety closure, which runs about 1.5 miles.

Ramp 30 — Approximately 440 feet north of ramp 30 begins safety closure, which runs about 7/10 of mile.

Ramp 30 — Approximately 2.5 miles south of ramp 30 begins safety closure, which runs about 5/10 of mile.

Ramp 49 — Approximately 5/10 of mile south of ramp 49 begins safety closure, which runs about 5.5 miles towards ramp 55.

Ramp 34 — Approximately 1.3 mile north of ramp 34 begins safety closure, which runs about 5/10 of mile.

Ramp 34 — Approximately 6/10 of mile south of ramp 34 begins safety closure, which runs about 3.4 miles towards ramp 38, due to narrow beach.

Ramp 38 — Approximately 240 feet north of ramp 38 begins safety closure, which runs about 3.4 miles towards ramp 34.

Ramp 38 — Approximately 1.5 miles south of ramp 38 begins safety closure, which runs about 6 miles towards ramp 43.

Ramp 55 — Approximately 156 feet north of ramp 55 begins safety closure, which runs about 5.5 miles towards ramp 49.

Ramp 43 — Approximately 4/10 of mile north of ramp 43 begins safety closure, which runs about approximate 4.5 miles.

#### OCRACOCKE ISLAND:

Ramp 59 — Approximate three-fourths mile south of ramp 59 begins safety closure. Safety closure length is about 4.2 miles towards ramp 67. Closure ends about three-fourths mile north of ramp 67.

Ramp 67 — Approximate one-fourth mile south of ramp 67 begins safety closure. Safety closure length is about 1.3 miles to ramp 68, due to narrow beach and pedestrian activity in front of campground.

#### BODIE ISLAND:

Ramp 1 — (At Nags Head Village line) south to ramp 2 is a safety closure, about 1.6 miles, due to narrow beach, steep in areas and a lot of debris.