






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Follow up

From: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov [Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov]

Sent: Wed 4/23/2008 11:40 AM

To: Otto, Dana; Wetmore, Doug

Cc:

Subject: village / swim beaches

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FOR MAPS

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From: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
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To: Wetmore, Doug
Cc: Otto, Dana; Fox, Lori; Van Dyke, Nancy
Subject: RE: village / swim beaches

Res. Mes Table = 120 Campsites
w/ 51m feat foot traffic

Hi Doug,

According to John Anglin, the beach in front of the campground has always been open year-round, and if it was closed when the CG is open, it would close to Ramp 4 because the south end of the CG is about 50 yards from the ramp.

Currently we don't know what people camping at the OI campground who want to recreate on a beach without vehicles do (drive to the ramp 2 parking lots and walk north? drive to PINWR? other? no studies exist). John says a fair number of people walk over the dune from the campground to the beach, some walk over ramp 4 which is about 50 yards from the south end of the CG.

In general Coquina Beach is considered everything in front of the 3 parking lots. The primary life-guarded area is about 50 yards on either side of the lifeguard stand, but the life guards do keep an eye on everything in sight. The boardwalk extends to the beach from the north end of the middle parking lot. The existing ORV safety closure from Ramp 1 to 2 includes Coquina Beach.

One reason for Ramp 1 to be closed currently (except for administrative use, i.e. park or emergency vehicle) is that Ramp 1 is high and steep and 1 lane only. If it was open to the public as currently configured, it would not be safe because of the likelihood of an accident (i.e. vehicles coming from opposite directions hitting each other). The sand is soft on the ramp and you have to keep up speed, and it's bad visibility because of the steepness of the Ramp.

Terminology: the Oregon Inlet Beach Narrows (sometimes called Oregon Inlet Beach) is the area from Ramp 4 south to where the road heads out across the flat before reaching the inlet.

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Thanks Sandy.

Do you know if Oregon Inlet Campground extends all the way to Ramp 4?

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Hi Doug,

Here's the info on Ramp 45 from the comment / response report on the CAHA IPSMS EA. You can see where it is by looking on the ramp map in the EA. It exists, it's just not open to public ORV use as described below.

Access to Ramp 45 through the Cape Point Campground was closed due to law enforcement issues (deer poaching and vandalism to campground facilities) during the winter. Due to the high volume of traffic in the campground during all hours of the day during the summer season, the Seashore closed Ramp 45. Ramp 45 access to South Beach, reached via the interdunal road, remains open. During the long-term ORV management plan/EIS alternatives development process, Ramp 45 may be considered as an alternate route. The ramp map in the strategy/EA was modified to show Ramps 45 and 57 to make it consistent with the 2003 study completed by Hans Vogel song (Cape Hatteras National Seashore Visitor Use Study, as cited on pp. 151 to 160 of the strategy/EA. This study collected data from these ramp (vehicle access point) locations (see strategy/EA p. 158, table 18). The map on p. 156 of the strategy/EA does not show the soundside ramps because it is a map of ocean beach access as of August 17, 2005.

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Thanks Sandy.

On his use areas chart, Mike refers to Ramp 45. I know it doesn't really exist, but do you know exactly where he's referring to?

Thanks.

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