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To: [Mike Murray](#); [Darrell Echols](#)
Subject: Fw: From NPS.gov: beach access by foot
Date: 03/26/2011 08:50 AM
Attachments: [Howling at the Moon Photography-8886al.jpg](#)

Another Cape Point question I need to remember to deal with on Tuesday. No large volume of phone calls yet though...guess that is a small blessing.

From: Jacque Gates [jacquej555@aol.com]
Sent: 03/25/2011 11:28 PM AST
To: Cyndy Holda
Subject: Re: From NPS.gov: beach access by foot

Cyndy,
I thank you for your time to respond to me before. I thought since you took the time to answer my questions before you would be able to answer the few I have now or at least direct me to someone who can.

I cannot tell you how disappointed my husband and I are to hear that Cape Point is already closed; we are going to arrive on Hatteras Island in a week! We moved back our trip time so that this would not be an issue and after a 14hr drive to get here the thought is just disheartening.

In December we parked at ramp 43 and walked to Cape Point. I read it was closed to ORV, but then I read in another article it was closed to everyone? So I Looked on your google Earth Map and it showed nothing closed...My first question is; is it totally closed to everyone? Is there still access by foot? If so what is the preferred route the NPS would like walkers/hikers to take? Is this the only area that is closed this early or are there others? And are they just closed to ORV ? And is there access by foot and what is the preferred route to those areas by the NPS?The maps help, but I wanted to make sure I was hiking in an area it was ok first.

Cape Point is and always will be my favorite area in the Outer Banks, and this past December is the first time since the 70's that we have been able to hike down there when It was not closed. Unfortunately we are not getting any younger and eventually many areas of the Outer Banks will become inaccessible to us as it became for my parents. Photo was from December hike to Cape Point.

I am sorry if I seem frustrated, I am just trying to plan which of our favorite areas we can go to.

Again thank you for your time and your consideration
Jacque

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From: Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov
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Sent: Mon, Dec 20, 2010 10:50 am
Subject: From NPS.gov: beach access by foot

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Dear Jacque,

Thank you for your inquiry. During the past three years (2008-2010), access to Cape Point has temporarily closed, due to shorebird breeding activity, as early as April 14 (2009) and as late as May 13 (2010). As every breeding season is different and bird nesting activity is subject to a number of variables including the weather, it is a little difficult to predict what will happen in 2011. In other words, based on recent years experience, there is a chance, but no guarantee, that access to Cape Point will be open for at least a portion of the first two weeks of April 2011. If Cape Point were to be closed during your visit, there will certainly be other locations open that you may find equally enjoyable.

We hope this information is helpful to you in making your plans for a return trip to Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As your vacation time draws near, feel free to check our park website for current information. The following link is for our Google Earth map webpage:

<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

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Hello, We have been enjoying Cape Hatteras Seashore since the 1970's. It is one of the most diverse and history filled areas in the country. The beginning of December we were there and hiked to cape point just south of the Hatteras Lighthouse. How beautiful! The experience of having ocean on both side of you and hearing the sound of the surf changing, was just a wonderful experince I have not had a chance to have since the 70's!!! Will that area be open to hikers the first two weeks in April 2011? We don't drive on the beaches just hike them and enjoy their beauty. There was an area between ramp 43 and 44 closed for turtle nest when we were hiking. So we have no problems hiking around areas of concern. We just would love to experience the beauty of the point again when we retutn. Thank you for any

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