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I think that sounds like exactly the right idea. Thanks for the information!

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Hi Kate,

There are 17 ocean side "ramps" ( 2, 4, 23, 27, 30, 34, 38, 43, 44, 45, 49, 55, 59, 67, 68, 70, and 72) and 18 soundside access points open to ORVs and can be used by pedestrians). (Note: Ramp 2 at Coquina Beach is open to ORVs Sept 16 - May 14, but not during the summer season.) For pedestrian access, there are 32 parking areas (with a little over 1,000 total parking spaces) along the Seashore, including parking at ramps 1, 2, 23, 27, 30, 34, 38, 43, 55, and 68, parking at three "day use areas" (Coquina Beach, Frisco, and Ocracoke), and numerous NPS-permitted boardwalks within the Hatteras Villages for access from private property onto the beach.

While this sounds like a lot, one of the issues we are evaluating in the pending ORV management plan and DEIS is to add additional access points and parking based, in part, on facilitating access around high probability bird nesting habitat. In other words, if we expect an area will have consistent bird nesting year after year because of the quality of the habitat, in the plan we will design parking and/or access points on either side of the expected nesting area so that when a temporary closure to protect a bird nests occurs in the future, the closure won't block access to an area of beach that is "open". Under the consent decree we've have some instances in which two closures some distance apart blocked functional access to the "open" area between the two closures. Under the long-term plan, we will try to minimize the likelihood of this happening so that as much of the "open" beach as possible is accessible during the breeding season.

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I hope all is well. I had a couple of questions relating to public access to CAHA. I have been told by different people that there are 10 or 16 beach access ramps - can you please help clarify? If possible, please let me know how many (a) pedestrian access ramps and (b) vehicular access ramps that there are currently along the length of CAHA (not counting private access points). Also, how many public parking lots are there?

Thank you!  
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